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R-B BOWS TO NEAR CAPACITY

AEA-League Pact Nears

NEW YORK, April 11.—A majority of the 20 producers and managers polled by the League of New York Theaters on the proposal of a basic agreement with Actors' Equity have signified their willingness to become party to a code of fair practices on the sale and disposition of tickets in return for concessions in working arrangements with Equity members.

Machinery at the League is being oiled toward the formulation of a pact which will be greatly patterned after the late NRA code and will include regulations on "ice," speculators and other banes deplorable to a "healthy theater." At a meeting of the board of governors last week Warren Munsell, Brock Pemberton and Milton Weinberger were delegated to draw up the program.

When the code is prepared it will be forwarded to Equity council for approval. If Equity accepts the provisions of the pact, it will become effective next season.

Equity has made it known to the League that it will require basic demands (See AEA-LEAGUE on page 17)

Streamlined Anthem

NEW YORK, April 9.—Vincent Lopez never stood in the dawn's early light watching bombs bursting in air, but he's got his name this week on a copy of *The Star-Spangled Banner* in the government archives in Washington just the same, marking the first time in more than 100 years that that honor has been enjoyed by anyone other than Francis Scott Key and John Stafford Smith.

Lopez is serious in his attempt to stimulate wider use of the anthem thru a revised and more singable version. His campaign in this direction led to his obtaining a copyright on the new arrangement of the song, thus standardizing and lending authority to his efforts.

Mississippi Entertainment Admission Tax Shows Gain

JACKSON, Miss., April 9.—State tax collection department reports that \$33,783 was paid on entertainment admissions during March. This brings the total collected for January thru March to \$93,428, an increase of \$3,544 over same period in 1937.

Producers Threaten Fight To End FTP Trespassing

Up-State acts squeezed out of dates by cut-rate prices — cry to Albany

NEW YORK, April 9.—Federal Theater Project has broken its original agreement not to offer competition to the commercial theater, declared Brock Pemberton and practically every other commercial producer, when Project Number 1 leased a Times Square sector theater. A sister group, in Syracuse, continues to book a whole vaudeville unit for night clubs and private lodge entertainments at a \$10 or \$15 fee, thereby reducing chances of employment for acts at livable rates in up-State districts.

League of New York Theaters did not go on official record in its own name as opposing this latest move of the local group into the heart of the Broadway legit district, because it had to stand by its property-owning members and did not want to force the breaking of a lease. As a substitute, individual managers protested vigorously, and tho these complaints were minimized by an official statement from the FTP as "informal discussions," the managers expressed their displeasure in no uncertain terms. The lack of an official League resolution in no way mitigates the adamant attitude of the members, who when polled on that matter late yesterday agreed that they would have to deal more severely with the FTP to protect what is left of the commercial theater from relief bureau intruders.

"Nobody can prevent that mob from doing anything," one official of the League said, "but we are certainly going to do what we can to see to it that they don't go further."

Project spokesmen maintain that, tho they had promised Broadway producers not to come into Times Square with a straight dramatic production as competi-

tion, the proposed production for the St. James Theater is a "new dramatic form" which uses Tamiris as a disguise, and so they are not violating the trust.

Consensus among the producers was embodied in statement from an official of the League:

"Any production the FTP puts on in this district would be unfair competition whether you call it a straight drama or a dance recital or a musical. They promised to steer clear of this neighborhood. We let them do as they pleased with their novelties at the Adelphi and theaters on the fringe, and even tolerated their entry into the 46th Street Theater. But now they have crept from the fringe to the core, and that's a definite breach of their promise."

In Syracuse and adjacent districts the FTP has cut prices disastrously on club acts with their low-rate bookings. Bookers and performers have made loud squawks to Albany, but have had no help or relief from the FTP, which sells its vaude at about \$1 a head. Bookers (See PRODUCERS THREATEN page 13)

Miami Ends Bad Night Club Season; Few Names Were Used

MIAMI, April 9.—Night club operators, agents, acts, bands and almost everyone connected with show business in this area during the season just closing agree that this was one of the worst in years. Only one club, Royal Palm, managed to bring in a typical winter show, and that was by operating a swank casino unmonitored by law. Jack Dempsey's and the Club Continental followed closely by cashing in on name acts which had been brought in by other clubs, thus saving a terrific transportation bill. Also both had hotels in conjunction with their clubs, making the overhead a small thing.

Audience Astounded by Dressing Of "Big Show's" '38 Performance

Opening spec, "Nepal," real sensation—Jacobs and lions, Cristianis, Buck and Gargantua are other big features—Boston follows 23-day New York run at Garden

NEW YORK, April 9.—John Ringling North and the Ringling family last night presented one of the most elaborate and spectacularly dressed circuses in history when they opened the 1938 season of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows at Madison-Square Garden here. A near-capacity house welcomed the Ringlings back to active participation in circus operation, and representatives of the daily press, legitimate stage personalities, Eastern Circus Fans and a goodly number of just plain New York public witnessed circus wardrobe and lighting effects that, in the parlance of press agents, is "magnificent," to say the least.

North, executive head of the Big Show, as it is commonly known in trade circles, is the first member of the Ringling family to actively head the show since his uncle, the late John Ringling, relinquished control of his holdings to outside financial interests in 1932. With other members of the family and the Manufacturers Trust Company of New York, the young Yale-educated Ringling heir last fall paid notes in full amounting to \$628,000 on the circus interests. They also bought back a 10 per cent bonus held by the previous owners and the Ringling-Barnum and Barnes-Sells-Plotto, other show involved, returned to the heirs of the original Ringling brothers.

From a performance standpoint, this year's presentation differs but slightly from that offered by Sam Gumpertz and the New York investors in 1937. It is the sensational opening spec, tabbed Nepal, and wardrobe throughout that make it a standout version of the "greatest circus show on earth." Costuming by Brooks, supervised by North and designed by Charles LeMaire, well-known Manhattan costume designer, is, without doubt, the most refreshing ever seen in the Garden here.

Capt. Terrell Jacobs and his lions, last year with Hagenbeck-Wallace; the "Marvelous" Cristiani bareback riding family, an importation from Barnes-Sells-Plotto; Frank Buck, as a figurehead, and Gargantua, the gorilla, as a treat, lead the attractions receiving the most audience attention opening night. Several other new acts work well and help to fill out the bill with the always excellent stand-and turns, but they are less conspicuous than the ones mentioned above.

It was the much-publicized "Ziegfeld touch" to this year's offering, tho, that was the subject of most audience comment as the inaugural house departed from the Garden last night.

Four months of intensive training in Sarasota has resulted in a few hours of

interest-holding entertainment. Length and precision of last evening's show indicate that there will be considerable trimming and resouthing before it can be termed smooth running. It was jerky and cumbersome last night.

Garden engagement this year will run for 23 days, the unit moving to Boston following the April 30 closing. Advance

(See R-B BOWS on page 74)

Record Blizzard Hits Chi Grosses

CHICAGO, April 9.—Worst snow blizzard of the year Wednesday, bringing a record eight-inch snow, crippled traffic conditions in the city and caused amusement receipts to dip to new recession lows. Hardest hit were the night spots and Loop houses.

A new storm brewed all day yesterday which was expected to hold down general attendance figures over the weekend. No show postponements were reported due to adverse weather conditions, altho several acts that intended to fly in for local engagements were forced to switch to train transportation.

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Mid-Bracket Bands the Best Bet for East Ohio Ballrooms

CANTON, O., April 9.—Ballroom patronage is holding up well in most Eastern Ohio spots despite the recession in general business, a survey of the territory reveals. There is every indication that the summer dance business is in for a good season, with middle-bracket bands being more than ever in demand. Slightly upped admissions are likely to prevail unless industrial operations dip further, it was indicated.

The Nu-Elms, on Youngstown's north side, operated by L. A. (Tony) Cavalier, has had an exceptionally good winter season. Policy adopted in 1936 of playing middle-bracket bands has made money for this spot. Cavalier has held his prices up in spite of competition and business conditions, with box office scaled at 40 cents on "Bargain Nights" to 55 and 75 on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Mart, downtown competition spot, open only a few months, has Tommy Christian's Orchestra at 20 cents for ladies and 30 for men. Ballroom has

MGM Execs, Exhibs Honor Flynn, Maloney

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer executives and some 60 exhibitors of the Cincinnati district gathered at a cocktail and luncheon session at the Netherland Plaza Hotel yesterday to bid adieu to Jack E. Flynn, MGM district sales manager here, who moves to Chicago to serve in a similar capacity, and to welcome his successor, John J. Maloney, who comes here from the Pittsburgh MGM branch manager's post.

Edwin Booth, local MGM branch manager, introduced Col. Arthur Fruitenfeld, Cincinnati RKO district manager, who served as toastmaster. Among the speakers were Maurice White, John Schwalm, Tracy Barham, Max Mats, Kroger Babb, Jack E. Flynn, John Maloney and Tom Connors, Eastern divisional sales manager for MGM. J. E. Watson, exploitation manager for MGM in this area, handled the details for the party.

Maybe Stage Dancing Sundays in Boston

BOSTON, April 9.—Loosening of official dictatorship on century-old blue laws looms under provisions of a bill reported okeh Tuesday (5) by the Legislative Committee on Legal Affairs. Passage of the bill would allow Sunday stage dancing in Boston and, according to Representative Edward P. Bacigalupo, sponsor, it would be a welcome hypo to unemployed entertainers now barred by the Sabbath blue laws from working.

James J. O'Brien, business agent of the IATSE, Local 11; Matt Ott, of the American Federation of Actors and the Federal Theater Vaudeville Project; George Gibbs, pres of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 9, and Joseph H. Brennan, executive secretary of the Allied Theatres of Massachusetts, Inc., all spoke in favor of the bill at the hearing several weeks ago, giving as their argument more work for the allied amusement world branches.

Sgt. Lowenstein Westward

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Sgt. L. B. Lowenstein, 45-year-old bearded World War veteran and personally acquainted with many legit and vaudeville actors, is on his 11th annual trip across the country and visited The Billboard last Monday. He makes every national American Legion meeting and is on his way to Los Angeles for the convention in September. Sergeant Lowenstein was in the World War from 1913 to 1922. He is a member of the L. A. posts of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Jewish War Veterans.

PW Concertizes Again

CLEVELAND, April 9.—To raise money to pay for 35 park concerts this summer the local musicians' union and The Cleveland Press will stage a "Night of Melody" on May 2. Paul Whiteman will bring his orchestra here for a two-hour concert, being re-inforced by the Cleveland Symphony. Wayne King follows for dancing.

failed to divert attendance at the Nu-Elms, where such bands as Ray Pearl, Ace Brigade, Clyde McCoy, Bob Crowley and Johnny Long have been offered since the first of the year.

Business at the Trianon, East Side Cleveland ballroom, is not far below that

(See MID-BRACKET on page 13)

Chautauqua Get-Together

NEW YORK, April 9.—A reunion dinner and general get-together of those who played the old lyceum and chautauqua circuits years ago is scheduled for April 13 at the Hotel Astor. It's in the nature of a repeat of a similar affair held last month on the Coast, when Edgar Bergen filled the emcee spot that will be held down at the Astor by Lowell Thomas.

Committee of sponsors includes Rose Hampton, Helen Jepson, Gladys Swarthout, Will Durant, Frieda Hempel, Charles E. Green and others. Attendance is limited to those who played the two circuits in the old days and who now live in and around New York. Wives and husbands are invited, but no guests, committee wanting it to be strictly a family party.

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WASHINGTON, April 9.—Investigation in radio progressed on several fronts this week, most advances being within the Federal Communications Commission. Chairman Frank R. McNinch announced that the commission would be split into two committees to facilitate investigation of chain broadcasting and monopoly and the hearing on superpower May 16.

Paul A. Walker, who has just completed investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph System, will join with Commissioners Payne, Craven and Case (See FCC LAW DEPT. on page 7)

Brown in probing "monopolistic practices of chain broadcasting." This committee will direct search into records of the commission to prepare for hearings at a later date. Still undeveloped is investigation into contractual relationships between stations and their representatives. Belief exists that the nature of these contracts makes them monopolistic in respects. For the superpower hearings the FCC staff has been set in high speed to complete engineering data in time.

Also a Show

DETROIT, April 9.—The day when show business won't have to give shows is apparently just around the well-known corner—in Grand Rapids, anyway. The Roxy Theater advertises in *The North Grand Rapids News* and leads off with an announcement that it will give away silver dollars Thursday night, devoting the largest headlines in the copy to this fact.

Down below comes the statement, "Yes, we still have pictures—for those who like them."

No Increase in Chi FTP; Seek AFA Aid

CHICAGO, April 9.—Efforts to increase the local Federal Theater roll have so far proved unsuccessful. Heads in both the legit and raude departments feel that there are a number of talented people now used on various WPA projects who would do better in the FTF.

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Most of chorus and showgirls will be selected locally, and auditions already are being held. Rehearsals for chorus will begin soon, but principals will not come here until June 1. Friedlander has returned to New York to sign talent, and Silber to Hollywood for same purpose.

City will get 10 per cent of receipts, plus per cent of concession payments.

Test Tune Likes Of Hub Dialers

BOSTON, April 9.—Music likes and dislikes are being surveyed by WORL, indie radio outlet here, on a staggered schedule listing. W. Cort Trent, station manager, started airing *How About Music?*, intended for radio audiences to indicate the type they want to hear. Stint is a daily feature, having no set time, but staggered on the time schedule to get a scattered consensus of opinion from a more territorialized coverage.

Each 15-minute airing includes selections of hot or swing, semi-classic and sweet music. First week's survey results show that 56 per cent of the tremendous mail response gave sweet music the lead; 26 per cent like it hot, and 18 per cent prefer the semi-classic.

Most of those liking sweet music listened to the program either at 2:15 or 3:30 p.m. The swing or hot music fans tuned in after 3:30 p.m. (maybe the kids home from school); and most of the semi-classic followers scribbled that they had been listening around 2 p.m. The greatest response by mail, however, came from those who had heard the program either at 2:15 or 3:30 p.m.

Second week showed little change in the average preference for sweet music among dialers, as 55 per cent called for it; hot music preference dropped to 25 per cent and the semi-classic group increased to 20 per cent.

Seven-thirty a.m. finds a slight preponderance for the hot class, and the greatest response for all types during the second week was at 4:45 p.m.

Survey will be continued indefinitely.

THE FOUR FRANKS

(This Week's Cover Subjects)

THE FOUR FRANKS (Bennett 23; Leona 21)

Perry 19, and Ollie 17) have been in the show business practically since infancy. Trained by their father, Irving Frankenber, a member of the old song and dance team of Leonard and Clark, they made their professional debut in August, 1926, at the Pantages Theater, Kansas City, Mo., as the Four Frankenbergs, being booked in as a substitute when a regular act flopped. Clicking from the start, they played vaudeville circuits from then on. In December, 1934, they made their first European appearance at the Scala, Berlin; were booked into the Palladium, London, where they stayed for a year and established themselves as favorites with English audiences. Have made frequent European trips since and just returned to America after a two and one-half year stay in Europe. Six years ago the brother and sister act changed its name to The Four Franks. While in London they appeared in two motion pictures for British-International Pictures, doing their familiar comedy, dancing and instrumental routine. Group again opens in Europe September 5, 1938, at the Hackney Empire Theater, London. Currently the Four Franks are appearing at the Stanley Theater, Pittsburgh.

Possibilities

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For FILMS

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IRVING CAESAR'S SAFETY SONGS—started on the Valley air show two weeks ago, Caesar's songs have made a great impression as educational stuff for kids. He sings songs to the youngsters to watch street crossings, stay away from matches, etc., and does it entertainingly. Ideal for a series of shorts, combining real entertainment with a huge build-up of parent-teacher good will.

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By GEORGE SPELVIN

A SPELVIN stooge was recently contacted by one of the summer theaters—a good one—and offered a job directing and general managing, which sounded pretty good; so he asked the salary, and the coward rep mentioned that it would be pretty hard work, so he asked the salary again, and finally the rep told him—\$10 a week. . . . But the payoff came when he was approached a little later by another summer theater—an even better one—and offered the same sort of job—for \$5 a week. . . . A group of the lads were sitting around making suggestions for the future of a very handsome band leader when a wag spoke up, "May I suggest," he said very quietly, "taxidermy?" . . . Reports seeping in from Chicago indicate that a young actor named Wesley Addy, cast as Hotspur, stole the show from the redoubtable Maurice Evans in "Henry IV". . . . Cassandra, mentalist playing the Hotel White, claims the three most frequently asked questions are "When will the business recover?" What will Hitler do next?" and "When will I marry?"

The inner workings of ASCAP, music performing rights society, revealing among other things its check-up methods, have been perpetuated for posterity on celluloid. An episode of "Pathé Parade," film short to be released April 22, deals with ASCAP's complex mechanism, including office shots showing the detailed records necessary for each song.

THIS ALBUM: Pictures of places as well as people belong in an album—so consider the Teatro Hispano, up at 116th street and Fifth avenue. Once, years ago, it was an ace English-speaking house; but now, with the change in the neighborhood, it plays Spanish entertainments, both stage and screen. And it manages to develop a sort of homesy feeling that's only natural at an oasis of homeland language in a foreign country. The theater's director, Señor del Pozo, climbs into the pit to lead the band, and announces the acts informally over the p. a. system. A bond seems to connect stage and auditorium, and the customers like it. At any rate the house, a big one, is comfortably filled even on stormy nights. And the audience is polite and surprisingly perceptive: of two singers on one bill caught a really fine soprano brought down the house while a personality lass who is a member of the house troupe received only a ripple of polite applause. On Broadway the positions would have been reversed. Also, the politeness of the customers is beautifully shown in reactions to newscasts. Thus, a storm of boos and jeers greeted a picture of Hitler, but Nazi storm troops marching into Vienna were received in dead silence. Audiences at 116th street are smart enough and polite enough to vent their ill-feeling not against an entire nation, but only against the vermin in high places who are actually responsible. Broadway audiences could emulate with profit.

Eddie Le Baron, returning his rumba rhythms to the Rainbow Room this week, forbids his bandmates to discuss politics among themselves or with RR waiters and kitchen help; infractions carry the penalty of dismissal. . . . Le Baron invoked the same rule out on the Coast, where he produces Spanish pictures. . . . A very pretty publicity stunt was ruined by Mother Nature when the warm days of early spring brought the Washington cherry blossoms out a few weeks earlier than usual; David Niles, who is set to offer a spring repertory season of Gilbert and Sullivan in the capital April 18, had intended to have his Japanese-costumed actors in "The Mikado" publicized with the bursting blooms. . . . Paula Gould, the p. a. debutante as a novelist April 15 with her "Publicity Girl," . . . Charlie McDonald, RKO division manager, received a letter the other day that read something like this: "I've heard that the Palace is going to resume big-time vaude. I've got a good act; so please arrange a break-in date at the Greenpoint for me before you book me for the Palace." . . . Maybe Somebody Cares Dept.: An enterprising bootblack outside the Palace has a new device to drum up business during bad weather: standing on his shine box he yells, "Waterproof shoe shine!" . . . What with this year's biggest blizzard on April 6 and warm weather all winter, kids may soon be having Easter Trees and Christmas Bunnies.

The revivals of old-time films at the Union Church each Saturday are pretty terrific in themselves (it's amazing how well "The Covered Wagon" stands up after all these years) but the pianist who plays them deserves special citation. When the Indians gathered in "Wagon" he played "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here"—and when, in a Pearl White serial, a lonely pirate looked at a group of Indians examining a chestful of jewels, he broke into "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

OUR OWN MAIL DEPT.: "Would you be kind enough to publish the following: The million dollar smile Tilly So-and-So made her debut in the theatrical profession last Friday night in the Supper Room at the Hotel Dash. She took the mike for her first song like a veteran and put it over so that she had to come back for an encore and finished with a snappy tap routine on roller skates! The little lady (See BROADWAY BEAT on page 29)

Chicago's FTP Negro Unit Scores in "White Fog" Drama

CHICAGO. April 9.—The ever-controversial racial prejudice theme is logically revolving around the Negro production of Theodore Ward's *Big White Fog*, which the Federal Theater opened at the Great Northern Thursday. The author faces the Negro problem in America squarely and makes no evasions in his condemnations. It is a play that commands attention, altho the solution in this case is rather vague. But then again, is there a solution to prejudices against racial minorities?

While the acting is not consistently good, Kay Ewing's deft direction and several impressive climactic scenes timely edified in the three acts well the Thespian deficiencies. Several characters were well portrayed, notably the father in the family by William McBride, granny by Isabel Putrell, the older son by Thomas Poston and the family's educated uncle by Albert Glenn.

The story peers into the life of an average Negro family in Chicago and

points out how unjust discriminations are the cause of poverty and finally degradation.

His hopes to save the Negroes in America in his "back to Africa" movement blasted by crooked promoters, the father gives in to the advice of his son and a friend to fight eviction. He is killed in a fight with the police and on the death couch is told that there is a light for his race, explaining that the mob helping him in his final battle were both whites and Negroes.

Harold Kopel designed a natural living-room set used throughout the production, while the lighting effects were nicely handled by Duncan Whiteside.

The other cast members worthy of mention include Gladys Boucree, who makes the mother a deeply sympathetic person; Rosalie Burnett; Alice Brooks; Edward Franson, as another discouraged member of the family who has taken to drink, and Harold Gilman, as a Jewish friend.

Sam Honigberg,

"Sticks and Stones" Says Weber To Rumor of Petrillo as Prez

NEW YORK, April 9.—Joseph N. Weber, president of the American Federation of Musicians, states he is aware that continual rumblings were being noted about to the effect that there was a move within the APM to make him honorary president, with James Petrillo becoming president. Weber says he knows nothing about the report other than that he has heard it and adds that he "is generally very well informed on all matters pertaining to the APM and its policies."

Various leaders of important locals within the APM also admitted such a rumor was being bruited about, one of them going so far as to point out that Weber, at the last APM convention, was voted a life pension. Intimation here is that the pension was the first step in clearing the ground for Petrillo, APM executive board man, who has recently been usurping plenty of space in both the dailies and trade press by his militant attitude regarding canned music. Indications are that between now and

convention time there will be plenty of gab concerning what's going on behind the scenes. Weber, when queried about it, was visibly irked. He asked where the report originated and upon being told Chicago answered that "lots of stuff was coming from there."

Weber has been president of the APM for some 40 years and is regarded as one of the foremost labor leaders in the country.

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PREFERENCES VS. FAVORITES

Figures Show Competition Reduces Effect of Programs on Listeners' Memories; Lux Strong

Preferred tabulations raise question whether names competing against names lowers value of sales talks—*Vox Pop*, Prof. Quiz, One Man's Family also leaders

By JERRY FRANKEN

NEW YORK, April 9.—By-products of the survey made in Kansas City on program listening habits were figures on program preferences of respondents queried. These preferences are broken down into two categories. First is the preference from among the programs heard, of those people listening to the radio the day or evening before they were queried. Second is the preference list of those who were not listening within the period 24 hours previous to being called in the course of preparing this study. As shown later, the two lists are, naturally, in no way comparable, since the former is confined to a choice of programs heard and the latter includes the whole week.

In the table herewith giving preference data on those who listened a percentage is given. That percentage is the fraction of preferences with regard to total listeners. Only those programs with most listening mentions are given, inasmuch as to do otherwise would be to distort values. Thus if a program had four mentions and three preferences, the .75 per cent figure would be automatically compared to the smaller figure, for instance, of a program with 18 listeners and four preferences. No such comparison, obviously, should be made, since the ultimate test is not a preference percentage but listening percentage. Yet the preference figure is one that is highly interesting because of the factors entering into the determination of preferred programs.

It might be natural to expect a listener to say if he had listened to a program that he preferred it. If he didn't prefer it, why did he listen? Several factors enter in, however. First, another member of the family may have insisted; thus the respondent had to listen. Another factor is that of divided attention: the program was heard, but the listener had been doing something else—reading, eating, etc.—so that the listening men-

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Luckies Change Policy In New Buddy Clark Show

NEW YORK, April 11.—U. S. Rubber Co. clinched the deal whereby Buddy Clark, singer on company's show with Ben Bernie, started a new commercial series for American Tobacco Co. tonight on a two-station Mutual Broadcasting System hook-up. Show is an unusual one in that it will be built around Clark and dramatizes his life.

In addition, American Tobacco is changing its policy insofar as singers on its *Hip Parade* shows are concerned. Heretofore the account has not given these performers billing. Clark, however, is to get plenty of plugging in a build-up step.

Mutual show, on WOR and WGN, is written by John Tucker Battle. No orchestra is used steadily, since some of the show is straight dramatic stuff. However, when music is needed Frank Novak Orchestra will supply it.

Agency for American Tobacco is Lord & Thomas. Clark is managed by James L. Saphier.

WJSV-AGRAP Deal Pends

WASHINGTON, April 9.—American Guild of Radio Announcers and Producers began bargaining Monday for a contract with WJSV, Columbia outlet here. Contracts will continue next Monday. AGRAP has a contract with WABC, CBS New York outlet.

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—KGTR is inaugurating a program designed exclusively for classroom audiences. Titled *News for Students*, program will be aired every school day from 11:00 to 11:20. C. Merwyn Dobyns, station's owner and general manager, says the program is in line with the fact that receiving sets are becoming standard equipment in classrooms.

Atlanta Baseball Set-Up Cloudy; Several Deals

ATLANTA, April 9.—Broadcasting of the Atlanta Crackers' baseball games is not yet definitely settled. Lambdin Kay, general manager of WSB and WAGA, says WAGA will broadcast home games and possibly road games, latter uncertain. Dawson-Morrell advertising agency is handling for Kellogg Wheaties Jointly. Joe Gibson, WAGA announcer, will attend the baseball announcers' school in Chicago next week.

WGST is set to handle the road games also. WGST plans unannounced, but expected to have home game broadcast, too.

Kay also disclosed a new half-hour daily program for Rich's, Inc., department store. Penelope Penn's talks on shopping is feature. Penelope Penn in real life is Mrs. Berrien Moore Jr., society woman.

Human Interest, Dramatic Shows Top Preferred Programs in K. C.

As noted in the analysis of preferences given by Kansas City listeners, the figures herewith are not comparable to the figures giving favorite programs, since the latter are based on the week's listings; the former solely on the period immediately preceding the interview. In other words, a call made Tuesday evening produced preferences as to Tuesday daytime shows; a Wednesday daytime call gave preferences on Tuesday evening programs.

Both in the favorite and preference figures, the Lux Radio Theater dominates. It is particularly noteworthy that this program has no really big name opposition on its Monday night period. Fibber McGee has moved to Tuesday night.

MONDAY EVENING

PROGRAMS	Number Listeners Mentioned	Number Prefe- reences	Per- centage	PROGRAMS	Number Listeners Mentioned	Number Prefe- reences	Per- centage
Lux Radio Theater	40	34	85	Ames 'n' Andy	15	6	40
Fibber McGee	24	15	63	Burns and Allen	23	3	13

TUESDAY EVENING

Vox Pop	12	10	83	Al Pearce	8	2	25
Ames 'n' Andy	9	4	44	Al Jolson	25	5	20
Edward G. Robinson	24	9	38	*Quixote Court	5	4	980

*NOTE: Quixote Court is listed not because of its mentions but because it showed to be the leading locally produced program and because its preference rating further bears out the ranking given it as a favorite local show.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

One Man's Family	27	22	81	Eddie Cantor	32	12	38
Gang Busters	27	15	56	Fred Allen	23	4	17

THURSDAY EVENING

Kate Smith	11	6	55	Good News of 1938	12	4	33
Kraft Music Hall	47	25	53	Rudy Vallee	20	5	25
Major Bowes	46	24	52	*	*	*	*

FRIDAY EVENING

Baer-Burland Fight	13	8	62	Hollywood Hotel	15	7	47
Ames 'n' Andy	11	6	55	A. L. Alexander	1	—	—
First Nighter	26	14	54	True Stories	17	7	41

SATURDAY EVENING

Professor Quiz	15	12	80	Santa Anita Handicap	16	8	56
Your Hit Parade	15	9	60	National Barn Dance	15	7	47

SUNDAY EVENING

Chase & Sanborn Hour	64	36	56	Jello	43	10	23
Ford Sunday Eve. Hour	14	7	50	Joe Penner	18	4	22

Tss! Tss!

BOSTON, April 9.—Radio is an evil influence. So did 1,300 Roman Catholic student delegates brand the other industry at a two-day session of the seventh spiritual leadership convention held at Boston College April 9.

They condemned its attitude on marriage sanctity. One of the debates centered on the reaffirmation of the belief in the sanctity of marriage in the face of the evil influences of radio, movies and the literature of pagan culture.

22 Radio Accounts On Fair List So Far

NEW YORK, April 9.—Of the 71 firms that by the end of March had signed contracts for exhibits at the World's Fair, 22 are regular radio advertisers. They include Agfa Ansco Corp., American Badger and Standard Sanitary Corp. (comprising 12 subsidiaries), Beech-Nut Packing Co., Borden Dairy, Coca-Cola, Consolidated Edison Co. (comprising four subsidiaries), Thomas Cook & Son, DeVoe & Reynolds Co., E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co. (two subsidiaries), Elgin Watch Co., Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Ford Motor Co., General Electric Co., General Motors, Glass, Inc. (three subsidiaries); H. J. Heinz Co., Household Finance Co., Macfadden Publications, National Biscuit Co., Radio Corporation of America, Standard Brands and Swift & Co.

After All These Years P. & G. May Reform

CHICAGO, April 9.—Manhattan Mohr, year-old WBBM sustainer, was sold this week to Procter & Gamble. His the ozone next week as a 15-minute five-day script show. Stint has been aired as a Sunday half-hour shot and was started by WBBM as a trial to raise standards of daytime serials. Plot embodies the old tried and true formula, but station dressed it up with smart banter.

Understood that P. & G. has taken 13 weeks of the script as a sample to see if the stint will be a box-top yanker.

KYW Juggles Staff

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—KYW staff underwent a shake-up last week. John Thorpe, night supervisor, was placed in charge of sound effects. He replaced Arthur Hyatt, who will devote his time to several programs and the KYW music director, Gordon Heyworth, veteran announcer, will take Thorpe's place as night supervisor. Changes were made by Jim Bagley, program director, preparatory to the removal of the station to its new studio next month.

WORL Airs Talk on Venereal Diseases

BOSTON, April 9.—Topic of "Syphilis and Gonorrhea—Notions vs. Facts," by Dr. Nels Nelson, of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, was aired over WORL, indie outlet, Monday (4). WORL was the first Hub station, last November, to take the air with a broadcast regarding "social" diseases.

Dr. Nelson is director of genito-infectious diseases of the health department and feels that radio may be one medium thru which the public may be educated in this field.

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Sandy Guyer, WPEN announcer, formerly with WIP here, was recently appointed head of the newly organized radio department of the J. M. Korn Co., Inc., of Philadelphia. Guyer will confine his activities to the new three-hour program of the Nevin Drug Co. Show begins Monday and will be heard daily, except Sunday, at 9 to 12 midnight.

Shepard Burns At Weather Man

Kicks at booking CBS rain guesser on NBC show—makes threat to cut him off air

BOSTON, April 9.—John Shepard III has beefed about a local Columbia Broadcasting System employee broadcasting from New York on the NBC Red show, *For Men Only*, aired on Shepard's WNAC here.

E. B. Rideout, WEET staff meteorologist, is scheduled for a guest appearance on that show April 11. Gerry Harrison, press agent for Yankee Colonial webs, said for Shepard, "E. B. Rideout will not be on the program thru WNAC."

Rideout has an ok from CBS to do this NBC shot. To date WEET has heard no contrary orders. WEET has kept silent. Harrison did not say whether Rideout would be canceled or whether Shepard would order his control dialers to cut that portion of the show off the air. Rideout has made preparations to leave for the broadcast.

Speculation arose whether Shepard desired having a competing meteorologist hoisted over his facilities. On February 20 Yankee debuted its weather forecast service, costing plenty. Rideout was chosen because of his high accuracy average during 12 years on WEET.

Union Complaint Claims WAPO Unfair

CHATTANOOGA, April 9.—Charging unfair labor practices following discharge of two employees, complaint has been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against WAPO here by John Paul Jones, president of Local 602, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Meredith Thompson, radio engineer, and E. B. Baker, an operator, were discharged after joining the union here, Jones and G. M. Freeman, international representative of the union at Washington, declared. They said the men joined the union March 19 and that Thompson was discharged the following day and Baker on March 23.

E. E. Patterson, manager of WAPO, said he had "no comment" to make.

A federal department of labor conciliator, E. C. Curtis, of Washington, has been here in connection with the case, but was unable to bring about an agreement, the union official said.

Curtis Sims, president of the Chattanooga Central Labor Union, said that organization had voted to place WAPO on the "unfair list" at the request of the electrical workers' union.

Lew Parker on CBS

NEW YORK, April 9.—Lew Parker, comic comedian, will get a half-hour spot on CBS as soon as scripts are ready. Parker did Bob Hope's act for years, having made a special deal with Hope.

New Wax Wrinkle

DETROIT, April 9.—Transcribed spot announcements with sound effects have been used in a campaign lately by Sallan Jewelry Co. Each record, in a series of 18, runs only one minute, but gets effect of four or five-minute-spot program thru use of brief story and background effects, such as a beach scene, people looking in a store window, etc., in only casually with the Sallan announcement. Series was prepared by J. E. Pickard, Inc.

MOOSEJAW, Sask., Can., April 9.—Wood Glover, former sales manager of WHB here, is now an announcer at WHB, Toronto.

Ain't It the Truth?

DES MOINES, April 9.—"Radio has more self-appointed critics than any other business under the sun," Paul McClure, assistant sales manager of NBC, Chicago, told the Des Moines Ad Club here. His advice to the critics was, "Remember, you always can turn your radio off."

Couple of Senators Start Talking Again

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—Suggestion by State Senator George Ritchey, of Mississippi, that the people of that State should know what goes on in that body was not well appreciated this past week when the Senate voted down 31 to 3 his proposal to establish a State-owned radio broadcasting station.

"I'm opposed because members of the Senate would create such a stir rushing to the mike nothing would be heard over the station but static," Senator A. P. McKeigney said in opposing the measure.

Hints to the farmers thru the department of agriculture was another proponent's reason for backing the measure. It's hard to find out where the third vote came from.

CIO Union Deal for Co-Op Show Off Because Firm Uses AFL Help

DETROIT, April 9.—Worries of a program in quest of a sponsor disclosed new obstacles at WJBK here. Fight between the American Federation of Labor and Committee of Industrial Organization, with Detroit as the hub because of automobile factories, pointed the situation.

United Automobile Workers (CIO) has had a 15-minute program nightly over WJBK. Much of the activity was intended to aid the union in its attempt to organize the Ford plant.

Depression has struck union funds, however, and the UAW went out after a sponsor for its program. Result, an overall company, known for its long-time union recognition, agreed to underwrite programs, and WJBK agreed to tie-

up upon payment of some extra dough.

Veto came from the regional director of the UAW, however, who vetoed it saying the union would not be allowed to carry any program for the benefit of the overall company because it was signed up with an AFL union. Would-be sponsor called headquarters of the AFL union in New York and got a flat veto because it doesn't want to help a CIO union. That made it unanimous. UAW is carrying on without a sponsor.

FCC LAW DEPT.

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will constitute the committee on superpower and they will report their findings to the full commission. Attorneys representing superpower applicants admit the tough assignment on their hands. A substantial part of the industry is planning to intervene and opposition is numerous and strong. Commissioners Payne and Craven have at various times expressed doubts of 500 kilowatts, but have not yet opposed superpower. Commissioner Case is the unknown factor on this three-man committee and it is believed that he will be the chairman.

Congress

Turning toward Congress this week Commissioner Payne introduced a bombshell resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Craven. It called for action on the part of the commission in notifying Representative John O'Connor, chairman of the House Rules Committee, that representations of the FCC being opposed to a Congressional investigation of radio are untrue. Resolution called for a statement of policy which would not be in opposition to Congressional investigation, but would even welcome such an inquiry not only of the industry but of the commission itself. Payne's resolution was deferred until next week for decision. The move now has commissioners in a delicate position in which they will have to wave a red flag for investigation by a hostile house committee or they will have to vote against the proposal and thus commit themselves in opposition to a probe of their own activities.

Commissioner Payne's proposal almost immediately follows a published "exclusive" interview with O'Connor quoting him ready to have the rules committee favorably report a resolution to investigate radio and the FCC. Moving force for this was an alleged hostility to Chairman McNinch of the FCC and also the reported "leak" on the telephone report. Hurried inquiry from interested members of Congress and the press was answered by O'Connor's repudiation of the "interview."

NBC-Westinghouse

One other investigation more or less sub rosa got under way at the commission as a result of the House Appropriations Committee's hot cross-examination of Commissioner T. A. M. Craven a few months ago. At that time Representative Wiggleworth asked some pointed questions about the "lease" arrangements between the National Broadcasting Co. and Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. Craven said he didn't know anything about NBC-Westinghouse leases and promised to look them up and would prepare a statement for insertion into the hearing record. Craven's inquiry at the FCC legal department was answered by a report saying there were no leases on record. This information was in turn given to the House Appropriations Committee. Since then Craven has found relationship between NBC and Westinghouse is on a basis of a contract reached as a result of a consent decree entered into at the Federal Court at Delaware which was going into the "patent pool" questions. Craven as a layman now wants to know the difference between a lease and the NBC-Westinghouse "contract." And if there isn't any difference who in the law department supplied the information which Craven gave to the House Appropriations Committee. Question of difference between lease and "contracts" is now being weighed by the FCC law department.

Another investigation which has been inserted into FCC minutes is one which goes into the sale of A. T. and T. issues on the New York Stock Exchange during the early part of February of this year, about the time Commissioner Walker handed copies of his report to his fellow commissioners.

Advertisers Plan Talent Cuts For Fall; Hollywood Gets Blame

NEW YORK, April 9.—Excessively high salaries paid motion picture stars for radio guest shots the past season are likely to rebound against other radio performers next season, it is stated in ad agency fields. This policy is in line with that of cutting talent budgets in line with the recession. While radio, as a medium, may not be affected as much as other fields by the current slump, most reductions in radio expenditures will come out of talent appropriations. This is what radio men in the agencies state.

As proof, uncertainty covering renewals for some big shows is offered. General Foods-Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Good News is slated to go off for the summer months. However, the advertiser will not buy the show again for fall unless

the price of \$25,000 per broadcast is reduced. Similarly Hollywood Hotel's renewal is in doubt because of the sponsor's desire for a shorter price. Another General Foods show, Burns and Allen, is reported as failing to satisfy the sponsor from the basis of dollar sales per dollar spent, and the act is reported going over to Liggett & Meyers for Chesterfield cigarettes.

Further, it is claimed that salaries for the pix guests are due for pruning. This goes especially for those filmlets whose radio ability is not so forte. Value of the names is now down because they have all played so often, and publicity value has become largely secondary to entertainment value.

Some radio players, being under contract, will not be affected unless options are dropped.

News, Lux Dramas, Lead in K. C., Report of Favorite Programs

The list below shows the favorite programs of Kansas City listeners. These are not the same as preferred programs. List below was compiled from results given by listeners who had not been listening to their sets during the period referred to in the interview by the survey investigators for Market Research Corp. Programs are listed under daytime and evening headings.

LUX show also is tops in the preference percentage.

FAVORITE EVENING PROGRAMS

Lux Radio Theater.....	49
Charlie McCarthy, Edgar Bergen, Don Ameche	24
Major Bowes	23
Ames 'n' Andy	22
Jelly-Jack Benny	22
Crosby, Bob Burns	20
One Man's Family	12
National Barn Dance	10
Ford Sunday Evening Hour	8
Al Jolson	7
Rudy Vallee	7
Fibber McGee and Molly	6
NBC Symphonic Orchestra	6
News Programs	5
Easy Aces	5
First Nighter-Campagna's	5
Edward G. Robinson	4
Dance Music	4
Gang Busters	4
Hollywood Hotel	4
Wayne King	3

FAVORITE DAYTIME PROGRAMS

News Program	22
Farm and Home Hour	15
Club Matinee	11
Ma Perkins	7
Dance Music	6
U. S. Navy Band	6
Breakfast Club	5
Band Music	4
O'Neill's	4
Vic and Sade	4
Cold Metal Hour	3
Mary Martin	3
Tex Owens	3
Unity School of Christianity	3
Aunt Jenny St.	2
Follow the Moon	2
Grand Opera	2
Holiday Music	2
Major Bowes Capitol Family	2
Musical Clock	2
Organ Music	2
Popper Young's Family	2
Pretty Kitty Kelly	2
Sports Program	2

Webs Change Policy On Gross Publicity

NEW YORK. April 9.—After a lapse of three months the National Broadcasting Co. and Columbia Broadcasting System have resumed releasing their monthly gross billings. Practice was discontinued because networks were afraid the figures would attract undue legislative attention. However, groups of execs favoring releases within the chains continued pressure and finally won. Additionally, an FCC investigation of the networks has been set.

CBS total for first three months of 1938 is 19.8 per cent over 1937, \$8,628,839 against \$7,202,633. March, 1938, took in \$3,055,929 against \$2,659,716, up 19.4 per cent.

NBC total for Red and Blue links is \$11,068,400, up 6.2 per cent over 1937. March scored \$3,805,881, up 5.2 per cent over last year.

NBC no longer breaks its figures down into Red and Blue totals because the Western station groups are no longer assigned to Red or Blue but may now be bought for either line.

This May Start New FCC Investigation

KNOXVILLE, April 9.—Claim to having eaten the most eggs ever eaten by one man at a sitting was posted this week by WNOX in behalf of Robert

At Nelson's Influence

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—With the coming of Al Nelson from Denver as manager of KDKA five months ago, there seems to have come an influx of western programs for easterners. Begun this week was weekly program called Round-up, variety show. Last week, Silhouettes of the West was launched as twice-weekly program of stories and songs by Doyle White and Roy Starkey. Two months ago, weekly drama, Under Western Skies, hit the air, has continued under direction of Derby Sproul, imported from KOA as idea and production man.

Sauls, 56-year-old cotton mill employee weighing 203 pounds. He ate 60 eggs in a half-hour to win the Great Smoky Mountains Egg-Eating Championship. Contest was held in the WNOX auditorium, sponsored by Bert Vincent, commentator for The News-Sentinel, station's owner newspaper.

Seven hundred persons took every seat inside and more than 2,000 were turned away. Universal Newsreel made movies of the contest.

Sauls defeated his farmer opponent, Perry Corwin, by a margin of a dozen and a half eggs.

Every hen in town has taken it on the lam and refused to come back until John L. Lewis promises to give them a union.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 9.—Marshall Montgomery, ventriloquist, has been signed for 13 weeks over WBRE, starting April 25. Sponsor is Planters Peanuts.

Current Program Comment

This column is devoted to brief reviews of programs which have been on the air for some time, as well as shows, which, already reviewed, rate further mention. Basis is that a one-time program review is inadequate for a production that varies each time it is presented.

Pat Rose, baritone, began a new song series Friday, 4:45-5 p.m. over WNEW. Did Remember Me, Please Be Kind, Thanks for the Memory. Sings straight, with no tricky embellishments, and is accompanied by Jimmy Rich at the organ. Voice is soothing enough and fills out a pleasant if somewhat innocuous 15 minutes.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, vaude team on the Kate Smith show Thursday, socked with swell delivery but unfortunately old material. Costello, with a high voice, put over the punches with Abbott feeding. Team seems to be excellent radio material, but should round up some new scripts.

Jack Waldron, now dubbed Colonel, took over the WGN Original Amateur Hour last week, replacing J. C. Flippin, who ended the stint for years. Crammed to the saturation point with night club work, Waldron had no trouble on his first airing. Voice comes over in somewhat slangy fashion, giving a rough-and-ready touch to the proceedings.

Should be able to keep the ball rolling fast enough as long as the acts keep coming. Among well-wishers were Eddie Gahr, Benny Fields, Eddie Davis, Henry Youngman, Abe Lyman and others. Roy Saunders does the tales talk for Oxydol.

Dr. Charles M. Courboin has to play the organ only five minutes to convince he is among the few champions who can exploit the composite musical instrument for the whole range of its versatility. His mastery is undeniable. Besides, according to Mendelssohn and Bach, a smooth, delicate splendor seldom achieved on the organ. Dr. Courboin recently premiered Clifford Lang's Prelude to November, a composition originally conceived for the piano and transcribed by the organist himself. Lang's work is essentially a tone poem which sensitively describes nature's fall temperaments. Skillful use of dissonant chords affects fine climaxes, while lyrical passages assure a forward progression of the theme. Courboin's interpretation is delightful. On WOR.

ONE of the most dignified visitors at BBDO this week was a dead ringer for Halie Belasik. The receptionist gave him a stall. . . . Stan Shaw, who emcees Milkmen's Muffine over WNEW, is trying to find out what type of music is most suitable for people shaving in the morning. Thus far the Seri Waltz is tops, with rumbas and fox-trots definitely mixed. . . . Fred Wille, manager of the Hollywood office of Young & Rubicam, returning east. . . . Phil Baker will soon have late Friday afternoon dress rehearsals open to public ticket-holders. . . . Lum and Abner will go off for 10 weeks during the summer.

Seven-year-old son of Herman Bess, sales manager of WNEW, is very ill at Jersey City Hospital. Noted around the studio that the kid would need a fifth blood transfusion. Entire house band and most of staff volunteered. . . . Pat Weaver, of Young & Rubicam, gets back from his Bermuda vacation this week. . . . Prentiss Winchell, recently shifted to N. W. Ayer's Philadelphia office, is no longer with the agency. . . . Three Peppers of the Hickory House made their radio debut over WMCA with Joe Marsala's crew Saturday (9). . . . NBC, speaking of its forthcoming show, "Tin Pan Alley Presents," queries, "When is a song a hit? Nobody knows until it's been

played and played and played." Is NBC really that innocent?

Paul Whiteman's Ork will be the first to play over both nets from the World's Fair. Date will be April 23, when Whiteman will play a date on the reclaimed marshes of Flushing. His Chesterfield show will emanate from there, and also a one-half-hour dance program over NBC. Grace Moore will guest-star on the Chesterfield spot. . . . Sponsors of Hal Kemp show for Griffin All-Wife are trying to get guests who really use All-Wife—sportsmen, etc. Oh, well, then don't believe it. . . . Jean Ellis, 11-year-old kid who appeared in "Gir of Golden West" flicker, is being brought back east for radio work.

NOW that Larry Nixon has finished and placed his book, *Vagabond Voyager*, everybody is trying to give him more info. . . . Richard E. O'Dea, vice-president of WNEW, returned from a six-week tour of the Caribbean. . . . Eddie Elkins, ork leader, will be musical director of the Group Theater's radio shows. . . . Doris Rhodes, vocalist, has had her CBS contract renewed for one year. . . . George Olsen, whose band plays for Royal Crown Service, celebrated 12 years of married bliss with Ethel Shatta Friday. Couple's two kids, Charles and George, aged 11 and 9, debuted on Olsen's show the same day.

Chicago By HAROLD HUMPHREY

ANNOUNCER Bret Morrison fell prey to habit Wednesday on the *It Can Be Done* show at the initial CBS airing, calling it an NBC production, but it happened before shot had hit the air. . . . Bud Gunn and James Whipple left the J. Walter Thompson radio department this week. . . . Betty Babbs took over all radio at the H. W. Kastor firm, but with Gordon Cooke still supervising. . . . Irna Phillips' *Gilding Light* stint has jumped over six points the past nine months in Crosley's rating. . . . WBBM's press gal, Trudy Dyer, flew to New York on biz Thursday.

Rumor bears had Miles Trammell resigning his post, but the NBC exec said it was probably the annual hole which has been spread around for the past 10 years or so—anyway he didn't know anything about it. . . . Verne Smith was added to the Bachelor's Children cast as the new heart throb. . . . Boris Karloff made a hurry-up trip to New York Thursday to guest on the *For Men Only* show between his Lights Out duties here. . . . Jackie Heller left for Kansas City for a week's engagement at the Neumann Theater there. . . . Russ Hodges, WIND sports

player, went home to Cinc for a visit before attending the baseball announcers' confab here Sunday and Monday.

Col. Jack Major guested on WBBM's *Potpourri* shot Sunday in between shows at the Oriental Theater. Incidentally, Major has an interest in a 100-footer of Paducah, Ky., and is dickering for another small outlet in the Deep South. . . . Bill Drift, NBC agricultural director, left this week on a big trip to Washington. . . . WLS celebrated its 14th anniversary of the station and Barn Dance Saturday. . . . Radio-Theater Guild opens its fourth legis production next Monday with a play titled *Dark Echo*, written by Howard Keegan, who recently left NBC's production staff.

THERE'S a local news commentator readying an exposé book to be labeled *Why I Deserted France*. Story is built around a local boy who just returned from the Spanish conflict after fighting 14 months on the side of the Rebels. Stations here cashed in heavier than ever this year on the election primaries held Tuesday. WIND voted practically entire evening hours to election returns that night.

From All Around

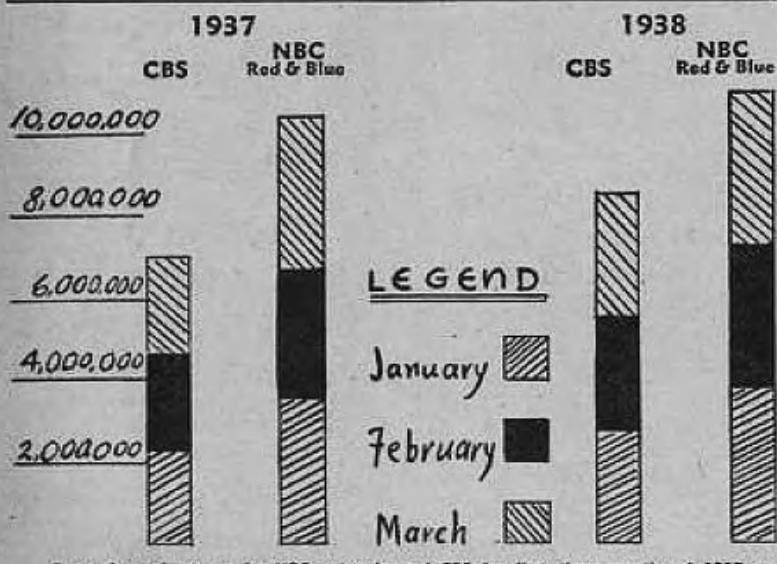
POOL around with this one: 1,587 songs per week pass thru the hands of Clara Salzburg, head of the copyright department at WIP, Philadelphia. . . . CFNB, Fredericton, New Brunswick, has appointed Weed & Co. as reps in the United States. . . . Rush Hughes, heard daily over NBC-Red from San Francisco, soon takes the road for a series of barn-storming broadcasts from key cities. Will broadcast from the World's Fair April 22. . . . New musical trio, Gene Hooton, Chris Christensen and Eli Chaffie, joined the WCKY, Cincinnati, staff this week.

Habit of speaking about the radio industry is reaching unprecedented heights at KYDL, Salt Lake City. At least one confab a week has been scheduled before community groups by station execs—and recently Ray Shafer, KDYL office boy, mounted the rostrum and addressed a group of schoolboys. Shafer was asked to repeat at a future date. . . . Hugh H. Smith has been added to the commercial staff of KFRO, Longview,

Tex. Will handle sales and service local accounts. . . . Don Larson, Peppy Mann and Louis Katzman Bend and Alan Courtney are the talent on the Gioachino's program produced by Courtney over WINS.

Kasper Malone, KMMJ of Clay Center announcer, is moving to the WIBW staff of Topeka, Kan. Tommy Watson, another KMMJ starter who also went to WIBW, is now at WLS, Chicago.

CHANGES in Pittsburgh radio picture this week brought Finger-Dent, manufacturers of new Latex toothbrushes, to WWSW for three spots daily on four-week contract placed direct, and tenor emcee and drummer Ted Blake to WOAE as first of new faces for Old Shag Ale's Night at an Inn. Brewery account handled by Bothwell agency, will also import new male quartet and three saxes for Billy Catrone's former Singin' Strings. Solo holdovers from previous 12 weeks will be Jeannie Galbraith and (See From All Around on opposite page)



Comparison of grosses for NBC networks and CBS for first three months of 1937 and 1938. For detailed figures, see story on this page.

HIT ANTI-RADIO DAILIES

WAAT-Daily Deal Ends; To Sell News

JERSEY CITY, April 9.—A "gentleman's agreement," in existence about seven years between The Jersey City (N. J.) Journal and WAAT, whereby the former supplied the latter with news in exchange for extra time, has been broken. Parting was amicable, but the station had to take the step in order to make its news available to commercial sponsorship.

According to Paul La Stato, general manager of the station, the station has, within the past year, received a flock of inquiries from advertising agencies about the station's news periods. Inquiries want to know what news service supplies the news, how many daily periods, etc. The station-daily deal called for six 15-minute periods given the paper in exchange for supplying news and a newscaster.

However, the daily uses Associated Press news and the station couldn't sell the spots to sponsors. Accordingly, the deal was abrogated and the station bought United Press service. Ironically, a few days after the station took this step the Associated Press admitted it was considering revising its policy so that advertisers could buy its product for broadcasting.

Cuffo Names on the Line

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Station KXBY has been scooping the local field here in the last two months by airing some bands featured at the Pia-Mac Ballroom. Jimmie Lunceford, Fletcher Henderson, Casa Loma and similar units have been spotted on evening sustainings with great success. Station managers will try to grab the Parkway Park wire for similar purposes when it opens next month with a full schedule of name attractions booked for its ballroom.

PREFERENCES

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tion would show up in the report of the period covered, but the program was not a preferred one. Further, with four programs all enjoyed, only one can be picked as a preference.

Competition

Another consideration may arise out of highly competitive evenings, such as Thursday evening with five big shows—Buddy Vallee, Kate Smith, Good News of 1938, Major Bowes and Bing Crosby. Unquestionably the most competitive lineup of any day, not only from the standpoint that Vallee and Smith, and Good News and Bowes are on the same time segments in many parts of the country, but because of the all-over competition of the commercials. In other words, there are the plugs for the five sponsors included in the shows. It is safe to suppose that the show making the strongest impression carries over with the most effective sales talk, because the show, as a unit, is strongly impressed on the listener's mind. Thus there are two questions raised. One is that, admitting it to be true that the big shows develop greater audiences over the whole evening, does the rivalry between them as entertainment diminish or dissipate the values of the commercial plugs on the shows less liked? Another is, do preferences reported by listeners reflect more than merely entertainment tastes—do they imply, too, a preference towards the products advertised by the shows they prefer? Returning to the first question raised, an analogous comparison might be between a double-feature picture house bill showing a Grade A and Grade B picture on the same bill. Does the Grade A erase completely, or in part, presupposing it is preferred by the audience, the Grade B picture?

It is not the purpose of this comment

Moon Struck

NEW YORK, April 9.—One of the best gag publicity stories to be released in some time hailed from CBS this week. Story set out to explain that telephone calls to CBS from listeners hit peaks whenever the moon was full.

to answer questions evolving from the tabulations of preferred programs, but to raise them. The Billboard will not and does not state the meaning of these figures, but rather reports them as by-products of the surveys made by the Market Research Corp. of America.

Selective Tuning

Another question raised is whether preferences are an indication of selective listening. Even the most ardent pro-radio industry executive will admit that a definite portion of radio listening is not directed toward any specific program. In other words, the receiver is turned on, come what may. Preferences, on the other hand, may show that listeners select, going from one station to the other and so on. Evidence toward this point was shown especially in the first story in this series, covering evening listening habits in Kansas City, where figures showed the large differences between the leading shows and those immediately preceding and following them.

The table, listing preferred programs under the seven evenings of the week, reports the preferences given by those who were listening to the radio during those specific periods. (Calls covering evening listening are made the following day.) The other table reports favorite programs and was supplied by respondents who were not listening during the period referred to in the interview. Non-listeners thus gave their reactions to the week's programs rather than those of a specific evening. For purposes of comparison, the favorite programs are not broken down into time segments, i.e., length of broadcast period, since it is not an element of importance in the analysis.

A study of the table for the seven evenings shows another factor of relative preference interest. This, on Monday evening, the Lux Radio Theefer has the outstanding figure of 85 per cent preference, 34 out of 40 listeners preferring it. But study of the program chart shows that there are few major programs on that same evening, and the program is allowed to make a tremendous impression on the listeners, with no other program cutting in. Thursday evening, on the other hand, shows the effect of competition on preference percentage.

FROM ALL AROUND

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Tommy Tarahis . . . Kansas premier of Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, held at Ottawa last week, was preceded by a 15-minute broadcast by remote control over WIBW, Topeka. Mayor of Ottawa, heads of civic clubs and Fox Film Corp. executives from Kansas City and Eastern Kansas gave short talks. Ed Oliver was in charge of broadcast.

J. Walter Thompson Considers Paid Plugs in Program Lists

NEW YORK, April 9.—A plan whereby radio program listings in daily newspapers would carry paid plugs for sponsors of the commercial shows is being investigated by J. Walter Thompson Co., according to authoritative information. There are several angles which may serve to hinder the proposition. A principal point, however, is that if the practice becomes general, many dailies now unfriendly to radio would change their policies because of the revenue received thru this plan.

Thompson idea is not to revert to the old style, wherein names of sponsors were carried right in the program title, but to follow the name or description of the show as now carried with the name of the sponsor in parentheses, using a

Ad Agencies Consider Nixing Ad Space in Papers Ignoring Radio

HOLLYWOOD, April 9.—Advertising agencies are working up a peeve against newspapers which give little or no space to radio and yet cash in on radio advertising. Instead of merely blowing off steam, however, definite retaliation may be taken. One agency is currently making a survey of daily newspapers, classifying them as good, fair and bad in relation to the amount of radio space they carry. It is possible that advertisements will be placed in those papers which cover radio news and do not hold radio down to listings. Development was precipitated by the discharge of all radio editors by Los Angeles dailies.

Type of ad placement most likely to be affected if at all is tune-in spotlight advertising, with a possibility agencies will substitute spot announcements over the radio instead. In other words, the daily press as a general media will not be hit. This far no attempt at concerted action on the part of agencies has been noticed, but representatives of those queried were of the opinion that a united front would help.

Situation in Buffalo, N. Y., is quoted as an example of conditions confronting agencies. City has three dailies, The Courier-Express, News and Times. Courier-Express, a morning sheet, does not have a radio columnist. Both Times and News have radio columnists. Insofar as chances for publicity breaks on Courier-Express are nil, why give it advertising in the query.

To many agency people attitude of the dailies is not giving much space to radio seems incomprehensible in view of the fact that the industry is perhaps the greatest in show business. Comparison often made is with the legitimate theater, a field sharply curtailed throughout the depression years and admittedly one of the smaller show-biz categories when judged according to financial investment. Legit, however, continues to hold its space in the dailies and more than pays its way in advertising. This despite the fact that the number of successful Broadway legit can be counted on one's fingers.

Agencies claim that recent surveys, such as The Louisville (Ky.) Courier figures published in The Billboard and the Gallup newspaper survey, show that radio is close to the top in editorial interest. They feel that dailies not covering radio editorially have little radio circulation and that advertising radio programs in such dailies is wasted money.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Confirmation is available in New York from at least one advertising agency with reference to a study of newspaper policies towards radio. Other agencies, however, state the proposal is impractical, since circulation figures are more important than radio editorial space.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Recent dropping of radio columns by Los Angeles dailies

has brought up the old question here of what would happen if newspapers turned a cold shoulder on local outlets.

Altho The Chicago Daily News has not made any move yet to restore its radio column since Charles Gilchrist's resignation, the situation on the other four sheets is pretty well sewed up. Chicago Tribune, which owns WGN, has found that sandwiching its station news along with the others is the best way of getting it across. Daily Times, tabloid, conducted a survey recently which proved its radio pillar ranked tops as a reader-puller and, altho it has no station tie-up, WBBM promotes it when opportunities arise. Hearst's Herald and Examiner and Chicago American are always subject to the whims of the tycoon, and altho there is a possibility of merging the two columns, the opinion is that radio will not be dropped altogether.

Radio execs still maintain an indifferent attitude about the whole thing, claiming that they are only turning out 50 per cent of what would be possible if the channels were opened. One press head here said he would just as soon see the dailies freeze them out, because then he felt the radio industry would band together, subsidize some weekly sheet and do a much more effective job as a result. In his opinion, newspapers would take the rap rather than radio.

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Program Reviews

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Boris Karloff

Reviewed Thursday, 12:30-1 a.m.
Style—Horror story. Sustaining on WEAF (NBC network).

Boris Karloff is doing a short series as guest star of the noted NBC *Lights Out* series. His booking is in the way of celebrating the fourth anniversary of this macabre production.

Karloff's first show, in which he took the part of a gent slowly going nuts, was a dismal triumph. It was a triumph for Karloff as an actor, for, without benefit of gruesome makeup, a chief asset in his picture appearances, he created the very atmosphere required and played the part to the hilt. Secondly, it was a triumph for Arch Obeler, writer of the series, for turning out an excellent script. Incidentally, it was probably a tough assignment for Karloff in his first radio attempt of this kind, since the piece was almost a monolog. J. F.

Kate Smith

Reviewed Friday, 3:30-3:45 p.m.
Style—Commentator. Sustaining on WABC (CBS network).

Three times a week, now, Kate Smith foregoes bringing the moon over the mountain to talk to her radio audience, or, more specifically, to the ladies in her radio audience. In easy-going, casual style, she discusses this, that and the other thing. It may be fashions or news or a friend or the weather. To a considerable extent Miss Smith carries off her new idea well. Few radio performers are better equipped to create the intimate atmosphere her work engenders. That is a principal asset. The honey atmosphere is accentuated, too, by what she says. It's a safe presumption that the program started with an audience built by her reputation, and if the ladies don't mind poor diction and occasional awkward lapses that make the proceedings sound strained, the show should build its star into prominence in a new field.

On the program caught, Miss Smith discussed fashions—long versus short skirts; Orlenda Farrell, who had appeared on her other program the night before; the Frome murders, and hitch hikers and general news. A prize boner was Miss Smith's conjecture as to why the CIO and AFL don't get together, a masterpiece of naivete. J. F.

Vic Irwin's Cartoonland Band

Reviewed Tuesday, 9:30-10 p.m.
Style—Dance and novelty music. Sustaining on WOR (NBC network).

Irwin seems to have a good enough band, but his show when caught was somehow dull. And this despite the presence of Benay Venuta, vocalist who is considered of legit musical caliber.

Irwin played about eight tunes during his program, creating an impression of overabundance. Miss Venuta delivers two vocals. Perhaps more singing by Venuta, or better yet an injection of comedy, would make the program more listenable. Band's delivery of "musical cartoons," with lyrical parodies, should be developed more extensively.

Raw material present, but show needs a doctor. P. A.

"Uncle Ned's Variety Show"

Reviewed Wednesday, 1:15-1:45 p.m. Style—Variety show. Sustaining on WORL (Boston).

Uncle Ned (Eddie Urquhart) conducts this WORL half-hour and gives his youngsters a chance to air whatever talent they possess. Period is somewhat on a higher level than many get-the-gong sessions, but birthday and wedding celebrations will be announced if requested. Red and Hank, accordion-guitar team.

Correction

In the March 26, 1938, issue of *The Billboard*, in a review of the program called *Meet Yourself*, conducted by Louis J. Lewis on WIP, Philadelphia, it was erroneously reported that Lewis had appeared previously on WDAS in that city. He has never appeared on WDAS.

offered chicken-yard and hillbilly selections, but their warbling needs pruning. And dyed-in-the-wool hillbillies don't sing with broad A's. Best bet was a gagged-up version of International Affairs to the tune of *Fifty Years From Now*.

Virginia Nugent, fair warbler, showed the need, however, of proper guidance, while 10-year-old Charles Kimball showed good range.

If Gladys Hemingway, who possesses a clear voice, would give vent to her own free style she would probably improve. Montana Cowboys, with the inevitable washboiler and guitars, fair.

There's a Guess the Title Song contest. Winners get ducats to houses where Uncle Ned spots his talent weekly. Frank Carpenter polishes the ivories.

S. J. P.

"The Sound Track"

Reviewed Tuesday, 7:7-15 p.m.
Style—Motion picture comment. Sponsor—Broadcast Foods Station—WNEW.

David Lowe conducts this commercial. Did a fair job "movie testing" four people. Questions concern pix stars, productions, etc., with the entertainment value largely dependent upon the people who answer.

Show has a good gimmick angle: listeners send in questions which, if selected in subsequent "movie testings," entitle them to an evening at the Casa Mammata. Winner of each testing gets a pair of oakleys for a show.

Show is lightweight, but should get by, considering the fan interest in pix. Sales gab too insistent. P. A.

"Hal Robie"

Reviewed Monday, 4:45-5 p.m. Style—Songs. Sustaining on WNBC (New Britain, Conn.).

This lad is a comer with a nice tenor voice. Sells his stuff for all it is worth. Enunciation is Grade A and repertoire well chosen. S. A. L.

"Pepper Upfers"

Reviewed Sunday, 5:30-6 p.m. CST.
Style—Music and novelty. Sponsor—Dr. Pepper Co. Agency—Tracey-Locke-Dawson. Station—WSMB (New Orleans) (Dixie network).

Coming on when listeners suffer from the dreariness of the Sabbath holiday, the Pepper Upfers maintain a rapid tempo. There are interspersed novelty numbers by Karl Lambert's Ork and Tuna Tumblers quartet, to smooth out.

Maria Dominguez, Mexican soprano, did a splendid one-timer with native tongue of *Ay Ay Ay* and *Lady of Spain*. Quartet is good, as are the Batchelors, a song group from Ban Wilde's Ork, added features for the day. Ivan Wayne, lyric tenor, sang one number.

Confined purely to the South over what is termed the "largest indie net in the world," program emanates from WFIA, Dallas, and is a musical show of which the South can be proud. It compares favorably with national net variety shows. P. M.

"May I Suggest?"

Reviewed Saturday, 9-10 a.m. Style—Household hints. Sponsors—Iowa Packing Co., Briardale Stores, Grocers Wholesale and Hoxic Fruit Co. Station—WHO (Des Moines).

This hour show, designed to give helpful hints to housewives in planning and preparing menus, is run by Helen Watts Schreiber, who has a reputation as home economics columnist for Hearst papers as "Prudence Penny." But Tizzie Lish, of the Al Pearce show, has wrecked the recipe-routine. The listener keeps reminded of Tizzie every time a recipe is given.

Mrs. Schreiber handles the entire show as mistress of ceremonies. She has personality and a good sense of humor and carries show at good pace. Recipes and menus are simple and applicable to the average housewife's ability and budget.

Show has the best music talent available, with Harold Morgan's Band, the

Songfellow's Quartet and Georgia Lee as songstress. Division in time between sponsors is handled with suitable theme songs.

Besides recipes and menus, Mrs. Schreiber also includes short histories of various foods, unusual foods, suggestions for emergency cupboards, day's market prices and anecdotes. They are interpersed nicely for good continuity. R. W. M.

"The Boy Friend"

Reviewed Saturday, 6:45-7 p.m.
Style—Advice to lovelorn. Sustaining over WINS (New York).

Program shows plenty of potential pulling power. Core of show is advice to the lovelorn. The Boy Friend read letters from frustrated gals, wallflowers, men with femme trouble, etc., and answered with sympathy and certitude. Often, however, a goodly amount of cynicism crept into The Boy Friend's talk. If this is kept up, program will not only appeal to a serious audience but also to a load of scoffers.

Between letters from heart-broken gals and dame-struck males, The Boy Friend doubled as a crooner and delivered such gems as *This Thing Called Love* and *Thanks for the Memory*—either by way of philosophic comment or in the hope that perhaps the tune would make the person in question "remember."

Opening and closing is marked by special lyrics to the old tune, *The Girl Friend*. In addition to Saturday, show is aired Mondays at 8:30 and Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

Lou Bellin is The Boy Friend. P. A.

Jack Stevens

Reviewed Saturday, 7:45-8 p.m.
Style—Sports reporter. Sustaining on WTIC (Hartford, Conn.), (Yankee network).

Composite vocal structure, a cross between Gabriel Heatter and Jimmy Fidler, this lad has a nifty spiel pattern. Style is ahead of the usual. Weekly airing is a long time between the multitude of things happening in the varied sectors of the sports world, but the 15-minute stint highlights most events to advantage.

Three-quarters way thru Stevens interviews a sports celeb. On frame caught, Larry (Buster) Crabbe, swimmer and film actor, clicked out an entertaining tote-a-tote. Crabbe was in town playing a vaude date. News briefs of the week wind up the session.

It's a natural.

Audience takes for granted what he says, which means he knows his sports. Bob Steele, mikeman, handles the signatures. S. J. P.

"Magic Melodies"

Reviewed Tuesday, 7:45-8 p.m.
Style—Singing and instrumental. Sponsor—Master Craft Oil Burners. Station—WJZ (NBC Blue network).

Program shapes up as a well-rounded session of standard and pop music. Granted a number of capable artists on a show of this kind, adequate choice of tunes will make or break the session. Producers of Magic Melodies have hit the right combination, however, and evidently stress time-tried music rather than a quantity of short-lived pop plugged into short-lived prominence.

Vocalists were George Griffin, baritone, and Dorothy Dreelin, soprano. Worked well singly and as a duo, giving *It's Wonderful*, *Donkey Serenade*, *Somebody's Someone Is Waiting* and *Blue Room*. Harry Breuer added a touch of novelty with a vibra harp rendition of *I Love To Whistle*. Verlyle Mills and Charles Paul play harp and organ respectively. P. A.

"Stamping Round the World"

Reviewed Wednesday, 7:45-8 p.m.
Style—Dramatization. Sponsor—Pennsylvania Ice Cream Co. Station—WCAU (Philadelphia).

Program is one of two on local air lanes dedicated to stamp collectors. Other on WPIL. This show, scripted by Joe Gottlieb, dramatizes history of men pictured on foreign stamps. On program caught the life of King Victor Emmanuel II of Italy was done. Announcer first gives a synopsis of the

story and it's then acted out by studio crew.

Well done, is educational and makes stamp collecting attractive. Give-away is a catalog and stamps to listeners sending in coupon from ice-cream package. S. S.

John and Lucy Allison

Reviewed Tuesday, 3:45-4 p.m.
Style—Folk songs. Sustaining on WQXR (New York).

Allisons, folk singers, put on a listening program for their first broadcast. Sang four tunes, accompanying themselves with guitar. Music is simple, rhythmic and like all true ballad and folk material, sad and comic by turns. Tunes are authentic, American and gathered from all parts of the country. Each number is prefixed by a short announcement telling something of the song, its derivation, where sung and by whom. Typical ditties were *Oh, Mona and Nancy Hill*.

Potential audience for a show of this kind is limited, but definite. This should be borne in mind in the event the show gets a sponsor. Tie-up with educational institutions is a possibility because the type of material presented is admitted to have a distinct educational value. P. A.

"Woman in the Store"

Reviewed Monday, 10:10-11 a.m.
CST. Style—Interviews. Sponsor—Wilson & Co. Agency—United States Advertising Corporation. Station—KMBC (Kansas City, Mo.).

A new-type show for Kansas City, with Beulah Karney and Fred Edwards, of the KMBC staff, featured. Miss Karney, home economist, does a good job of interviewing women customers at meat counters in previously selected stores and butcher shops, with Edwards assisting.

Idea is to advertise Wilson ham. Each woman answering questions is given a Wilson steak, with plug for the product being worked in smoothly on the presentation. Program makes easy listening.

Aired three times weekly, *Woman in the Store* is somewhat similar to another Wilson program heard on WGN in Chicago starring Norman Ross. But Miss Karney is present on this one and that makes a difference as far as the women are concerned. D. E. D.

"Going Places With Dale"

Reviewed Friday, 6:45-7 p.m. Style—Inquiring microphone. Sponsor—Interstate Transit Lines. Station—KSO (Des Moines).

This inquiring mike program is done three times a week at Interstate Transit Lines Depot, Des Moines, by Dale Morgan. It takes place at 11 a.m. when buses are due in from all points and is put on platters and rebroadcast at 6:45 p.m. the same day—thereby giving those interviewed an opportunity to hear themselves.

Morgan has a good personality for this work. His voice and friendly manner go hand in hand to make those interviewed feel at ease and at the same time make the listener feel Dale has the ability to carry off any situation without embarrassment to the interviewee, listener or himself. Opportunities for human-interest appeal and comedy socks are seldom overlooked by Morgan, who also ties up the interview cleverly from the travails with comfort standpoint to the commercial announcements handled by Art Smith. R. W. M.

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SWING TOPS; BUT WEAKENING

Dorsey's Sweet Swing Crowds Goodman in College Music Poll

Collegiates discriminate between music desired for listening and that for dancing—prom-goers crave sugary syncopation with a lift—novelties liked

By M. H. ORODENKER

NEW YORK. April 9.—The college campus, far flung over the entire country, represents the greatest employment opportunity to highest financial returns for orchestras playing one-night stanzas. True, society dates pay better, but they represent restricted territory for an impregnable set of music-makers; the bookings are few and far apart, and they do not lend themselves to exploitation. And the attending prestige is enhanced far more for a maestro who can get the call for the Ivy Ball at the University of Pennsylvania than for a lawn party at the duchy of Delaware for the Du Ponts. The discriminating taste in the desired dance music for our upper strata is standard formula. Meyer Davis can plan his program long before the first mink or monocle shows up and still keep 'em satisfied. But for dishing out the danzapa-tion within those ivy-covered walls, the style that satisfies is a matter of great conjecture. The idiom of this younger generation that's geared to the swingin' stuff seems to be syncopations that are long on rhythm and short on the melody. Which seems to be the sound procedure, considering the general belief that all the wide-pants guys are swing-nutty. But a cursory analysis of the collegian's needs for his dancing diet proves the contrary.

No longer does every Joe College or Betty Co-Ed clap hands for hymns dedicated to a hot hurdy-gurdy. Nor are they all still gushy over the gut-bucket or lick their chops on Jive riffs. In an effort to gauge the style of syncopation that'll bring the best returns to both the band and the dancing crowd, a cross-section of collegiate America was made subject to the musical microscope. Because the college editor of the campus publication, be it humor magazine or newspaper, was best able to put his finger on the pulse of student likes and dislikes, 54 editors from representative colleges were queried as to the kind of danzapa-tion desired for social activity on their particular campus. The random sample (see Table on opposite page), instances depending on the number of schools in the territory, includes every conceivable type of college from shore to shore.

Not only for orchestras playing or bidding for campus work, this college picture is also designed for radio programmers and operators of ballrooms, hotels and nightclubs catering to the collegiate mob.

New England

At Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., swing music was the thing last year and still keeps its hold. But the novelty of swingin' is wearing off, less enthusiasm being now shown for the Raymond Scott stuff and more for the heavy rhythmic arrangements of Goodman, Berigan and Dorsey, especially the sweet swing of Tommy Dorsey. "Much of the swing music is not danceable due to fast tempo," is the complaint, "but this doesn't imply that the students desire another type of music. They just want more sweet music from the acclaimed swing bands. There is definitely not any desire for Lombardo, Garber, Duchin, Wayne King, etc., and their nauseating styles." Vocalists are definitely drawing ads. Novelties are also a factor in influencing likes and dislikes of students in choice of bands, as are the capabilities of a trombone, trumpet or drum player.

Massachusetts State College, in the same Amherst town, was a haven for the swing stuff last year and it still holds round this year. "But they don't like it as fast and furious as Benny Goodman. If all were like Dorsey, swing could stay." The same reaction was indicated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, students modifying their taste to the Dorsey type of swing, but they will have none of the sweet sugary syncopation.

Swing music is losing some ground this year at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., due probably to an overdoze of music. They'll even take straight music for their dancing here, but bands

have to get in a couple of hot fast ones for the diehards. And while the students at Holy Cross were definitely swingin' last year, the swingin' Goodman type of music seems to be on the downgrade this year, and other styles are getting increasingly popular. "A desire for smoother, less blatant music for the college dances points to this," chalking up the change to the fickle tastes of collegians.

At Providence, Brown University collegians and their sister students at Pembroke College on the same campus swear by swing. If anything, swing is gaining in popularity this year. Many students will go long distances to hear the name swing bands at near-by cities. For the school dances it's primarily swing they want, but the most popular band is the one that can combine swing with some sweet and slow numbers. When a prom committee suggested Sammy Kaye there was a storm of protest, for "altho the band has plenty melody and originality Kaye was rejected on grounds he has no swing."

However, a distinction is made here between bands students like to listen to on the radio and those desired for the dances. Altho Guy Lombardo is a top favorite for dialers, there has never been any indication that the college would want him for a prom, even if it was able to get him. Apart from the top swing bands, the only style band suggested and urged for big dances is Hal Kemp.

While the swing stuff never monopolized the music style for dancing at Colby College, Waterville, Me., even waltz music finding favor, students will go for any rhythmic style except the heavy sugary stuff—"it's too mushy." Sammy

Peeling the Apple Passe

NEW YORK. April 9.—The Big Apples will have to peddle their fruit elsewhere, for there is every reason to believe that the campus kids are fed up on that dance step. While no inquiry was made on the style of dancing indulged in by the collegians, several editors volunteered campus reaction to the Big Apple.

At West Virginia "it has come and gone with the wind." The Little Apple stopped by for a while. At Pitt it's "drying up," and at Colby it has dried up so "it's prunes (awful)." It's "passe" at Temple and Villanova. At Manhattan, Stephens, Indiana and Michigan "the addicts are all tired out." At Washington it was banned at the Junior Prom.

However, they still peel the Big Apple at Western Reserve, and at Buffalo "the kids are a bunch of shaggers and jeepers, not to mention the Big Apple." But at La Fayette, the editor confesses, "the students never even knew how to Big Apple."

Kaye, however, is rated low here. But at the University of Vermont, Burlington, any type of music except swing is only slightly appreciated. "At a recent prom every swing number was widely applauded."

New York State

At Colgate, Hamilton, and University of Rochester, in that city, swing held full sway last year. But the appeal this year is for the "sweet swing on Dorsey's style, as opposed to Goodman's faster and less danceable music." Manhattan College, in New York City, is still strong for the swingin' stuff, but you'll have to give 'em some melody and sugary stuff with a lift for the dances. For listening "Benny Goodman is still KING."

When you get to New York State College for Teachers at Albany, a steady diet of swing made and still makes the best dish. It's no go for the sweet stuff, especially corn. "The most hated band here is Sammy Kaye—corny." And at the University of Buffalo, in that city, the campus has always been a haven for jitterbugs and still is. "The kids are a bunch of shaggers and jeepers, not to mention The Big Apple. Goodman is still tops, and all local bands concentrate on copying his style." For the school dances it's plenty safe to swing it out, high and wide—"the kids on the campus like to contort themselves, and the more momentum and crazy steps they can attain they are so much the better dancer."

Collegiate Choice of Orchestras

The college editors listed, in preferential order, the three dance orchestras that, in their opinion, seem to be the most popular with the student body. For purpose of tabulation, three points are given for a first choice, two for second and one for third. Points are proportionately divided where the choice was divided between two bands. Bands were listed regardless of whether they had ever played on the particular campus, the criterion being expressive popularity with the student body.

Orchestra	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	TOTAL
Benny Goodman	69	22	6	97
Tommy Dorsey	46.5	37	4	87.5
Hal Kemp	12.5	14	14.5	42
Guy Lombardo	9	2	4	15
Sammy Kaye	3	7	3	13
Glen Gray	6	2	2	10
Horace Heidt	3	2	4	9
Jimmie Lunceford	3	2	3.5	5.5
Wayne King	3	—	1	4
Sunny Berigan	—	4	—	4
Larry Clinton	—	2	2	4
Henry Busse	3	—	—	3
Eddy Duchin	—	2	—	2
Mal Hallett	—	2	—	2
Phil Harris	—	2	—	2
Henry King	—	2	—	2
Ted Weems	—	2	—	2
Jack Denny	—	—	1	1
Shep Fields	—	—	1	1
Hudson-Delange	—	—	1	1
Clint Knobbe	—	—	1	1
Chick Webb	—	—	1	1

Note: No favorites were listed from the University of New Mexico. No second choice was entered from Princeton, splitting first choice between Goodman and Dorsey. No third choice was entered from Wayne and Amherst, latter adding a hypothetical fifth choice for Louis Armstrong.

While only the three most popular bands were called for, Carnegie Tech added Hal Kemp for a fourth choice; University of Tulsa added Andre Kostelanetz and Bob Crosby; Georgia Tech added Heidt and Kaye; University of Pittsburgh added Heidt and Berigan, and Brown, including Pembroke, added Louis Armstrong, Bob Crosby, Lombardo, Glen Gray and Frank Dailey.

Pennsylvania

Swing was the thing, but it is no slipping at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Too much of it is making sweet music appeal as "change." Sweet music for the dances seems to be regaining its foothold here "pointing to the growing popularity of Sammy Kaye and the undiminished appeal of Guy Lombardo." The same bold true croatian at Temple University where "request numbers at proms are the sweater and melodious numbers."

Outside the city limits at Villanova College, Villanova, swing music was accepted generally last year, but other types predominated. Goodman is still tops here but is losing ground, while other students hold fast to Heidt, Kemp, Kaye and Lombardo. For dances students prefer "melodic music with a little lift, but more so for the cheek-to-cheek syncopation, since it creates a good dancing atmosphere, puts boy and girl in good mood for entire evening. And all ends up with a good-night kiss." However, since this school is "stag," they like the "hot stuff" for the listening. Near by, at Haverford College, Haverford, the lads still like their swing, but only the best of swing bands are favored. For dances only those who never did care for swing like the sweet stuff.

At Lehigh University, up-State in Bethlehem, swing was plenty strong last year, "altho corny-sweet outfits like Morgan and Heidt still had their fans on the campus." But it was no go for Sammy Kaye, who "topped dismal" at a prom. But the peak of swing's popularity has already passed here, tho the recession will hardly bring it to a "decline to a point of sweet's predominance for many years if ever."

"Simple reaction from a craze is the principal and inevitable factor responsible for the decline, slight as it is. The Goodman-Dorsey school will probably remain tops for a long time. It is interesting to note that a group like Shep Fields never got a look-in on the campus." Lombardo has only a few adherents, but then the Ellington-Norvo-Webb-Crosby-Bash brand never got much of a grip here except upon the real addicts of "the cause." And record sales have been almost exclusively "big-name" white bands.

As for dances, the analytical editor explains, "a large number of people insist that the sweet bands are easier for dancing, hence more enjoyable. There has always been this group and they consist mostly of bad dancers with poor rhythm. They continually confuse sweetness with tempo rapidity, altho most dancers seem to find the Goodman music, with its heavier rhythm, easier to follow. But more important than the quality of music seems to be the 'name.' They go for big-name bands, good or bad, so long as it isn't as dull as Shep Fields or Lombardo. They tend to say a dance is 'enjoyable' more because Dorsey played it rather than Joe Schmatz, regardless of which played the most danceable, entertaining music. The entertainment quality of the band is another big factor. Because of poor hall-room facilities, dancing for Heidt was almost impossible—about the same as watching in a vaudeville house. Yet his show put him over big."

But the story is entirely different at near-by Lafayette College in Easton, where swing has yet to make its mark. The smoother type of swing is gaining favor this year, and those who once objected to swing stuff are gradually becoming accustomed to it, chiefly because of its radio frequency. On the whole, students prefer the sweet music for their dances. For one thing, they don't even know the swing dances here. The Shep and Big Apple being unknown quantities. While swing music may yet catch up with this campus, the majority of students like to dance when they have their girls up, not just listen to music in front of a band stand."

In the western part of the State, at the University of Pittsburgh, swing music, especially the jam stuff, goes great. But only for listening. It takes the smooth and sweet to satisfy at the dances—not too slow, not too fast and not too hot. The same holds for Carnegie Tech, in the same town, only they like the big bands with a distinctive

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style for their proms rather than those tooling stock arrangements.

On Eastern Shores

Further along the Atlantic side, at Princeton, N. J., swing music was very prominent last year and is still holding ground at Princeton University, except that favorites come and go. While for dances syrupy music such as Heidt and Lombardo is held in fairly general disrepute, good solid melody is enjoyed by all for dancing. "There are many who howl at the selection of a solid swing band for a dance which can't play smoothly for dancing. We had this trouble with Count Basie at the Princeton-Tiger Ball, altho they loved him for listening appeal. The boys like to dance to hot music, but they don't want a steady diet of it. They like swing as much as ever, but they want variety—they don't want to dance to it all night."

The gals at Goucher College, Baltimore, cultivate their tastes at the men's schools, what with social life being restricted on the campus and interest directed toward maintaining an academic standard. However, Betty Co-Ed here has swing-bugatia. Favorite bands are all the swingy ones, and Goucher's first "big name" prom, scheduled for this spring, will feature a dyed-in-wool swing band. But it must be remembered that swing music is largely considered as a stimulant here—regarded as most enjoyable when "sitting it out." Music for honest-to-gosh dancing is quite another thing. In that case, sprinkle it with honey.

At Georgetown University, Washington, students still love the fast hot swing, especially recordings. But that's for "stop" enjoyment. Since it's easier on the feet, prom-goers crave the romantic strains of slow, sweet music with a lilt to it.

The South

Down in North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina students have made no fetish of swing music. It's a half-and-half proposition, with both sweet and swing syncopation necessary to make the dances complete. But the Duke University dandies at Durham are much more swing-conscious and will even take the pop tunes that way at their dances. "Only a small bunch of lasses, about 10 per cent of the students, like Heidt and Shep Fields—infused by records."

The engineers at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, like it swingy. In fact, that brand of syncopation is even gaining in popularity. For the dances, apart from the heavy dosage of swing, they want just a bit of the slow stuff but plenty of novelty numbers. The same goes, perhaps more so, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. "I suppose the majority of our campus is composed of motons," confesses the unhip editor. "They go wild on the fast pieces, more so than on any other campus I have visited." And swing still holds the top position, altho there are indications that sweet and soft music is becoming more popular than in the past, at Bowling Green, Ky., where West Kentucky State Teachers' College and the Bowling Green Business University share the same campus.

Swing is gaining in popularity at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, where they are "impressed by Goodman's noise but prefer the smooth, subtle swing as exemplified by Dorsey for their dances." And in Dallas swing stuff holds its own at Southern Methodist University. But for the dances students like a mixture of red-hot swing and sweet music, while too much of either fails to satisfy.

At the University of Florida, Gainesville, a considerable group of students never capitulated to swing, preferring the Wayne King and Lombardo type of smooth harmony. College tastes on swing seem to be split, but more students are leaning toward Jim Garber and some are even attaining a taste for Victor Young. Students here like novel arrangements, even occasional bizarre effects. But they want mostly slow music, with sweet melody and harmony, when they're dancing. There was great dissatisfaction with a steady program of swift swing played by Mal Halsted at the Fall Frolic. The obliging editor thinks it is just "the inevitable return of the pendulum. This swing madness was adopted by too many bands that couldn't do it well and its popularity was boosted beyond natural bounds by hallywood. This back-swing from swing will not go as far toward sweet music as before swing, yet bands like Isham Jones, Kemp, Kyser—middle of the road—will be here when swing joins ragtime in history."

When you mention swing at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown,

Colleges Covered in Survey

State and City	College	Men	Registration: Women	Total	No. of big dances during school yr. ^a
ALABAMA University Tuscaloosa	Univ. of Alabama	3,625	1,200	4,825	4
ARKANSAS Fayetteville	Univ. of Arkansas	1,531	574	2,105	40
DIST. OF COLUMBIA Washington	Georgetown Univ.	2,282	—	2,282	5
FLORIDA Gainesville	Univ. of Florida	3,000	50	3,050	6
GEORGIA Atlanta	Ga. School of Tech.	3,300	—	3,300	20
INDIANA Bloomington	U. of Indiana	3,000	3,100	7,000	50
Indianapolis	Butler Univ.	747	721	1,468	25 to 30
La Fayette	Purdue Univ.	4,100	1,000	5,100	12 formal, wky. informals
KANSAS Lawrence	U. of Kansas	2,716	2,158	5,784	4
Manhattan	Kansas St. College	2,771	1,283	4,054	30
KENTUCKY Bowling Green	W. Ky. St. Techn. (Bowling Green Bus. Univ. on same campus)	2,004	2,003	4,007	12 (6 at each school)
MAINE Waterville	Colby College	434	257	693	2
MARYLAND Baltimore	Goucher College	—	657	657	10
MASSACHUSETTS Amherst	Amherst College	653	—	653	2
Amherst	Mass. St. College	788	285	1,083	6
Cambridge	Mass. Inst. of Tech.	2,050	50	2,000	4
Williamstown	Williams College	850	—	850	5
Worcester	Holy Cross College	1,300	—	1,300	10
MICHIGAN Ann Arbor	U. of Michigan	7,039	3,117	10,215	15
Detroit	Wayne University	6,528	6,313	12,844	14
MISSOURI Columbia	Stephens College	—	950	950	20
St. Louis	Washington Univ.	2,064	1,086	3,150	6
NEVADA Reno	Univ. of Nevada	600	425	1,025	10 to 12
NEW JERSEY Princeton	Princeton Univ.	2,700	—	2,700	3 proms 6 football dances
NEW MEXICO Albuquerque	Univ. of New Mexico	893	709	1,607	35
NEW YORK Albany	N. Y. St. Techn.	400	950	1,350	5
Buffalo	Univ. of Buffalo	2,672	1,714	4,386	9
Hamilton	Colgate University	1,000	—	1,000	3
New York City	Manhattan College	1,240	—	1,240	8
Rochester	Univ. of Rochester	655	482	1,137	(7)
NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill	Univ. of N. Car.	2,450	250	2,700	30
Durham	Duke University	2,000	1,000	3,000	5
OHIO Cincinnati	Univ. of Cincinnati	7,303	4,270	11,573	5 (also 10 using local bands)
Cleveland	Western Reserve Univ.	5,720	7,664	13,384	6
Oxford	Miami University	1,520	1,212	2,732	(7)
Springfield	Wittenberg College	600	500	1,100	10
OKLAHOMA Stillwater	Okl. Agr. & Mech.	3,464	1,596	5,060	50 to 60
Tulsa	Univ. of Tulsa	739	543	1,282	25
PENNSYLVANIA Bethlehem	Lehigh University	1,602	—	1,602	5
Easton	La Fayette College	1,000	—	1,000	4
Haverford	Haverford College	325	—	325	12
Philadelphia	Temple University	9,000	3,500	12,500	35
Philadelphia	Univ. of Penna.	10,499	4,466	14,955	5
Pittsburgh	Carnegie Inst. Tech.	2,100	617	2,717	10 to 12
Villanova	Univ. of Pittsburgh	7,422	4,660	12,082	24
RHODE ISLAND Providence	Brown University	1,489	588	2,077	9
(Pembroke Women's College on same campus)					
TENNESSEE Nashville	Vanderbilt Univ.	1,000	400	1,400	3 (and 12 gym dances)
TEXAS Dallas	So. Methodist Univ.	1,487	1,777	3,264	15
VERMONT Burlington	Univ. of Vermont	749	500	1,249	10
WASHINGTON Seattle	Univ. of Washington	6,496	3,912	10,408	12
WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown	West. Va. Univ.	1,804	1,073	2,873	each week-end, exam-time except.
WISCONSIN Milwaukee	Marquette Univ.	2,956	937	3,893	15
Milwaukee	Mt. Mary College	—	730	730	4

(*.) The number of big dances held at the college during the school year is exclusive of fraternity or sorority house dances and parties or tea dances.

It's yes with a capital "Y." "That song, *Swing Is Here To Stay*, describes this campus perfectly," the only side dishes desired being vocals and a couple of novelties. However, this being a dance-crazy campus (see Table), a distinction must be drawn between the type of music desired for big proms and that for the smaller affairs. "For the regular dances," explains the editor, "since every dance is 'cut' style to an extreme, we prefer the band to cut us a breezy swing. Men outnumber women two to one at these dances, and the tendency seems to be toward rather fast dancing. A sort of 'dance while you can, you can't dance her long' attitude."

"Large proms are no expensive in comparison that stage are rare or simply not present. In that case couples seem to favor soft, slow and sweet melody that's dipped in soft Romance—for there's more Romance in the air when stage are absent."

Ohio

At Western Reserve University, Cleveland, swing still rages fast and furious in popularity. The only time they take to the sweet stuff is after a *Big Apple*

session, when the shufflers need a little rest. The proportion of sweet to swing depends entirely on the affair, the classier the dance the more sweet music desired. However, the editor is afraid that students will soon tire of swing because of the steady diet. "To break the monotony they ought to feature a little bit of the other types of music and swing will last longer."

University of Cincinnati presents an entirely different picture. Swing never monopolized tastes. In fact, last year Hal Kemp was a two-to-one choice over any swing band. However, explains the editor, Cincinnati is a very conservative town and swing hasn't reached its peak here as yet. But swing may pass out before it gets hold of this campus. Lombardo, Kyser and Raye fans are legion here. A further factor is that local niteries and theaters have shied clear of swing bands, and the only real contact students have with swing is thru magazines, records and the radio. "Cincinnati," insists the editor, "is known as one of the most conservative and supposedly unappreciative audiences in the country." Students liked Dick Stabile and Dick Jurgens at local

niteries. Both Glen Gray and Tommy Dorsey were tremendous hits at proms, whereas Count Basie, Moeie Brennan and Edgar Hayes, swingouts, were just as big flops.

Swing has come and gone as far as Wittenberg College, Springfield, is concerned. The recapitulation is toward the sweet and smooth syncopation. The editor feels that the students just tired of it—more or less like a fad—just as they tire of any particular popular song. At Miami University, Oxford, the greatest hold swing has on the student body is for listening and not for dancing, when "a melody is desired."

Indiana

At the University of Indiana, Bloomington, the students are swinging away from swing music as well as the swing dance steps, getting back to the slower "straight" dances with the attending sweater music. "Rah, rah days are over. The students don't want to tire themselves out and want the slower music, except for novelties, for dancing which is graceful and easy to execute." The same holds true at Purdue University, La Fayette, where swing shares its popularity with sweet and classical music and now there is a marked trend away from swing for dancing, what with students going in for smoothness in dancing—"not jerky fast movements."

Last year was a swing year at Butler University, Indianapolis. But now it is losing ground and student enthusiasm leans to the sweet stuff. It was because they were fed too much, feels the editor. "While we like our swing, we like variety, too. At dances there is a definite tendency toward the softer, sweeter type of music. There have been numerous requests for the softer pieces, and several bands playing here are including swing numbers on their program purely as variety in a list made up of mostly sweet songs." Further, the students are taking to the sweeter bands with more interest than when the swing bands first appeared.

Other Western Colleges

At the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, they liked sweet and corn music as well as swing. And while the latter is still popular, there is every indication that it is dying a natural death and sweet music is on the road back. There is a definite tendency away from hot music and hot dancing to the slower and more graceful dance steps and its accompanying music. The same reaction is shown at Butler University, Detroit, where they want music "less obtrusive on the rhythmic beats and smoother on the melody." Most students hanker for "smooth, liquid moonshine—suggesting music that is no doubt more conducive to romance, etc., etc., than is whooped up, hotcha stuff as we have danced to in the past."

In Wisconsin, at Marquette University, Milwaukee, the sweet swing has now displaced the loud, heavy type of swing, which is very much disliked by the majority of students. Students here prefer, above all, a "show" band for their dances, going heavy for novelty and entertainment. Also in Milwaukee, the gals at Mount Mary College no like the swing syncop from the very start, being disappointed in its outgrowths. Rather, they stuck to the slow and sweet music, especially waltzes. "Students here like more romantic music. After working hard in school all day, who wants to dance like a maniac all night? Can't look well groomed, hair gets like a Zulu woman, perspiration streams down your face, flowers will curl come out and mascara washes down one's face."

Gals at Stephens College, Columbus, Mo., are still sold on swing stuff, only they want it refined rather than just jammmin'. The smooth swing of Ben Pollock was just right here, going over big at three different proms. And at Washington University, St. Louis, swing seems to be gaining in popularity this year.

It's a haven for the swingouts in Kansas. If anything, it's gaining in popularity at Kansas State College, Manhattan, where sweetness only serves as a side dish on the dance menu. And at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, you can't give 'em enough of it. Swing here becomes more dominant and prominent every day, as is evidenced in the student selection of recordings.

The Southwest

In Oklahoma, at the University of Tulsa, swing is still held in high favor, but trend is toward the sweeter stuff. The nickelodeons in the Varsity shop keep interest alive, but the students soon tire of *Dipdy Doodle* and spend their sweet pieces for *You're a Sweetheart* and

Thanks for the Memory. "Spring being just around the corner may have something to do with this," explains the editor. At Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical State College, Stillwater, swing still holds good, only the students like to hear the melody when the tune gets the torrid treatment. Here, too, it is noted that choices on nickelodeons are for bands that give swing treatment to tunes they can whistle or sing, more than for strictly barrelhouse. Students on this campus don't understand intricate and difficult arrangements, liking the sweeter swing with its simple structure and moderate tempo.

At the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, students are turning about face on swing stuff, asking more and more for sweet music. They're not adverse to the hot jazz, only fed up on it. Besides, "it seems too much work to dance a whole evening at top speed."

The native Southwestern folk music is probably as popular as either sweet or swing combined at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. They prefer the slow, sweet music for dancing. But rating highest is music for the native dances, the Varsoviana, Jarabe Tapatio, Polka and Schottische.

The Far West

In Reno, at the University of Nevada, they're still swing crazy. But the style of music depends on the occasion. Females being dignified affairs, the slower and sweeter music is called for, while at socials, including fraternity and sorority parties, swing music dominates the program.

While swing music monopolized the scene at the University of Washington, Seattle, it's now on its way out. This so-called hot swing has gotten beyond the pleasure stage. It is too much exercise to dance all night to fast music. Dancing should be enjoyed, not worked at. Some still cling to swing, but at all formals and dances they like it slow and sweet." Besides, "dance orchestras indulging in fast music sometimes sound like the rattling of a dozen tin cans in an empty beer barrel."

In Passing

These findings have been presented as reported, with no editorial intention of using the facts as an argument for or against swing music. Rather, it is offered as a service to the trade. However, it should be noted that all references to Dorsey are aimed at Tommy, brother Jimmy being lost in the shuffle as far as these collegians are concerned.

It is also noteworthy that commercial radio bands and musicians musicians make no mark in this field and that Fred Waring, at one time undoubtedly the most popular band with the college crowds, has lost his grip here since his exit from radio. And while phonograph recordings helped some to boom Larry Clinton, the platters hardly served the others who dominate the wax workings and are conspicuous by their absence here.

Other observations from collegiate circles will be found in adjoining columns and in next week's issue, at which time the college editors will endeavor to come to an understanding on "a definition of swing."

King Remodels Dance Hall

NORFOLK, Neb., April 9.—King's Ballroom, leading dance spot in Northern Nebraska, reopens Easter after several dark weeks for remodeling purposes. Bar and booths are being redecorated, floor reconstructed and new paneling installed around the entire hall. Terp tavern is owned by Harry King, who also operates King's Ballroom, Lincoln, Neb.

Victor Issues Fan Book

NEW YORK, April 9.—For jitterbugs, foys and other brands of swing fans, RCA-Victor is distributing a booklet crammed with biogs and personnel of the swing acts peddled by the waxworks. Labeled *In the Groove With Victor Records*, giveaway is a merchandising tie-up. Similar stunt was utilized recently by Exclusive Music, music publishing catalog compos similar sales play.

Ga. Hotels Change Bands

ATLANTA, April 9.—Leo Lazar Ork returns to the Ansley Hotel Rathskeller April 16 for an extended engagement, replacing Jack Miles.

Lou Clancy Ork leaves the Henry Grady Hotel's Spanish Room within the next two weeks. New policy calls for rotating name bands. None set as yet.

It Didn't Help

WATERTOWN, Wis., April 9.—Although he had the endorsement of 13 unions, including the local musicians and motion picture operators, Alton F. Gritzer, orchestra leader, magician and alderman, was defeated April 5 for mayor by the incumbent, H. W. Lueck.

Lakeside Opens and Fixes For Year-Round Dancing

DAYTON, O., April 9.—Lakeside Park opened with Ace Brigade and his Virginians. Park will be open Saturdays and Sundays until warm weather. Gerald Niermann, manager, announced that \$30,000 will be expended during the summer renovating the ballroom and installing a heating system so that it can be used all year round.

Start the Summer Dancing

CHICAGO, April 9.—Gray Gordon, current at Merry Gardens Ballroom, opens the season at Jefferson Beach, Detroit, April 30. Returns here for week of May 13 to battle music with Easke Hawkins at the Oriental Theater.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Consolidated Radio Artists set two bands to play Waco Pavilion at Syracuse, Ind., during the summer. Stan Norris gets a fortnight starting July 2, and Gray Gordon follows for a similar term.

802 Reprimands Damrosch

NEW YORK, April 9.—Walter Damrosch was found guilty of conduct injurious to the AFM and the local musicians' union by the 802 executive board, which stated that a repetition would be dealt with more severely. The conductor was charged with making adverse remarks about the standard of union musicians in connection with the national arts bill.

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of 1937, which was tops, reports owner-manager Charles Horwath. And the Aragon, West Side emporium operated by Lloyd Meyers, is still packing them in. Mike Riley is the current attraction at the Trianon, and Lee Allen at the Aragon. Trianon often presents first-string names on Sundays along with the house band.

At Bedford Glens, suburban Cleveland danceium, business continues to be satisfactory. Ted King fronts the house band and occasional name attractions are offered on Sundays. Dual attraction draws heavy here.

East Market Gardens, Akron's only down-town dance spot, operated by C. A. Sarchet three nights weekly, does best on Mondays, bargain night. Business is fair Saturday, but Thursdays are proving to be problems.

Spanish Ballroom, Dover, managed by Lew Platt, carried on profitably until February and then hit a slump, due largely to slackening business and competition from high-school basketball games and tournaments. In the past month, however, improvement is noticed in patronage, according to Platt.

Yankee Lake Ballroom, near Youngstown, is clicking Saturday nights, and soon adds Sundays. Paul Jurko, manager, buys the lesser names.

Windland Ballroom at East Liverpool is dark, but expected to reopen shortly on a two-nights-a-week policy. Has the entire upper Ohio Valley as a draw and no competition until Virginia Gardens, at Rock Springs Park, Chester, W. Va., opens next month.

After several weeks of mediocre attractions, Moonlight Ballroom at nearby Meyers Lake Park returns to its former policy of name attractions every Sunday. Little Jack Little set for Easter Sunday, with Hal Kemp and Tommy Dorsey coming in on following Sundays. Moonlight has been doing well with local bands two nights a week, but Sunday patronage for some time has been way off, according to Manager Carl Sinclair. The spot starts its season late in May.

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would be willing to keep quiet if the PTP sold its bills as last-minute fill-ins, but the policy, they hold, is intolerable and inexcusable when dates are set weeks in advance.

Fla. Music Law Placed on Shelf

GAINESVILLE, Fla., April 9.—An interlocutory injunction was filed in Federal District Court here Tuesday, temporarily setting aside a 1937 Florida law designed to prevent collection of royalties on their music by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and 10 other music composers and publishers who attacked the law.

Injunction, which was filed against Attorney-General Cary D. Landis and the 16 Florida State attorneys, was signed by members of a three-judge court which heard arguments in the case at New Orleans March 3. Florida law would prohibit operation within the State of all organizations of music composers and publishers which fix a royalty for use of copyrighted compositions for profit.

Attorney-General Landis was given 30 days to file an answer and the ASCAP was allowed the same period in which to post a \$5,000 bond to compensate for any injury which might incur before final hearing of the case.

Swing Yo' Partner

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—The "by neck" trade will be entertained with real corn every Sunday night at Holman's Grove, near-by amusement park, dished out by Leroy Miller and the Happy Valley Boys. WIP's hillbilly musicians, Miller has taken over the grove for the summer.

Yeo Leases Ballroom

HARTFORD, Wis., April 9.—J. H. Yeo, manager of the Riviera Ballroom, Lake Geneva, Wis., has leased the Schwartz Ballroom here and will operate it in addition to the lake spot. Local ballroom has been operated for the past several years by Norbert Remmel.

Free Concerts Cost Double

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—City council has been asked by Clair E. Meeder, pres of Musicians' Local 50, for an appropriation of \$10,000 to be used for band concerts in the parks this summer. The city last year spent \$5,000 for the outdoor orke. Meeder asks double the appropriation because musicians' wage scales are increased over last year's.

Saranac Lake

JOHN C. LOUDEN

Walter Hoban is our latest guest-patient, hailing from New York. He was formerly of the vaudeville team of Hoban and Kelly, on RKO and other circuits for years.

Milton Weeks celebrated another birthday last week. He is coming along nicely and thoroughly enjoyed his birthday cake and the presents from his folks in Philadelphia.

Dr. George E. Wilson, medical director of the Will Rogers Memorial Hospital, has been elected vice-president of the Saranac Lake Medical Society. Dr. Warren Woodruff, surgeon at W. R. M. H. was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Isabel Booh has been added to the up-patient department. She is making rapid progress and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her mother and aunt from Philadelphia.

Mrs. John DeGiovanni, of New York, is visiting her husband here and is well pleased with his progress. She hopes to have him home shortly.

Edith Lemlick left Saranac Lake last week to spend a two weeks' vacation with her family in Brooklyn. Edith has put on weight and is making grand progress.

Mary Phillips enjoyed a visit last week from her mother, Mrs. Ruth Bauch, of New York, and friends Leroy Plank and Howard Siemers, of Long Island, N. Y.

Arnold Parkus is another newcomer to the lodge. He is from New York and was formerly assistant manager of the Ogden Theater, Washington Heights.

Check your health to avoid the cure and write to shut-ins here, there and everywhere.

Muchlebach Returns to Shows

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Guitar room of Hotel Muchlebach inaugurated two floor shows nightly last week, featuring with Dusty Roads' Orchestra. Acts include Rosalean and Seville, John Booth and Jeanne Goodner. Muchlebach used acts until shortly before Christmas.

Mutiny in the Brasses

CHICAGO, April 9.—Publicizing the sugary syncop of Boyd Basburn, Congress Casino manager, James A. Roberts, started a "society for the prevention of blatant dance music." Sweet music loving patrons are invited to enroll.

Memphis Promoters Band for Bookings

MEMPHIS, April 9.—Amalgamation of local colored dance promoters here is being planned in an attempt to stabilize the band-bookings situation and eliminate the cutthroat tactics which have reduced business and profits to practically nothing. Situation was brought to a head by bitter rivalry among promoters coupled with prohibitive prices asked by name bands not particularly desirous of playing here. It is hoped that a central booking office, heretofore impossible due to unethical methods of some promoters and bookers, may be set up before long.

Promoters have suffered heavily as a result of booking dates so close together that attendance at each was far below expectations. Amalgamation of dance promoters Robert Henry, Maurice Herbert, Elmer Atkins, Hayes Riley and Henry Lewis would insure large crowds and reduce retainers, it is believed.

More U. S. Acts Set in Europe

LONDON, March 28.—Clifford C. Fischer's *Follies Superbes* is in the last four weeks of its successful run at the London Casino. New show is set to open April 26. Principals, show girls and chorines have already arrived from America.

Maurice and Marye, American dance team, have been set for a tour of Scandinavia as principal support for Maurice Chevalier, commencing in April.

Mickey Braatz, American dancer and juggler, opens with Cochran's new floor show at the Trocadero here. Peggy Seal, American aero dancer, also spotted.

Lya Sue Leeds, American aero-dancer, is now headlining at the Scala, Berlin, and Jeanine Devereaux, American ballerina, opens a six months' season at the Bal Tabarin, Paris, March 29.

Joe Jackson, bike comedian, comes back in July for a season at the Savoy Hotel.

Marie Hollis, American aero-dancer, plays Scandinavia months of April and May.

Despite Lull, Akron Clubs Up Budgets

AKRON, O., April 9.—Despite the industrial lull, blamed for curtailed patronage in recent weeks, night club proprietors anticipate better things for the spring and are bonding every effort to stimulate interest in their spots before hot weather diverts patrons to nearby lake resorts.

Merry-Go-Round, ace downtown nitery, has announced more elaborate floor shows. Current are Paul Gilbert, Dorothy Miller, Mary Gale, Jackie Lord, the Sparklets and Henry Cincione's Band.

Hollywood, about the only real opposition afforded the Merry-Go-Round, has reopened with new decorations and appointments and has announced a no minimum, no cover, 10-cent floor show, three times nightly. Croxley March's Band playing there currently.

Portage Lake clubs, mecca of thousands during the summer, are readying for the new season's opening and, from all indications, there will be as many if not more in operation this year than in former years. Most of these maintain a dine and dance policy nightly with floor shows week ends.

Frisco To Have Showboat

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Town will have a showboat in June when Pierino Gavello, local cafe owner, launches his Riviera Showboat.

Show will make three trips daily from Ferry Building, will accommodate 600, serve lunch and dinner and provide for dancing.

Gavello, now in Europe, plans another cafe, International House, on site of former Barbary Coast,

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Takes Spokane Park Dancers

SPOKANE, Wash., April 9.—Bob Dudley, local band leader, has leased dance hall property at Hampton Park, Newman Lake, for the season and plans to open May 1. Eddie Keeling, talented dancer and singer, will be a featured floor show attraction.

Orchestra Notes

By M. H. ORODENKER

Concert Circles

Since BENNY GOODMAN invaded the sacrosanct portals of Carnegie Hall there has been a grand rush on part of rhythmplayers to go concertizing in the backyard of the classics. . . . VINCENT LOPEZ gets back in town next week and immediately starts arranging for a summer sympho-swing session, at which time he will present Vernon Duke's *The Swing Symphony*. . . . PAUL WHITEMAN, who started it all, will wave the wand over the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra this month in that city. . . . gueststarring with the Nassau Symphony Orchestra at Hempstead, L. I., May 7. MORTON GOULD squats at the Steinway to pound out his *Deserted Ballroom Fantasy*. . . . BENNY GOODMAN, incidentally, mounts the podium again . . . this time at Boston's Symphony Hall May 1 . . . and DUKE ELLINGTON injects a new and novel note in justifying American jazz . . . instead of subjecting concertgoers to the experiment, Le Duke is planning on a special concert for a special audience . . . showing his stuff solely to the music critics.

Penny Patter

BARNEY RAPP takes over the Joe Haymes post at New Penn Club, Pittsburgh, Friday . . . set for a month and then starts single nighting it May 21 from Lake Breeze Pier, Buckeye, O. . . . Ubangi Club, Philly, bolsters the band stand with a name LUCKY MIL-LINDEIN coming in on the 21st for four weeks. . . . JACK ADCOCK makes it the 52d consecutive week at Manoa (Pa.) Inn by the time the next month rolls around. . . . BLONDIE DUSENBURY, former drummer with Les Rita, locates at Van Smother's Venetian Club, Reading, and returns this summer to Hollywood Club, Little Neck, L. I. . . . PEARL HEAD-RICK, after a New England tour, parks at Manhattan Club, Johnstown. . . . CLYDE MCCOY plays Italian Hall, Monessen, on the 24th; William Penn Hotel, Pitt, the 26th; Oriental Ballroom, Gallatin, the 27th, and then jumps to Celoron (N. Y.) Park on the 30th. . . . RITA RIO, closing at New Kenwood Hotel, Albany, N. Y., starts the single dates May 10 at Lucky Star Inn, Unontown. . . . it's the HAYDEN-DICKLER Org. in Pitt now that Sid Dickler has merged his musicians with Lee Hayden. . . . HUGHIE MORTON, now in command of the Anchorage dampsters, is shaping the combo into one of the best smaller Pitt orks. . . . JERRY LIVINGSTON plays Lakewood Park, Mahoney City, next Monday and a club date in Philly the following day.

Canadian Capers

BOB LYONS lingers 'til June 1 at Lido Deck Club, Brant Inn, Toronto . . . it's his first appearance east, having located in Vancouver for the past three years. BERT NISSL leaves the Palais Royal, Toronto, to follow Lyons, with JACK FAERIGAN coming in from Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, to follow Ned. . . . HORACE LAPP makes a May 26 exit from Royal York Hotel, Toronto, for the summer at Banff Springs Hotel in the Rockies. MART KENNEY making a return trip to follow from Hotel Vancouver . . . call will undoubtedly go to OZZIE WILLIAMS, currently at Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, to follow JIMMY NATARO at Toronto's Club Esquire. . . . TRUMP DAVIDSON is taking his band to England this summer for RAY NOBLE front. . . . KEN UNWIN, Rochester, N. Y., drummer lad, joins up with LLOYD HUNTLEY at Mt. Royal Hotel, Montreal.

Doings in Dixie

BILLY CARMEN locates this month at Plaza Hotel, Corpus Christi, Tex., and then one-nights it to Denver for the summer at Broadmoor Hotel. . . . LANG THOMPSON one-nights it from Texas to the New Terrace Beach Club, Virginia Beach, where he opens May 30. . . . Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, gets JIMMIE GRIER May 6. . . . JACK WARD-LAW boys had a close call near Spartanburg, S. C., last week when Jack's new La Salle skidded off a wet curve and turned over . . . fortunately, the lads suffered only bruises. . . . JACK TRACY is playing a return date at Cedar Lane

Club, Opelousas, La. . . . ROBERT ESTES week-ends at Club Florentine, Birmingham . . . and in the same Alabama town, PAUL SMITH replaces Coley Bachs at the Pickwick; CLAUDE HOAGLAND lingers at Tutwiler Hotel, and Club Rex has BERT TRAXLER for week-day dancing and OLIVER NAYLOR for Saturdays and Sundays. . . . FRANCIS CRAIG gets a fortnight renewal at Hermitage Hotel, Nashville. . . . EDDIE FITZPATRICK promises to become a fixture at St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio. Virginia Military Institute gets GUY LOMBARDO April 22 and 23.

Coast Chatter

ANDRE KOSTELANETZ is due in Hollywood in June to air his giggle commercial from that point. . . . JAN GARNER remains at Topy's 'til mid-June. . . . Trocadero will soon hang out the sign welcoming MAXINE SULLIVAN. . . . Palomar gets BUDDY ROGERS May 18. JOHNNY WILLIAMS, Raymond Scott drummer, is quintetting again following that auto mishap . . . in San Francisco, Fairmount Hotel brings in XAVIER CUGAT and PANCHO for the summer to follow Nat Brandwynne . . . with HENRY KING returning September 20. ANSON WEEKS opens the 21st at Mark Hopkins Hotel, with GRIFF WILLIAMS set to follow. . . . May 5 brings LEIGHTON NOBLE to the Palace, replacing Joe Sanders, with PAUL PEN-DARVIS set to follow September 3 . . . when Warners release *Gold Diggers in Paris* June 11 the SCHNICKELFRITZERS go along to make personal appearances with the flicker on the first runs.

Midwest Musicals

Sterling Young closes the 27th at Stevens House, Chi., with CRA regaining the account in spotting MARVIN FREDERIC to follow. . . . STAN NORRIS opens Chi's new Eden Ballroom May 15 for CRA. . . . BOB WIDMAR is club and college dating in Indiana and Michigan territory. . . . NORBERT KOHL, of Art Dahlman's office, Cincy, has lined up a string of solo stands for ART MORGAN and LARRY SMITH. . . . WILL OSBORNE opens at Elitch Gardens, Denver, July 16. . . . JOHNNY MARTONE lingers at Semler Tavern, Akron, O. . . . AL ARTER gets the call for the annual Charity Ball on the 22d at East Liverpool, O. . . . DON PABLO, at La La's Merry-Go-Round, Dayton, O., feels mighty proud . . . and rightly, coming out unscratched after battles of music with Erskine Hawkins, Mike Riley and Rita Rio. . . . Lew Platt, booking ED McGREW out of Salem, O., has set the band for college dances in Pittsburgh and a string of one-nights, starting late this month . . . "an old showman" raves to us about the band at Club Aviation near La Fayette, Ind. . . . but forgets to tell us who they are.

Gotham Cab

WILL HUDSON-EDDIE DELANGE tie is severed this week. . . . Will carrying on with the original orch. and Eddie starting all over again . . . the EMILIO CACHERES return to the rialto Wednesday, opening at Nick's Greenwich Village haunt. . . . RAN WILDE follows Jimmy Dorsey at the New Yorker Hotel May 16 . . . if ASCAP is interested, ZINN ARTHUR has figured out that he has played at least 6,500 tunes during his seven months at Roseland Ballroom . . . and, if Judge Landis lends an ear, PAUL WHITEMAN threatens to start a ball club among his instrumentalists . . . opening night next Wednesday for TOMMY DORSEY at the Paramount Theater will surprise stubholders with an impromptu jam session, Gene Krupa and Bunny Berigan being on tap for the jamboree. . . . GEORGE DAMEREL, son of Myrtle (radio's Myrt and Marge) Vall, has designs on fronting a dance band.

Notes Off the Cuff

Recovering from an illness, DOC COOK has reorganized his rhythmplayers and is club dating out of Perth Amboy, N. J. . . . WAL OLESON Nighthawks locate at Louis' Restaurant, Gardenview, N. Y. . . . ZIG (Baltusis) and ZAG (Summer), for more than a half annum strolling at Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y., will join up with CRA after finishing here. . . .

MCA adds EMIL COLEMAN, current at New York's St. Regis, to the band roster. . . . ED HOWELL locates this week at Wind Mill Inn, Jacksonville, Fla., for indef period. . . . Lilly the Litter complains that while the romantic piano player may be a promising man, as far as she is concerned he's just a man who keeps on promising . . . and so we send our cuffs to the cleaners.

CRA Gets Park Exclusive

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bill Burnham, of CRA, landed the summer contract on Anna Jetton Park, Auburn, N. Y., with that office booking exclusively for the season starting May 14. Deal involves between \$20,000 and \$25,000 worth of music and was arranged with W. B. Haefner, Cayuga Park Amusement Co. head. Bands, with an NBC wire, will be changed weekly, starting with Barney Rapp and Harry Reser, Beegie Childs, Mike Riley, Rita Rio, Carl (Deacon) Moore, Charlie Barnet and Johnny Hamp already set to follow. Park ballroom was formerly booked by MCA.

Foster Leaves CRA

DALLAS, April 9.—Frank Foster, head of the Dallas branch for Consolidated Radio Artists, resigned his post this week to open his own band booking office. Also plans to dabble in ballroom operation, aiming to develop a circuit of Texas terp taverns. Charles Moyer, former assistant to Foster, was recalled by CRA to fill the vacancy.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bob Wilson, road salesman for Consolidated, takes over the club booking duties at the home office here, filling the post left by Billy Wolf.

Fletcher Fares Fair in K. C.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Fletcher Henderson grossed a fair \$800 at Will H. Wittig's Pla-Mor Ballroom Saturday night. Dancers either were holding back for Count Basie's home-coming next week or they were resting up from Casa Loma's record-breaking \$3,000 gross the week before. Business continues good at the spot, and Wittig has booked Henry Busse and Deacon Moore for the following weeks.

COBO Begins Operations

NEW YORK, April 9.—Co-Operative Booking Offices, Inc., combo of indie band and club bookers designed to have the buyers of music pay booking commission charges rather than the band, has started active operations in the field this week. Office represents talent on a mutual working agreement on a profit-sharing plan. Buyers pay a service charge, being quoted a flat, definite minimum price on each member attraction. Plan will be licensed to other bookers, artists and managers throughout the country, but all under the direct supervision of the home office.

Sheet-Music Leaders

(Week Ending April 9)

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Position	Last Wk. This Wk.
1	1. Ti-Pi-Tin
2	2. Neigh Ho
3	3. Whistle While You Work
7	4. Please Be Kind
8	5. Goodnight, Angel
5	6. There's a Cold Mine in the Sky
4	7. Thanks for the Memory
6	8. Love Walked In
..	9. You're an Education
11	10. On the Sentimental Side
11	11. I Love To Whistle
9	12. Let's Sail to Dreamland
..	13. Some Day My Prince Will Come
14	14. The Old Apple Tree
15	15. At a Perfume Counter

Records Reviewed

Bells by Block and Syncos by Stabile Spotlight the Disks

By M. H. ORODENKER

Abbreviations: V-Victor; B-Brunswick; D-Decca; BL-Bluebird; VO-Vocalion.

The sentimental slider dishes a dandy double in sentimental style. **TOMMY DORSEY** disking dulcet for Brunswick and **Jessie Lee** (V). And establishing a restful mood for soft lights, there's that sweet, too sweet, music by **GUY LOMBARDO** for the Amos 'n' Andy theme, *The Perfect Song*, and *Deans by the Old Mill Stream* (V), and **HORACE HEIDT** just right in his richness for *A Gypsy Told Me* and *Reconsidered* (B).

Soothing to the ear and easy tooting to take for tripping the fantastic lightly is the distinctive dancapation on **BERT BLOCK** for *A Shock in the Back of the Hills* and *In My Little Red Book* (VO); his contemporary Radio City roof-top rhythm-patrol, **RUBY NEWMAN**, for *Just Let Me Look at You and You Couldn't Be Cuter* (D), and piped out peppy without going pokey, **TED WEEMS** for *Good Night, Sweet Dreams, Good Night; What Are You Doing the Rest of My Life?*; *A Shock in the Back of the Hills and Swingin'*, in the corn (D). Standard syncopes, the cut cleanly, are offered by **GEORGE HALL** with *Ti-Pi-Tin* and *A Gypsy Told Me* (VO), and **TOOTS MONDELLO** for *Let Me Day Dream and I Love You, Just Because* (B). But give the go-by to the reprinting of *Darktown Strutters' Ball*. **SHERF FIELDS** popping the corn, and the New Yorkers, in style 10 years ago, for *Hell's Bells* (BL).

Mary Lou's Lulu

ANDY KIRK cuts one of his better impressions with **Mary Lou Williams'** *Little Joe From Chicago* (D). It's a breezy boogie-woogie opus. The arrangement, not overly well played, has some unusual contrasting tonal effects for such musical fabric. Mixed side has **Pha Terrell** toning a trite ballad tune, *The Key to My Heart*, which garners no glory for the gang. **CAB CALLOWAY** sticks to stomp-stuff, adding his hi-de-hos to *I Like My Music Hot* and lets the band take it out for *Three Stooges and Out* (VO). It's generally foot-lifting, but even **Choo Berry** fails to excite his tenor horn.

FATS WALLER aims only at commercial appeal with *I Love To Whistle* and *Florida Flo* (V), typical Waller jive by joyful Fats. **DUKE ELLINGTON**, cutting his own chantilles from the Cotton Club show, *Scratch* and the pop-ditty *If You Were in My Place* (B), offers little in his composition or execution to attract the devotees.

Playing the straight up-and-down stock arrangements of **Larry Clinton's** *The Campbells Are Coming* and **Will Hudson's** *Mr. Sweeney's Learned To Swing* (VO), **EDDIE STONE** waxes the stomperos satisfactorily enough without causing undue excitement. Meant as a novel dish, but making only atmosphere music which wears over the stretch, **STRINGS IN SWING TIME**, with wood-winds for good measure, under the direction of **Vladimir Selinsky**, impresses none for **Franklyn Marks'** *Professor Visits Harlem* and *Austin Croon Johnson's Oriental Stock Exchange* (B). Sounds more like a string scoring of a piano concerto with a dissonant tonality and the scratches swarming all over it.

Those Andrews Sisters

It took a *Bei Mir* billing for the **ANDREWS SISTERS** to attract attention. Like their waxing of *Jazzmin'* with Leon Sesack last year was the same brand of swing-singy the gals give now for *Ti-Pi-Tin* and *Where Have We Met Before?* (D). And the only thing that might check the deepening wave of enthusiasm or their heated harmonizing might be the waxworks to repress those same sounding Boswell Sisters that have Eddie Lange and Jimmy Dorsey cutting in adiabatically.

Singing her swan song on this label, **MAXINE SULLIVAN** croons it conventional for *It's Wonderful and You Went to My Head* (VO). And with an altogether delicious brand of Chicago jazzology for the accompaniment, **DICK ROBERTSON** hangs the lyrics of *Drop a Nickel in the Slot, You Went to My Head*, *It's Soil to Dreamland* and *Good Night, Angel* (D).

DICK STABILE makes his tootling at-

Upped ASCAP Fees Close Pitt Spot

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—Raising of license fees by American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers will force many spots now using music to dispense with orchestras, officials of the local musicians' union claim. Oliver Building Restaurant, where Gregorio Scalzo made the music for years, lets out the band tonight. Performance fees are being jacked by William O'Brien, who came here from Boston to take over the local ASCAP office. Succeeds Edward Montgomery, part-time rep, who will continue to represent ASCAP here in legal matters.

Claire Meader, Local 60 proxy, and Gerald O'Neill, William Penn Hotel manager, are closing a final deal to effect a closed shop at parties in city's hotels.

Sixty-day trial period ended, proving satisfactory to both sides.

R-O'K Swells Band Roster

NEW YORK, April 9.—Rockwell O'Keefe adds several bands to its banner. Claude Kennedy, former pianist with Herbie Kaye, signed with the office to form a new band, as did Ray Kinney, former vocalist with Andy Irons, his Hawaiian combo debuting at Hotel Lexington April 20. Maurie Sherman, Chicago maestro, and Harry Rosenthal, current at Hollywood's La Congo, signed management contracts with the office. R-O'K also consummated pact with Phil Fonce to book Fats Waller on one-nights and locations.

Plan Dances in City Park

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 9.—Huntington Amusement Club, new theatrical enterprise headed by E. L. Wilson, is seeking a charter to build and operate a dance pavilion at Huntington Park, municipally owned recreation spot on the James River just north of the city. Club plans to build a \$4,500 pavilion, sponsoring admission dances twice weekly. Asks for a 10-year lease, giving the city option to buy the ballroom and leaving beverage and lunch concession to the city. Proposal has not been accepted as yet, city fathers first studying the deed under which the park was granted to the city.

Songs With Most Radio Plugs

"Education" Still Leading; "Fall in Love" in Big Jump

Songs listed are those receiving 10 or more network plugs (WJZ, WEAF, WABC) between 5 p.m.-1 a.m. week days and 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Sundays, for the week ending Thursday, April 7. Independent plugs are those received on WOR, WNEW, WMCA and WHN. Film tunes are designated as "F," musical production numbers as "M." Based on data supplied by Accurate Reporting Service.

Position Last Wk. This Wk.	Title	Publisher	Plugs
1	You're an Education	Remick	35
2	I Fall in Love With You Every Day (P)	Famous	33
2	Ti-Pi-Tin	Felst	26
4	Please Be Kind	Harms	22
6	Love Walked In (P)	Chappell	22
8	How'dja Like To Love Me? (P)	Famous	22
4	Heigh Ho (P)	Berlin	22
9	Whistle While You Work (P)	Berlin	21
7	I Love To Whistle (P)	Robbins	21
6	Thanks for the Memory (P)	Paramount	19
7	It's Wonderful	Robbins	18
13	Bewildered	Miller	18
4	Sunday in the Park (M)	Mills	18
10	Two Bouquets	Shapiro, Bernstein	18
8	In My Little Red Book	Marks	17
10	Let's Sail to Dreamland	Spiro	17
3	I Can Dream, Can't I? (M)	Marlow	17
11	Romance in the Dark (P)	Paramount	17
13	You Couldn't Be Cuter (P)	Chappell	17
6	Garden in Granada	Southern	17
7	On the Sentimental Side (P)	Select	16
6	At a Perfume Counter (M)	Donaldson	15
13	Cry, Baby, Cry	Shapiro, Bernstein	15
5	Dipdy Doodie	Lincoln	14
8	More Than Ever	Miller	14
11	I Double Dare You	Shapiro, Bernstein	14
12	Don't Be That Way	Robbins	13
12	Where Have We Met Before?	Robbins	13
5	Always and Always (P)	Felst	12
12	Moon of Manakona (P)	Kalmar	12
13	Something Tells Me	Witmark	12
14	Goodnight, Angel (P)	Berlin	11
13	Hometown	Crawford	11
11	I Simply Adore You	Ager, Yellen	10
7	Sweet as a Song (P)	Robbins	10

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E. B. Marks has issued an album of songs by the late Maurice Ravel. Bolero composer, similar to the job turned out two years ago for DeBussy's works. . . . Same pub is also getting behind a new novelty tune by Vaughan DeLeath, *Ducklings on Parade*. Sid Lorraine plans big things for this Larry Wagner arrangement. . . . Harry Tenney set up his own music house, buying out all stock of the Isham Jones Publishing Corp. . . . Johnny Green, former professional manager for Select Music, together with Vic Knight, who produces the Eddie Cantor air shows, makes another new music pub, Green Bros. & Knight. . . . start catalog with a couple tunes by brother, Buddy Green. . . . Chappie Willet cleffed the theme song and four original stompers for Gene Krupa's new band.

MCA Orks Get Specials

CHICAGO, April 9.—Ray Gilbert and Sid Walker, MCA's song-writing team, have completed special novelty numbers for Buddy Rogers, Shep Fields and Frankie Masters. Office is lining up additional bands for the team, figuring that original novelty specialists are in demand by both dance and theater fans.

Reichman Set for New Year

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Joe Reichman holds a long-distance return date at the Mark Hopkins Hotel here. Makes way for Anson Weeks April 21 but is already set to show up again on New Year's Eve for a return engagement.

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ORCHESTRA ROUTES

(Routes are for current week when no dates are given.)

A
Adcock, Jack: (Manoa Inn) Manoa, Pa., no.
Albert, Al: (Troost) London, Eng., no.
Albert, Al: (Chicago) NYC, re.
Albert, Jack: (Ginger) Ft. Worth, Tex., re.
Anderson, Al: (Merry-Go-Round) Newark, N. J., re.
Anderson, Kenner: (Vanity Inn) Albany, N. Y., re.
Andrini Brothers: (Community Lounge), Birmingham, N. Y., re.
Angeline, Dom: (Adephilia) Phila, re.
Angelino, Eddie: (Bertoldi's) NYC, re.
Apollon, Al: (Chalfonte) Philadelphia, N. C., re.
Arden, Harold: (Rustic Cabin) Englewood, N. J., re.
Artisticats (Alps Castle) Preakness, N. J., re.
Armanini, Charlie: (Knickerbocker Garden), Flint, Mich., re.
Austin, Sid: (Laurel) Sackett Lake, N. Y., re.
Auwaer, Fred: (Flamingo Club) Orlando, Fla., re.

B
Bachelor Boys' (Observeit), Pittsburgh, re.
Bailey, Bill: (Chez Parc), Indianapolis, re.
Bailey, Jack: (Desert) Spokane, Wash., re.
Baker, Fred: (Tropical Bar) Vero Beach, Fla., re.
Barber, Hall: (Parody Club) Chi., re.
Barbo, Bill: (New Kenmore) Albany, N. Y., re.
Bartel, Jeno: (Piccadilly) NYC, re.
Bass, Paul: (Chateau Moderne) NYC, re.
Bauer, Billy: (Old Nash Tavern) NYC, re.
Baum, Charles: (Essex House) NYC, re.
Bergre, Maximilian: (Versailles) NYC, re.
Berigan, Bunny: (Paradise) NYC, re.
Berkeley, Duke: (Honky-Dory) Stamford, Conn., re.
Berkley, Jack: (Essex House) Newark, N. J., re.
Bisham Boys: (Casa Parc) Omaha, Neb., re.
Blaine, Jerry: (Park Central) NYC, re.
Black, Bob: (Pere Marquette) Peoria, Ill., re.
Block, Bert: (Rainbow Grill) NYC, re.
Bookstone, Marty: (Irish Village) Cleveland, re.
Boroff, Mitch: (Chi-Am Chateau) Mountainside, N. J., re.
Borr, Mischa: (Walder-Astoria) NYC, re.
Brantz, Walter: (Long Island Hofbrauhaus) Flushing, N. Y., re.
Bradfield, Jimmy: (Plaza) Kansas City, Mo., re.
Bradshaw, Tiny: (Cotton Club) Cincinnati, re.
Braslow, Irv: (Stamp's) Phila, re.
Brasse, Lou: (Chez Parc) Chi., re.
Brinkley, Charles: (Log Cabin) Aurora, Ill., re.
Brooks, Thoy: (De Liso) Chi., re.
Brooks, Billy: (Gardel), New Haven, Conn., re.
Brunesco, Jan: (Jack Dempsey's) NYC, re.
Bunshuk, Yasha: (International Casino) NYC, re.
Burke, Clarence: (Garden) White Plains, N. Y., re.
Burn, Harry: (Beverly Hills Country Club), Newport, Ky., re.

C

Candide, Joe: (Casa Manana) NYC, re.
Candile, Harry: (Commodore Perry), Toledo, Ohio, re.
Cane Series: (Havana Madrid) NYC, re.
Capello, Joe: (Jimmy Keir's) NYC, re.
Carpo, Johnny: (Park West) Newark, N. J., re.
Carmen, Billy: (Plaza) Corpus Christi, Tex., re.
Carroll, Frank: (UNICPORT Restaurant and Cabaret) Bronx, NYC, re.
Carruthers, Mervin: (Tackaboo) N. Y., re.
Cauchy, Lee: (Henry Grady) Rome, Ga., re.
Cochran, Cochran: (St. Regis) NYC, re.
Coleman, Emil: (St. Regis) NYC, re.
Collins, Joe: (Wellington) NYC, re.
Conn, Irving: (Arrowhead Inn) Riverdale, N. Y., re.
Conn, August: (El Torador) NYC, re.
Cornetts, Paul: (Crystal Lodge), Council Bluffs, Ia., re.
Costello, Charles: (Commodore) Detroit, re.
Covato, Nat: (Italian Garden) Pittsburgh, re.
Coward, Buster: (Mayfay) San Antonio, re.
Craig, Francis: (Hermitsage) Nashville, re.
Crozier, Mel: (Palms Gardens) Columbus, O., re.
Cugat, Xavier: (Walder-Astoria) NYC, re.
Cummins, Bernie: (Palmer House), Chi., re.

D

Dalley, Frank: (Meadowbrook), Cedar Grove, N. J., re.
Darrow, Pat: (Wonder Bar) Zanesville, O., re.
Davidson, Darcey: (Blue Moon) Milwaukee, re.
Davis, Eddie: (LaRee) NYC, re.
Davis, Johnny: (Miami Club) Milwaukee, re.
Davis, Tess: (Gleam of Jacques) Oklahoma City, Okla., re.
De La Rosa, El Morocco) NYC, re.
De Vedi, Don: (Rainbow Room) NYC, re.
Dell & Murphy, (Community Lounge), Englewood, N. J., re.
Diven, Dick: (Olympia Palace) NYC, re.
Dobbs, Henry: (Benny the Bum's) Phila, re.
Decoube, Al: (Roosevelt) New Orleans, re.
Donath, Jeno: (Walton) Phila, re.
Donnelly, Sonny: (Old Mill) NYC, re.
Donaldson Boys: (Lawrence) Erie, Pa., re.
Dorsey, Jimmie: (New Yorker) NYC, re.
Dreistein, Hall: (Bal Tabarin) San Francisco, re.

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Drummond, Jack: (University Bar) Albany, N. Y., re.

Doser, Dolph: (Green Derby) Cleveland, re.

E

Edmund, George: (Lorraine) NYC, re.

Ellington, Duke: (Cotton Club) NYC, re.

Elliott, Leo: (Bradford) Boston, re.

English, Freddy: (University Club) Albany, N. Y., re.

Fengate, Charles: (Harry's New York Cabaret), Chi., re.

Fites, Robert: (Club Fivetime), Birmingham, Ala., re.

Evans, Al: (Chez Firehouse) NYC, re.

F

Fain, Paul: (Grossman) Lakewood, N. J., re.

Fain, Dom: (The Pines) Newtown, Conn., re.

Feminine Notes: (Chateau Moderne) NYC, re.

Ferrell, Dom: (Stratford) Bridgeport, Conn., re.

Fernandez, Felix: (Baltimore) Providence, re.

Fierro, Johnny: (Orpheus) San Antonio, re.

Fisher, Harry: (Royal) Montclair, N. J., re.

Flindt, Ruth: (OB Henry Park) Chi., re.

Finchard, Maurice: (Loyal Inn) New Rochelle, N. Y., re.

Floyd, Gay: (Oasis) Pontiac, Mich., re.

Fodor, Jerry: (Check-In) Toledo, re.

Fomence, Basil: (St. Moritz) NYC, re.

Four Empresses: (Fonthill) Omaha, re.

Francoise, Dom: (Mayflower) Akron, re.

Krause, Chappie: (Cavalcade) NYC, re.

Fraser, Bill: (Casa Grande) Cincinnati, re.

Frederick, Marvin: (Syracuse) Syracuse, N. Y., re.

Friedman, Jan: (Boulevard Tavern) Elkhorn, re.

Friedman, Bob: (Rainbow Linh) NYC, re.

Fletcher, Charles: (Colonial Club) Augusta, Ga., re.

Ford, Joe: (The Brook) Summit, N. J., re.

G

Gallo, Phil: (Moorehead) Pittsburgh, re.

Gammie, Eddie: (King's) Lincoln, Neb., re.

Gast, Harold: (Vachiman Club) Marion, O., re.

Gasperre, Dick: (Ambassador), NYC, re.

Gendron, Henri: (Colombia) Chi., re.

Gilbert, Jerry: (Englander Quilt) Biloxi, Miss., re.

Goho, Billy: (Checker Box) Buffalo, re.

LaMothe, Oliva: (Rosegarden) Middletown, Conn., re.

La Porte, Jan: (Marina), Winkler, N. Y., re.

Laseen, Bill: (Club Trianon) Mobile, Ala., re.

Lally, Howard: (Sunny Isles) North Miami Beach, re.

Lally, Ed: (Texas) Ft. Worth, re.

Lam, David: (Marie Boes) Memphis, Mich., re.

Lande, Julie: (St. Regis) NYC, re.

Lane, Eddie: (Governor Clinton) NYC, re.

Lang, Ted: (Cavalcade) NYC, re.

Lane, Brad: (Mt. Kisco Casino) Mt. Kisco, N. Y., re.

Leyson, Abe: (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, re.

H

Leinen, Walter: (The Plot), Greenville, S. C., re.

Leib, George: (Fast) New York, re.

Lanza, Morris: (Southern Dinner) Shreveport, La., re.

Larsen, Charles: (Jerry's Stables) Detroit, re.

Harris, Leroy: (GM Kit Kat Club) NYC, re.

Harris, Jack: (Gro's) London, Eng., re.

Harrison, Bill: (Ulrich's) Greenwich, Conn., re.

Haviland, Dick: (De Liso) Chi., re.

Henderson, Bill: (Babs) Detroit, re.

Henderson, Fletcher: (King's) Lincoln, Neb., re.

Hendrick, Paul: (Manhattan Club) Johnsbury, Vt., re.

Herbert, Joe: (Club Hollywood) KalamaZoo, Mich., re.

Hermann, Woody: (Wisconsin Roof) Milwaukee, re.

Hill, Worthy: (Pavilion Royal) Gavin Rock, Conn., re.

Hoff, Sid: (El Patio) San Francisco, re.

Hoden, Virginia: (Germany Inn) Warren, Pa., re.

Holloway, Bill: (Silver Lake Inn) Clementon, N. J., re.

Horn, Harry: (Le Mirage) NYC, re.

Horne, Garth (Phoenix), Lexington, Ky., re.

Howard, Vincent: (Perona Farm) Andover, N. J., re.

Humber, Wilson: (Southern Dinner Club) Shreveport, La., re.

Hummel, Ray: Lovington, N. M., re.

Hunting, Tex, 14: La Mesa, N. M., re.

Hunting, Lloyd: (Mount Royal) Montreal, re.

Hunting, Lloyd: (Arcadia-International), Phila., re.

Hunt, Dean: (The Pines) Pittsburgh, re.

Hyde, Doc: (Obangi) Phila, re.

Innis, Vic: (Rainbow) Houston, Tex., re.

I

Internationals: (Jack Dempsey's) NYC, re.

Iribar, Mace: (Chanticleer) Millburn, N. J., re.

J

Jack & Jill: (Lorraine) Madison, Wis., re.

Jackson, Paul: (Old Mill Tavern) Jackson, Mich., re.

James, Alan: (Tavern) Steubenville, O., re.

Jezeck, Eugene: (Utah) Salt Lake City, re.

Johnson, Jack: (Dorchester) London, re.

Jones, Isham: (Lincoln) NYC, re.

Jones, Teddy: (Club Mandarin) Houston, Tex., re.

Jordy, Ital: (Roosevelt) New Orleans, re.

Jordan, Julian: (Julian's) Elizabeth, N. J., re.

Judson, Tommy: (Stock), Kansas City, Mo., re.

K

Kardon, Gene: (Roseland), NYC, re.

Kassell Art: (Statler), Cleveland, re.

Kay, Herb: (Coconut Grove) Los Angeles, re.

L

Kardon, Gene: (Roseland), NYC, re.

Kassell Art: (Statler), Cleveland, re.

Kay, Herb: (Coconut Grove) Los Angeles, re.

Keller, Eddie: (Lorraine) Madison, Mich., re.

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"THE ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO"

(UNITED ARTISTS)

TIME—110 minutes. RELEASE DATE—April 15, 1938.
PLOT—Marco Polo (Gary Cooper) travels from Venice to Cathay, China, to open a trade route during the 13th century, winding up in the Kublai Khan's palace. Here he falls in love with the princess (Sigrid Gurie), but the khan's minister, Ahmed (Basil Rathbone), plots to destroy the khan's rule and to marry the princess. Polo wins the confidence of a rival leader, Kaidu, and Kaidu's army storms the palace just in time to crush Ahmed's rule after Ahmed had overthrown the khan. Polo wins the princess and Ahmed is killed.

CAST—Cooper, Gurie (widely publicized as a new screen beauty), Rathbone, Alan Hale, Ernest Truex, George Barbier, Binnie Barnes and Ferdinand Gottschalk. Cooper will make the ladies swoon and Gurie will give the boys an eyeful, too.

DIRECTOR—Archie Mayo.**AUTHOR**—Screen play by Robert E. Sherwood.

COMMENT—This one is a historical swash-buckling romance, with plenty of adventure and thrills in old-fashioned mellerdrammer style. True story of Polo has been diluted by so much hokum and sure-fire situations that Polo never emerges as a convincing historical figure (as Muni did in *Zola*, for example). Rather, this is really Gary Cooper in Old China and nothing else. The picture, however, impresses because of its magnificent photography, sweep of pageantry, lavishness and action. It has the Goldwyn golden touch.

APPEAL—For everybody, since it's clean, fast and amusing.**EXPLOITATION**—Play up the China Yesterday vs. China Today angle, also the cast and the historical romance angle.

(Reviewed at the Radio City Music Hall, New York.) Paul Denis.

"KING OF THE NEWSBOYS"

(REPUBLIC)

TIME—68 minutes.

RELEASE DATE—March 18.

PLOT—From 10th avenue gutters to a Park avenue penthouse and back is the route Jerry Flynn took, but in the retreat he was more completely happy. He had his gal. Climb started as a challenge to Mary Ellen, a sly neighbor who jilted him for a bookie. He rose from newsboy to head a monopolistic distributing enterprise. Then he published track dope sheets to fight his girl friend's bookie. Meanwhile a debutramp led him a merry chase to financial ruin and a state of appreciation for Mary, with whom he is finally reunited.

CAST—Lew Ayres, Helen Mack, Alison Skipworth, Victor Varconi, Sheila Broome, Alice White, Horace MacMahon, William Benedict, Victor Ray Cooke, Jack Pennick, Mary Kornman, Gloria Rich, Oscar O'Shea and Marjorie Main. Just so many faces, with possible exception of Alison Skipworth. Ayres and Mack combine nicely enough.

DIRECTOR—Bernard Vorhaus shows marks of good showmanship. Even exercises control over the climaxes.

AUTHORS—Original story by Samuel Ornitz and Horace McCoy. Screen play by Louis Weitzenkorn and Peggy Thompson.

COMMENT—Trivial and perennial, but always a buy.**EXPLOITATION**—Newsboy success.**APPEAL**—Anybody willing to patronize double-feature haunts.

(Reviewed at the Criterion, New York.)

Sylvia Weiss.

"GOODBYE BROADWAY"

(UNIVERSAL)

TIME—65 minutes.

RELEASE DATE—not given.

PRODUCER—Edmund Grainger.

PLOT—A rehash of the ancient *Shannons of Broadway*. Alice Brady and Charles Winninger try hard to put this one over as the vaude team of Malloyo, who have saved a few grand for a chicken ranch. Winninger gets himself talked into buying a hotel with the money. Jed Prouty, village villain, tries to pry them loose from the hotel, believing the State will buy it for a Confederate memorial. Donald Meek, goofy antique expert, tries to make them believe the basement of the hotel is stuffed with priceless relics. Fadeout shows Meek being carted away to the bughouse.

CAST—Alice Brady, Charles Winninger, Tom Brown, Dorothea Kent, Frank Jenks, Jed Prouty, Willie Best, Donald Meek and others. Jed Prouty good as the thief.

DIRECTOR—Ray McCarey. McCarey's direction is pretty obvious. Toning down of some of the creaking situations would have helped.

AUTHORS—Screen play by Roy Chandler and A. Dorian Otwe. From the *Shannons of Broadway* by James Gleason.

COMMENT—Purely double bill fare.**APPEAL**—Neighborhood.**EXPLOITATION**—Brady and Winninger.

(Reviewed at the Alexander, Glendale, Calif.)

Dean Owen.

"MAKING THE HEADLINES"

(COLUMBIA)

TIME—65 minutes.

RELEASE DATE—March 10.

PLOT—Lewis Nagel is removed from competition with heads of metropolitan police officials thru appointment as captain in a dull suburb where nothing happens. An ace reporter, suspicious of political intrigue, takes up the watch. Still nothing happens, so the reporter makes his own news by lifting a necklace in which was hidden direction for the disposal of a vast estate. Necklace is then stolen from the reporter. A series of murders ensues as the plot thickens, for a greedy heir plots to obtain the heritage by foul means, once it became known he was cut off in the will. Victims are the estate's attorney and jewelers who designed necklace. By accidentally touching a wart painted on the nose of the family benefactor's portrait the sister of the deceased releases a trapdoor and uncovers the culprit in hiding.

CAST—Jack Holt, Beverly Roberts, Craig Reynolds, Marjorie Gateson, Dorothy Appleby, Gilbert Emery, Tom Kennedy, Corbet Morris, Sheila Broome, John Wray, Maurice Cass and Tully Marshall. Not a lead in the lot.

DIRECTOR—Lewis D. Collins. Ordinary production.

AUTHORS—Screen play by Howard J. Green and Jefferson Parker from story by Howard J. Green. There lies the trouble.

COMMENT—Unimaginative. Worse than obvious.
APPEAL—Double-feature duds.
EXPLOITATION—Murder mysteries.

(Reviewed at the Rialto Theater, New York.)

Sylvia Weiss.

"JUDGE HARDY'S CHILDREN"

(MGM) RUNNING TIME—78 minutes.

PLOT—Latest episode of this popular Metro series takes the Hardy family to Washington, where the Judge serves as chairman of a special Senate committee investigating monopolistic features of the power industry. Slight thread of plot traces his endeavor to break up one particularly powerful monopoly, his apparent defeat when lobbyists attempt to blackmail him by using innocently said but nonetheless incriminating statements made by his daughter which force him to resign from bench and his last-minute outsmarting of lobbyists by telling the truth in a radio broadcast before they have a chance to give their version and before the committee's decision is rendered. Thus it all runs his son's misadventures with a tuxedo and a little French girl and his daughter's entanglement with one of the lobbyists. The end, of course, finds things straightened out satisfactorily.

CAST—Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden, Ann Rutherford, Betty Rose, Clarke, Robert Whitney, Jacqueline Laurent, Ruth Hussey, Jonathan Hale, Janet Beecher and Leonard Penn. If Rooney gets any better, they can forget about a supporting cast next time; he's the whole picture. Stone gives his usual sincere, finished performance, and the rest are all right.

DIRECTOR—George B. Seitz makes the most of a pleasant, amusing script.

AUTHORS—Screen play by Kay Van Riper, based on characters created by Aurania Bouvelot. No complaint here, either.

COMMENT—Unimportant, but enjoyable all the way thru.

APPEAL—Everybody but would-be sophisticates.

EXPLOITATION—Continuation of Judge Hardy's adventures, this time with a Washington and big politics background.

(Reviewed at the Capitol, New York.) Daniel Richman.

"THE LONE WOLF IN PARIS"

(COLUMBIA)

TIME—66 minutes.

RELEASE DATE—Not given.

PRODUCER—Wallace MacDonald.

PLOT—Francis Lederer, reformed jewel snatcher, steps once more into his profession to save the royal jewels from plotters who seek to overthrow a mythical monarchy. Lederer sides with the beautiful princess to obtain the jewels for her. With paste imitations substituted for the genuine at odd intervals pic settles down into "who's got 'em"—the jewels. Romance triumphs.

CAST—Francis Lederer, Frances Drake, Olaf Hytton, Walter Kingsford, Leona Maricle, Albert Van Dekker and others. Lederer, obviously realizing this won't amount to much, coasts thru his role. Albert Van Dekker tries hard with the menace, but it is not caught by the audience.

DIRECTOR—Albert S. Rogell. Not much Rogell could do with this one. Material spotty.

AUTHORS—Screen play by Arthur T. Hornan. Original by Louis Joseph Vance.

COMMENT—Even the babes will find it hard to go for this.

APPEAL—Strictly weak double fare, with Saturday matinee crowd best bets.

EXPLOITATION—Lone Wolf character.

(Reviewed at the Pantages, Hollywood.)

Dean Owen.

"RECKLESS LIVING"

(UNIVERSAL)

TIME—85 minutes.

RELEASE DATE—not given.

PLOT—Race-track picture concerning the bunch who follow the tracks. Robert Wilcox and Nan Grey carry the romance. Miss Grey is a singer in a night club and Wilcox is the form-sheet addict who seldom wins. Harry Davenport is an old trainer, owner of a newsstand, who stakes one last wager in the hope of getting enough money to get into a home for the aged. He loses, but Wilcox takes his own money and pays the old man off, making him believe his horse won. Amusing gag is carried thru pic. When boys get hard up they pawn the gilded bust of May Boley's late husband.

CAST—Robert Wilcox, Nan Grey, Jimmy Savo, William Lundigan, Frank Jenks, Harry Davenport, May Boley, Charles Judels, Harlan Briggs and others. Jimmy Savo, old-time two-a-day star, steals the show with his comedy antics. He deserves a better break.

DIRECTOR—Frank McDonald. McDonald has really lifted this film by the bootstraps. A fine job with mediocre material.

AUTHORS—Screen play by Charles Grayson. Original by Gerald Beaumont. COMMENT—A pic definitely budgeted as a B, *Reckless Living* will make money. With no names in the cast it should do well by word-of-mouth advertising.

APPEAL—General.
EXPLOITATION—Race-track angles. Inside dope on how the boys in the "know" never win in the long run.

(Reviewed at the Pantages, Hollywood.)

Dean Owen.

AEA-LEAGUE

(Continued from page 3)

In return for effective policing of the code, because if and when the code becomes law in the theater the actors' union will be empowered to withdraw members from casts of producers found guilty of violating the code.

Producers are asking for contractual arrangements on working conditions that will be beneficial to them. In return for this Equity will require a certain number of the good seats for hit shows to be placed on sale at the box office. Ticket agencies and speculators are said to be very much perturbed over this move, as it will make serious inroads in their revenue. The League, however, believes that a mutual arrangement can be agreed upon.

Action on the appointment of a successor to the late Dr. Henry Moskowitz as executive adviser to the League was deferred by the board of governors until the next meeting, with James Reilly, their labor adviser, mentioned as possible successor.

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Equity Turns to Unity as Love Match Seems Possible

Byron and Lytell as prez and vice-prez may find no opposish—Dullzell denies he wanted post—AEA liberals appear satisfied—clash rumors recur

NEW YORK, April 11.—With "unity" the keynote in the coming election of Actors' Equity Association, Arthur Byron, the nominating committee's choice for president, on his arrival from Hollywood made it plain that he will "strive for harmony" in the association and that the slate nominated appears to him to be a representative one which should go a long way toward ending the strife that has been prevalent for several years. If Byron is successful in getting the rest of the candidates behind his program of unity, will not propose an independent slate in opposition, as they have done in the past, but will throw their support behind the administration candidates.

Nominating committee's candidates, who will be up for election May 27, are headed by Byron and Bert Lytell, for president and first vice-president respectively. The nominees for counselors include Lee Baker, Alfred Kappeler, Hugh Cameron, Hugh Bennie, Joseph Vitalie, Eric Dressler, Katherine Warren, Earle Larimore, Winifred Lenihan and Broderick Crawford for full five-year terms. Ruth Hammond and John Lorenz have been nominated to fill the unexpired terms of the late Priestley Morrison and George Arliss, retired.

Byron, who has been comparatively inactive in Equity matters for the past five years altho he is a third vice-president and one of the founders of Equity, was cited by officials to be the best candidate possible "because of the tough spot we were placed in in having to select an honorary president."

Paul Dullzell, executive secretary, has been quick to scotch rumors that he wanted the presidency. But despite his frequent reiterations of having no desire for the job, a "draft Dullzell" petition bearing several hundred signatures was placed before the nominating committee. It was said by some active members that Dullzell cried wolf once too often."

The liberal group seemingly appears to be satisfied with the slate, tho not in toto, because Byron's program may achieve what they have been fighting for, it was said. Byron has stated that he is for "free expression of all shades of opinion" and believes this attitude to be a healthy one, as it would tend to draw all groups into smoother relations.

"Plainly speaking," said Byron, "I am for harmony in Equity and believe that it can be brought about if all those interested will work hard to achieve it."

The liberals, in return for their support, would "like to have" the council appoint a "liberal-minded" person to the post of third vice-president, which will become vacant if Byron is elected.

This, one of them stated, would show that the officials are sincere in their desire for a closer co-ordination of all groups and put an end to factionalism.

Byron revealed that he had been approached in Hollywood by John Emerson and George Arliss to accept the nomination. On first thought, he said, he had declined because of the responsibility the position carried, but upon learning that the office was an honorary one he reconsidered and accepted.

The popular belief on his nomination has been that he was approached by Ken Thomson, exec secretary of the Screen Actors' Guild, with the implication that this was SAG's way of taking complete control of Equity. Byron denied that he had conducted any negotiations at all with Thomson. In fact, he said, he is somewhat doubtful that SAG wants to control Equity at all, what with headaches in Hollywood.

Burgess Meredith, who ended his four months' reign as active Equity head when he left New York last week to go on a 10-week tour with his show, remarked that he hoped that the "progressive movement" would continue and not be stifled by reactionaries nor agitated by radicals."

While peace seems to reign over Equity headquarters, the Old Guard is said to be preparing its periodic campaign to drive the "communists" out of the association when the new regime takes office.

Commenting on this, Bert Lytell stated that he was not at variance with any of the factions in Equity and does not propose to fight with anyone in the organization who has a plan for the betterment of actors' conditions.

"If there are any cliques," said Lytell,

"and they have ideas that will result in bettering conditions and solving the problems of actors, we welcome them. If their proposals are sound, everyone will be benefited. I, for one, do not believe in gag rule."

Irish Rep Players Offer Triple Bill

NEW YORK, April 9.—Irish Repertory Players of New York offered the third bill of their current subscription season last week at the Hecksher Theater, presenting a triple bill of Irish one-acters.

The main item was the local premiere of Seamus O'Brien's *Duty*, which was first produced by the Abbey Theater in 1918 and then in this country a couple of times. *Duty* is a rollicking, good-natured comedy about three constables who sneak into Mrs. Coter's public house for a drink after legal closing hour. The situations are conventionally farcical, but the dialog and the characterizations are so good that the play compels interest throughout.

John M. Synge's *Riders to the Sea*, a somber and dull affair, and Lady Gregory's *The Rising of the Moon* complete the bill.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Adelaide Burns, Barbara Lane, John M. O'Brien and Joseph P. O'Brien. J. Augustus Keogh directed, with Anita Grannis assisting. Paul Denis,

Dunning Not Giving Up

Pursues Sunday show idea tho "Schoolhouse" fails to clear dough for extra pay

NEW YORK, April 9.—*Schoolhouse* on the *Lot*, Broadway's current test case on Sunday performances, grossed \$800 last Sunday in its initial try, which is not enough to pay for the extra eighth (in addition to Monday night off) that must be given players and stagehands for Sunday shows. However, Phillip Dunning, *Schoolhouse* producer, is convinced that Sundays are essentially okeh and will keep on trying. Sunday shows must gross, in excess of average Monday performances, a sum equal to the extra eighth of the salaries in order to break even.

Dunning, however, has another idea: starting April 17, according to announcement, he will also play Sunday matinees. He is set on the plan because, of those inquiring at the box office last Sunday, almost half wanted seats for the afternoon. A hurdle, however, arises at Equity, which contends that the cast should then get two-eighths extra even though the mid-week matinee is canceled. Cost of that would be prohibitive. Entire cast has agreed to work under Dunning's plan, the stagehands have said that they would not demand an extra two-eighths unless Equity did, and the street generally regards the Equity attitude as arbitrary and unfair.

The \$800 take Sunday represented only about two-fifths of the approximately two-grand capacity. Balcony was well filled, but higher bracket seats didn't sell well.

Schoolhouse is the first legit show to try regular Sunday performances since they were allowed by State law and, later, okched by Equity with the extra-eighth proviso. Previous productions have played openings on Sundays but haven't kept Sabbath performances throughout the run.

Last show to play Sunday matinees was Billy Rose's *Jumbo*, which got away without even one extra eighth because Equity turned the jurisdiction over to the American Federation of Actors when it saw breakers ahead. *Jumbo* made out well on Sunday afternoons so long as the show itself held up.

Detroit FTP in Play-Film Show

DETROIT, April 9.—WPA production of *In Pursuit of Happiness* opened Tuesday at the Cinema Theater for a 10-day run. In conjunction with the film *Monastery*. Leading roles went to Ray Hennings and Ruth Whitworth.

The last production, *Arms and the Men*, is now on tour, slightly redesigned into a one-set production for bookings in smaller halls. Seven Detroit high schools have booked the play, and other bookings are expected. Next production will be *The Locked Room*, by Herbert Johnson Jr., regional director of the WPA.

Latest addition to the local theater is an orchestra of five men permanently transferred from the Music Project to furnish a permanent orchestra for the theater, the first time in a couple of seasons it has had musical resources available except by special arrangement with the Music Project.

Helen Howe Offers One-Woman Show

NEW YORK, April 9.—Helen Howe, monologist, returned to the Little Theatre this week with a new series of characters and caricatures titled *These People*. Presented half dozen sketches, with the last, *This Present*, being divided into five scenes, each of which portrays one character in a specific setting.

Miss Howe's technique in characterization ranges from satire to comedy to tragedy. For one performer this is quite a bill to fill. Opening item, *Feminist Service*, portrayed a gum-chewing female soda jerker excellently, and succeeding (See HELEN HOWE on opposite page)

From Out Front

By EUGENE BURR

Sinclair Lewis, of all possible people, offered mental aid and sustenance to this corner a week or so ago in a speech at one of those affairs previously entitled Book and Author Luncheons. Mr. Lewis, recently accused of being a reactionary because his latest novel, *The Prodigal Parents*, failed to deal with any pressing but ephemeral current social problem, dismissed the charge and spoke up eloquently and earnestly in defense of the "Ivory-tower" theory of art—the theory that insists an artist should shut himself alone in an ivory tower, oblivious to the muddled tumult of current events and the fretting, staccato whirr of passing minutes with their time-limited tragedies, to plunge alone and high-hearted into the vast timelessness of all true art. It is a theory that has received some support in this precinct, the last instance coming a couple of weeks ago, when it was indicated here that great art is almost always the product of easy eras that allow the artist to detach himself from the world—wherein it was suggested that the galling spearheads of current problems goad the artist into tilting at dark and tremendous ephemera, instead of at the eternal problems inherent in the heart and soul and mind of man. It was suggested that that was only natural, for momentary problems loom largest at the moment and, stamped out of all possible perspective, we therefore assume—quite erroneously—that they are also most important.

But, natural or not, such predilections with the problems of specific time and place rather than those of art seldom produce great artists. Mr. Lewis, an unexpected ally, damned throughout his address the current attitude that insists upon a "social viewpoint" in all art, and even in all science. "Literature," he said with justifiable and excellent indignation, "has become a footnote to Marx and anti-Marx." Speaking in defense of legitimate art works that are now damned simply because they give no heed to current problems, he suggested that the world has retrogressed to "the barbaric schoolboy age in which anyone who loves quiet and fine things is called a sissy."

The appalling truth of that can hardly be questioned; if there are doubts, the doubter need merely turn to any crop of book or play reviews written in the past year or so and regard their general tenor. It is a statement that seems to be appalling as it is, the last word.

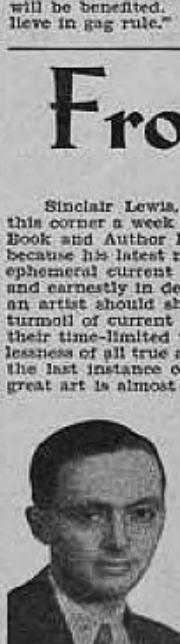
Mr. Lewis also attacked the insistence on social consciousness in scientists as well as artists—and on two counts that are cogent in regard to both groups. Artists and scientists have, generally speaking, little or no background or knowledge that makes them competent commentators on politics or sociology or government; their opinions are given spurious weight because of the weight of their names in fields that are entirely different. But above all, their energies, abilities and activity should be devoted to their own fields, which are far more important—no matter what distortion may occur thru the pressure of momentary world-tragedy—than anything in the fields in which they're currently commanded to dabble. "It is more important," said Mr. Lewis, "in the case of Einstein that he should think about physics." Extending the statement to include competent artists as well as competent scientists, I enthusiastically agreed.

And, on almost the same point, further aid was forthcoming this week from an even more startlingly unexpected source—from the Hon. Maury Maverick, a gentleman who came out of Texas to help make the nation's laws. It is reported that a group of art students recently sent a telegram to the lawmaker protesting against a policy of American isolation and urging that our nation plunge itself into the seething cauldron of hates and lusts and horror that is currently spewing its poisonous froth throughout Europe. The telegram was returned by mail to the earnest little group of social-conscious art-workers (at least according to reports) with something like the following scrawled in pencil across the bottom: "Natal Save your money. You're artists—not statesmen or students of international economics."

If the story is true (and I devoutly hope it is) I can only raise my filthy reactionary hand to my filthy reactionary brow in a salute of appreciation and thanks to the Hon. Maury Maverick. If more people hereabouts did what they presumably know how to do and stopped trying to dictate to others concerning things of which they know nothing, there'd be far more hope for the retention of at least one hemisphere of comparative sanity in the midst of a world gone mad.

Still further aid was recently forthcoming—in an oblique direction, perhaps, but still aid—from Mr. Richard Watts Jr., of *The Herald-Tribune*, who is, incidentally, rapidly regaining the critical stride which, a couple of years ago, put him far at the front of all the nation's drama-tasters. Again I'm able to disagree with almost all of Mr. Watts' opinions and yet respect in all ways his reasons for disagreement; again I'm able to respect his judgments profoundly at the same time that I enthusiastically fail to share most of them.

Anyhow, in fine article on escapism in art Mr. Watts excellently announced in its best sense only. And he also repeated one of his favorite truisms: a play (See FROM OUT FRONT opposite page)



EUGENE BURR

Cissie Loftus Offers Series of Solo Studies

NEW YORK. April 9.—Last Sunday evening, before a packed and justifiably enthusiastic audience that crammed the Little Theater to the doors, Cecilia Loftus offered the second of her series of Sunday solo performances, ranging from slyly satirical impersonations to straight acting of dramatic bits from plays in which she has appeared. It's certainly no news by now that Miss Loftus is one of the greatest and grandest trouvers alive; but the full flavor of her Sunday evenings is something that has to be seen to be appreciated. It was largely a professional crowd Sunday night, and it howled its collective head off. This reporter did his full share of the applauding.

Miss Loftus, in her impersonations, offers a full assortment of celebrities from the turn of the century down to the current season. Her series of English musical hall favorites is as flavorful and ingratiating an interlude as you could wish; while her imitations of certain ladies of the current stage—Miss Ethel Barrymore and Miss Gertrude Lawrence among them—offer not only practically perfect mimicry but the additional fillip of a benignly satirical intelligence brought to play upon the subjects. In at least one of her imitations (neither Miss Lawrence nor Miss Barrymore), Miss Loftus' only fault was that she was infinitely more theatrically effective than the original.

Also included are anecdotes and stories—and last Sunday there was a scene from *Jane and the Peacock*. Without the aid of scenery, costumes or even the rest of the play, Miss Loftus gave by long odds the finest, most effective and most affecting interpretation of the role that I have ever seen.

The packed house Sunday convinced the management that a larger theater was needed. Tomorrow Miss Loftus will switch to the Lyceum—and the crowd should fill the larger house, too. It's one of the grandest shows of the season.

Eugene Burr.

OUT-OF-TOWN OPENINGS

"Pickets, Please"

(Nixon Theater)

PITTSBURGH

Musical satire by Nick Spanos and Robert Saffron, adapted by Carl Cass; directed by Gene Kelly; music and lyrics by G. Adrian Robeson, John St. Peter and G. Norman Reis. Herb Cohen, Tom Stephenson, Vernon Krahul, Sidney Rothstein, Donald Joy, Guy Schnabel and Matthew Huttner. Staged by James Lindsay. Thirty-first annual review of University of Pittsburgh Cap and Gown Club.

Cast: 31 principals, 45 in chorus, all students.

Pitt's Cathedral of Learning has spewed forth a clever bethines mud-died caricature of the world's diplomatic and industrial cauldron in two sets.

Baby of the Spanos-Saffron team that authored Cap and Gown's '36 show, *Pickets, Please* tries to prove that labor unions may be a salvation of political intrigue; that dictators are all yell and no brain. As a satire on the contemporary scene it entertains. As an annual frolic for 75 male students guised as girls and their guys it fulfills its intentions. More mature in book treatment than some of its predecessors, with more finished chorus stepping than most of its ancestors, *Pickets, Please* is nevertheless not one of Cap and Gown's best reviews.

Its plot, laid in the mythical Balkan kingdom of Asphyxia, ruled by Dictator Bellini, lampoons diplomats of the Orient, Central Europe, Britain and America who weave intrigues to start war for munitions profits. For the traditional romance a prince rebels against Bellini's machinations to merge with an ally country's ugly princess and wins the No. 1 gal of his enemy country for true love and the old shoes. Thus the show stalks John L. Sullivan.

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labor organizer, friend of prince and pauper, who tostes Dictator B. in the ashcan in Act II, scene last, and takes the throne himself. Impotent onlooker of all regimes is portly King Rudolph trying to have his fun with the chorus girls.

Of the 14 songs most likely to be whistled on campus after the week's end seemed Matthew Huttner's *Lovely Love Affair*, Adrian Robeson's *Higher Than a Kite* and Tom Stephenson's *I'm That Way About You*.

Orchestrations by Max Adkins were played by pro band under direction of Gus A. Schnabel. Morton Frank.

HELEN HOWE

(Continued from opposite page)

bits on a down-at-heels actress, a college class reunion and others in the first half of the bill were done with considerable finesse. Most pretentious number, *This Present*, was very difficult, but did not have the sharpness of the one-scene sketches. In it Miss Howe builds up a commentary on the social scene. She depicts various characters and situations in an American mill city whose inhabitants are unemployed because of a strike. The point of view of the upper class as well as the workers is given.

Miss Howe writes her material herself. She can certainly take her place among the few who make a go of the one-person theater.

Paul Ackerman.

FROM OUT FRONT

(Continued from opposite page)

may be written in an ivory tower, but it cannot be acted in one. That, of course, is self-evident; and so is Mr. Watts' well-taken point that the tremendous tragedy in the world outside, the horrific and dreadful drama around the theater's walls, dwarfs into momentary insignificance anything that can conceivably take place within them.

That, of course, is so. What can the theater offer even minutely comparable to the drama, the tragedy, the melodrama and perhaps even the comedy—if we can view comedy in the manner of the gods—that rage in Spain, in China, in Germany, in Austria, in Italy and in Mars alone knows how many countries besides? In view of that, it is difficult to dissociate art from the world's pressing misstrom which is the very point I made when I suggested that true art is seldom produced in periods of tremendous stress.

It is difficult to escape from the world outside when we enter a theater now—but the need for escape is even greater. And when art legitimately offers it, it should be gratefully accepted.

Taking the longer view, too, art should be encouraged and cherished now more than ever—now, when it is in one of its most difficult periods; it should be encouraged and cherished rather than damned because it refuses to concern itself with the huge but essentially momentary problems engulfing the world that is allegedly "real." Those working in the arts, those writing of them, should resent rather than sit such unfortunate who understandable encroachment.

The Wars of the Roses seem but little things now, after time has blown them dustily into the recesses of the past—but Hamlet (and even Tumultuous the Great or Ralph Roister-Droister) lives gloriously on, an integral and vital part of human experience. Whatever true art may be produced now, during art's difficult days, will live long after the competing drama of the outside world is dust. It is our duty to encourage and cherish such art—not to insist that it stultify itself by considering only our vast but momentary problems, and so die simultaneously with them.

Incidentally, Mr. Watts did a grand column in defense of *All the Living*, a play that was much (the perhaps unintentionally) maligned by its reviews, and another in praise (praise be!) of revivals, of which we have had another encouragingly large crop this season. But those are a couple of other stories.

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All's Okeh in TMAT Wigwam As Directors Iron Wrinkles

Lodewick Vroom, retained as prez, gets union support and is relieved of emergency powers—org settles down to future biz—various rumors denied

NEW YORK. April 9.—The peace pipe is in order at headquarters of the Theatrical Managers, Agents and Treasurers union, where brotherly love and serenity reign for a while following a stormy two weeks during which angry accusations were hurled at Lodewick Vroom, president, for the manner in which he conducted final negotiations with the League of New York Theaters. Misunderstandings were finally ironed out at a board of directors meeting yesterday morning, when Vroom was accorded union support, retained as president and relieved of the emergency powers temporarily vested in him.

The post of executive director now no longer exists. With this growing pain removed, the union will settle down and prepare for its annual election and all-membership meetings in August. Groups of press agents, treasurers and managers will rig up for themselves a set of by-laws as soon as a group can report a minimum membership of 25.

When queried this afternoon about the rumors that the press agents had demanded a plebiscite, an enraged exec replied, "How Broadway digs up wholly unjustified stories about this group is beyond me. You don't hear rumors of that nature about Equity or the IA. Maybe they have a better press agent."

Official comment on reported uneasiness among treasurers since their contract ruled out "ice" is that technically the subject had no place in the contract because it did not come under the heading of "working conditions" for union members but was inserted at the wish of the producers, who are now stymied by it; that spokesman maintained that the treasurers seldom received a slice of the money, and that the contract now relieves them of the task of acting as collection agent for their bosses.

As for the press agents' being perturbed over the clause which allows certain producers to act as press representatives, "How many producers can come under that?" asked an official. Malcontents who protested that Vroom exceeded his powers were pacified when the board agreed the president was acting in his capacity as an exigency officer for the particular crisis at hand. Now that the contract with the League is signed, Vroom goes back to his constitutional post as in normal times.

Union denied that there had been any

threats to unseat Elise Chisholm as board rep for the press agents. "We're all very fond of Elise and feel she has done excellent work for the good of the organization."

Organization boasts now of 92 members in Boston, 116 in Philadelphia, about 60 between Baltimore and Washington, 61 Broadway press agents and 153 road press agent members. Move next to Los Angeles, San Francisco and St. Louis.

Shows Taking Advantage of AEA Holy Week Layoff Edict

NEW YORK. April 9.—Various road companies are taking advantage of Equity permission to lay off without pay during Holy Week. Among them are *You Never Know*, which closes in Philadelphia tonight and reopens in Pittsburgh April 18; the number two company of *You Can't Take It With You*, which closes in Washington tonight and resumes in Philadelphia April 18; the number three company of the same play, which closes in Montreal tonight and reopens in London, Ontario, April 19; the number two company of *Yes, My Darling Daughter*, which closes in Albany tonight and resumes in Providence April 18; the number two company of the Mercury Theater's *Julius Caesar*, which closes tonight in St. Louis and reopens in Milwaukee April 17; *Victoria Regina*, which closes in Fort Worth tonight and resumes in Dallas April 18, and the Abbey Theater Players, who will play Phoenix Monday and San Diego Tuesday and then reopen in Minneapolis April 18. Also *Three Witches*, which closes here tonight, will not start its road tour until it opens in Washington April 18.

Changes for "Who's Who"

NEW YORK. April 9.—Leonard Sillman's *Who's Who*, which was briefly presented at the Hudson under the nominal sponsorship of Elsie Maxwell, will be a somewhat different show when it plays in Honolulu and Australia, for which it has been set. Eight numbers from previous Sillman shows, *Fools Rush In* and the two editions of *New Faces*, will be added, and some of the *Who* numbers will be dropped.

BOSTON. April 9.—Death knell of Representative Francis X. Coyne's true name bill came Tuesday (5) when the House back-washed its day-previous okeh in the form of a complimentary first reading as respect to their colleague.

The solons on Tuesday vociferated loudly their rejection of the bill to forbid actors and actresses to use fictitious or assumed names.

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Bookers Want Speed; Agents Say Time-Slicing Ruins Acts

CHICAGO, April 9.—Smart sets today are shortening the time of their turns, leading bookers here claim, in answer to arguments of old-time agents who blame modern theater managers and night club operators with ruthless scissoring of shows. To keep up with the pace of the swift-moving temperament and impatience of present-day audiences acts must present the meat of their turns in the shortest time possible, talent buyers claim. Lou Lipstone, head of Balaban & Katz booking, supports this contention and adds that few comedy acts rate the time given them in the two-a-day heyday due to changing conditions in the theater.

Agents protest against time-slicing, particularly when affecting comedy turns, claiming that it takes a comedian a good five minutes just to warm up the audience. Bookers, on the other hand, furnish the comeback that any performer taking five minutes to warm up is not wanted by theaters and night clubs.

Local hotels, the more prominent in particular, follow a more or less standard practice to use fast acts. In many cases where established acts are known to do 15 minutes they are required to trim several minutes. At the Drake Hotel recently three acts ordinarily doing an aggregate 41 minutes worked only 22 minutes, both the booker and room manager inquiring on the change.

Veteran agents maintain that such a practice speeded the ruin of stage

shows because acts were not given a chance to be seen at their best. They claim that entertainment tastes have not varied to an extent that a good 15-minute act would tax the patience of an audience.

Floor Show Strikes As Acts Want Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—After manager of Kit Kat Club refused to pay performers on his show \$500 back pay the entire show walked out Monday night. American Federation of Actors has given the management a week to pay up. Latter's promise to pay in one month was turned down.

Performers involved in the controversy are Paula Jory, singer; Babe Laurette, producer; Kay Jordan, dancer; Dorothy Carter, singer; Claire Anderson, dancer, and Don Carroll, singer.

Al Smith, APA representative, said the club will have no entertainment until performers are paid in full.

Stagehands Press N. Y. Night Clubs

NEW YORK, April 9.—After months of dithering, negotiating and picketing in the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees' campaign to place stagehands and maintenance men in the smaller night clubs in and around Greenwich Village, the first sign of progress was reported with the signing of Boris Thomashevsky's night club to a contract.

Instead of seeking a \$75 minimum, however, officials of Local 1 are now asking a \$55 minimum for a seven-day week.

Fetchit Must Play Date

CHICAGO, April 9.—The \$25,000 damage suit filed by the Orpheum Theater, Memphis, against Stepin Fetchit and Consolidated Radio Artists for the comedian's failure to fill a February engagement in that house was settled out of court here this week.

Fetchit and his unit will fill that date at a low figure agreeable to the Orpheum management, according to Attorney Henry Katchein, and CRA will pay all legal fees.

Night Club Management

News and Angles on Night Club Operation

By GEORGE COLSON

"Champagne Waltz" Night Clicks
"CHAMPAGNE Waltz" night was tried out for first time with great success at Three-Mile Inn, Monroe, La., recently, and will probably be continued week-ends.

Each couple was given four champagne cocktails on the house and a quart of champagne was awarded to best dance couple on floor for waltz.

Jack Angel, operator and manager, says that policy has threefold purpose to educate public to the superiority of mixed drinks, to create a demand for local products and to stimulate bigger patronage by award attraction.

Omaha Law Tough

OMAHA city council has thrown another obstacle in the way of night club operators in the form of a new liquor control ordinance which took effect March 30.

The revived liquor law requires beer sales to end at 1 a.m. and postpones Sunday beer sales until after noon. Also requires that license applicants produce property deeds or leases to show their right to operate at licensed address.

Fashion Previews Popular

A PROPOS of the time of year and because a modern woman's thoughts turn, but not lightly, to clothes as much

'Herald-Tribune' Editorial Praises Robinson at Sixty

NEW YORK, April 9.—A rare tribute was paid to Bill Robinson last week when the local *Herald Tribune*, conservative daily, ran an editorial praising him.

The editorial read:

"BOJANGLES" AT SIXTY

"One of those affairs which make New York a good city was the birthday party given by the Grand Street Boys to observe the 60th birthday of Bill Robinson (Bojangles), the great Negro dancer. Never was the eloquence and persuasive charm of former Major James J. Walker used to better purpose than in his eulogy of Robinson. For Bojangles is not merely a remarkable dancer, the first citizen of Harlem and a credit to his race. He is a happy man, with more friends than can be counted, and all deservedly. May his feet still twinkle when he is 80!"

Advance Sale on V and Y's Concert

NEW YORK, April 9.—A brisk advance sale for Veloz and Yolanda's concert debut in Carnegie Hall Sunday night, April 24, has encouraged the ballroom team and its sponsor, S. Hurok.

The team will offer six light and six heavy numbers, the program running an hour and a half, with Pancho's Orchestra providing the background. The concert has aroused quite a bit of interest, being the first offered by a formal-dress ballroom team.

Veloz and Yolanda, probably the highest paid ballroom team today, also were the first team to play an opera (*Carmen*), the first to play the Hollywood Bowl and the first to play the Kansas City Jubilee last year.

Pitts Clubs Hit By Liquor Board

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—Spotlighted on the court carpet by Pennsylvania's State Liquor Control Board, two of the city's larger nighties shut this week, several cafes using acts folded and others are expected to close as a result of the board's investigation of clubs' violations of the State liquor law.

Shuttered until April 14 at least, when the board hears its plea, is the Harlem Casino. Also on blacklist is Wa-Lin Order, rendezvous of local showfolk.

More Acts Book Direct, as Agents Plug Own Talent

CHICAGO, April 9.—Acts, turned down by agencies pushing their own favorites, are becoming their own bookers. This practice has been more frequent here this season, with the number of jobs on the decrease and the list of available acts steadily bulging.

Other major self-selling reasons advanced are the desire on the part of the performers to keep reduced salary figures as much of a secret from the bookers as possible and the friendship developed by acts with many night spot and hotel operators who welcome them in via the direct channels.

Free-lancing acts making the Windy City rounds claim that similar turns under personal management contracts with leading agencies get the first shot with all accounts and are rarely pushed aside for an outside act.

Where a booker has spot-tied up exclusively he collects his 10 per cent whether the act booked itself in direct or not. Open accounts, as a rule, however, do not detract any booking commissions in direct booking deals.

2 Milwaukee Spots Compete for Names

CHICAGO, April 9.—Return of Palace, Milwaukee, to spot book bookings in giving the Riverside Theater, that city, the first vaude competition in months.

Riverside has been continuing with a weekly combo policy, but most of its pictures are of the "B" variety. Palace, on the other hand, has access to "A" product, which will be augmented with ace band units.

Local William Morris office, booking the Riverside, is planning strong attractions to combat competition. Of late the house played the Mac West, Dave Apolon and Benny Davis units.

Palace this week is presenting Little Jack Little's unit as the initial Bill Music Corporation of America, which set the deal, is dickering for several other band shows.

B & K Books Ahead To Get Good Films

CHICAGO, April 9.—Balaban & Katz booking over the week-end has been the liveliest in weeks. Determined to net enough shows ahead for the Oriental and Chicago theaters to give the picture booking boys a chance to set fitting features, Lou Lipstone, head of B. & K. vaude booking, was busy lining up units for both definite and tentative dates.

Tommy Dorsey's Orc has been bought for the Chicago week of May 27, with George Jessel's unit set for an early week in June. Harry Rogers' Chinese rerun follows the current Oriental bill, with another Major Bowes' unit on the way in May.

Deal is now pending to bring Benny Goodman into the Chicago early in the summer. Veloz and Yolanda will play a return engagement there after closing their coming engagement at the Palmer House.

Vaude for Des Plaines

DES PLAINES, Ill., April 9.—Des Plaines Theater here is changing to a combo policy with the addition of week-end vaude to its films.

Atlanta Spot Lacks Band

ATLANTA, April 9.—Remodeling of Peacock Alley, night spot, is well under way here and an open-air dance floor is being built. Management is undecided on orchestra. Has several local bids.

Just Temperament

CHICAGO, April 9.—The musikers in a near North Side hot spot are having a lot of bother these days with a songstress on the bill who has to get into the mood first before deciding what songs to do.

Claims that she must go out on the floor first, study the faces of the customers and then make her selections.

Club Talent

New York City:

PAUL HAAKON, currently featured in "Hooley for What," reopens the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria April 16. . . . MARIO AND FLORIA, now at the St. Regis Hotel, will continue there until the close of the Iridium Room. . . . TERRY LAWLOW will headline the new show coming into the Belmont Plaza April 16. . . . ENTIRE SHOW at the Village Casino, featuring Aileen Cook, Joey Caspo and Valerie Dumont, will leave this summer for two months at the Dorchester House, London. . . . HACKER AND SIDELL, dance team now in their fifth week at the Grosvenor House, London, expect to return to New York by August.

JACQUES CHARLES, co-producer of the current International Casino show, arrived here this week. . . . FRIMM SISTERS and Frank Ray now being featured with Bill McCune at the Bosset Hotel, Brooklyn. . . . JACKIE FIELDS continues as emcee at the Tap House, Elmira, N. Y. WILLIE AND EUGENE HOWARD, current at the Versailles, headline the new show at the Walton Roof, Philly, coming April 21. Booked by Paul Small. . . . KEN AND ROY PAIGE, in the revue at the Paradise, completed a short for Warner this week.

SHERR BROTHERS (Lew and Les) back in New York after wintering in Miami. Club Bagdad, Miami, their last date. . . . HERBERT DEXTER is back in New York after three months in Florida, playing night clubs.

Chicago:

JACK GWINNNE, magician, has moved into the Palmer House. . . . SUNDAYS at the Royale Frolics have been sold solid until October, the management reports. . . . FRANK HUTCHINS will open the season at his Villa Moderne next month. Dickerling for Ted Weems' Ork. . . . ESTELLE TAYLOR is the new headliner at the Yacht Club. Notables to follow in include Henry Youngmann, Fifi D'Orsay and Louis Prima.

Here and There:

A. L. DAURO'S Irish Rolling Stock opened its return engagement at the Anchor Club, Hamilton, O., April 4. . . . HENWITT AND NEALE, strolling singers and accordionists, are being held over indefinitely at Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati. . . . DICK BAUER, emcee, has returned to Radio Gardens, Cincinnati, after two weeks at Anchor Club, Hamilton, O. . . . At WILLIAMS, veteran musical and radio dancer, was a visitor at the home office of The Billboard in Cincinnati last week. He hopes to line up with one of the local dusters as hoofing emcees. Williams recently has been playing Coast clubs. . . . BILLY MARSH is in his sixth month at Wagon Wheel night club, Houston.

MURRY PICKFORD is heading east. JOHNNY KING is now emcee at the Spinning Wheel, Seattle. With him are Francis Setton, Diana Winton, Johnny Mason's Band, Kathryn King, Dorothy Mason, Chuck Anderson and Johnny Burke. . . . JOE WILLIAMS, Rudy and La Toza, LeRoy Sisters and Madeline are appearing at the Ranch, near Seattle. . . . ETHEL SHUFFTA, the Bachelors, Ensign and Novello and the Ran Wilde band comprise the new show going into the Nicolet Hotel, Minneapolis, April 28. . . . ORIOLE SISTERS AND RIED, Pattie Kelly and Don and Dorice were added to holdovers Romain and Cathorne and Miss Frank Milton for the new show at the Manoa Inn, Manoa, Pa. . . . BOB EVANS leaves the Ubangi Club, Billy, April 21 for theater dates, with Ted Coles coming in to head the new show. . . . VALLEY AND LEE have opened at the Half Moon Club, Steubenville, O.

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A Cold Audience

REIDSVILLE, Ga., April 9.—A packed house saw Monday's performance of the Tattnall Tattnalls. Features were Bill Simpkins, Fred Fair and Harry Kosinsky, all of Atlanta. The cast and audience compose the population in the Georgia State prison.

An ironic advertisement in the programs was "Travel by Rail. Use C. of G. Railroad." Another said, "If you need drugs call Reidsville Drug Co."

"Famous Trials" For Pic Houses

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Charles Mead, of J. Ralph Corbett, Inc., who for three years presented Menken's Famous Jury Trials over the Mutual Broadcasting System, is framing a unit to offer the courtroom feature in picture theaters. He is now in Chicago framing a cast, with the company slated to make its bow late this month at the Chakera Murphy Theater, Wilmington, O. Kroger Babb, Chakera publicity and exploitation head, this week completed work on the unit's advance trailer.

Cast of courtroom principals will number 10, with the jury to be selected from among prominent citizens in the various towns played. Show will tote a double stage: the first being given over to the courtroom setting, with the second used for the flashback versions of the witnesses' stories. *The Case of George Berkley*, which received the most favorable reception on the radio, will be the bill offered. Clarence Bell will have the advance.

Bell Hawaiians Head West

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Robert Bell, owner-manager of Bell's Hawaiian Folies, was in Cincinnati on business early this week, while his wife piloted the company westward thru Indiana and Illinois on theater dates during his absence. Bell rejoined the troupe in Kansas City, Mo., Friday, where it is set on a week-end en route to the West Coast. Show is booked to play all important Coast cities from Los Angeles to Vancouver. Bob Hicks Paige, company's advance, is now in Portland, Ore., arranging bookings. Bell was a visitor to The Billboard office during his stay in Cincy.

Bacon Tops Bowes' Unit

SALT LAKE CITY, April 9.—Major Bowes' International Revue played one week at the Roxy Theater to big business, but not as large as last week when Faith Bacon in her strip-tease dance returned for a second engagement.

Dembow Supervising Vaude

NEW YORK, April 9.—Sam Dembow Jr., recently appointed vice-president and director of Fanchon & Marco, Inc., is reported to be acquiring, among other duties, national supervision in the booking activities of P. & M.'s 60 or so affiliated theaters.

This action follows directly in the recent understanding that Dembow's activities and financial interests would be not confined to the St. Louis territory, as first reported.

Moss Views Allen Commission Suit as Break for License Plan

NEW YORK, April 11.—Tho unintentional, Paul Moss, commissioner of licenses, won the first heat in his drawn-out battle to license theatrical agents when Supreme Court Justice Salvatore A. Cottillo dismissed the suit of Edgar Allen, agent, against Fanny Brice for alleged nonpayment of commissions.

Fanny appeared in the New York County Supreme Court here last week to defend herself against charges that she owed Allen \$24,000 in fees for services rendered in 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937. Billy Rose also appeared to testify in Fanny's behalf. But the jury never did have a chance to deliberate the matter. The court on learning that Allen did not possess an agency license threw out the case.



BILLY ROSE is shown signing the contract with the American Federation of Actors providing for improved working conditions for chorus girls of his Casa Manana night club, New York. The signing ceremonies were the climax of the AFA mass meeting in the Edison Hotel and made the Casa Manana the first night club using chorus girls to operate 100 per cent union. Left to right are Gladys Feldman Braham, vice-president of the Ziegfeld "Follies" Girls Club; Billy Rose, Ralph Whitehead, AFA executive secretary; Sally Rand, member of the AFA Council and also featured at the Casa Manana, and Harry R. Colkins, chief organizer for the AFA. The girls standing are Casa Manana chorines.

U. S. Acts Take Foreign Bookings

NEW YORK, April 9.—Troubled conditions and war rumors to the contrary, American acts continue their trek to the other side for employment.

Latest batch includes Sid Marion, with Madeleine Killean, sailing yesterday for London, the act being set for a show there for Tom Arnold. Cookie Bowens sails on the same boat to open in a show for Prince Little, and Eddie Peabody will shipmate it with vaude dates for GTC awaiting him. All were booked thru Dick Henry, of the William Morris office.

Holland and Hart sail for England the first week in May with opening date for them at the Grosvenor House, London, set for May 11. Ballroomers were set by Harry Norwood.

Nelson-West Quit Partnership

FAIRMONT, W. Va., April 9.—Morris Nelson and Neil West have dissolved partnership in the High, Wide and Beautiful unit, with the former continuing operation of the company, currently working theater and night club engagements in this area. Unit has just concluded two days at Melody Manor Club here. Nelson plans to reorganize the company in May and plans to continue operation throughout the warm months under the title of *Revue Magnificent*.

Vaude for Providence

PROVIDENCE, April 9.—Blanche Calloway and colored unit rented the Playhouse Theater for five days, opening April 6. This will be first time house has played vaude since Associated Theaters, Inc., leased it last summer and renamed it Playhouse, devoted to legit attractions.

Talent Agencies

BERNARD BERNARDI PRODUCTIONS, New York, has 22 floor-show units now working in New York, Brooklyn, Bronx, Albany, Schenectady, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Newark, Union City, Binghamton, Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg. Probably the largest night club route in the East. Units range from six people up and usually include a girl line. . . . COUNTESS LEONTINE has joined Fred Walton, New York, as partner in his agency.

KASS-TOHNER AGENCY, New York, has dissolved. . . . JACK DEMPSEY, former Keith booker and more recently with MGM as talent scout, has joined the Otto K. Olson Recording Studios, Hollywood, as sales manager. Will also handle auditions. . . . PHIL COSCIA, who has been with the Simon Agency, New York, the past month, replaced Phil Orlin there.

HENRY COGERT, of New York, has taken over the management of the Bolton Theatrical Studios, Pittsburgh, with Lou Bolton now in Hollywood, having placed the Galli Sisters with the Crawford Agency there.

JACK KALCHEIM is not joining the CRA office in Chicago, but is continuing on his own for the time being. . . . HARRY STONE, of Rochester, N. Y., has added more spots to his books and says he can now offer acts six to eight weeks, with a total of 15 weeks available thru "affiliated offices."

EDDIE LIEBERMAN, in association with Charles Marano, has set up artist representatives offices for Negro talent in Philadelphia. Lieberman handles Stump and Stumpy, who are set for Paramount pic work following their vaude tour. Has also taken on Louise Williams, formerly of Pops and Louise, and Honi Coles, one of the Lucky Seven Trio.

EDDIE BEZARK, former Chicago concessioner, is opening the Associated Booking Offices in that city this week. Reports eight night club accounts.

Extending a policy of vaude adopted a few weeks ago by the ADVANCE THEATRICAL OPERATION CORP., Detroit, Manager Jack Broder is planning to book a stock company into the Colonial Theater. Musical comedy tableaux, plus popular dramas, will probably be used. Lewis was a theater concessioner until a few months ago. Circuit was enlarged last week by reopening of the Blackstone Theater No. 2.

JOHN A. SCHULTZ announced his withdrawal this week from the Coast offices of Fanchon & Marco. . . . JOE GLASER, band booker connected with Rockwell-O'Keefe, New York, moves into his new offices May 1. . . . MACK O'CONNELL is leaving the staff of Radio Orchestra Corp., New York.

Royale Frolics, Chicago

From the production end Denis Cooney's spring revue is the most lavish seen in this spot this season. The costumes in four spectacular scenes, especially prepared for this show, are unusually pretentious and give the ball an air of Ziegfeldian grandeur. Large chorus and show-girl line-up march thru their duties on the limited floor space in a sprightly fashion. Jack Hilliard handles the production vocals.

Maxine and Clayton, youthful swing team, fit in nicely after the opening with a couple of breezy tap concoctions. Stack up as a couple of refreshing personalities. Emilie and Evelyn furnished a few thrills with their springboard turns, several tricks dished up from a novel angle.

Mark Fisher, band leader, soles in romantic tunes which he holds up well with his expressive and voluminous voice. The DeLong Sisters, another novelty acre team, impress with a circuity presentation. While two similarly typed acts are obviously off balance on the same bill, opening shows had them spaced widely enough to net them both a fair share of response.

Dawn and Darrow, dance team, have perfected their waltz and adagio routines most admirably. They make a pleasing appearance and execute striking tricks deftly and with ease.

Dolly Kay, perennial holdover, scored as usual with a crop of assorted tunes that pleased the customers immensely. She works with sincerity and sells a song like a veteran showman.

Sid Tomack and the Reis Brothers are other holdovers, holding up the comedy honors quite capably. The boys have been here for several months and have developed a sock trio.

Duke Yellman booked and routined the bill, and Tom Kettering continues to handle the publicity. Sam Hoenigberg.

Bill's Gay NINETIES, N. Y.

A Night at Tony Pastor's is the special presentation at midnight now, with all of the down performers here joining for a musical act recalling "the good old days" of vaudeville's grandeur.

The rest of the time is taken up by solo and duo numbers offered continuously throughout the evening, with the performers doubling between the lower (bar) and upper (dining room) floors. Currently Bill Hardy is offering Mar-

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Night Club Reviews

garet Young, who proves she can still sell lively rhythm songs, giving them her vigorous personality and dott delivery. Ethel Gilbert, prima donna here the past three years and regaling patrons with her attention-compelling style of singing old favorites; Will Ward, skillful pianist, who also leads the community singing; young Rudy Madison whose tenor voice is a delight; Spike Harrison, singer, doing a tough-guy characterization at the piano; Henry LaMarr, operatic baritone, who has been here quite some time; Harry Connally, deft pianist; Ted Furman and Billy Lorraine, young male piano and singing team, specializing in light and spicy ditties, and Joe E. Howard, veteran songwriter, pianist and singer, who has been in this spot for years on and off.

The entertainment fits in with the atmosphere perfectly—the flickering gas lights, high-wheel bikes, old meller-drammer posters, swinging doors, old song folio covers and other mementos redolent of the "Gay '90s" era. Fine food, fine liqueur and good service make an evening here even more pleasant.

Hardy, incidentally, is planning to send out Gay Nineties units to hotel bars and cocktail lounges, supplying the hotels with entertainers, special music and authentic old-time atmosphere, such as posters, photos, etc., along with permission to use the Gay Nineties name.

Seamon Jacobs is doing the press agenting. Paul Denis.

Bal Tabarin, San Francisco

Still the most popular spot in town, altho Tom Gerun and Frank Martinelli have cut down on floor show talent. Three acts are on this week, with a new show coming in April 15.

Club is not as prosperous as it should be, but it stands a good chance now with Hal Dreiske's excellent band and a reasonably priced policy.

Ji-Mae, mystifier, clicks with all sorts of legerdemain. He offers a good wind-up with requests of table-to-table card tricks following the performance.

Eddie Ross and brother have little trouble scoring with a comic singing and dancing routine. Act is not set yet, having joined the club two weeks ago.

A fast waltz number is turned in by the Huntley Sisters. Both girls are good jockeys and display several unique arrangements that blend harmoniously.

Complete change for the April 15 show brings in the Honey Family, Ginger Dulé and pitchfork and Lord.

The Dreiske Band remains.

Edward Murphy.

Ringside, Ft. Worth

Ringside Club, on Jacksboro highway near Fort Worth and managed by Louis Glass, remains the only club in this area with floor shows for the summer. Only three acts, with Jack Amlung's Band and Frank Dinkins at the electric organ completing the show.

Mac Pepper, comic emcee, singer and dancer, is easily the best of the trio. His good material, pep and a pleasing personality. Singing of Star Dust and his fast tap work are standouts.

Ruth Reid, tall blonde, is an eyeful and a graceful dancer. Reid and Pepper paired for song and dance of I Can't Give You Anything But Love.

Jack Pons relies on his resemblance to George Raft for much of his material. His impressions of Raft singing and dancing were credible, but his Ted Lewis number and an original song went over better.

Two different 30 to 45-minute shows nightly.

Jack Amlung's Orchestra, a favorite in this section, puts out danceable music.

Beth Huff.

Dizzy Club, New York

Dizzy Club is one of the many intimate West 52d street spots, but instead of trying for the jitterbug trade this one offers a casual and informal atmosphere at inviting prices.

In other words, it's one of those no-cover, no-minimum spots that invites drop-ins. The main attraction is the owner and host, Lou Richman (Harry's brother). Lou is a Broadway character with a host of friends. A warm, friendly fellow, he's usually at the bar dishing out the drinks or gabbing about this and that or maybe even playing cards with the customers.

Entertainment itself is informal to the

extreme and depends on the customers' mood mostly. There's Dick Mayers (also called Dick Richman here) who has a vibrant baritone and even some of Harry Richman's mannerisms. Then there is Judy Sherry, pretty brunet rhythm singer; Chat Gorman, singer-pianist of the Frances Faye type; Jack Derwin, young, good-looking and expressive tenor, and Jean Marie, dancer.

The cartoon wall murals, the red checkered table covers, the music machine and the carefree atmosphere (free of that awful night club tension) combine to make this a pleasant drop-in spot.

Paul Denis.

College Inn, Hotel Sherman, Chicago

Just as Walt Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs has taken moviegoers by storm, so did Snow White, in the person of Adriana Caselotti, the girl whose voice is heard in the film, enchant a large audience Friday night when she opened at the College Inn in the Snow White Revue. The Inn, stole a march on New York by signing up Miss Caselotti for her first personal appearance outside of Hollywood (she did two weeks at the Troc in the movie city). She has been engaged for four weeks with an option for more and doubtless will prove a potent draw.

Bob Bromley, the young man whose puppets have been a highlight of the Inn show, is responsible for the revue built around Adriana. And he has done a smart job. Bromley cleverly worked in scenes from the picture, with the Boots McKenna girls in the guise of forest animals and dwarfs, and Joe Wallace, Inn emcee, as the Prince Charming. Snow White, an unspoiled young lady of 21, handled her role admirably despite her lack of stage experience and limited opportunity for rehearsal—she arrived from New York at 5 p.m. and was on the floor at 8:30. Her naive youthful charm, poise and freshness supplemented by an engaging voice instantly won the audience, and the prolonged applause accorded her was richly merited.

Sonya and Romero, comedy dance team, newcomers to the Inn, are clever comedians and gave a pleasing performance. Bob Bromley with his puppets, Dr. Arthur Marcus with his sleight-of-hand, the Boots McKenna Girls and Carl Marx, clown, continue in the show, and Louis Panico, of Wabash Blues fame, serves swell music.

Nat Green.

Steuben's Vienna Room, Boston

Lee Steele, tapster and originator of a nifty ventriloquist act, is by far the hit of this 31-minute show in this basement restaurant. Steele is on twice. First with a fast, graceful click tap and then a ventriloquist bit that glues all the supper crowd eyes. Fact that he looks the role of a ventriloquist's dummy, after screwing up his face, makes him sock in his business. Steele came thru with a vocal of Let Me Call You Sweetheart, sounding like Tizzie Lish; then a series of nationality songs. Wind-up is a take-off of Dopey (Seven Dwarfs), as a dancing inebriate. Stint might make a good movie short.

Janet Carol, live Snow White for four weeks while the pic played the Keith Memorial Theater, gave out with three clear, soprano pipings: Glowersome, Ti-Ti-Ti, and Waltz Song From Romeo and Juliet.

Rio and Rita offer a ballroom waltz and a fast adagio, latter scaring the customers with toses that sends the ladies inches away from the low ceiling and the floor.

Eddie and Elsa, rhythm tap team, is on twice as a team. Elsa sings in a contortion-acro number that makes her look like a side-show attraction, and possibly better for a non-cabaret spot. She uses a chair for some bits, and has her routine down okeh.

Marie King, brunet looker with a click vocal apparatus, doubled as emcee. Works in a subdued manner with plain introductions. Warbled appealingly Serenade to the Stars with an interpolation of You Are My Lucky Star. She's a charmer, voice is polished and has salable ingredients.

Jack Fisher's Orch carried the show expertly.

Business good at first show.

Sidney J. Payne.

Garbo, New York

This is one of the newer Swedish restaurants featuring a floor show and dance music. Operated by the friendly Carl Soderstrom, it is an ample, restful and comfortable place that has the dance floor in the center and fronting the band stand.

The food is a real attraction—especially the smorgasbord—and the prices are very modest. As for the show, it is on twice nightly and is just enough. It has Baron Ebbe Glydenkron doing emcee in pleasing, unobtrusive fashion. He also sings a bit and then does a session or two on "the world's smallest accordion."

Mickey Peeley, cute and brunet singer, sings When Irish Eyes Are Smiling and then switches pace for the slower Gold Mine in the Sky. She returns later in cowboy outfit for Western tunes that won her encore calls. The mike made her voice sound a bit blasty, but Miss Peeley got by nicely due mostly to a pleasing personality. Elaine and Henry, ballroom team, offer graceful gliding-about, plus the usual lifts and spins. They have youth and good appearance and impress as a competent pair of dancers, with the girl's acrobatic work a standout.

Albert Malanga (violin) is backed by four men for dance music that is okish and also for show accompaniment.

Formerly a Hungarian spot, the wall murals still carry a Bohemian motif, incidentally. On the whole, the restaurant's atmosphere is thoroughly pleasing.

Jack Yarmov is the p. a.

Paul Denis.

Hollenden Vogue Room, Cleveland

Impresario Dick Marsh, of the Hotel Hollenden, is presenting his most pretentious and expensive floor show of the season, a unit from Chicago's Yacht Club, headed by Jerry Bergen and Gilly Gray, standard comedy team. Gray is a glib, tap-stepping straight man. Bergen is a shorter edition of Willie Howard and works much along the same lines. He does an after-dinner speech amid Gray's heckling; burlesques Rubenoff and his violin (not a difficult task) and joins with Madame Margo to warble the Sextet from Lucia. Gray works thruout with extemporaneous dancing, chatter, cross-fire, ad lib, and emceeing.

For the remainder of the revue there are Loyanne and Richard, who offer flashy ballroom and adagio dancing, and Olive Payne, a Russian dancer with plenty of Cossack steps, not forgetting the shouts.

Summy Watkins and his boys furnish the musical background and pep up the dancing afterwards.

With local night spots considering re-trenchment, Marsh has taken an opposite tack, which may result in waking up some of his opposition.

H. R. Hoyt.

Gay Nineties, Miami Beach

Starting the season with old-time floor shows, which failed to draw capacity crowds as was expected, the Gay Nineties is now offering Kay Parsons and her community sing program, which pleases, especially after a few drinks and a play titled The Drunkard with a New York cast.

Newspaper notices say the show is leaving intact for an engagement in Texas following its run here, where it has upset tradition and attracted crowds.

Under direction of John Prete, club offers dance music and dinners, dinner check being price of admission for the melodramas.

Virgil E. Pierson.

Mammy's Chicken Farm, New York

This is one of the newer swing spots on West 52d street. Its trick name

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comes from the fried chicken featured in the menu and from the wall decorations.

Will Rockwell, former music publisher, is operating and greeting his old friends. The spot is a comfortable, intimate restaurant that's open for lunch, dinner and supper, but with the entertainment really getting under way late. No dancing, but just a piano in the center, with each of the three colored entertainers taking turns at the piano and mike during the evening.

Gladys Palmer, an attractive and hefty-lab gal, sings classics and pop with verve and distinction, having made a reputation in Chicago for her swing an ingratiating personality, a clear voice and a swell sense of rhythm, accompanying herself at the piano as well.

Bob Howard is another distinctive singer-pianist. A gleaming, smiling, adoring fellow, he plunks himself at the piano and tickles those ivories like a brook bubbling downhill. Then there is Billy Daniels, a young, tall and good-looking singer with an odd high tenor voice. He uses it cleverly and for dramatic effect, compelling attention easily. Rockwell is planning Tuesday Night Tin Pan Alley Carnivals, when new swing songs will be introduced by their composers and publishers. The spot is building into a regular rendezvous for the swing maniacs. Its prices are modest and there's no cover or minimum. It's a convenient drop-in spot.

Jay Pugger-Dorothy Ray are publishing. Paul Denis,

Stork Club, Kansas City, Mo.

Tedie Lusco's latest venture in the local literary field opened two weeks ago in the downtown district. Tommy Juneau's orchestra, Eli Madoff and three acts are drawing excellent patronage.

Dias and Diana are a dance team with originality. Dressed scantily, with Dias swinging a mean whip, act scored with a pair of flashy exotic routines.

Rick and Kay Team in a fast toe-tap specialty. Went big at show caught. G! is a good looker.

Franco Connolly's singing and the insatiate emceeing of Madoff, formerly known as The Mad Russian, also better than average.

Juneau's combo works hard, is adept at rhythm offerings and apparently pleases the dancers between shows.

No minimum, no cover policy. Three shows nightly.

Food, service and drinks of high quality.

Floor shows booked weekly thru the Paragon Agency here.

Dave E. Dexter Jr.

Corktown Tavern, Detroit

Near-downtown spot, managed by Ike Thomas, continues as ace spot for plenty of entertainment. Popular-priced, yet rigid enough to maintain a steady respectable patronage. Three shows nightly. Booked by Pete Indee.

Current show, Corktown Circus, opens with ballet of six in circus costumes and doing cartwheels, acrobatic tape, sequin costume number and military specialty.

Tommy Ross does a fine acrobatic number and Manuel Macias performs a difficult slack wire stunt.

Kinko has a fast contortion turn including some comedy. Art Lind does a tramp clown number. All the acts double in clown interludes.

Milie Obenor is a singer on the Kate Smith order and very well liked here. Torrelli's Circus, with ponies, mule, monkeys and dogs, did a full one-ring number that missed nothing from revolving hurdles to statues and hoop numbers. A unique night spot act.

George Lovett and Co. have an amazing telepathy routine; the two girls playing any number requested by a member of the audience. Lovett works in the house.

Harry Jarkey officiates vigorously as emcee.

Earl Baumal's orchestra here in their second season.

H. F. Rees.

Famous Door, New York

Not content with packing the smallish joint with the inimitable Louis Prima, his trumpet and his orchestra, the management has seen fit to add a couple of specialty acts to the entertainment.

Making a prodigal return to the same tie that started them off on their bid for fame, altho' known as the Caliente Club, Jule Oshins and Ben Levy are back after a year or more with

old and new song-satire, dialectics and mugging. This delightfully screwy pair have things pretty much their way from bell to bell, and in a rapid-fire, yet surprisingly easy and informal, carrying on they regale the sardine-packed patrons with refreshing antics made to order for intimate spots. With the help of a studio keyboard they share chores in double talk clowning, Muscovite versions of pop tunes, impression of a Celestial Bing Crosby and a lot more buffoonery in the same vein. Highlight, perhaps, is the Foreign Legion take-off, a saucy but funny sonic specialty. Instead of being hampered by the unusually noisy throng here the team was able to turn the disturbance and occasional heckling to its advantage.

Shirley Lloyd also offers respite from the unrepresible Prima and the generally boisterous goings-on with vocal renditions of a more subdued nature; but her prettiness and her small voice sort of get lost in the scuffle. She is rather pretty and attracts some attention, but nobody seems to mind her nasal intonations. Not a good voice at best and she can hardly hope to triumph here.

Of course, the attraction of the place and a whole show in himself is Prima. The fellow's magnetism and absolute uniqueness in song stylizations, unorthodox ear-splitting trumpet interpolations and general disportment at first only disturbingly felt, soon become contagiously shared. As a lucrative lodestone he has taken up where he left off at the old stand across the street a couple years back.

And should there be a few moments when the giddy pace droops there is Hazel Scott, attractive sepia swing-singer, accompanying herself at the ivories.

Life here really starts after theater hours and later.

Minimum \$1.50 week days. Joel Rose doing publicity. George Colson.

Hi Hat, Chicago

The spot resembled an Igloo Friday night, mountains of snow from a fresh blizzard piled up on the sidewalk to clear a way inside. The indoor atmosphere was of the freezing variety, too, a sprinkling of the cash trade failing to get too excited about the new show. comparatively smaller than the recent headliner-topped bills, the revue had its entertaining moments but lacked the customary sizzle and speed.

Bobby Edwards, dancer, is doing a new act with a line of six young and capable dancing girls. In the several varied routines displayed, the act had definite promise of developing into a desirable cafe and hotel attraction. In addition to flashy mass numbers, Bobby and Ruth Arden made a pleasing and fresh-looking musical comedy team, while Pat Alexander impressed with a fast aero routine. Once the turn can produce more individual and original specialties it will have little trouble garnering a major highlight on a floor show bill.

Virginia Gibson, lanky blond singer, has a gracious personality and a smart night club delivery style. Her voice is more of the popular soprano type which lends well in simple hit tune arrangements.

Don Amato, juggler, presented his standard turn of juggling and balancing, but the job on the whole is not too spectacular on a cafe floor.

Willie Shore continues as emcee. When caught he went over with his now familiar but good soft-shoe dance impressions. Sid Lang and orchestra are still on the band stand and doing a good show-playing job.

Sam Honigberg.

Grosvenor House, London

Second edition of MCA's *So This Is It*, produced by George Black Jr., has Bower and Ravel and Howard Nicholls replacing Hacker and Sidell and Gaston Palmer, respectively.

Bower and Ravel, English dance team of distinction, work with elegance and charm and rate high. Act scores heavily.

Howard Nicholls, just back from an American tour, is a corking hoop juggler. He performs with ease and has a novel routine.

Edwin Styles, versatile and engaging emcee, and the English Glamour Girls, pleasing line-up, remain in the show.

Bert Ross.

Piccadilly Hotel, London

Popular night spot has as its premier attraction the Four Spallas, three men

and a girl, who rate among the best of European acrobatic and posing equilibrists. Their performance is clean-cut and replete with difficult and applause-compelling tricks. Girl is personable and easy to look at.

Elsa Stennings, songstress with fair voice, has a good selection of numbers. Also strums among the diners singing request numbers.

Carroll and Brooks register well as an efficient and graceful dance team.

Two bands here and both popular.

Bert Ross.

It's Some Consolation

NEW YORK, April 9.—One of the non-Oriental partners in a local Chinese spot grew philosophical last week when business continued to fall. "Well, we should worry," he said. "At least, if worst comes to worst we can always take in wash."

Unit Producer Pushes Film Suit

NEW YORK, April 9.—Motion was signed last week by Judge Caffey, of the U. S. District Court, to remand the injunction suit of Harry Howard, producer of the Hollywood Hotel Revue, and Vitagraph for use of the title of his show as that of a picture produced by the defendants, to the Supreme Court of New York State.

A motion for a temporary injunction will be heard before Judge Wasservogel, District Court, April 11.

Sacramento Musicians and Performers in Union Pact

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 9.—Musicians' union Local 12 here has signed a pact with the American Federation of Actors prohibiting performers to work with non-union bands and also banning union bands playing for non-APA performers.

Eugene W. Hunt and E. R. Drake signed for the musicians, and Al T. Smith and John Corcoran, for the performers.

Philly Colony on the Block

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—A syndicate of business men are dickering for the purchase of the swank Colony Club here. Names of prospective buyers are undisclosed. Controlling interest is now held by Louis Grabovsky. Club is managed by Adolph Marks and Moish Oxman.

Philly Arcadia Adds Girl Line

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Arcadia-International has capitulated to demands of its ritzy customers for girlie shows. On April 16 a line of eight Mayfair Girls comes in under-direction of George Libby. Happy Felton's Ork opens there on same day.

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Loew's State, New York

(Reviewed Thursday Evening, April 7)

A compact standard layout of the regulation five-act bill, but consistently appealing for the greater part and b-o-ed sky high by the personal appearance of MGM's romantic singing star, Allan Jones. Capable and meritorious in their own right, the supporting cast serves only as attractive interludes to Jones' p. a. his first in four years.

The Five Elkins, three men and two women, open with a fast-paced bit of novelty juggling, first with panama skimmers and then with clubs. The straw hat quick-switch turn is good for a number of laughs and their club passing stands out with several intricate ensemble formations which, helped by optical illusions, are mirth provoking as well.

George Prentiss puts on his familiar Punch and Judy specialty and succeeds handsomely. Clever manipulation of the little figures (and the sweater) plus nicely controlled dialog keeps this version of the age-old pastime just an amusing for the modern audience.

The low comedy, hoke and trick propellants that go to make up the offering of Frank Libuse could be a page out of the late Herb Williams' catalog, with a dash of Truman. However, Libuse, assisted by a straight-talking soprano and a prop man, does not reach the comedy level of his predecessor. Best received of his numerous gags was the arms-from-behind-the-woman stunt. Other moderately successful bits included tearing pages from a telephone book to adjust his piano stool, off-key piano accompaniment to the gaily warbling ditto via a flute, a fish-rewarded hunt and a curling golf club. The girl, Margot Brander, is a capable and decorative asset and impresses with snatches of legit songnaming.

With a minimum of sugary prodigal son pap, Jones steps out and captivates the audience by virtue of his personality and his compelling song selling. With a rich, colorful and expansively radiant voice, he sings numbers from his musical film successes, as beautifully romantic and expressive in flesh as they seemed with all the magical touches of Hollywood. A medley of film songs, the Donkey Serenade, Cost Cosa and several others, earned him show-stopping acclaim.

Closing are Don Lee and Louise, assisted by vocalist Lillian Dawson and pianist Jack Shaindin, in a class dance offering. The team is a superbly graceful one, handling themselves with ease and grace and maintaining at all times an untruffled poise. They engage in two

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numbers, a standard ballroom turn and a pulsing tango. Miss Dawson supplies backstage vocal background and also steps forward for a catchy arrangement of *I Can't Give You Anything But Love*. House packed last show opening day.

On the screen, *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

George Colson.

Palace, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, April 8)

Management changed stage shows for the sixth and final week of Walt Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which has been holding up notably well at the box office. Unit is packed with entertainment and is an ideal dish for both adults and children.

Adele Nelson's three educated elephants open and are routine thru their usual feats, closing with the ludicrous ball game. White-haired Adele works the bulls with an abundance of enthusiasm and keeps the turn at a merry pace. Frakson, amiable magician, follows, and his appearance and showmanship presentation of his work are still about tops in his line. This is his third appearance in a Loop house in the last four months, but his act is the type that will not fatter before a repeat audience. Held up unusually well with his cigarette, card and coin tricks.

The Merril Abbott dancers, young and airy 10-girls line working in the Palmer House here, offered two smart acrobatic routines, a soft high-kick number in this spot and a brief and flashy mass trick display at curtain time. First one featured June Taylor, a graceful blonde, in an above-average modern girlie picture to tune of *L'Amour Toujours L'Amour*. Well presented.

Only other act, next to closing, is the reliable Eddie Garr, who eased his way into scoring position with little ado. His act is clean and slick. His impersonations are bright, amusing carbons and thoroughly entertaining. A dependable attraction, be it a theater or night spot.

House was only fair first show opening day, a snow blizzard keeping down the attendance figure. Sam Honigberg.

ROXY, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, April 8)

A short and rather disappointing show, somewhat undermines the extra efforts of Fanchon & Marco to provide a spectacle that would more suitably fit the accompanying film, Old Chicago, direct from a two-a-day run at the Astor.

Only three acts are used, and those very sparingly. Today's *Iden of Yesterday*, name used to carry out the theme of the presentation, has but one of the three specialties, Sylvia Manon and Company, adding any plausible authenticity. Of course, the Gae Foster Girls are dressed and made to deport fittingly.

Following a commendable routine by the line, dressed in Sunday best, crinoline, and to the rhythm of Easter Parade, Walter Dare Wahl goes thru amusing broad hoke and strong-arm stunts, but misses fire along the line and is off to weaker hand than is customary for the act. Opening moments are slow and not until the sticky fingers gag is well played up is there noticeable response. Walter's pint-sized partner gives with yeoman assistance.

William Hall, "romantic singing star of the screen," fails to live up to glamorous expectations. Innocuous personality, on the boards, anyway, and a fair, unshifting baritone detract from his visual assets. He is a tall, good-looking chap with sleeked hair and can turn on a million-dollar smile. Vocal stunts are *Thanks for the Memories* and an unexpressive version of the dramatic *Chico*, his voice attaining its highest merit and warmth in the lower passages. For the rest, he is used to sing production intros for the Gae Foster girls and for the closer, the Sylvia Manon adagio quartet.

Emily the most exciting thing on the bill, this foursome headed by Miss Manon and assisted by Ray Borden, William Decker and Jack Yarborough, contribute

an artistic and extremely daring adagio, some of the throws easily qualifying the young lady for membership in the suicide club. Dressing the boys in Hapsburg costumes not only helps the illusion of yesteryear but also adds to the daintiness of the offering. The *Dance of the Blue Danube*.

Inclement weather kept down the house for the last show.

George Colson.

State-Lake, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, April 8)

Verne Buck and his house orchestra warm up the new show with a pop tune medley before the curtains unfold on the Three Harrows, club-swinging novelty turn, who blend tricky juggling with an amusing line of chatter. Use idea of instructor showing a couple of rubes how. Nice hand.

Joyce Brothers and Dean, swing dance trio, have a fast, flashy turn loaded with taps, aero tricks and bubbling mirth. Old three numbers and got away to a good sitting.

Paul Mall scored with his songs. Has a voluminous, melodious voice that tackles a tune judiciously and drains every ounce of entertainment value. Looks like he had to prolong his act here to give the band a chance to move on the stage and, as a result, used superfluous gags which weakened the act after delivering his sock songs.

State-Lake Sweethearts appear in front of the band with a union routine that makes a pleasure if not particularly brilliant sight. Leila Moore next offers her highly talented *Dance of the Lovers*, a clever and original specialty. The remarkable illusion of two lovers necking and dancing is vividly maintained by timed and trained postures.

Fenwick and Cook are holding a late spot but managed to sell their versatile act, which has a generous contribution of comedy acrobatics, unicycle specialty by one of the boys and their closing Tyrolean face-slapping dance.

House line closed with mass tape in minstrel outfit. Business kept down second show opening day by a raging snow blizzard. On screen, *King of the Newsboys* (Grand National).

Sam Honigberg.

Apollo, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, April 8)

Normally this house does nice business with a colored name band and a fast, well-paced show, changed weekly; but on the evening caught old Jupe Pluvius did his best to wreak havoc at the box office. But the vast open spaces didn't seem to dampen enthusiasm on the stage, and what the audience lacked in size, it more than made up for in noisy appreciation.

Headliner is Teddy Hill and, as the program has it, his "swing broadcasting" band. Hill has a nice, quiet style as an emcee, but when he's in front of his crew of 12, that's a different story. Band itself is good, but a little less brass and a bit more softness from the six section wouldn't hurt. On one number in particular, called *Jumpin'* and created by the orchestra itself, the boys seem to forget they're not in Madison Square Garden. Trumpets and trombones without muted can't be loud, but definitely, when there isn't too much restraint used in the blowing.

Band does two other solo numbers, one of them an excellent swing arrangement of *Ti-Pi-Ti*. Hill features rhythm more than the wacky orchestration indulged in by some of his colleagues, and it's a welcome relief. Especially effective are his accompaniment arrangements for his new vocalist, Melba Smith, and the person whose feet don't beat out the rhythm along with the band during some of those breaks just isn't human.

New singer is making her first stage appearance here this week and doing a nice job in a quiet but able way. When experience gives her a little more stage poise she'll be up with the best of them, since she's already got the most important thing, a voice. Her numbers included *At a Perfume Counter*, *Don't Be That Way and Please Be Kind*, with a grand arrangement of *Loch Lomond* as an encore. Lester Collins, trumpet, with Bill Dillard handling the vocal, does nicely with a specialty on *I Simply Adore You*.

Well-rounded bill precedes the Hill combo, with the Four Dudley Brothers a stand-out. Boys are similar in style, delivery and technique to the Mills quartet, but have nothing to be ashamed of in a comparison, their interpretation of *Organ Grinder's Swing* and a couple of other tunes being clever and interesting. Togo, billed as "The Daredevil Japanese," starts off mildly with some

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Sylvia Manon Foursome, three man-one girl adagio turn, scored best among the acts. Doubtful whether a turn tops this one in its field. Men are dressed in Satan costumes, which contrasted with the girl's blond complexion, gives the act plenty of flesh. Routine is beautiful to watch, with the girl whirling thru the air in breathtaking and statuose positions. End is sensational, giving a sock finish to an expertly performed turn — PAUL ACKERMAN in Billboard.

Management, MAURICE GOLDEN ENTERPRISES.

Vaudeville Notes

BENNY DAVIS' unit plays the Fox, St. Louis, April 22. . . . AL PEARCE and his Gang booked by Fanchon & Marco for the Shubert, Cincinnati, week of the 15th, and the Earle, Washington, week of April 29. . . . GAE FOSTER GIRLS made their seventh short for Warner on the 14th. . . . RAY HULING, veteran animal trainer, retired his pet actor, Charlie, the sea lion, which tramped with Huling for 18 years and is alleged to have earned \$300,000, by donating him to the New York Aquarium. . . . RUDY VALLEE'S unit plays the State, Hartford, beginning May 6, and is followed by the THREE STOOGES, week of May 12. . . . LOUIS ARMSTRONG goes into the Howard Theater, Washington, April 15. . . .

MAE WEST goes into the State, Hartford, April 16, and Count Bernicoff comes in the same house April 21. . . . JACK FINE'S Chicago Follies comes into the Shubert, Newark, week beginning April 17. . . . VIRGINIA LEACH, colored tapist, has joined the S. H. Dudley Ebony Follies, which began a 30-week run in Richmond, Va., April 11. . . . GUY LOMBARDO'S theater tour takes him on consecutive weeks and beginning April 14, to the Memorial, Boston; Earle, Philadelphia; Palace, Cleveland; Stanley, Pittsburgh, and Fox, Detroit.

Ballroom teams doing adagio members report a definite comeback for adagio. It seems that a definite reaction against formal dress routines has set in and that novelty and character routines are being welcomed back. Like almost every kind of entertainment after it has been away for some time it is welcomed back as something "new."

HARRIS TWINS AND LORETTA and Eddie Gordon are booked on the other side until late July. Amsterdam and Munich, month of April; National Scala, Copenhagen, in May; England in June, with last date in Blackpool July 4. . . . AAREN AND BRODERICK and Wilkie and Ray, American acts on the Continent the past six months, are due soon on this side. . . . WILL FYPPEL'S first starring vehicle, *To the Victor*, has been booked over the entire Fox West Coast Theater Circuit.

JACKIE COOPER continues his Eastern p. a. with a week at the Keith Theater, Boston, April 21. . . . GEORGE JESSEL, assisted by the Dancing Theodores and Eddy Leigh, opens his theater tour at the Fox, Detroit, April 15. Successive dates following are at the Stanley, Pittsburgh; Capitol, Washington; Earle, Philadelphia; Hippodrome, Baltimore, and State, New York, May 26.

PHIL BRITO is returning to New York after two years as featured vocalist at the Mt. Royal Hotel, Montreal. . . . FOUR MARVEL GIRLS (Bond Sisters and Sonja Carson) are a new musical turn. Open Friday at Fay's, Providence. . . . BERNARD ZUFALL, memory expert, made his radio debut April 4 on the *For Men Only* program as guest artist. Also landed in the new *Who's Who in New York* last week. . . . RUTH KRAFT now owns the Twelve Aristocrats act. . . . GUIDO AND EVA are playing vaude dates in Philly. . . . HARRY GOURFAIN'S Star-Spangled Jamboree unit has disbanded. . . . SPANKY McFARLAND goes into the Chicago, Chicago, week of April 22. . . . WHIRLING BEES, novelty act, have been booked into the Lyric Theater, Allentown, Pa., April 18.

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Return of the Cherries

DES MOINES, April 9.—The never-say-die Cherry Sisters are at it again. It has been two years since the veteran troupers have shaken off the bonds of hermit-like seclusion and gone back to their first love, the stage. Elsie and Addie, the two who remain of the four who originally played America from Coast to Coast presenting their "original sketches," will repeat their famous acts at a theater in their home town, Cedar Rapids.

Michaels Plans Big Road Unit

BOSTON, April 9.—Max Michaels, manager of the Columbia Burlesque Theater, Hub stock burly house, is lining up four weeks of summer road-showing of a burlesque unit of 45 to 50 people.

Cities that will likely house the unit are Hartford, Bridgeport and Waterbury, Worcester, now without burly, might also take the proposition.

Columbia's last production will be the one to travel. Scenery and wardrobe will be trucked, but line of 24 girls will remain intact. Ben Bernard is the producer. The house ark, Joe Reisman's (six pieces), will probably accompany.

It is the first time that a Boston-produced unit will have taken to the road on a similar set-up.

Palmer-Rowland To Reopen Gotham, N. Y.

NEW YORK. April 9.—The Gotham here is slated to reopen April 16 after being dark a year, since Abe Minsky ran the house. Pix and vaude, followed by films alone, were tried during the intermission under the supervision of the property's owners.

New policy will be *Gotham Follies*, three-a-day, with 10 to 12 principals and a chorus of 18. Rehearsals start April 9.

House will be operated by Harry Palmer, stock dealer, and Ed Rowland, former burly and legit house manager. Harry Brock, owner of the Americas and Manhattan hotels and formerly of the Hirt Circuit, the Empire, Newark, and West End in Harlem, will be a silent adviser. Rowland will manage, with Paul Kane producing the numbers.

Stock for Gayety, Balto

BALTIMORE, April 9.—The Gayety Theater here, owned and operated by John (Hon) Nichols, opens tomorrow as a stock burly house. With the end of the regular Indie Circuit season, it became necessary to install stock in order to keep house open.

Gus Flagg will be book producer and Dorothy Bell dance director. Opening cast includes Billy (Scratch) Wallace, Hamp and Beck, Jack Keller, Dawn DeLee, Sherry Britton, three acts and a chorus of 24.

Reviews

Rialto, Chicago

(Reviewed Saturday Afternoon, April 9)

Business was encouraging during the late afternoon show, altho there were only about a half dozen women in the audience. Current show for the most part is clean and harmless, but from the standpoint of attracting new burly patrons it lacks new blood for a needed transfusion. It was particularly evidenced in the comedy and stripping departments, the same faces doing familiar routines. Fresh talent will give burlesque a new lease on life if developed properly and sold unreservedly to the patrons.

Charles Country and Kenny Brenna, with Jack Buckley straightening, have been the house's only comedy sources for weeks. While the boys do a good job, they are bound to tire if seen time and time again. A change is needed, if only to give the regular customers a change in diet.

Honey Bee Kellar, new stripper this week, took on more pounds than she can afford to carry in her stripping specialty. Her parading is silent and brief. June St. Clair still insists on reciting before striping. "Peaches" Strange is another holdover and stands out as a vigorous worker. Lillian Lead displayed talent in her interpretative acrobatic concoction. Has a slim-waisted figure and an attractive, youthful-looking face.

Gertie Foreman and another unbilled straight woman are capable talking assistants. They hold up well in the skits and deliver their lines with first-time freshness. George Kaye is the production singer and straight man, falling short on the latter end.

Fred Clarke did a commendable production job, taking advantage of the rather limited stage and setting facilities. The girls, some of them lifeless, unfortunately, are guided thru several fast routines, briefly cut outfits and semi-nude pictures predominating.

Al White is sandwiched in between scenes with his impersonation act in which he offers standard screen characters and in the finals contributes a lively tap design.

Screen has a first-run feature (*RKO-Radio's Maid's Night Out*) and several shorts.

Sam Honigberg.

Hudson, Union City, N. J.
(Reviewed Tuesday Evening, April 5)

The Hudson is pulling them in these nights with its black and white shows, which isn't too surprising, since the units supply two and a half hours of fast, snappy and varied entertainment. The First Circuit puts a new show into this house each week, and while it's plain they're spending no time and less

effort on production, both as to scenery and originality of ideas, it hardly matters, for the comedy is good and blue. The stripping is in the approved manner—and that's all the cash customers are interested in anyway.

Okay part of the proceedings runs about an hour and 20 minutes, almost twice as long as the colored section, and it seems even longer than that in contrast. Not that it's dull, but when it comes to dancing, shaking and swinging it's pretty difficult to beat Harlem's own in speed and zest. Dances are the outstanding bits in both shows, with Joyce Breazeale carrying off top honors. Here is a girl with plenty of talent, her tap and acrobatic ballet routines being extraordinarily good, with a Burmese number the stand-out. Terp ability like this is rare in burly.

In the second half Sahji contributes an effective shake dance. Streamline Sue gives out with a routine which makes up in heat what it lacks in style, but the bit that had them clamoring for more was Rhythm Brown's tapping on roller skates. This last starts mildly but winds up on top of a small table in a frenzied burst of intricate speed, more than deserving the hand it gets. Darby Wilson does well with a Bill Robinson tap.

Mike Sacha and Lew Devine hold down the comedy in the first section, assisted by Lew Petel, as straight, and Alice Kennedy, who looks and speaks well; Ima Thomas and Breazeale. Skits mostly follow the same pattern of double entendre and get plenty of laughs, with Sechs garnering most of them due to his expert knowledge of how to extract more humor from a line or situation than it actually possesses. Tim Moore and Joe Byrd work hard to uphold their comedy and thru the show's black portion, but it's a tough struggle. Jessie Smith assists and has a vocal number of his own, dramatic rendition of *That's Why Darkies Were Born*, which deservedly went over big. The Five Nuts of Rhythm practically tear the place apart with wild swing versions of *Marie* and *St. Louis Blues*. Boys are good and get the best possible audience reaction with their self-educing style, indicated by prefacing each number with "now we'll mess up another one."

Only two strips in the white unit, Ima Thomas and the featured Charmaine. Plenty of exposed feminine epidermis in the sketches, tho. Sid Gold has plenty of tenor work to do and, in addition to his accompanying songs, has a drunk character number which registered.

Unit uses seven chorines and four show girls in the first half, with a line of 10 brown-skinned matrons following. Producer of the colored division is Irving C. Miller.

Daniel Richman.

"Stinky" Fields Has Tough Luck; Other News Notes

New York:

HARRY (STINKY) FIELDS returned to the Star, Brooklyn, April 8 with a week and a half of O.U.'s in his pocket from the now-closed Shubert, Philly, and to learn, besides, that his Flushing, L. I., home, untenantated at the time, had been robbed of about \$700 worth of clothes, cash and jewelry. . . . MORGAN SISTERS, dancers, following their Hint engagement, opened at the Silver Lake niterie, Camden, N. J. . . . JOHNNY KANE, former Werba's, Brooklyn, manager, started backstage managing at the Eltinge April 3. . . . DORIS WESTON doubling between strip-tease number leads and show-girl ranks at the Eltinge, and Ann Bergen ditto at the People's.

Bob Carney for Vaude

BOB CARNEY and daughter, June and Roberta, close a first season April 20 and thru Laddie & Smith open in vaude at the State-Lake, Chicago; then to the Riverside, Milwaukee, and other dates. From vaude they go into the Little Bathskeller, Philly, for two weeks.

MILLIE JOHNSON started assembling a Beef Trust company April 11 to open April 18 in San Antonio with the Beckmann & Gerety shows. . . . BOBBY BIRCH is stage-managing the Republic, while Hazel Miller is making a new *Penny Ditty* kindly donated by Sophie Tucker. . . . JEAN MODE and Jean Rochelle booked by Nat Morton for the Columbia, Boston, April 11 opening. . . . GEORGIA SOTHERN to the Howard, Boston, for fourth return this season.

Lew Hollander Sails

SYLVIA LAVOUN, Carrie Finnell and Bessie (Wop) Moore replaced Irene Cornell (held over two weeks), Lillian Murray, James X. Francis and Harry Evanson at the Republic April 8. Fred and Violet O'Brien, producers, left last week, and Audrey Allen, who assisted Fred Clark at the Rialto, Chicago, after Ida Rose departed, became the new pro to debut in the East. . . . LEW HOLLANDER sailed April 6 on the S. S. Washington for three weeks in London and Paris, following Sam Briskman, who left March 31 on the Normandie. . . . NINA NIXON succeeded Rita Agar LeRoy at the People's April 8. . . . OLGA PETROFF or Marie Alvarez is now labeled Snow White Shapiro on the air via the Broadcast Melody WGN program. . . . GUS SCHILLING replaced Tommy Raft at the Star, Brooklyn, April 8.

Cast for Tribune Set

JANE DOBBINS, Joy St. Claire, Zonia DuVal, Elm Lanz, Jack Rosen, Fred Binder, Floyd Halliday, Al Golden Jr., Murray Green and Pinto and Della plus two more principals and a vaude act comprise the cast booked by Phil Rosenberg for the opener, April 16, week, of the Tribune (formerly the Gotham) up in Harlem. . . . AI-LING POO is modeling for commercial photo studios in Philly. . . . TOMMY RAFT, Nora Ford and Marian Mason are new principals at the Eltinge April 8, with Bobby Vall, Georgia Sothern and Annette Ross exiting. . . . HAPPY HYATT, when he closes his first Cire tour, slides into a new car and proceeds to the West Coast for a vacation. . . . NAT MORTAN forwarded photos and list of principals to the Daltonians in Los Angeles for another stock troupe to tenant the Follies in May. . . . PRINCIPALS at the Bijou, Philly, and Howard, Boston, will alternate. . . . TINY FULLER and his trailer moved from the Star, Brooklyn, to the Gayety, Baltimore.

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Delmar in Placentia, Calif.

PLACENTIA, Calif., April 9.—Chic Delmar's Varieties has opened the Placentia Theater here for an indefinite stock run. House has been dark for two years. Cast includes Chic Delmar, producing comic; Marie Alden, Romona Margo, Verna Gaul, Earl Delmar and Don Castle. Thelma Ludlow is cashier and H. W. Davies, publicity man.

Young Opens Toledo House

TOLEDO, April 9.—The Toledo opened here last week after having been dark for some time. George Young is operating the house. Stock shows will prevail.

Thru Sugar's Domino

A Guest Column Emerges From the Mail Bag With Arthur L. Mayer and Joe Lee as Collaborators

IT DIDN'T hurt this scrivener's feelings at all when a good deal of comment was drawn by last week's stint on the state of the theater industry, with double features, chance games and giveaways depicted as the black-hearted villains. As a means of giving a fair fling to the proponents of the double-feature cause we reproduce herewith healthy excerpts from letters received from Arthur L. Mayer, one of the most astute theater showmen in the country and operator of Times Square's Rialto Theater, and Joe Lee, who knows exploitation and theater operation backwards and forwards and in recent years has been devoting his talents and indefatigable energy in the interest of Si Fabian's Brooklyn theaters with accent on the supercolossal Paramount Theater.

Distilling his little piece from the brew of experience, Times Square's specialist in horror feature bookings and salesmanship says:

For better decisions and better digestion I think every argument should start from a focal point of agreement. Consequently, I prefer to disregard most of your editorial on double features and sing the praises of one grand and glorious sentence with which I am in hearty accord. It reads, "The public will make its preference felt at the box offices of theaters that give them what they want."

From this fundamental truth we can proceed to a logical conclusion: Just as soon as the public does not want double features it will patronize single features and double features will disappear.

When I talk of the public I refer to the inarticulate, average men and women, who do not take their pen in hand to write letters to yo editor or to participate in polls but who deposit their nickels and dimes at the box office. At the present time these common folk, whose pay envelopes pay all of our salaries, prefer double features to single features.

I speak with considerable conviction because six months ago I helped open a theater dedicated to a policy of single features in one of the highest class neighborhoods of New York City. Our business was so incredibly bad that we have been compelled to inaugurate double features during the middle of the week. These are the days on which we are now doing the bulk of our business. We also recently made an experiment in a wealthy suburban community. We eliminated double features on the three week-end days, when we played our outstanding picture. Business declined 30 per cent; our regular patrons deserted us in droves to drive to the nearest town five miles away where they could see two pictures for the price of one.

These are facts, not fancies; gossies, not guesses. The public taste for quantity may be peculiar. I do not try to condone it nor explain it. This is a business. God bless it, where the customer—not the exhibitor or the editor—is always right.

JOE LEE'S comment is also drawn from his personal and recent experience:

Business at the Fabian theaters in Brooklyn has been exceptionally healthy. Our gross receipts fall short of last year by a small percentage. I therefore have no ax to grind with anyone. I have read with interest many pro and con arguments on double features. Quoting Al Smith's "let's look at the record" classic, I beg to report that the double-feature policy has increased our business. It does not matter whether my views are against or for double features when the question being considered is the take at the box office. The answer lies in the fact that double features have produced for us healthy, steady receipts.

I sometimes think that if theater men would stop fighting and worrying and roll up their sleeves and do a little heavy selling instead of sitting on their hands and crying the blues their box offices would show very tangible results.

At the Paramount (Brooklyn) we found from a telephone check that 85 per cent of the calls request the names of the stars appearing in the associate feature. One would imagine that when a terrific super feature is being shown the number two would be a dog and could be used as a chaser. But it has not worked out that way. Regardless of how our patrons (representative of class trade) dislike the dogs they sit thru them. After various studies with our theaters as laboratories I cannot help concluding that the public wants double-feature bills.

The exhibitor is inclined to blame Will Hays for too many industry evils. I knew a fellow who had a sick dog and blamed Roosevelt. That amounts to about the same thing.

We do not run bingo games; we don't give out any dishes. But we go strong on specialties such as Amateur Nights (now on their fourth year at the Fox Theater), Professional Nights and Basket Ball. These are sold intensively in newspapers and billboards. The result has been that on ordinarily poor nights we have to turn away business.

I don't know whether you have observed it, but radio programs that formerly featured one star now have as many as six big names. I recently listened to Jack Benny's program and found to my surprise such names appearing as Kate Smith, Bob Ripley and Fred Allen. Each one of these personalities is a superfeature in itself. It appears that the public wants such programs. This is evident from a perusal of the radio pages of newspapers where listings of numerous half-hour programs carry an average of five and six stars. Those radio folks must be pretty smart and there is an old saying, "Give the public what it wants." We are sticking to and following what seems to be the trend until a definite change is noticeable.

As I See It

By DAVE VINE

WHAT WANTS TO GET USED TO IT! . . . I've often heard folks say, "You can get used to anything in life." That may be true, but there are some things we don't want to get used to. Personally, I will never get used to . . . Seeing the Yankees without Babe Ruth. . . . Or the Giants without McGraw. . . .

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THE PALACE THEATER without vaudeville in it. . . . Shirley Temple without curls. . . . Legitimate shows without orchestras in the pits. . . . Bill collectors. . . . Women smoking cigarettes on the street or standing up at bars. . . . Pictures in the newspapers showing children being slaughtered by air raids. . . . Milton Berle, Bob Hope, the Ritz Brothers, Mark Hellinger, Joe Bigelow and Eddie Sullivan so far away from Broadway. . . .

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YES, I CAN'T SEEM TO GET USED TO . . . Being able to see the bright side of other people's misfortunes. . . . Airplanes without Amelia Earhart. . . . Elderly women dressed up like 16-year-old girls. . . . The Duke of Windsor not being the King. . . . Seeing so many clever performers idle on account of the junking of stage shows. . . . People who walk all over you getting to their seats at the picture show and who then talk so loudly that you can't hear anything but them. . . . Those hopeless and legless cripples lying under your feet, begging on Broadway. . . .

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FOUR-DOLLAR SHOES marked down to \$16.50. . . . Horse thieves dressed up like agents. . . . The fact that the dollar can never sink as low as the means some people adopt to get it. . . . Child labor of grown men. . . . The necessities of yesterday being the luxuries of today. . . . Daylight being the only thing you can save nowadays. . . . A nickel being as useful as a glass eye at a keyhole. . . . Mary Pickford without Douglas Fairbanks. . . . Moving pictures without Jean Harlow, Marie Dressler and Will Rogers. . . .

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AND I CAN'T GET USED TO any other dog since I lost my little dog Rags. I'll bet he can't get used to whoever has him either. . . . Theatrical organizations fighting one another when they should all be working hand in hand to one end—the actor's welfare. . . . Stories about what condemned men did on their last day on earth and how they went to their deaths. . . . Apartment rents being so high and no room for complaint. . . . Paul Whiteman without his double chin. . . . Bobby Clark without McCullough. . . .

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THOSE FEW GRAY HAIRS that showed up on my head. . . . Comedy pictures without Harry Langdon and Buster Keaton. . . . That new indoor sport that children have made a fad lately—killing their parents. . . . The thought that telephones used to be a convenience. . . . *Shine On, Harvest Moon* without Nora Bayes singing it. . . . Passing the Hollywood Restaurant and seeing it closed. . . . Those new streamlined street cars on Broadway. . . . That your best friends make your worst enemies. . . . Those people who knew you could do it all the time. And Harry Jans without his eyeglasses. . . .

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YES, FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER I just can't seem to get used to all those things and no doubt there are many of you readers who feel the same way I do about it. . . . I also know that some smart guy will write me a letter and tell me that there are many things that he, too, can't get used to—and among them is MY BEING A COLUMNIST.

Chicago Chat

By NAT GREEN

RANDOM RAMBLES: Sunday—A swing around the suburbs disclosed the usual spring activity in readying night clubs and dance halls for the summer, the present outlook is not encouraging. . . . The Oasis, dance pavilion at Michigan City, Ind., is being revamped for the season with an "Around the World" theme. Paintings depicting Blarney Castle, the Campanile of Venice and others will make it a veritable House of All Nations. . . . A stop at Phil Schmidt's in Hammond, Ind., for a delicious chicken dinner. Phil's has become a favorite rendezvous for showfolk and other discerning diners. . . . Back to the Loop for a squint at the Oriental show, one of the poorest in weeks, with Jack Major and his Southern drawl the only bright spot. . . . As an evening's finale a stop at the 600 Club, where Marne, sophisticated stripper, and Mary Grant, exotic dancer, help to justify a rap as the hottest show in town.

Monday—Chic Johnson, of the screwy Olsen and Johnson team, in town to appear at a political rally, trying his luck with the galloping dominos in the Sherman lobby, and out of luck. Johnny Perkins, ditto. At Showmen's League Theatrical night Big Bill Thompson, former mayor, drawing a chuckle from the audience as he lazily lumbered up to the mike.

Tuesday—Mort Singer, veteran theater operator, asserting there's little chance for a Translux theater in Chi this year, altho the Eastern Transluxers are cleaning up. . . . Alexander McQueen, "Nothing But the Truth" radio man, displaying ev'ry notice he received in the Srotnow, Bohemian daily.

Wednesday—Chicago digging out of eight-inch snow. A sullen, dismal day that kept folks at home and played hob with theater biz. . . . In evening to CBS for initial Edgar A. Guest show and felt sorry for announcer who momentarily forgot the show had moved to Columbia and credited it to NBC but quickly corrected himself. He was a mightily embarrassed young man the rest of the evening.

Thursday—George Jessel in from Hollywood and wishing he were back on the West Coast when he hit the Loop slash. . . . Fernand Gravel, movie notable on his way west, displaying a novel cigarette case bearing on its cover an airways map of the United States with landing fields marked by jewels. . . . Gus Howard, dancing comedian, saying good-by as he left for Detroit to do some work for Jam Handy Pictures.

Friday—A pitiful note from Ameta, mirror dancer once well known in vaudeville. She is in Ward 84, Bed 82, at county hospital, suffering from nervous breakdown and received word that her mother passed away at Deshler, Neb. Ameta would appreciate a line from friends. . . . Paul Longone, manager City Opera Co., off for Europe to scout for new talent and confer with Beniamino Gigli, noted tenor, who will make his first opera appearance in Chicago next season. . . . Janina Laboda, lovely Russian singer, leaving for California early in the summer, accompanied by Mrs. Walter (*This Week in Chicago*) West. . . . Ye Olde Cellar, on lower level of Soul Mich. is one of the never favorite spots for showfolks. . . . The lights are twinkling again at Hoe Sat Gai's, on Randolph, recently gutted by fire. . . . Betty's, an unpretentious eating place on State street just north of the river, has become the favorite lunching place of vaude and night club performers of the near North Side sector.

Sadler Readies For Tent Trek

Troupe's eight-week circle a success—show to be trimmed for canvas

SWEETWATER, Tex., April 9.—Harley Sadler's Own Company tonight concludes an eight-week circle tour, after which it moves to the show's quarters here for a week's layoff to permit waterproofing of the big top and other preparations for the under-canvas swing. Sadler organization enjoyed highly satisfactory business on its two-month merry-go-round. Show recently played a week-end in Municipal Auditorium, Amarillo, Tex., to splendid returns, opening night drawing 2,500 people on the basis of a lady free with each paid adult ticket.

Manager Sadler is cutting his show considerably for the canvas trek. According to present plans, cast will include Bud Nairn, Kennedy Swain, Mary Layne, Robert Siler, Jackie Phillips, Jean Siler, Roy Conlin, Jeanne Oxford and Billie and Harley Sadler. Connie Munde will be general agent; Jack Munde, billposter, and June Munde, press representative.

Vaude features will be headed by Lew Childre, the "boy from Alabama," and will include Wiley Walker and his fiddlers; Munde and June, jugglers; Mary Layne, aero dancer; Jeanne Oxford, singer and dancer; Roy Conlin Jr., ventriloquist; Bob Siler, singer; Jackie Phillips, singer and dancer; the Glendale Quartet and Lew Childre and his River Revelers. An eight-piece orchestra will be batonned by Bob Siler.

Ed Thardo will handle the front door, with Joe Lathan in charge of the canvas with eight assistants; Fred Maxwell, electrician; Bud Nairn Jr., stage manager; Bobby Smith, property man. Show will also tote a street band. Don Cortez, trumpet soloist, and Billy Hatch, saxophone, are among those engaged for the orchestra.

Show will play thru Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Southwestern Arkansas. A new light plant and two new trucks have been added to the Sadler rolling stock.

Tolbert Tattles

DE LAND, Fla., April 9.—At last we have time to breathe and take our bearings. To catch up on news I want to mention our recent visitors, who include Jack and Jackie Hutchinson, Martha and Ollie Hamilton, Daisy Mae Murphy, Roe Nero, Marion and Bill Wehle, Betty and Eddie Melton, Johnny Finch, Wayne Bartlett, Jimmy Heffner, Betty and Hoxie Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ben Heffner, Gloria Smyth, Marg and Bob Demarest, Marie and Elmer La Zone, Elmer Allan, May Blossom and daughter and Lee Allan.

Hats off to Toby Eastman for selling the Tolbert trailer ad for the season for \$1,000.

Norma and Lasses White have a new cream-colored Buick sedan; Annelle and Buddy Hale, a Packard convertible sedan; Dot and Toby Eastman, an Oldsmobile convertible coupe; Lillian and Honey Wilds, a Chevrolet coupe. Trailers are also with us, the possessors being Mildred and Clyde Hodges, Beatrice and Red Jenkins and Lois and Erwin Behmer.

Wylie Kilpatrick needs a good alibi for getting the bus caught in the tide at New Smyrna Beach recently.

The girls had a swell get-acquainted party at St. Augustine Sunday, as did the poker fans.

There'll be a lot of fun watching from the sidelines the game of "who'll win the girl," played by the single men—Wylie Kilpatrick, Joe Klobot, Jimmy Roe, Pedro Martinez, Clyde Jewell, Slim Williams and Chet Wilson.

BEA JENKS.

Rep Ripples

TOBY'S COMEDIANS, who recently cracked their tent season in Texas, last week invaded Arkansas en route north for their regular summer territory. . . . **MAC AND MARIE MCDONALD**, who spent the cold months in Arkansas, will smear the greasepaint on the M. & M. Motorized Tent Show this spring and summer. . . . **CLYDE AND MINA COLE** are now on the roster of the Chick Boyes Players in Nebraska. . . . **HARRY PAGE** has been artfully to again blaze the trail for the Frank Smith Players this season. . . . **EDDIE AND TILLIE PAOLI** will tour with the Madden-Stillian Players thru Iowa this season. . . . **E. C. BICKFORD** has signed with the same troupe. . . . **EVA MAE BURNS** will troupe it with the Ray and Margie Bash Players this season. . . . **J. B. ROTNOUER CO.** will play its present loop until May 1, and a fortnight later makes its canvas bow in Wisconsin. . . . **JIMMY AND EDVITH ERIKSON** will spend the under-canvas period with the Frank Smith Players. . . . **SONNY DEXTER** has quit the biz to enter commercial lines in Forest Park, Ill. . . . **JIMMY AND MARY BURKE** have terminated their contract with the Orpheum Players and are now dickering with a Midwest tent opy for the outdoor swing. . . . **LEON LONG** pipes that he's still located in Kansas City, Mo., where he settled some eight years ago, following the death of his pal, pianist and manager. "Just an old sootie who couldn't take it," Leon says of himself. . . . **FRED AND LILYAN POOLE** and Frederick Lyle are vacationing in K. C., preparatory to joining up with a tent opy for the season. . . . **OLEN AND SYLVIA PHILLIPS** are due back in Kansas City this week, after a trip to their home in Sioux Falls, S. D. They have quit the rep game to concentrate on club dates. . . . **FREDDIE FINCH**, brother of Leon, has his swing-setters at the State Line Tavern on Kansas City's outskirts. . . . **THE FRANCILLONS**, erstwhile skirters, are settled in Salt Lake City, where they are engaged in Little Theater and radio activities. . . . **OILIE HAMILTON** was in Greenville, Miss., and other Delta cities the past week contracting for sponsorship with civic bodies of the Mt. Tolbert Lasses White tent show. May 10 has been set for Greenville stand.

GLADYS ADAMS and Austin Rush last Saturday (9) terminated a 20-week stand at White's Grill, Cleveland, where, besides presenting their regular turn, Gladys handled the ark and Austin did embers. They left Cleveland Sunday to begin rehearsals with the Frank Olinni Van Co. . . . **KING AND HAZEL FELTON** stopped off in Wichita Falls, Tex., April 4 and 5, where King did his magic turn as an added attraction with the Harley Sadler show at the Memorial Auditorium for the two days. King and Hazel were en route to Oklahoma, where they opened April 11 with Tol Teeter's one-nighter of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Hazel will do parts on the latter troupe, as well as assist King in the magic presentation. . . . **BIEL SISTERS CO.**, now in rehearsals in Southern Kansas, begin the tent swing next week. . . . **GLENN MORRIS**

and Lester Holderby, until recently with the Sid Kingdom circle in Northern Missouri, have joined up with the Allen Bros. Comedians. . . . **BETTY ZANE** has culminated an engagement with Denny's Comedians, circling in Colorado. . . . **EDDIE AND LOIS LANE**, formerly with the Skippy Lamore troupe, have signed with the Auger Bros. Tent Show for the new season. . . . **GLENN AND DONNA McCORD**, who circled in Nebraska with their own unit the past winter, have cast their lot with the McOwen Show. . . . **HAL STONE**, manager of the tent opy bearing his name, has purchased a new outfit to replace the one lost in a fire last season. . . . **MONTE STUCKEY**, comedian, out of the biz the last two years, is making a comeback. He's signed with Glen Brunk's Comedians. . . . **HARRY DUNBAR COMEDIANS**, now headquartered in Atchison, Kan., are slated to launch the canvas season in Minnesota May 1. . . . **L. VERNE SLOUT**, veteran Michigan manager, is reported to have joined Billroy's Comedians for the season. . . . **ERNEST AND VIOLA WOODS**, well known in rep circles, are working in a radio skit over a Boston station. . . . **DAVE COSTA** is readying a dramatic med outfit to play the small towns in Eastern New England.

MRS. JAMES E. O'BRIEN, who underwent a major operation last August, is again confined to her bed and this time doctors have little hope for her recovery. Friends may write to her at 174 First avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

IRENE COWDREY, former repertoire character woman, is instructing in the art of make-up to women's clubs in New England, via the lecture route. . . . **C. H. (SUNSHINE) SCOTTIE** posts from San Angelo, Tex., that he'll be on the road with a good tent opy this season, as usual. . . . **ED BARKER**, veteran rep and stock performer, stopped off at the rep desk during a recent visit to Cincinnati to take in the national amateur championship roller skating races. Barker, who has spent the last several years in California, has been engaged in the portable rink business for some months, but contemplates breaking back into the rep game this season.

JOHNNIE AND VERNIE BISHOP, of the Leonard Players, were called home to Columbia, S. C., recently due to the sudden passing of Vernie's father, J. C. Kirby. . . . **JOE THAYER**, erstwhile stock and rep performer, is celebrating his 46th year in the business as a member of the Federal Theater Project in Boston. . . . **A RELIABLE REPORT** has it that Walter X. Price, comedian, and Helen Gentry, actress-musician, were married in Kansas City, Mo., April 4. . . . **ALICE RICHHEY AND COMPANY**, still touring for General Electric, pencil from Houston that they're heading westward and hope to bump into a number of troupe friends in Phoenix, Ariz.; San Diego and Hollywood. They note that conditions in the Houston sector are good, with things a bit weak in the Dallas neighborhood. Albert Kazl and Robert Butler, of the troupe, are managing to ring in a bit of flying at the various airports along the route. . . . **JOE SULLIVAN** shoots the following from Hollywood to the rep gang around Times Square: "Hey, bunch, we're wintered in California—Blanche, Joe and Honey Bun. Each day we read our *Pillboard* while stretched out in the sun, but we'll soon be back in old New York."

Kansas City Jottings

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Sid Snider, formerly with Allen Bros. Comedians, was spotted on the main drag here this week.

Cecil Kenyon and Margy Montgomery were in town this week. They were formerly with Davis-Brunk Comedians.

Harry and Sue Dixon left here recently to join the Roe Nero Players in the South.

Creston Wright, veteran character man, has entered commercial lines here temporarily.

Ted Edlin sojourned here briefly this week en route to a Western spot. He will trail-blaze a Western show this summer.

Melvin Harrison, formerly with Glenn Loomis' Andy Gump Players, is a recent arrival here from Omaha. He will play local night spots for several weeks before signing with a tent opy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tubbs, formerly with the Hank Neal Players, were spotted here this week-end.

Sid Kingdom, manager of the Kingdom Players, made a flying trip to Kansas

City this week in search of people. He was accompanied by Oscar Howland.

Dick Wolever and Mildred Beach left here this week to join the Ray and Margie Bash Players.

Octavia Powell and Bob Bayley were recent visitors en route to Texas to join the Frank Powell Players.

Walter Price and Helen Gentry are recent arrivals here after closing with Whitechurch's Comedians.

Ned Wright, veteran agent and publicity man, is now field manager for the Schmitt Seymour Theatrical Exchange here.

Jimmy and Govie Griffin pulled into the village recently from a Southern spot.

Frank Capp, Baker-Lockwood traveling representative, was spied on the local radio this week-end.

Hunter Keasey sojourned briefly in the village recently en route to a Western spot. He plans to open under canvas in May.

Ronal McBurney was spotted on the local radio this week-end.

Davis-Brunk Begin Tent Tour in Okla.

PARIS, Ark., April 9.—Davis-Brunk Comedians opened the 1938 season at the Wiggins Theater here Monday and are scheduled to open under canvas next week at Poteau, Okla.

Roster includes Mr. and Mrs. Leonard P. Davis, managers; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brunk, Ray Sticker, Ted Jennings, Midge Lanham, Don Spencer, Mrs. C. G. Munsell, Ray Ogden, Slim Andrews, Jessie Sticker, Dick Lanham, Lucille Kingsley, Wade Hayes, Peggy Lanham, C. G. Munsell, Jack Driscoll and a crew of workmen.

Partners Framing New Tent Outfit

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Carl and Olive DeVere, absent from the dramatic field for the past seven seasons, will launch a one-night tent rep show this season, with opening slated late this month.

The DeVeres have entered into a partnership with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Atkinson and have purchased some equipment from the Art Mix Circus. Top is a 60 with two 30s and will seat about 1,200. Show will move on six Chevrolet trucks and will feature a 12-piece band. A special line of paper will be used, and three men will work ahead.

Cannon Shots

KILMARNOCK, Va., April 9.—Cannon's Comedians have hit a bit of cold and wet weather that has kept the natives close to their radios. There have been only two good nights since the opening—Calico and Kilmarock, both in Virginia. A three-day stand at Tappahannock caught us flat-footed in constant rain. Picture opposition, Hurricane, didn't help any either.

Holly Holland and Eldon (Butch) Reed returned from the advance to catch the opener.

Tom Matney has embarked for home to recuperate from a sudden illness. Walter Barrett has replaced him.

Ken McIntyre's mouth flew wide, open recently when accused falsely by an irate native, who was accompanied by a sheriff. He got out of it tho.

Lil Patricia is doing all right with her balloon dance in this cold weather. Her theme is *In the Chill of the Night*.

Entire gang is looking forward to scene of Molaura's spaghetti in Norfolk tomorrow.

BUDDY CANNON.

Justus-Romain Opens May 9

WICHITA, Kan., April 9.—John J. Justus, of the Justus-Romain Co., announced here this week that the show will launch its 1938 tent season at Tilden, Neb., May 9. This will be the company's 21st consecutive season in the same territory. Manager Justus states that he will inject several new ideas this season in an endeavor to maintain the high standard which has made the attraction a favorite in this section for many years.

Famous Players Preparing

STORM LAKE, Ia., April 9.—Famous Players, under the management of Vincent Dennis, are making preparations for the opening of their second season under canvas. Company will have a new top this year and will again play the Iowa territory formerly made by the late George D. Sweet.

Boyes Business Holds Up

LINCOLN, Neb., April 9.—Chick Boys Players are playing Western Nebraska, usually just one-nighters. Biz, despite poor crops, has been better than average, with the natives going in for the amateur night feature in a big way. Billy Cornish and Billie Nash are featured.

Hugo Players in Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb., April 9.—Hugo Players are carrying 10 people in their spring trip thru Western Nebraska, playing the larger towns. Harry Hugo, manager, is featuring Blue Ridge Hillbillies. Johnny and Connie Spaulding, formerly with Ray Bush, have joined. All dates are indoor.

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AFA Nominates 8 for Council

Whitehead, Mosconi, Tiebor renominated; Rooney, Ellington, Colleano out

NEW YORK, April 11.—Nominations to the council of the American Federation of Actors were completed Friday by the nominating committee to include three incumbents, Ralph Whitehead, Charles S. Mosconi and John W. Tiebor, in addition to Jessie Noble, Peter J. Byrne, Joseph J. Brady, Jorgen M. Christensen and William (Red) Donahue. Tiebor and Christensen are from the circus field, Donahue with vaude and Miss Noble with the PTT.

This, the official slate, will be voted upon at the annual election May 10. No independent nominations have been indicated as yet.

Council members not renominated were Alan Corelli, Con Colleano, Pat Rooney and Duke Ellington.

The nominating committee comprised Frank Lynch, Guy Magley, Jessie Noble, Perry Fisher and Peter J. Byrne.

The APA has signed APA contracts with the Salom Royal, Village Cellar and the Bronx Boulevard Tavern, giving it 45 local night clubs operating under APA agreements.

APA secretary Ralph Whitehead is now working on a deal to restore the Philadelphia branch to good standing. Tom Kelly is representing the Philly entertainers' association which is to become the basis of the new branch.

BOSTON, April 9.—Boston APA branch is dickering for an ork for its April 25 benefit dance and entertainment at the Hotel Torraine.

Padway To Handle NVA Suit for AFA

NEW YORK, April 11.—American Federation of Actors has retained Judge Joseph Padway, of Milwaukee, to handle the NVA Club's suit for \$250,000. Padway is general counsel of the American Federation of Labor and is understood interested in the suit because of the company union issue.

The NVA has served Charles Mosconi, APA treasurer, and Harold Koenigberg, Ralph Whitehead's secretary, with summons in a Supreme Court suit in which the NVA claims damages because of Koenigberg's letter to Sally Rand urging her not to play the recent NVA benefit.

NBC, CBS Balk on AFRA's Demands

NEW YORK, April 11.—Negotiations between American Federation of Radio Artists and the two networks, NBC and CBS, came to a sudden halt Friday when the chain execs balked on AFRA's demand for a uniform scale on all network commercial shows, NBC and CBS asking for cheaper scales in Chicago and Los Angeles. AFRA chiefs declined to make any concessions in this respect, claiming that this stipulation was one of the main reasons for the organization's existence.

Such a firm stand on the question caused the radio heads to become more apprehensive, and their final word at the meeting Friday was that they would reconsider the problem, giving a final reaction to AFRA in another meeting called Thursday for this purpose.

SEND IN ROUTES

The Route Department (appearing in this issue on Pages 18-32-33) represents one of the most important functions that this paper performs for the profession. Certain listings are obtainable only thru the consistent co-operation of the performers and showmen involved.

How about helping your friends in their efforts to locate you? This can be done only by keeping The Billboard Route Department informed of your whereabouts, and sufficiently in advance to insure publication.

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Now You Know

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Now it can be told!

Henry (Rube) Bernstein was ballyhooing the Ann Corio unit when it was at Fly's Theater here a couple of weeks ago. And altho Rube was considered a top-notch press agent, it looked like Linda Wassau, appearing at the Shubert at the same time, was getting all the space in the dailies instead of Corio.

Upon checking it was found that Rube was plugging Wassau instead of Corio, his boss. Reason? Rube is married to Wassau. Corio fired him on the spot.

Rube then formed a unit in competition to Corio, headed by Linda.

Eddie Garr Insists He Was Clowning

NEW YORK, April 11.—Because of a surreptitious promise made in '29 to a numerologist, Eddie Garr has found himself to be somewhat in dutch. One Tala Leibowitz is suing him for \$35,000 for breach of contract.

She says she advised him, in one of his numerological seances, to change his stage name from Ed Garr II (altho he was born Edward Gonnoud) to his present name, and attributes his popularity and success to her arithmetical advice.

For her psychic judgment she claims he promised her 10 per cent, but Garr says, "I was just clowning—you know how those things are."

To Systematize Film Tests

NEW YORK, April 9.—John Hutchins, dramatic coach, is supervising the new Screen Test Pre-View, Ltd., here, with Martin H. Nometz as president of the firm.

The office is negotiating with screen companies for official recognition so that it can systematize screen tests for performers and be able to guarantee reaching film talent scouts.

Pop Op for Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 9.—Park Theater, dark for the past year, will open for a season of popular-priced operas to be presented Sunday nights, beginning tomorrow. Fernando Alvino is the impresario and moving spirit behind the New England Opera Company, which will take over the house. Orchestra will be under the direction of Vito Macato. Hope to continue until fall, when performances are expected to be given on Saturdays also.

BROADWAY BEAT

(Continued from page 5)
has everything it takes to reach stardom, that is if she is not kidnapped by a foreign prince, in other words "matrimony" well we won't worry about that now as Mother So-and-So has very good eyesight. I thank you very kindly." Can somebody be confusing us with one of the theatrical puff sheets?

In a recent interview Fannie Brice said she wouldn't name Eleanor Holm as co-respondent in her forthcoming divorce, but revealed the fact that she's building a house—in Holby Hills.... There probably won't be any roses growing around the door.... One of the Stein's middle-aged mandolins plays a musical saw, no less, and totes it around in a violin case.... Dave Vise says that everything comes up in the spring—except the stuff they have in stock.... There's now an indigestion reliever on the market called—hold your breath in more ways than one—Belches; but even better, the manufacturer is called Belches, Inc.... Champ naïfve: The program of a recent parent-teacher meeting of the Kew Gardens public school had a line reading, "Small children may be left in the kindergarten room during the meeting—so that parents may enjoy themselves.".... George Letman, the p. a., recently received a check for the plot of a yarn called "Romance in Swing" from King Features; it'll use swing terminology—but he'll write it under his and Tommy Dorsey's combined byline.... Add Statistical Notes: The Salvation Army "concert" has had a solid booking of more than a year in front of Stern's on 42d street.

Recently the Hotel Piccadilly announced that if anyone wanted to know the latest news at 3 a.m. and just couldn't wait until the radio flashes came on in the morning he could telephone Circle 6-6600, and a special news operator would give a one-minute resume of up-to-the-minute events. The next day, between 3 and 4, more than 80 people called; the day after that the number jumped to 212, tripling up the switchboard so completely that the innovation was discarded in self-defense.

TO KEEP THE RECORDS STRAIGHT: Dan Walker and Ed Sullivan are feuding in adjoining columns of *The News*. Monday (4) Walker, in a discussion of Hollywood's next major wedding, mentioned Florence Rice and Pat De Cicco, while Sullivan (same paper, same day, same page) said, "Elton Massey switching to Pat De Cicco." Can't we get together somehow, fellers?.... In *Radio Mirror* Jimmy Pidler, writing of Joan Crawford's Anna Christie broadcast, says "Joan was airing for the first time with Franchot." But it was Spencer Tracy, not Tone, who supported La Crawford in the Christie air shot—and even if Tone had appeared with Joan it wouldn't have been the first time.... The *Telephant*, in a yarn that smacks of a verbatim reprint of a press release, said, "After waiting in Hollywood two years to make his motion picture debut, Sheppard Strudwick," etc. But young Mr. Strudwick only left for Hollywood this past winter, after *As You Like It* closed.

Billy Gilbert Proud of Burly

NEW YORK, April 9.—Billy Gilbert, RKO film comedian and product of burly in the days of the Columbia wheel circuit, last week ended a personal appearance tour which took him to seven key cities for his first stage work in 12 years.

In a reminiscent mood, Gilbert recalled the old days when burlesque was in its heyday and big names like Fannie Brice, Mae West, Clark and McCullough, Jack Pearl, Joe Penner and Jim Barton were just starting to climb.

Gilbert credits burly as the training ground where he learned the dialects which made him a film success, stating that in those days burlesque was "respectable and not unlike some of our big stage revues of today, and catered to women and children as well as to men."

Jed Harris' Feet Chill; 'Our Town' Performance Off

NEW YORK, April 9.—Jed Harris almost became an actor last night, according to reports, but got cold feet at the last moment. With Frank Craven, who plays the leading role of stage manager in *Our Town* at the Morosco incapacitated thru illness, Harris fooled around with the idea of taking over the role himself. At 7:30 p.m. he decided he wouldn't and there was no performance last night.

Harris' decision not to appear may have been a disappointment to those diehard members of Equity's militantly reactionary old guard who have been boasting Bill Brady for president of the actors' organization. Brady, a manager, having become a member years ago when he played a small part in one show. If Harris had gone on he would have had to join Equity too, and the old guard, if it had wanted to follow out its policy, could have nominated him for vice-president. Thus delivering the actors' organization lock, stock and barrel to the managers.

Kansas City Vaude Perks

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Newman Theater has a stage show for the second time in three weeks, with Benny Meroff's Orchestra and Jackie Heller drawing capacity houses. Until Major Bowes' Collegiate Revue played the house recently no vaude had been presented in eight years.

Also using flesh this week is the Mainstreet, managed by William Elson, presenting *Hawthorne Follies* for seven days. Fox Tower house, only permanent vaude house here, is offering the St. Morris Ice Carnival, which makes this the most active week for flesh the city has enjoyed in a decade.

Nat'l Labor Board Okehs Operators' Booth Seizing

NEW YORK, April 11.—A far-reaching decision which gives the right to motion picture projectionists to "sit-down" in their booths to compel union recognition was handed down by the National Labor Relations Board in favor of Local 306, Motion Picture Operators' Union, and ordered the United Long Island Amusement Corp. to reinstate six operators discharged last August.

The decision is the outgrowth of an action taken by the operators in five Long Island theaters who barricaded themselves in their booths, stopped the show and exhibited a trailer on the screen to inform the public of their demands.

The theaters subsequently signed a contract with the Empire State Motion Picture Operators' Union and discharged the Local 306 members.

The order of the NLRB nullifies the contract with Empire, certifies the Local as collective bargaining agents and orders the reinstatement of the six operators with full back pay.

Bingo, Giveaways Banned in Philly

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Bingo, bango and Bank Night and similar games, which attract thousands to motion picture houses, church benefits and other affairs, were declared illegal today by Judge Harry McDevitt in Common Pleas Court.

In a sweeping indictment against what he termed "gambling games," he declared they were forbidden by the Commonwealth in that they violate the gambling and lottery ordinances.

Motion picture operators and others immediately went into a huddle with their attorneys to plan further action. Police said they intended no immediate action until they studied the judge's 16-page opinion.

The decision dismissed a bill in equity filed by the attorneys for Morris Somerson, operator of the Palm Theater, against the mayor, director of public safety and the superintendent of police asking that they be halted from interfering with the games. Judge McDevitt's decision came almost a year after the case was first argued. It is expected to affect 150 theaters in Philadelphia as well as nearly 100 churches and fraternal institutions.

"Modern Minstrels" Adds Dates

RICHMOND, Va., April 9.—Modern Minstrels in Singertime, piloted by Bob Kerr, of New York, and starring Joan Brooks, warbler, has just been given four more weeks of theater bookings, making eight weeks in all for the unit to date. Others in the company include Cliff Crane, the Dewey's, the Richmond Sisters, the Hometowners, Suzanne 'n' Christine and Jolly Coburn's Ork. Troupe is operating on a commonwealth basis.

Alhambra, Milwaukee, to Flesh

CHICAGO, April 9.—Great Lakes Theater chain has acquired the Alhambra Theater, Milwaukee, and will reopen it with a combo policy Friday, using a stage band and five acts weekly. House will be booked by Boyle Woolfolk here.

Wittered Show for Marseilles

MARSEILLE, France, March 28.—Jim Wittered, American producer, is here with an all-European presentation, *Glamour*, showing at the Palais-Palace, a movie house. Show features Lulu Gould among other acts and has a girl line and a 16-piece pit band.

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Magic

By BILL SACHS

(Communications to Cincinnati Office)

A MEDO, who has just returned to New York from a South American tour, sails for England May 15 for a series of European engagements which will run up to December. . . . BRANDINO, kid magician with Owen Bennett's We've Got Everything, was a visitor at the magic desk during the show's engagement at the Rialto, Cincinnati, early last week. He does a sweet little turn. . . . R. A. NILSON, of the Nelson Enterprises, Columbus, O., messed up in a minor auto accident a month ago, is back in there pitching after being practically off his feet for several weeks. . . . OTIS MANNING is in his third week of an indefinite engagement in the Blue Grass Room of the Brown Hotel, Louisville. He moves from there to the Windy City. L. L. Ireland, Chi magic dealer, has just released a new mental test known as Jo-EI, of which Manning is the author.

BILL BAIRD, after a lengthy stay at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, has switched his activities to the Cocktail Grill of Webster Hall, Detroit. . . . WILFRED BECKMAN, Montreal magician, has just concluded a six-day stand at the Sherwood Hotel, Burlington, Vt.

MAURICE, formerly billed as Prof. Nickols, hypnotist, is now presenting a mental turn with a sex angle in Cincinnati neighborhood houses. He was a magic desk visitor early last week. . . . CHARLES N. SMITH is the new prez of the Seattle Magic Ring. Other officers chosen at the recent meeting include Harry Miller, vice-president; W. L. Strand, secretary; E. E. Wicker, treasurer, and R. E. Swanson, sergeant-at-arms. . . . MAL LIPPINCOTT, magician, current this week at the police indoor circus and expo in Danville, Va., has just finished 30 one-night stands in the Great Smoky Mountains thru North Carolina and Tennessee.

ZUDELLA, mentalist, piloted by George L. J. Cole, is working as a theater attraction in Iowa with Robert Ward, world's tallest man. . . . SYL REILLY, Columbus, O., magic and mental trickster, recently did his mental turn in the Pen and Pencil Club show in that city. He found it no picnic holding down a spot following the models a la natural. . . . CHARLES MILLER, of Toledo, is launching a new ghost-show attraction. Louise Shiebold (formerly Mrs. Greystoke) will have the advance.

JACK GWYNNE and Company opened April 7 in the Empire Room of the Palmer House, Chicago, for four weeks with options, with Cincinnati slated as the next stop. . . . N. P. PATTON (Selwyn the Magician) typewrites to let us know



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that "magic is still alive in South Carolina. We have seen several magi in the Palmetto State this season," writes Patton, "and business has been good for all. Birch show played more than two weeks in the State's best towns and drew capacity audiences. We had the pleasure of seeing the Birch performance. Act is tops and leaves the customers in love with the art of magic." . . . **GEORGE AND MADELINE MARQUIS** postal from Deadwood, S. D., en route to the Coast: "Wild Bill Hickok got here first, but we're doing all right." . . . **CARLTON SHARPE**, wizard of the pasteboards, informs from Houston that he has given up night club work to make Texas towns with his own magic unit, featuring card work. . . . **PAUL STADELMAN** (Sandu), magician and vent artist, introduced his dummy, Windy Higgins, to the 25,000 people who took in the recent Muskrat County Mule Day at Columbia, Tenn. Stadelman shoots us a clipping telling of a Lancaster (Pa.) lad who swallowed a "vent gadget." "What'sell is a vent gadget?" asks Paul. . . . **WOMEN'S COMMITTEE** of the W. W. Durbin Ring No. 71, IBM, staged a magic show in the Italian Room of the Hotel Gleason, Cincinnati, Friday night, April 1, the proceeds going toward the fund to entertain the female visitors to the IBM conclave in Cincinnati in June. Harold Rice emceed the show in which the following participated: Walter Laberman, Jesse Berner, Roy Galloway, Frank Schopper Jr., John Snyder Jr., Charles Brooks, Benny Binderman and E. L. Dawson. . . . **GEORGE C. W. NEWMANN**, Minneapolis mystifier, is readying his outfit for an early spring opening. He has added new talking picture equipment and films for the forthcoming tour. . . . **JOSEPH MERCEDES** and wife, Helene Stanton, who for many years toured the major circuits here and abroad with their mental turn, are now on a good-will tour for the Heart o' the Lakes Association, of Rhinelander, Wis., of which Joe is president. They are traveling in a de luxe trailer modeled as a log cabin, advertising Wisconsin as a summer resort. Joe and Helene recently stopped off in Marshalltown, Ia., for a visit with T. Nelson Downs, "King of Coins." Latter is reported to be recovering from a long siege of illness.

ROUTES

(Continued from page 16)

Thornton, Bill: (Club Parrakeet) Upper Darby, Pa., nc. . . . Timley, Ted: (Parrish) Phila., nc. Tolbert, Scott: (Black Cat) NYC, nc. Tormey, Bob: (Dixie Grove) South Bend, Ind., nc. Towne, Loren: (Club Joy) Lexington, Ky., nc. Tracy, Jack: (Chess Parc) New Orleans, nc. Tatro, Bill: (Bridgeview) Springfield, Mass., h. Trent, Jack: (Colombo), Mesa, Nev., h. Tucker, Orrin: (Rooster) NYC, h. Two shades of Blue: (Mayflower), Akron, O., h. Ulrich, Roberto: (Lobby Cafe) Juarez, Mex., c.

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Van Gelder, Leon: (Old Algiers), NYC, re. VanWinkle, Joe: (Melody Grill) Kokomo, Ind. Vandervilt, Arlie: (El Pidel) Albuquerque, N. M., h. Varney, Eddie: (Bismarck), Chi, h. Velt, Tibby: (Bruno) Chi, re. Vernon, Joe: (Gray Wolf Tavern) Youngstown, O., nc. Vermaleski: (Grier-Lincoln) Danville, Ill., h. Vouza, Nick: (Coe Rouge) NYC, nc. Vorden, Vivian: (Twin Palms) San Antonio, nc.

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Wade, Johnny: (Romance Inn) Angola, N. Y., nc. Watkins, Jimmie: (Harlem Casino), Pittsburgh, nc. Walder, Herman: (Spinning Wheel) Kansas City, Mo., nc. Waldron, Bob: (Murray's Wonder Bar), New Market, N. J., nc. Wallace, Anne: (Chorus) Clovia, N. M., 18, Apr. 19, h. Walsh, Jimmy: (Sweet's) Oakland, Calif., nc. Warren, Harry: (Shady-Trent) Trenton, h. Watkins, Sammy: (Hollenden Vogee Room) Cleveland, h. Wolf, Lawrence: (Wm. Penn) Pittsburgh, h. Welde, (Admiral) NYC, nc. Weiner, Michael: (Old Neumann) NYC, re. Weiser, Leo: (Michigan Tavern) Niles, Mich., nc.

White, Bob: (Montclair), Montclair, N. J., h. Whitney, Palmer: (Baker) St. Charles, Ill., h. Wilde, Sam: (Roosevelt) New Orleans, h. Williams, Fred: (Rosebud), Brooklyn, nc. Williams, Clalbourn: (Cedar Grove) Hatch Rouge, La., nc. Williams, Joe: (Mark Twain) Hannibal, Mo., h. Woodward, Harry: (Embassy), Canton, O., nc. Woods, Howard: (Laurel-in-the-Pines) Lakewood, N. J., nc. Worth, Ray: (Chez Ami) Buffalo, nc.

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Young, Glen: (Showboat) St. Louis, b. Z

Zimmer, Cy: (Edgewater) Lafayette, La., nc. Zoeller, Carl: (Paddock) Louisville, nc. Zello, Leo: (Franklin) Phila., h.

Minstrelsy

By BOB EMMET
(Cincinnati Office)

GOODYEAR PRIARS, Akron, O., will present their 1938 minstrel revue at Goodyear Theater there May 14. Rehearsals are in progress under the direction of Russ Hawkins. Cast will number 75, including several standard vaude

HARRY FREEMAN, veteran of the Al G. Field Minstrels, has been engaged to emcee the Saturday night variety bills at the Main Theater, Columbus, O. He was a featured tenor soloist with the Field show for several seasons.

"DO YOU REMEMBER?" queries Prof. Walter Brown Leonard, "when Sig Suttle and Milt Boyer took out the Boyd Minstrels and Sig headed the 11-45? When Hi Henry headed his parade with one of the first benzine buggies, and the terrible smell it emitted? When Billy Cleveland managed the McNish, Johnson & Slavin Minstrels, which rehearsed and opened in Erie, Pa.? When Jack Haverly died in Salt Lake City and George D. Pyper, local theater manager, raised \$1,000 to defray funeral expenses? When Carroll Johnson did a single in vaudeville depicting the evolution of minstrelsy?"

"NOTED JOHN S. FOX'S article saying he is tired of Tint and Meadum and revealing the fact is called dramatic minstrel, and that he has purchased two cans of cork," postcard Al Tim from the Windy City. "Anybody can buy cork," opines Al, but how funny are you behind the cork? Anyone can buy a siphon, but to know how to blow it is another thing."

DAN HOLT, who troupes with the old Al G. Field Minstrels for many years, will take over the duties of custodian of the municipal auditorium, Macon, Ga., April 16. Dan returned recently to Macon from Alabama, where he had been managing a hotel.

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Ross Winds Up In Port Arthur

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., April 9.—Hal J. Ross' Port Arthur show closed last night after a run of 51 days, with Bella Flinnery and Joe Van Raam and Helen Type and Harry Hamby battling it out to the finish. Opal Perdig and Joe McNulty

ALDRICH—Everett, 55, for the past 15 years doorman at various Pay theaters in Providence, April 2 in that city following an illness of several months. Years ago he worked in the ticket wagon of the Pawnee Bill Show and also appeared with the Buffinton Stock Company. Aldrich appeared with the Modern Stock Company, Providence, in 1928 and 1929 and during his career appeared with various tab shows. Survived by his widow and mother.

BOYLE—Mrs. Verna Melville, 48, well known to the outdoor show world as one of the Melville Sisters and wife of John W. Boyle, formerly connected with Elmer and Curtis Velure and for the past 12 years identified with Columbia Pictures Corp., Hollywood, March 14 at her home in that city of pneumonia. She was a native of Ohio and had resided in Hollywood for the past 19 years. Survived by her husband; three sisters, Mrs. J. George Roy, Mrs. Alice Melville Strout and Mrs. Kittie Smith, Alliance, O., and a brother, Bert, Miami. Services and burial in Hollywood Cemetery, Hollywood.

BRETH—Edward, 66, old-time circus acrobat and billposter, April 6 at his home in Chillicothe, O. Survived by his widow; two sisters, Mrs. William McKinney, Chillicothe, and Mrs. William Bodenstein, Herkimer, N. Y., and two brothers, Henry C. and Otto F., both of Chillicothe. Services April 7.

BUTLER—Mrs. Adela Belgrade, 71, former actress and mother of David Butler, director, at her home in Hollywood March 10. She was the leading woman of the Alcazar Stock Company for many years and the widow of the late Fred J. Butler, former proprietor of the Belasco Theater, Hollywood. Mrs. Butler has lived in Hollywood for many years and was a member of the Dominos Club. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, that city.

CALDWELL—Sheppard Bell, 63, veteran carnival concessioner, April 5 in Pulaski, Tenn. He was born in Somerset, Ky., and tramped with circuses years ago. During his career Caldwell toured with the Blue Ribbon, World of Mirth and Gold Medal shows. In 1937 he was concessioner with the J. P. Sparks Shows and was again connected with that organization this year. Prior to 1937 Caldwell spent 10 years with the J. J. Page Shows. He was a member of Lodge No. 641, F. and A. M., Cincinnati. Services April 6 in Pulaski. Body was sent to Somerset for burial and Masonic rites.

CAREW—James, 62, for 40 years a prominent actor and third husband of the late Dame Eileen Terry, April 4 in London. Born in Goshen, Ind., he was first seen on the stage of the Irving Theater, Chicago, in 1897. In "Damon and Pythias" in 1905 Carew went to England to appear in "Her Own Way" and remained two years. Returning in 1907, the year he married Miss Terry, he appeared in "Captains Brassbound's Concession" and "The Good Hope." Later he was seen here and abroad in "Madame X," "Where the Rainbow Ends," "The Jew Suss," "Treasure Island," "The Yellow Coat," "Smoky Cell," "Doctor Pygmalion," "Never Come Back," "Lady of Quality," "The Climbers," "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" and "Two Little Sailor Boys." In 1915 he made his film debut with the Pathé Co. Carew, as Alexander, and Billy Bennett, as Mose, created the radio sketch "Alexander and Mose," presented to London audiences in Negro dialect in 1931. Act later played English variety theaters. He retired in 1936.

CATES—Jack, 57, showman, known professionally as Tulsa Jack for 20 years, March 31 in St. Paul of a cerebral hemorrhage. Survived by his mother and a brother, Robert. Body was sent to Tulsa, Okla., for services and burial.

CHAQUETTE—Emile, 44, violinist and orchestra leader in Kansas City, Mo., for more than 20 years, April 3 at his home in that city of diabetes. At the time of his death Chaquette was leader of the orchestra at Brookside Tavern, Kansas City. He started his musical career by playing mandolin duets with a brother, the late Neely C. Chaquette, and later was featured in the early days of Station WDAP, Kansas City. He was a member of Musicians' Local No. 34. Survived by the widow, Mrs. Erma Chaquette; a daughter, Dorothy Chaquette, Chicago radio singer and announcer, formerly with KXBY, Kansas City, and his mother, Mrs. Carrie Chaquette, Kansas City. Services April 6 and burial in Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City.

DAVIES—Reine, former New York stage actress and sister of Marion Davies, film actress, April 3 at her home in Beverly Hills, Calif., after a two weeks' illness. For a number of years she appeared in vaudeville and later was seen

The Final Curtain

In *The Girl Ranger* and *Chevy Coffe*, musical comedies. Miss Davies was the former wife of George W. Lederer, New York producer. Retiring from the stage, she became a screen writers' representative and in recent years was a newspaper columnist. Survived by a son, Charles Lederer, film writer, and three sisters, Marion, Ethel and Rose Davies.

DENNISON—Hubert A., 77, singer, designer, artist and illustrator of Water-town, Mass., in Boston April 7. For the past 50 years he was a member of the Apollo Club, Boston, and was active in musical circles, being a member of the old Tremont Glee Club and Weber Quartet. Survived by widow and two sons. Burial in Boston April 10.

DUDLEY—Charles Edwin, 83, retired actor of the legitimate stage, April 1 in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass., as reported in *The Billboard* last week. Dudley, who made his first stage appearance at the age of 20 in Uncle Tom's Cabin and continued his theatrical career for 50 years, played with such noted personages of the stage as William Gillette, Joseph Kilgore, Emmett Corrigan, Ann Sutherland, Henrietta Crosman and Ida Adair, mother of John Gilbert. His widow, Jeanne C. Gaston-guy, known to the stage as Jeanette Cass, appeared with him in theatrical productions for 22 years. Their last play together was George Bernard Shaw's *Arms and the Man*, in which they toured in 1926. He also appeared in *Way Down East* from 1920 to 1922 and in *Uninvited Child* in 1924. Two sisters, Mrs. Charles A. Gifford, New Bedford, and Mrs. Walter C. Macy, South Dartmouth, Mass., also survive.

DUNN—John J., 32, featured comedian and emcee with Hollywood Varieties, April 2 in a Bluebird (W. Va.) hospital of pneumonia. For the past five years he appeared with Hollywood Renue and the Hollywood Holiday unit. Dunn broke into vaudeville with C. B. Maddock and Fanchon & Marco productions and also appeared with Lucille Page and Mabel Todd. During his career he was seen in films and with Frank Fay, Paul Whiteman and Paul Ash. At one time he was heard on *Moxy Amsterdam's Night Club of the Air* over NBC. Survived by a sister, Mrs. Jack Kearns, Binghamton, N. Y. Body was sent to Binghamton for services and burial.

EDWARDS—Irving, 36, vaudevillian, April 4 at his home in Elmhurst, L. I., of a heart ailment. His real name was Irving Grasso. He had spent 22 years on the stage as comedian and emcee and also appeared with Marie Dressler in *Tillie's Nightmare*, Earl Carroll's Ventures of 1926 and with Anatole Friedland's 20th Century Revue. On April 16 he was to have married Renée La Marr of the La Marr Trio. Services April 8 in Elmhurst, L. I., and burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Mt. Kisco, N. Y. He was a former member of the Friars' Club and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Angela Grossi; three brothers, William, Edward and Elmer, and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Williams and Mrs. Gloria Stevenson.

HEISER—George, 83, veteran showman and one of the originators of the Columbia Burlesque Circuit, at his home in Cleveland April 5 after an illness of several weeks. Born in Brooklyn, he started on the stage at the age of 20 with his brother, Fred. Fred Heiser was Fred Irwin of burlesque fame. The brothers made the rounds of the cities in music halls and variety, then purchased a circus which they operated under the name of Irwin Brothers. The circus sold, the two were instrumental in forming the Columbia Wheel. Fifteen years ago Heiser went to Cleveland and took over the refreshment concession at Puritas Springs Park. With advanced years he suffered from heart disease, which caused his death. Survived by two sons, Charles and Jacob; a daughter, Margaret, and a stepdaughter, Ruth Robbins. Serv-

ices April 7, with interment in Alger Cemetery, Cleveland.

HENSHAW—Roger, 42, film writer and former director, April 3 at his home in Los Angeles of carbon monoxide poisoning.

HENSHAW—Dale, actress, April 3 at her home in Los Angeles of carbon monoxide poisoning.

HOLIDAY—Blanche Higgins, 27, wife of Charles Holliday, connected with the World of Mirth Shows and formerly identified with the Royal American and J. L. Landes shows, March 19 in a McPherson, Kan., hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Survived by her husband, mother, two brothers and a sister. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Newton, Kan.

HOWARD—Harry, 66, showman, March 21 at his home in Dyersburg, Tenn. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Kathleen Howard. Services and burial in Hallie, Tenn.

HURT—Dillon (Peanuts), 48, veteran cookhouse operator, since 1923 connected with the Royal American Shows, recently in Cook Hospital, Tampa, Fla., after a long illness. He operated cookhouses with Dodson's World's Fair, D. D. Murphy and Con T. Kennedy shows during his 22-year career. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Kittle Hurt. Services, held in Tampa, were attended by many showfolk and body, accompanied by Mrs. Hurt, was sent to Lamar, Mo., for final rites and burial.

KORPI—Warner W., 40, veteran musician, April 1 in Berkeley, Calif., from injuries sustained when his automobile left the road.

LEEP—Jane, of the team of Lit and Lee, night club entertainers, April 4 in Baltimore. She recently appeared at Club Rival, that city.

LEWIS—E. S., 60, former secretary of Crawford County Fair, Bucyrus, O., April 6 in that city after an illness of several months. In recent years he was secretary of Ohio Outdoor Advertising Co. and head of the Lewis Poster Service, Bucyrus. Survived by his widow. Services and burial in Bucyrus.

LONG—Robert W., 40, actor, April 1 in New York after a short illness. He had played for many years for the Shuberts in *What Price Glory?*, *Swing Your Lady*, *The Student Prince* and *The Fool* and also appeared with Irene Dunne in *Blossom Time*. Services from Cook's Funeral Home, New York, and interment in Actors Cemetery (Evergreen), Brooklyn. Survived by his widow, Catherine, and his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Long.

MELVILLE—Frederick, 63, stage producer, manager, playwright and lessee of the Lyceum Theater, London, known as England's home of melodrama, April 5 in Shoreham, Sussex, England, of a heart attack. His brothers, Andrew and Walter, died within the past year. Like his brother, Walter, Frederick began his career as office boy for his father, who managed the Grand Theater, Birmingham, England. Both sons became actors in later years. In 1909 the brothers took over the management of the Lyceum and it subsequently became the scene of triumphs for some of Britain's greatest stage people. Many of Frederick's plays were written and produced before the World War and included *Her Forbidden Marriage*, *The Monk and the Woman*, *Married to the Wrong Man*, *The Beast and the Beauty* and *The Bad Girl of the Family*. In 1911 the brothers built the New Prince's Theater, London.

MONAHAN—E. J. (Eddie), 69, veteran Omaha theater manager, April 4 in an Omaha hospital following seven weeks' illness. He began his career with the Creighton Theater, Omaha, in 1897. In his 16 years at Boyd Theater he worked his way up from usher to manager, and for the past 12 years was associated with Ralph Goldberg in managing the Avenue and Arbor theaters. His widow survives. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Omaha.

MOORE—Elizabeth Pelham, 60, actress, April 3 in New York after a long illness. Known for many years on the stage as June Burbank, she retired following her marriage to Albert Moore in 1908. Prior to that time she appeared in *Three American Beauties* and with Mrs. Leslie Carter in *Zaza*. Survived by a brother, Captain E. M. Pelham, Allentown, Fla.

MURNEY—Raymond C., 71, manager of the new Bond Theater, Cincinnati, April 3 at his home in Cincinnati after an illness of two weeks. Born in Chicago, Murney went to Cincinnati 23 years ago to manage Giff's Theater, later taking over the management of Highland Theater, Fort Thomas, Ky. Survived by his widow and mother. Services April 6 and burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

ROCKWELL—Clara Davenport, dramatic actress, recently in St. Louis. She was the wife of the late J. C. Rockwell and for many years directed his husband's company, Rockwell's Sunny South Productions.

STIEGLER—William G., 57, for many years dramatic critic for *The Cincinnati Times-Star*, April 6 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been in poor health for a year. A graduate of University of Cincinnati, Stiegler spent 35 years in the newspaper business, beginning his career with the old *Cincinnati Commercial Tribune* in 1903. In 1907 he joined the staff of *The Cincinnati Post* and, except for a brief interval in 1912 and 1913, when he was secretary to Mayor Henry T. Hunt, remained with *The Post* until 1919, when he began work for *The Times-Star*. For a time Stiegler served that paper as legislative correspondent in Columbus, O. Upon his return to Cincinnati he was made dramatic editor and served in that capacity until death. Survived by an aunt, Mrs. Elia Voight, with whom he had made his home. Services April 8 and burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

TAYLOR—Colin Campbell, 74, retired actor, director and playwright, March 31 at his home in Santa Monica, Calif., of pneumonia. He began his career before he was 15 years old and was well known on the stage in the '70s and '80s. Campbell wrote more than 100 plays, most famous of which was *Hello, Bill*, staged for the first time in Minneapolis in 1890 at the Elks' convention and which is said to have been the origin of the popular greeting of the Elks.

THOMAS—John Henry, 69, former operatic tenor, April 5 at his home in East Orange, N. J., after a short illness. Born in Cardigan, Wales, Thomas launched an opera career at the age of 15, appearing with the San Carlo Opera Company in London and subsequently with the Tivoli Opera Company in San Francisco. When 20 he returned to England and gave a command performance for Queen Victoria. Until the age of 29 he sang leading roles with the Chicago Opera Co. In 1901 he gave up his opera career and entered business.

VOGEL—Mrs. Louis, 59, wife of Louis Vogel, owner and manager of Natatorium Amusement Park, Spokane, Wash., April 3 at her home in that city. She had been ill five years. She was born in Brooklyn and was the daughter of Charles Looff, Merry-Go-Round manufacturer. Survived by husband; two sons, Harold, Los Angeles, and Lloyd, assistant manager of the park; a sister, Mrs. Charles A. Simons, Riverside, R. I., and a brother, Arthur Looff, Long Beach, Calif. Burial in Fairmount Cemetery, Spokane.

WADINOFF—Emil, 39, character actor and night club entertainer, suddenly April 5 at his hotel in Washington.

WHITMAN—Herman, 41, manager of the Early Theater, Philadelphia, April 4 in Sylvania Hotel, that city, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been ill only two weeks, following a collapse at the theater. Widely known and beloved by friends and associates, Whitman was manager of Radio City Music Hall, Palace Theater, New York, and the Greenpoint and Albee theaters, Brooklyn, before going to Philadelphia for Warner Bros. three years ago. Prior to that he was a division manager for RKO for 15 years. Services April 6 from Park Memorial Funeral Parlor, Brooklyn. Survived by his mother, five brothers and two sisters.

Marriages

HOLCOMB-PARKE—Homer Holcomb, rodeo clown, and Janet Parke, nonpro, in Ogden, Utah, April 2.

HUBER-BARCLAY—Henry Huber, ma-

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Adrian, Jill (Philadelphia) Phila, re.
Adrian, Iris (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, re.
Alan & Anise (Cotton Club) NYC, re.
Alexander, Teddy (El-11 Club) NYC, re.
Alexander & Santos Revue (State) NYC, t.
Alvi, Celeste (El Tabarin) NYC, re.
Alvarez, Fausto (El Chico) NYC, re.
Amato, Don (El-Hat) Chi, re.
Ambrone, Cellie (Greenwich Village Nut) NYC, re.
Ambrone, Ruth & Billy (Gibson) Cincinnati, h.
Amber, Norma & Elizabeth (International Casino) NYC, re.
Athos, Percy (Pellies) (Dorchester) London, h.
Autson & Kilpatrick (Village Brewery) NYC, re.

B

Bader, Gene (Long Island Hofbräuhaus) Flushing, N. Y., re.
Bailey, Fred (El-Kat) NYC, re.
Bailey, Fred (El-Kat) NYC, re.
Bailey Sisters (Mosaicos) NYC, h.
Baker, Deke (Walton) Phila, re.
Baker, Dennis (Elcoservi) NYC, h.
Baldwin & Bristol (The) Casper, Wyo, t.
Ballard & Hat (Bachelor Club) Pittsburgh, re.
Banca, Sadie (Old Romanian) NYC, re.
Barrett, Ethel (Band Box, Kenmore) Albany, N. Y., h.
Bass & Hickson (Chateau Modern) NYC, re.
Bass, Paul (Chateau Modern) NYC, re.
Bates, Peg-Leg (Cotton) NYC, re.
Bates, Lucy (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, re.
Beauvel & Teva (Ambassador) NYC, h.
Beauford, Denny (Grey Wolf Tavern) Sharon, Pa., re.
Bell & Grey (Miller) Albany, N. Y., h.
Bell, John & Jerry (Nut Club) New Orleans, re.
Belts Hawaiian Polka (OKKO Mainstreet) Kansas City, Mo., 14; (Plaza) Great Bend, Kan., 15-16; (Sherman) Goodland 17-18, t.
Bennet, Ethel (Old Romanian) NYC, re.
Bennet, Ben: Russellville, Ky.
Bergen, Edgar & Charlie McCarthy (Ambassador) Hollywood, re.
Berk, Irving (Houmann Village) NYC, re.
Bernard, Robbie Jeanne & Co. (Palomar) Los Angeles, re.
Bernie, Al (Chez Paree) Chi, re.
Berney, Frank & Jerry White (Radio Bingers) NYC, re.
Birchlow & Lee (Chateau Modern) NYC, re.
Bilotti, Trompe (Marine Circus) Indianapolis, Ind. Girls (Memorial) Boston, t.
Birch, Magician: Smithport, Pa., 14; (Main Street) Galion, 14, t.
Bire, Daria (Russian Kuchina) NYC, re.
Bishop, Freddie (Radio Franks) NYC, re.
Blanche & Elliott (Manie Carlo) NYC, re.
Blue, Three (Edison) NYC, h.
Boerner, Carl & Leoco (ML Royal) Montreal, h.
Boran, Arthur (Arcola Inn) Arcola, N. J., 2-13.
Borus, Anna (Jimmy Kelly's Village Rendezvous) NYC, re.
Bower & Ravel (Grovesnor House) London, h.
Bows, Major, Collegiate Revue (Palace) Cleveland, t.
Bowes, Major, Jamboree (Stanley) Pittsburgh, t.
Brandt, Eddie (New Yorker) NYC, h.
Brent, Harry (Cavalier) NYC, re.
Bristol, Charlie (Black Cat) NYC, re.
Brouillard, Francois (Greenwich Village Nut) NYC, re.
Brown, Bothwell Girls (Cavalier) NYC, re.
Bruce, Carol (New Yorker) NYC, h.
Burk & Babbles (Boston) Boston, t.
Burns, Margaret (Carlsbad) NYC, re.
Burns, Teddy & Pat Holton (Radio Franks) NYC, re.
Burns, Jimmy (Radio Franks) NYC, re.
Burns, Marjorie & Dell (Michigan) Detroit, t.
Burton, Eddie (Club Alabama) Chi, re.

C

Calgary Bros. (International Casino) NYC, re.
Canada, Yale Puppeteers (College Inn) Chi, t.
Callaway, Cab & Orpheus (Estate) Washington, D. C., t.
Camp (Palace) Chi, t.
Campus Beams (Edison) NYC, h.
Cardoso & Nona (El Chico) NYC, re.
Capso, Joey (Village Casino) NYC, re.
Carlisle & Juliette (Shorthand) Washington, D. C., h.
Carlos & Carito (Havana-Madrid) NYC, re.
Carney, Alan (Paradise) NYC, re.
Carol, Rita (Buffalo) Buffalo, t.
Carr, Billy (66 Club) Chi, re.
Carroll & Kana (Tropicana) NYC, c.
Carroll, Janet (Memorial) Boston, t.
Carroll & Brooks (Piccadilly) London, h.
Carrie, Frank & Arthur Bowles (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, re.
Cassandra (White) NYC, h.
Castillo, Carmen (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Charterettes (El-Kat) NYC, re.
Chester, June (Little Old New York) NYC, re.
Chinese Polka (Silverstone) Milwaukee, t.
Chocolateers (Cotton Club) NYC, re.
Clare & Anna Sisters (Elaine) Washington, Clayton & Dunn (Barrel of Fun) NYC, re.
Claire, Jean (St. George) Brooklyn, N. Y., h.
Cobey, Lew (White) NYC, h.
Cole, KHD (Janet of France) NYC, re.
Cole, Joyce (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Collie, Eddie (Rhineland Gardens) Armonk, N. Y., re.

Route Department

Following each listing in the ACTS-UNITS-ATTRACtions section of the Route Department appears a symbol. Fill in the designation corresponding to the symbol when addressing organizations or individuals listed.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

a—auditorium; b—ballroom; c—cafe; cb—cabaret; cc—country club; h—hotel; mh—music hall; nc—night club; p—amusement park; ro—road house; re—restaurant; s—showboat; t—theater.

NYC—New York City; Phila—Philadelphia; Chi—Chicago.

Hessene & Gladice (Blue Moon) Milwaukee, re.
Howard, Joseph (Elvis Gay '90) NYC, re.
Howard, Eugene & Willie (Versailles) NYC, re.
Howard & Daniels (Mammy's Chicken Farm) NYC, re.
Hoover, John (Cobert Pirthouse) NYC, re.
Hughes, Lyubeth (Billmore) NYC, re.

Hunter, Julie (Markom Casino) Pittsburgh, re.
Ice Palace (Boston) Boston.
Inky & Mot (Kit Kat) NYC, re.
Internationals (Jack Dempsey's Broadway Bar) NYC, re.
International Ice Revue (Music Hall) Cincinnati 17-18.

Jackson, Jack (Dorchester) London, h.
Jacqueline, Mignac (International Casino) NYC, re.
Jakobi, Anita (Royale Préciosa) Chi, re.
James, Hal (Shanghai Inn) Cincinnati, re.
Janet of France (Janet of France) NYC, re.
Jason, Jay (Blue Moon) Milwaukee, re.
Jerry & Turk (Chez Paree) Omaha, re.
Jerry, Mammy (Radio Franks) NYC, re.
Johnson, Bill (Radio City Rainbow Grill) NYC, re.
Johnson, Mae (Cotton) NYC, re.
Jones, Ray (Queen Mary) NYC, re.
Jones, Allen (State) NYC, t.
Joyce Brod. & Dean (State-Lake) Chi, t.

K

Kanam, Professor (Le Mirage) NYC, re.
Kane, Allen, & Boys (Monte Carlo Bar Hotel) Chi, h.
Kai, Meomi (Lexington) NYC, h.
Kanakas, The Three (Mon Parc) NYC, re.
Karsen, Marie (Wolford) Danville, Ill., h.
Kavanaugh, Star (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, re.
Kaye, Johnny, & Playboys (Wagon Wheel) Boston, re.
Keating, Fred (Walton) Phila, h.
Keeney, Jane (Royal Palm) Miami, re.
Keely & Margie (Black Cat) NYC, re.
Kelly, Patti (Manica Inn) Mansfield, Pa., re.
Keller Sisters (Silver Moon Inn) Auburn, Ind., 13-14; (Shubman's Rink) Pittsburgh 22-23.
Kenedy, Ann (Cavalier) NYC, re.
Kenny, Billy (Cortez) El Paso, Tex., h.
Keyes & Ross (Sportmen's Show) Minneapolis 16-24.
Kinder (Michigan) Detroit, t.
King, Dorothy (Palmer House) Chi, h.
King, Eddie (Billings) NYC, re.
Kinloch (Corktown Tavern) Detroit, t.
Kirkpatrick Kidd, 14 (Village Barn) NYC, re.
Koppel, Teddy (Rude's) NYC, re.
Koster, Charles A. (Royal Alexandra) Terre-Neuve, t.
Kousa, Liza (Radio Frankel) NYC, re.
Kramer, Leon (Zeki's) NYC, re.

L

Lamar, Frank (Peanut Grill) East Rochester, N. Y., re.
Lamar, Barbara (Zimmerman's Budapest) NYC, re.
Lamar, Henry (Gay '90) NYC, re.
La Mart, Jackie (Hickory House) NYC, re.
La Temple & Co. (Colonial) Dayton, O., t.
Ladd, Vincent (Theater) Brooklyn, N. Y., h.
Laiel, Alfred (Riverside) Milwaukee, t.
Lane, Kathleen (Lincoln) NYC, re.
Lane, Mary (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, re.
Lane, Tree & Edwards (Yacht Club) Chi, re.
Lane & Lee (Paramount Club) Hull, Que., Canada, re.
Lane, Virginia (El Hat) Peoria, Ill., re.
Carly, Jackie (Rudy's) NYC, re.
Gaynor, Marilyn (Barney Gallant's) NYC, re.
Georgette, Tony (Chez Ami) Buffalo, re.
George & Nanette (El Rio Hito Club) Mexico City, re.
Gerrits, Paul (Chicago) Chi, t.
Gibson, Virginia (El Hat) Chi, re.
Gilbert, Kelli (Bill's Gay '90) NYC, re.
Gilmore, Patricia (La Conga) NYC, re.
Givens & Karol (Hollywood) Phila, re.

C

Gale, Eddie (Inwood) NYC, re.
Gamble, Inez (Club Alabama) Chi, re.
Gardner, Grant & Eileen (Moonlight Gardens) Saginaw, Mich., re.
Garner, Nancy (Maxine) Brooklyn, re.
Garr, Eddie (Elko) Chi, re.
Gastons (Races) Omaha, re.
Gastineau, Connie (New Yorker) NYC, h.
Gash, Al (Mercur) Nut House) Pittsburgh, re.
Gay Boy Revue (High Hat) Peoria, Ill., re.
Garcia, Jackie (Rudy's) NYC, re.
Gaynor, Marilyn (Barney Gallant's) NYC, re.
Georgette, Tony (Chez Ami) Buffalo, re.
George & Nanette (El Rio Hito Club) Mexico City, re.
Gerrits, Paul (Chicago) Chi, t.
Gibson, Virginia (El Hat) Chi, re.
Gilbert, Kelli (Bill's Gay '90) NYC, re.
Gilmore, Patricia (La Conga) NYC, re.
Givens & Karol (Hollywood) Phila, re.

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Dias & Diana (Stock) Kansas City, Mo., re.
Diana & Nedra (Flamingo) Orlando, Fla., re.
Dimitri & Helen (El Chico) NYC, re.
Dimins, Frank (Ringside) Pt. Worth, Tex., re.
Dobres (Le Mirage) NYC, re.
Dore & Denise (Mance Inn) Mansfield, Pa., re.
Donahue, Walter (Park Central) NYC, h.
Downings, The (Governor Clinton) NYC, h.
Dooley, Morton (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, re.
Draper, Paul (Plaza) NYC, h.
Drue, Charlie (Lombardi Bar) NYC, re.
Drayton Sisters & Jack (Oreystone Club) Mansfield, O., re; (Food Show) Post Wayne, Ind., 18-23.
Dumont, Valerie (Village Casino) NYC, re.
Duffy, Kathryn, All-American Revue (Southwestern Expo & Fat Stock Show) Ft. Worth, Tex., re.
Dyer, Gertrude (Barrel of Fun) NYC, re.

E

Eberle, Bob (New Yorker) NYC, h.
Elder, Eight (Radio Franks) NYC, re.
Eddie & Amy (Carson Club) Pittsburgh, re.
Eddy & Eddie (Elko) Chi, re.
Edward, Bobby (El-Mat) Chi, re.
Edgar, Five (State) NYC, h.
Edelman, Lois (El Mat) NYC, h.
Elvis, Lily (Long Island Hofbräuhaus) Freshning, N. Y., re.
Emerson's, Tom, Mountaineers (Village Barn) NYC, re.
Eurista & Novello (Roosevelt) New Orleans, h.
Escorts, Three (Village Nut Club) NYC, re.
Everett & Conway (Bachelors Club) Pittsburgh, re.

F

Fagan, Jack "Nutsy" (El-11 Club) NYC, re.
Fanchon & Fanchon (Cosimino's) Chi, re.
Farrington, Red (Billmore) NYC, h.
Fasan & Jordan (El Morro) NYC, h.
Feeley, Mickey (Garbo) NYC, re.
Feldkamp, Elmer (Rita-Carlton) NYC, h.
Felicia & Delrey (Alpine Village) Cleveland, re.
Felix, Claire & Tonita (Ivan Franko) NYC, re.
Fellen, Harry & Orch. (Sarie) Phila, t.
Ferguson, Bobbie (Old Hat) Cincinnati, re.
Ferrell, Ed (Cat & Fiddle) Cincinnati, re.
Fisher, Jackie (Tap House) Elmhurst, N. Y., re.
Fitzgerald, May (1928) (Colonial) Dayburgh, O., re.
Fink, Harry (Red Bar) St. Louis, re.
Finland, Frank (Inwood) NYC, re.
Fiske, Dwight (Barney-Perez) NYC, h.
Flanagan, Jimmie (Bath) Boston, h.
Flash & Dash (El-Kat) NYC, re.

Gardenkron, Bob (Garbo) NYC, re.
Goldfarb, Phil (Old Redmanian) NYC, re.
Gomes, Vicente (Starlet) Miami, re.
Gondola, Agnes (McAlpin) NYC, re.
Gooding, Gladys (Broadway Musical) NYC, re.
Goodman, Charlie (Blimmer) NYC, re.
Goriano, Sonja (International Casino) NYC, re.
Gould, George (Harlem Casino) Pittsburgh, re.
Granados, Ascension (El Chico) NYC, re.
Grand Quartet (Paradise) NYC, re.
Gray, Jack (Park Lane) NYC, h.
Gray, Leo Ho (Michigan) Detroit, t.
Green, Al (Jonestown Nut) NYC, re.
Green, Bebe (Elated of Fun) NYC, re.
Green, Harry (Old North Tavern) NYC, re.
Greco, Dot (Rudy's) NYC, re.
Grey, Margaret (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, re.
Gowine, Jack (Palms House) Chi, re.
Gylendrom, Karen Kobo (Garbo) NYC, re.

H

Hakon, Paul (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Hall, Ted (El Mat) NYC, re.
Hall, Vivian (Chicago Modern) NYC, re.
Hall, Stan (Lemond) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., re.
Hall, William (Roxy) NYC, t.
Hammond, Earl F., Estelle Troupe (See Pollies of 1927) Atlantic City.
Hammond, George, Family (Shrine Circus) Buffalo, 18-23.
Hammon, Joe, & Accordionettes (Rudd's Beach) Schenectady, N. Y., re.
Harris & Yvonne (Stage Barn) NYC, re.
Harrison, Spike (Gay '90) NYC, re.
Hart, Anna (Old Mill) NYC, re.
Hartman, Martin (Oliver Twist) NYC, re.
Hartman, Paul & Grace (Dorchester) London, re.
Hartwell, Three (State-Lake) Chi, t.
Haskell, Fred (Elko) Chi, re.
Hause, Eddie (Elko) Chi, re.
Haywood & Allen (Furnace) NYC, re.
Hayworth, Bebe, Revere (Carolina) Burlington, N. C., 14; (Carolina) Ashtabula 15-16, t.
Hazen, Ruth (Village Casino) NYC, re.
Henning, Pat & Co. (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., t.
Hewitt & Neale (Gibson) Cincinnati, h.
Heyman, Murray (El Oco Rouge) NYC, re.
Hickey, Nell, Three (Brazo-Haus) Baldwin, L. I., N. Y., re.
Hickey, Joe (Radio Frank's) NYC, re.
Hickman, Stanley (Palmer House) Chi, re.
Higgins, Peter (Lockout House) Covington, Ky., re.
Hillhouse, Phoebe (Little Old New York) NYC, re.
Hiltz, Bill (Elko) Chi, re.

M

McGilland, Reed (Weylin) NYC, h.
McCoy, Bob (Billmore) NYC, h.
McKall, Genie (Circus Club) Chi, re.
McKenna, Jim (Village Barn) Seattle, h.
McKenna, Charles (El Mat) NYC, re.
McKenzie, Ned (Nick's Reservoir) NYC, re.
McLean, Ross (New Yorkers) NYC, h.
McMahon, Larry (Village Barn) NYC, re.
McNally Sisters, Four (Paradise) NYC, re.
McNamara, Joe (Savoy-Perez) NYC, h.
MacNaughton, Virginia (La Mirage) NYC, re.
Macias, Manual (Corktown Tavern) Detroit, re.
McMahon, Rudy (Gay '90) NYC, re.
Madoff, Eli (Stork) Kansas City, Mo., re.
Malvey, Hel (Piccadilly) Montreal, Can., re.
Major, Colonel Jack (Oriental) Chi, t.
Mall, Paul (State-Lake) Chi, t.
Malley, Mickey (Little Old New York) NYC, re.
Manish, Sid (Orange Mary) NYC, re.
Mann, Peggy (Village Barn) NYC, re.
Mancera, Carol (Michigan) Detroit, t.
Manners, Marion (Chez Paree) Chi, re.
Manning, Ollie (Brown) Louisville, h.
Masolita (Russian Art) NYC, re.

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 Mera, Vanda (St. Regis) NYC, h.
 Marge (Plantation) NYC, nc.
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 Sparrow, Esther (Little Old New York) NYC, L.
 Dr.
 Marine, Floria (Wivel) NYC, re.
 Marlow, Lee (Trocadero) NYC, nc.
 Mark & Marquette (Club Chalfonte) Pinehurst, N. C., Re.
 Marie & Floria (St. Regis) NYC, h.
 Maryann & Michael (Radio City Rainbow Room) NYC, nc.
 Marguerite, Thelma (La Marquise) NYC, nc.
 Martin, Billie (Wagon Wheel) Houston, Tex., Re.
 Mason, Jack (Little Old New York) NYC, c.
 Massey, Tommy, & Joanne Miller (Chez Francoise) NYC, nc.
 Matthey, Nicholas (Russian Kretchman) NYC, L.
 Matthews, Bob (Mon Paris) NYC, nc.
 Maurice & Cecilia (Palmer House) Chi, h.
 May, Hobby (International Casino) NYC, nc.
 Mayfield, Kathryn (Queen Mary) NYC, nc.
 McAllister, John (Colonial) NYC, h.
 McElroy, Vi (Lisa-Carroll) TY, h.
 McAdoo, (Victoria) NYC, nc.
 Menet, George (McAlpin) NYC, h.
 Metcalf, Peggy (Quoqua Terrace) Woodside, L. I., nc.
 Michel, Michel (Russian Kretchman) NYC, re.
 Miller, Beth (Romanian Village) NYC, nc.
 Miller, Frank (Manos Inn) Manos, Pa., nc.
 Minute Men, Three (Lexington) NYC, h.
 Minth & Mack (Drake) Chi, h.
 Modle & Lemarie (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.
 Morris, E. & Michael (Rainbow Inn) NYC, nc.
 Mortett, Adelaide (Ambassador) NYC, h.
 Monroe & Grant (Colonial) Dayton, O., t.
 Monroe, Nona (Dimitri's Gauche) NYC, nc.
 Morel, Mih (St. Regis) NYC, nc.
 Moose, Lola (State-Lake) Galt, t.
 Moon, Ollie (Village Brewery) NYC, nc.
 Morales Bros. & Little Daisy (Emma Grove Palace) Kalamazoo, Mich., nc.
 Morgan, Stuart, Dancers (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, nc.
 Morgan, Grace (Radio Frank's) NYC, nc.
 Moretta & Teresita (Trocadero) NYC, nc.
 Morris, Alvin (St. Regis) NYC, h.
 Metro Trop (El Chicco) NYC, nc.
 Morris, Sammy (Old Romanian) NYC, c.
 Morris, A. Winger (Bowery Music Hall) St. Louis, nc.
 Morton, Alvira (Club Minuet) Chi, nc.
 Morton, Gerry, The (Haven Plaza) NYC, h.
 Malay, Jim & Mildred (Colonial) Dayton, O., L.
 Mara, Corinna (Chicago) Chi, t.
 Murphy, Jimmy (Travelers) Chico, Calif., h.
 Murray, Wynn (Earle) Phila, t.
 Musical Maniacs, three (Greenwich Village Casino) NYC, nc.
 Myrtle de Pasquai (International Casino) NYC, nc.
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N.
 N. T. G. Reeves (Congress Casino) Chi. n.
 Claudine (Radio City Rainbow Room)
 NYC, nc.
 Namath (St. Regis) NYC, n.
 Nell, Laurene (Harry's New York Cab-
 arette) Chi, nc.
 Nelson's Elephants (Palace) Chi, n.
 Nine & Candido (9th Circle) NYC, nc.
 Noe, Alexander (Wise) NYC, nc.
 Noell, Evelyn (Butler's Ye Old Tap) NYC, c.
 Nooley & Norman (Chez Ami) Buffalo, nc.
 Novella, Bemorita Anita (Mayflower) Akron
 O. R.
 Novnan, Doug (Statler) Boston, n.
 Novson, Peggy (Hickory House) NYC, nc.
 Nichols, Howard (Grosvenor House) Lon-
 don, n.
 Odessa, Cezirudo (Cafe de Paris) London, nc.
 Helen & Tommy (Greenwich Village)
 Casino NYC, nc.
 Odell, The (Gibson) Cincinnati, n.
 Olympia, Mary (Oliver Twist) NYC, nc.
 Olympia (St. Chico) NYC, nc.
 Olfitt, Harriet (Club Alabama) Chi, nc.
 Oliva, Wilma (Butler's Ye Old Tap) NYC, c.
 Oleville Irene, (College Inn) Chi, nc.
 Olari (Park Central) NYC, nc.
 Olano, Lillian (Greenwich Village Nat) NYC,
 nc.

Dare, Barney (High Hat) Peoria, Ill., no.
Dare, Ethel (Casual) Seattle, Wash., no.
Dara, Grace (Hollywood) Phila., ne.
D'Neil, Peggy (Cavender) NYC, ne.
DeMille, The (Broad Show) Enid, Okla., 18-23.
Deneen, Millie (Cocktail) Detroit, C.
Deneen, Susie (Virginia (White)) NYC, re.
Desai (St. George's) Brooklyn, N.Y.
Delia Sisters & Reid (Manos Inn) Manos,
Pa., ne.
Dehorn, Irma (Swing) NYC, ne.
Dehni & Lessy (Famous Door) NYC, ne.

P
ige, Ken & Roy (Paradise) NYC, re.
Amer., Gladys (Mammy's Chicken Farm)
NYC, re.
Amer., Jock (Little Old New York) NYC, re.
Amer., Frank (Baroy-Plaza) NYC, re.
Amer., Clifford (Memorial) Boston, 4.
Amer., Lester (Northwood Inn) Detroit, MI.
Barbara (Paradise) NYC, re.
Grasselli, Le Roi NYC, re.

McGinnis, Tom (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, ne.
 McNamee (New Yorker) NYC, ne.
 McNamee & Lewis (Lawson White Minstrels) Bar-
 berton, Fla.
 McNeely, Eddie (Ringside) Ft. Worth, Tex., ne.
 McNeely, Eddie (Hickory House) NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Eddie (Wivell) NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Eddie & Julian (Madrid) Buffalo, e.
 McNeely Sisters (Cotton) NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Ruth (Walton Road) Phila, ne.
 McNeely, Jean (Memorial) Boston, t.
 McNeely, Sebastian (Long Island Hofbrauhaus)
 Roslyn, N. Y., ne.
 McNeely, Texas (Church Club) Cleveland, ne.
 McNeely, Harry (El Capri) NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Jack (Ringside) Ft. Worth, Tex., ne.
 McNeely, Eddie (Buddies) NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Eddie (Hollywood) Phila, ne.
 McNeely, Eddie (Globe) Boston, NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Richard (El Capri) Omaha, ne.
 McNeely's Tropic (El Capri) Omaha, ne.
 McNeely, Tom (Billy Rose's Casa Manana)
 NYC, ne.
 McNeely, Lee (222 Club) Chi, ne.

R
Radio Troubadours (Place Riegert) NYC, ne.

Rai, Jean (Dorchester) London, h.
 Rajpol, Wynne (Le Mirage) NYC, nc.
 Ramond & Le Moyne (Irish Village) Cleveland, h.
 Ramona (Cavalier) NYC, nc.
 Ramos, Bilda (Havana-Madrid) NYC, nc.
 Rand, Sally (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, nc.
 Randolph, Amanda (Black Cat) NYC, nc.
 Raquel & Tarrica (Havana-Madrid) NYC, nc.
 Ray & Trent (Chicago) Chi, L.
 Ray, Francis (Variety Hall) Portland, Ore.
 Raye, Iris (Monte Carlo) NYC, nc.
 Raye & Naldi (Radio City Rainbow Room) NYC, nc.
 Reading Twins (Walton) Phila, h.
 Redd, Doris (Le Mirage) NYC, nc.
 Regal Circle (Old Mill) NYC, c.
 Reid, Ruth (Lorraine) Ft. Worth, Tex., nc.
 Renault, Francis (Warren) Toledo, h.
 Remnie, Guy (Swing) Hollywood, nc.
 Reyes, Lucha (Havana-Madrid) NYC, nc.
 Rhodes, Dorothy (Kit Kat) NYC, nc.
 Rhodes, Dale (Stevens) Chi, h.
 Rhythm Pals (Harlem Casino) Pittsburgh, nc.
 Rice, Margie (75 Club) Omaha, nc.
 Riddle, Herb (75 Club) Omaha, nc.
 Richards, Toots & Jackie (Castle Farm) Cincinnati, nc.
 Richards & Adrienne Dancers (Oriental) NYC, nc.
 Rich, Rosita (Rainbow Room) Rockefeller Center, NYC.
 Rothblatt, Pat (Terrace Gardenz) Rochester, N. Y., nc.
 Roberts & Farley (New Yorker) NYC, h.
 Rockwell, Doctor (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, nc.
 Roe, Chuck (Bran-Ham) Baldwin, L. I. N. Y., nc.
 Rogers, Eddie, & Bert Haley (11-11 Club) NYC, nc.
 Rogers, Ned (Rainbow Inn) NYC, nc.
 Rogers, Helen (Swing) NYC, nc.
 Rogers, Buddy, & Band (Shubert) Cincinnati, h.
 Rogers, The (Bar-Grill & Coffee Shop) NYC, nc.
 Rolliekins' Trio (Seelbach) Louisville, h.
 Rolling Cloud, Chriet & Dog Town Folies (State) Napoleon, O., 12-15; (Madrid) Port Clinton, O., 16-21, h.
 Rollins, Bob (Adelphi) Phila, h.
 Roman & Catherine (Manca Inn) Manoa, Pa., nc.
 Rozaean & Seville (Mashkhetch) Kansas City, Mo., h.
 Rose, Dorice (Greenwich Village Nut) NYC, nc.
 Rose, Jack (Place Elegante) NYC, nc.
 Rose, Ray, Strollers (Andrews) Minneapolis, h.
 Rosenthal, Five (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, nc.
 Rosen, Tiny & Virginia (Blue Moon) Milwaukee, nc.
 Ross, Tommy (Corktown Tavern) Detroit, c.
 Rosati & Dolores (Greenwich Village Nut) NYC, nc.
 Roth, Eddie Ray (Ambassador Cabaret) Copenhagen, Denmark.
 Ruby, Jane (666 Club) Chi, nc.
 Rudolph, Erna (Zimmerman's) NYC, nc.
 Rudolph, Theresa (Yachi Club) Chi, nc.
 Rugal, Yvette (Collinson's) Chi, nc.
 Russell, Mabel (52d St) NYC, nc.
 Russell, Bunny (Nick's) Remsenvile, N.Y., c.
 Russian Gypsy Trio (Gay Village) NYC, c.
 Rustin, Sammy (Radio Frank) NYC, nc.
 Ryan, Jerry (Gay 300) NYC, nc.
 Ryan, Bob (Greenwich Village Nut) NYC, nc.
 Ryck & Kay (Stork) Kansas City, Mo., nc.

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St. Clair, Larry (Bowers) Detroit, nc.
 St. Clair, Irene (Mayfair) Boston, h.
 St. Martin Ice Carnival (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., L.
 St. George, Joe, & Co. (Hooverville) Oakland, Calif., t.
 Salls, Jane (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.
 Samuels, Thresa, & Harriet Hays (Colonial) Dayton, O., t.
 Samani & Michel (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, nc.
 Santoro & Lorraine (Drake) Chi, h.
 Sato, Ludvig (Romanian Village) NYC, nc.
 Saulter, Dorothy (Kit Kat) NYC, nc.
 Savoy Steppers (Lenox) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., nc.
 Savva, Marissa (Russian Kretschma) NYC, nc.
 Scott, Jean (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, nc.
 Scott, Peter (Trocadero) London, nc.
 Sedley, Roy (Congress Casino) Chi, h.
 Seed, Dan, & Eddie (Theatre) Indianapolis, I.
 Shandor (Buckingham) NYC, h.
 Shatkin, Anna (Romanian Village) NYC, nc.
 Sharian & Amyth (State) Columbus, O., nc.
 Shaw, Oscar (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, nc.
 Shaw, Alice (Shore Boat) NYC, nc.
 Shaw, Helen (Old Romanian) NYC, c.
 Shay & Rose (Woodward) NYC, h.
 Sheldon, Otto (Memorial) Boston, t.
 Sherman Bros. & Tessie (Bardstall Club) Rochester, N. Y., nc.
 Sternberg, John (Tampa Terrace) Tampa, Fla., h.
 Shore, Willie (Chi-Mai) Chi, nc.
 Shultz, Ethel (Hooverville) New Orleans, h.
 Silverman, Jack (Old Romanian) NYC, nc.
 Simmons, Lee (Plantation) NYC, nc.
 Simpson, Carl & Faith (St. Paul) St. Paul, h.
 Sims, Lee, & Thomas Bailey (Belmont-Plaza) NYC, h.
 Small, Bill (Rudy's) NYC, nc.
 Smith, Earle (Brovoit) Chi, h.
 Smith, Rudy (Black Cat) NYC, nc.

Sokolowskaya, Nadia (Russian Kretchma) NYC, re.
 Spallas, Peter (Piccadilly) London, h.
 Spark Plug, George (Harlem Casino) Pittsburgh, ne.
 Spencer & Coleman (Lewiss) Boston, c.
 Spencer, Elaine (Swing) NYC, no.
 Speller, Capt. (Bob Morton's Circus) Buffalo 18-24.
 Stanley, Irene (Radio Franks) NYC, ne.
 Steiner, Daphne (Greenwich Village Nut) NYC, no.
 Steele, Larry (Harlem Casino) Pittsburgh, ne.
 Stenning, Bill (Fiddlers) London, h.
 Stephanie, Karen (Freddie's) Cleveland, ne.
 Stephenson, Gail (Herring's Village) Columbus, O., ne.
 Stephenson, Martha (Salon Royal) NYC, ne.
 Sterling, Wynona (Romanian Village) NYC, re.
 Stewart & Lane (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., co.
 Stewart, Larry (Half Moon) Coney Island, N. Y., h.
 Stewart, Janice (Hal Tabarin) NYC, ne.
 Stone, Harvey (Sawyer) Detroit, ne.
 Strois, Allan (Commodore) NYC, h.
 Sun, Anna (88 Club) Chi, ne.
 Sullivan, Maxine (Oony) NYC, ne.
 Sweeney, Ruth (Washington-Yorke's) Shreveport, La., ne.
 Sydel, Paul (Walton) Phila, h.
 Symington, Eve (Walderf-Astoria) NYC, h.
 Saito & Amis (Pere Marquette) Peoria, Ill., h.

 T
 Farrent & Daclia (Caribe) NYC, re.
 Taylor, Irene (Hi-Hat) Chi, ne.
 Taylor, Smiling Lou (Cavalier) NYC, na.
 Telebe, Agnes (Walton) Phila, h.
 Templeton, Alec (Ambassador) Hollywood, ne.
 Terrace Boys (Barney Gallant's) NYC, ne.
 Theodore, Gloria (Columbus, O., ne.
 Therrien, Henri (Club Chalante) Pinckhurst, N. C., ne.
 Thomas, Andrew (Kit Kat) NYC, ne.
 Thomas, Eddie (Palazzo's) Phila, ne.
 Thymius, Boris (Rainbow Inn) NYC, re.
 Three Cheers for Rhythm (Lyric) Indianapolis, Ind., h.
 Timon, Martha (Pennsylvania) NYC, h.
 Tracy, Dot (Greek Cast) NYC, re.

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The Forum

This department of The Billboard is conducted as a clearing house, where readers may express their views concerning current amusement matters. Opinions regarding particular shows or acts will not be considered. Neither will attention be given on this page to communications in which personal names are mentioned. Letters must be signed with the full name and address of the writer and should be written on one side of the paper. Those not exceeding 200 words are preferred. Send communications to The Forum, The Billboard, Box 872, Cincinnati, O.

New York.

Novelty entertainment has got to come back to the stages of picture houses! Some time ago, standing in the lobby of a downtown vaudeville house, a patron asked a question and the reply was "It's all singing and dancing, and I'm so sick and tired of such programs."

A Plea for Novelty Acts in Picture Houses

The time is coming, and very soon, when picture exhibitors will have to change their entertainment policy—the double-feature picture houses have now become gambling palaces. When the law catches up with them they'll have to resort to something else to bring business in.

Why don't all these small independent movie exhibitors get together and form a circuit as in the old days? Give the public variety shows on the stage. Novelty—acts that are novelties. One man can't put this across, but a group of men with foresight and vision for the future of stage shows can. It'll take time, money and a great deal of patience. Let's hear what the independent theater owners have to say on the subject.

Why don't they give variety shows on their stages for three days or a week? It might be just the thing for them to survive and bring back the business they have been crying about. Give the public novel entertainment. The movies are producing old melodramas, so why can't the independents try novelty acts and show for a few months in conjunction with their picture program?

GEORGE SARKIS.

New York.

Allow me to command you on the informative article under the heading of Thru Sugar's Domino in the April 2 issue of The Billboard relative to the so-called Borscht Circuit and the trials that beset it. However, you

Clarifies Points On Question of Borscht Circuit

make several assertions that are in error, and in all fairness to everybody concerned I feel it my duty to help clarify the situation. As a matter of record I am the first agent responsible for introducing the social-director fad in the Catskills. Condemn me if you will, but as far back as the summer of 1920 I brought the first troupe ever to appear in the mountains up to the Queen Mountain House, Pennsauken, N. J., directed and put on the shows and took general charge of the guests' amusement. So in effect I myself can lay claim to being the first social director, and in-

much as I have been connected with the business ever since I feel competent enough to take you to task on several points.

In one paragraph it is stated that some entertainers accept summer positions simply for room and board and no salary. Permit me to inform you that this type of performer is the exception rather than the rule and that agents never have a hand in "deals" of this kind. The reputable performer, like the reputable resort owner, does his business from a reputable agent's office and all three have learned long ago that chiseling gets one nowhere and that it's cheaper in the long run to pay well for value received. However insignificant it may be, I agree wholeheartedly that this "coffee and cake" menace should be driven from the field. Take a walk some afternoon along 46th street between Sixth avenue and Broadway. You'll find so-called social directors loitering in the street waiting to buttonhole the first small resort owner who comes along. Most of them are shoe salesmen, insurance salesmen and jewelry salesmen with a streak of hams in their make-up who get the urge to act when Decoration Day nears. It appears that all winter long they have been dunning performers for orders and this close association with "show business" has left its indelible mark. With them it's a lark or a "vacation," as many of them alibi their excuse for accepting any offer made them. The fact of the matter is I have already spoken to several who had not eaten regularly for days and advised them to put toothpicks in their mouths so that the hotel owners will not take undue advantage of them and drive too hard a bargain.

You also say that summer resort bookings are seldom backed up by written contracts. Again you must be thinking of the exception rather than the rule. Make no mistake about it, every performer booked thru a recognized agent is given a contract that is binding. I can reel off instance after instance, though these contracts have been upheld in court to the benefit of the performer. Despite your assertion, salaries are paid direct to the artist by the resort owner with 10 per cent deducted for the agent who negotiated the contract.

And while on the subject, there is no such thing as a standard price for social directors. Salaries range anywhere from \$25 per week to \$350 per week, depending, of course, upon the talents and adaptability of the artist in question. Many recognized social directors could not hold down a walk-on role in a legitimate show but receive top money because their personalities are peculiarly

adapted to mountain requirements. The field in the last 10 years or so has drawn men of the type of Moss Hart, Walter Johnson (of the Shubert office), William H. Friedlander, George Bennett, Oshins and Lessy, Val Irving, Sid Gary, Arthur Tracy, Lou Saxon, Buddy Walker, Lewis and Ames, Eddie Lambert, Radio Ramblin, Jan Pearce, Murray and Alan, Arthur Baran, Paul Small, Lillian Morton, Henry Youngman, Joe Morris and Milton Douglas. Among the orchestra leaders there are Shep Fields, Bert Block, Frank and Milt Britton, Dave Schoeder, Alex Olahansky, Sid Austin and George Haffey.

Elsewhere in your article you mention the APA and the problem it would encounter in organizing the resort entertainers. Why can't the APA co-operate with agents along the lines of the musicians' union by giving us license and compel us to book only performers who hold APA cards? This would eliminate to some extent the fly-by-night performer and the hole-in-the-wall agent and tend to consolidate an industry that is bound to go the way of vaudeville unless something drastic is done immediately. Editors, agents and actors could take the first step in this direction by eliminating the term Borscht Circuit entirely when referring to summer resorts. This sobriquet more than anything else has been responsible for cheapening the industry in the eyes of the public and hotel owners.

MIKE HAMMER.

Philadelphia.

The caption "La Bailey Lila the Lovers" in the Music Department of The Billboard of April 2 is pathetic. The numbers Land of the Sky Blue Waters and Lover, Come Back to Me

About Songs Done So Much By La Bailey

Mildred Bailey recorded have been done so much by her that I as well as my friends, believe she knows no other song. Why doesn't she let Red Norvo pound out? We like him.

VERA MORRIS.

New York.

In an article which appeared in the March 19 issue of The Billboard under headline "Harried Field Further Upset by Low Prices Charged by WOR" the inference was drawn that WOR disk rates were uncomfortably low. It is obvious that a yardstick of unknown dimensions was used to judge WOR prices. A rate is relatively high which is relatively high.

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Art Mix Show Comes to End

Had two days' business in four weeks — equipment sold to Carl Devere

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Joe B. Webb, manager of the Art Mix Circus, wired from Hobbs, N. M., April 8 that the show folded due to lack of business and agitation and disorganization.

Show was out four weeks and had two days' business. Equipment was sold to Carl Devere.

Ohio Industrial Cities Get Plenty

CANTON, O., April 9.—The major rail circuses already have contracted every worth-while industrial city in Ohio, some of which have two and three shows booked within a period of six weeks.

Ringling-Barnum circus moves into Ohio June 13-14 at Cleveland, plays Akron June 15 and then heads back east for its usual early summer territory.

Robbins Bros. Circus, after its opening stand at Kokomo, Ind., April 30, moves to Minster, O., for its first Ohio stop. It will spend more than half of May in the Buckeye State. No motorized shows so far have negotiated for dates in Ohio.

Heller Again To Direct Band on Sells-Sterling

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 9.—Mack Heller, who has been with Sells-Sterling Circus for 18 years, will again have the band, consisting of 16 men. Will also handle The Billboard and mail. Heller and wife, Albert Lindemann and wife and William Lindemann arrived from Sheboygan, Wis.

Thirty men are busy at quarters here and all equipment is being repainted and placed in first-class condition. Trailers are being built, one for the band.

Will Wallert, who did not troupe seasons of 1936-'37, will again be with show with bareback riding act. Wallert doing "black-face" comic. Act was featured with Lindemanns in 1934-35. Will have special paper.



ANTOINETTE CONCELLO is sporting a new dress, given to her by Tunis (Eddie) Stinson, general chairman of Detroit Shrine Circus for accomplishing a triple somersault. She did it to a hand catch on second day before closing of recent show there. Stinson promised it to her if she did the feat.



ONE OF THE FIRST published pictures of Col. Tim McCoy's Wild West, taken at winter quarters at Springfield, Ill. Silver Tip Baker, picturesque veteran of the Old West, and one of the beautiful rubber-tired, ball-bearing wagons, painted in an attractive white and blue color scheme. Photo by Nat Green.

H-W Cancels Sunday Shows At Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9.—In face of a threatened city ordinance ban, Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus canceled two scheduled performances for Easter Sunday, April 17, here and decided to play on April 16 and the 18th instead. Widespread opposition on part of local churches was the reason for changing dates.

The Indianapolis Ministers' Association and the Church Federation of Indianapolis led the protests, which culminated in proposal of a city ordinance banning an Easter Sunday circus performance. Harry Cuthbertson, attorney for the circus, announced at a council meeting, which was to vote on the ordinance, that the circus had decided to cancel the Sunday performances. The ordinance then was dropped.

So far no attempt has been made to change bills around city which announce the circus for April 17 and 18.

The various protests raised, spokesman said, will not be made against a circus showing on any other Sunday.

First Sunday Show At Dennison in Years

DENNISON, O., April 9.—First Sunday circus performances here in more than a decade will be offered by Robbins Bros. Circus May 8.

Fred G. Kilgore, contracting agent, obtained permit for date, which will be under auspices of the fire department, which will receive a flat guarantee. Parade will be eliminated.

Complete Hospital Unit for Col. Tim McCoy's Wild West

CHICAGO, April 9.—Col. Tim McCoy's Real Wild West will have what probably will be the finest field hospital on any show when it leaves Chicago and goes under canvas. Housed under a 216-square-foot spread of canvas, hospital will have screened-in operating and examining rooms and will be presided over by faculty members of the University of Michigan's medical school.

Back of this hospital there is an interesting story. Dr. A. C. Furstenberg, dean of medicine at Ann Arbor, is a close friend of Colonel McCoy. Last year he visited him on the Ringling-Barnum show and naturally was especially interested in the hospital facilities. When he learned that Colonel McCoy was planning a show of his own he told the Colonel: "There's one thing I'd like

Robbins' Train To Leave for Kokomo April 27

ROCHESTER, Ind., April 9.—The show train bearing Robbins Bros. Circus will leave quarters here via the Nickel-Plate Railroad for Kokomo, Ind., opening stand, at 7 p.m., April 27. Final rehearsals will take place in Kokomo Thursday and Friday preceding the opening Saturday, April 30.

The equipment is the latest. All baggage wagons were constructed past winter in quarters. Baggage wagons are rubber tired and wheels are equipped with Timken ball bearings.

John Smith, principal horse trainer, is rehearsing 70 head of ring stock. M. Malman, superintendent of concessions, is in quarters lining up his department. J. D. Jacobson, in charge of novelties, arrived from New Orleans.

Leonard Woodruff, Colorado Springs, Colo., celebrated painter of still life subjects, spent several days in quarters, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Adkins.

Hamiter Unit To Join Dodson's World's Fair

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Fred K. Leonard and wife, with Hamiter unit of Dallas, Tex., state that unit will be a feature with Dodson's World's Fair Shows and will open after St. Louis Police Circus date. Jimmy O'Dell joined as ring stock boss. Fred Leonard has a novelty in his Liberty act. Howard King and wife and Doctor Talbee were recent visitors at Hamiter quarters.

Denny and Ruth Helms left Dallas for the McCoy show. Wallace Holmes joined Barnes show on tickets. Ralph Ward, formerly with Sells-Sterling Circus, is at Veterans' Hospital, Wadsworth, Kan. Arthur Leonard Cesky will join Cole Bros. Circus. Eva and Spencer Huntley will play St. Louis Police Circus.

to do for you. I want you to let me furnish the hospital unit for your show and the doctors to man it." The Colonel was pleased with the idea and accepted Dr. Furstenberg's offer.

The unit is now being prepared under Dr. Furstenberg's supervision and will be fully equipped to give the show's personnel the best of care without charge. Drs. Conger, Work, Lathrop and Lipschutz, of the university's medical staff, have been assigned to the unit, each of the first three taking active charge for one month and Dr. Lipschutz for remainder of the season.

Asked if the men would be able to withstand the rigors of trouping, Dr. Furstenberg said: "They should. One is a former track man, another an ex-football star and a third paid his way thru college as a professional pugilist."

Gardens' Sale In Toronto Big

London, Ont., will be last indoor date—big and side show tops received

TORONTO, April 9.—Advance promotion for engagement of Garden Bros. Circus under Toronto Fire Fighters' Association auspices is proceeding satisfactorily, according to Merrick R. Nutting, show's general manager. He reports a heavy advance sale of patrons' tickets, with active committees from the 750 members of the fire department working hard under leadership of A. Johnson, chairman. Norma E. Nutting is having considerable success with her popularity contest.

H. R. Horan and assistants, on sniper crew, have completed billing Toronto and environs with over 4,000 sheets of paper. Forty 24-sheet boards are being covered by A. L. Buddy Co. Ken Good, local musician, will direct a 20-piece union band, and Stuart Bird will be in charge of public-address system. Hal J. Miller is press agent.

The Kitchener date, under Lions' Club auspices, looks promising. Nutting reports General Agent H. M. Knight has doubled back to take charge. Promotion for the London date, also under Lions' Club sponsorship, is being handled by Harry Stearns, and advance press there is in charge of Art Woods, recently of The Detroit Times.

London will be the last indoor date for the show, after which the advance staff will start work on route and promotions for under-canvass dates. Big and side-show tops have been delivered, and Garden Brothers announce they are starting to build grand stand and reserve seats and acquiring other equipment. Two 16 k. w. light plants will be delivered early in May to quarters that are being opened in London.

Brooklyn Date Most Successful for WPA

BROOKLYN, April 9.—The WPA Federal Theater Project's circus closed the most successful of its winter dates at the 24th Coast Artillery Armory here April 3.

Named Mohamed's troupe of pyramid builders has added several new routines to set. "Shot" O'Brien's tumbling continues to draw rounds of applause.

Show moved to Jersey City, N. J., for a three-day stay, and from there will go to Newark, where indoor season will close. Managing Director Burns O'Sullivan conferred with John Brennan, head of technical department of Federal Theater, on new wardrobe for show, reports Wendell J. Goodwin.

Licenses Boosted In the Bean City

BOSTON, April 9.—Ringling-Barnum Circus will pay \$500 for its license fee at Boston Garden when it opens a six-day stay May 2, where heretofore license fee has been \$250. This boost is set result of the city's mayor, Maurice J. Tobin, to lop the purses of the city.

Fees for the circus, the rodeo and wrestling bouts have been doubled. Increases have been effected in cost of permits to conduct carnivals and beano games. Circuses under canvas will pay \$1,000. When the rodeo hits here this fall sponsor will have to plant down \$200 instead of the former \$150.

Beano tickets have been upped from \$2 to \$5. Churches, charitable, civic, educational, fraternal and religious organizations which hold weekly beano parties come under this set-up.

A new fee of \$50 per day has been set for all carnivals held within the city's confines, plus the payment by carnival promoters of \$5 a day for each Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel and similar rides.

Auto and other commercial shows are required to pay license of \$25 a week instead of the former \$10. Charge of permits for a single day has been increased from \$2 to \$5.



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ROCHELLE, Ill., April 9.—Members of Circus Fans' Association attending Showmen's League Theatrical Night at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, April 4 were Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hartless, Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. N. Harry Cawie, Mr. and Mrs. Burt L. Wilson, Col. William S. Sneed, George Webster, Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman, Dr. Roswell T. Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hohmadt and Mr. and Tom Torney.

The legal committee of the CPA is calling attention of circus managements to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Lovell v. city of Griffin (Ala.)*. This case involved the distribution of circuses and the court holds that the liberty of the press is not confined to newspapers and periodicals and necessarily implies pamphlets and leaflets. The broad nature of the decision undoubtedly will cover the distribution of circus heralds.

Dr. David E. Reid, Lebanon, Ore., attended Polack Bros.' Circus in Portland and renewed acquaintances with friends on show. In Reid's opinion the show is much stronger than the one presented last year.

Walter M. Buckingham and Bugs Raymond of Norwich, Conn., spent night of April 2 in Waterbury at Grotto Circus, then went to Hartford with show for over Sunday. Elmer Lindquist, CPA, also a member of the Shrine, clowned with Shrine Circus during the Hartford engagement.

W. L. Montague, of West Hartford, Conn., attended Hobby show of the Astma Life Club held in Buckley Me-

morial Auditorium. One of the 96 interesting exhibits was a display by C. E. (Elephant) Davis of his only-known collection of elephant hairs in the United States. He also had several elephant photos on display.

Ed M. Hillcrest, of Baltimore, Md., recently returned from an auto trip thru 12 States. At New Orleans was guest of James Armstrong Leighton. Stopped over night at Houston and met for first time Rev. James W. E. Arey. In San Antonio called on Harry Hertzberg, who got together a gang of members for an old-fashioned fanning bee. At Sarasota, Fla., visited quarters of the Big One. Stopping over night at Macon, Ga., met Eddie Jackson, of Ringling-Barnum show; Roy Leonhart and Bob Spears, of Downie show. Next morning visited Downie quarters and had a chat with Charles Sparks. Hillcrest states that all equipment there looked spick and span. Home by the way of Washington. Called on President M. D. Hildreth.

Gainesville Show In Ninth Season

GAINESVILLE, Tex., April 9.—Nearly everything is in readiness for opening here April 27 of Gainesville Community Circus, inaugurating its ninth season with a three-day engagement at Fair Park under canvas. Superintendent Alex Murrell is putting finishing touches on last spec wagon. Wardrobe and harness have been completed, and only the painting of rigging and seats remains to be done in workshops.

The Conner Trio (Albert, Bertha and Jimmy) completed their training of performers here and left for Emporia, Kan., to join Parker & Watts Circus. Acts have been nicely routines and much new rigging is being used. Verne Brewer and Portia Sims are putting finishing touches on animal acts.

Last Sunday the official 1938 photograph of entire personnel was taken at Fair Park. At same time Truman Founcey, picture editor of *The Dallas (Tex.) News*, made a number of pictures for a rotogravure page to appear in April 24 issue of that paper.

Skinny Dawson and Happy Johnson were here recently. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Nock visited friends here en route to Kansas after spending winter in Mission, Tex. Mrs. Nock is the former Ethel Livingston, who was instructor for the community circus in 1934.

Billy Basinger has disposed of his cafe interests here and may be with a big top this year. He has been a producing clown with the local circus several years.

Art Lanford sends word from Dallas he has had several offers to clown but has decided to remain with Butler Brothers and will make several engagements with the Gainesville show with his high stilts.

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BERTHA BERT, of Mighty Haag show, was a recent guest of Ray-Rayette. Latter will be with Sol's Liberty Shows.

Under the Marquee

By CIRCUS SALLY

ROLAND SHERBUNDY will be drummer in band of McCoy show.

FOUR CYCLING GREGORYS joined Haag Bros. Circus at Morehead, Ky., April 11.

RAY DEAN, announcer on Cole Bros. Circus, has been playing club and theater dates.

H. A. ATWELL was recently in Springfield, Ill., shooting pictures at the McCay quarters.

E. DEACON ALBRIGHT writes that he is not with Harris Bros. Circus but at his home in Evansville, Ind.

BUCK LEAHY, comedy contortionist, last two seasons with May Bros. Circus, has signed with Murphy Bros. Circus.

ONE MAKES one's own happiness only by taking care of the happiness of others.

MARY DALVINE cards that Hagenbeck-Wallace is billed for La. Fayette, Ind., April 27 and Cole Bros. May 9.

THE HENRYS (Arthur and Marie), who recently closed 24 weeks' engagement with Polack Bros. Circus, joined Parker & Watts Circus.

PLIP THE FROG BOY (Louis R. Scharrer), last year with Barnes show, will be in side show of Hagenbeck-Wallace.

ELMER A. KEMP advises that Eddy Bros. Circus will have a spring engagement of eight days at 89th and Market streets, Upper Darby, Pa.

THE VALENTINES were recently visited in Texas by Blondin-Reilly high-wire act, which was on its way to Buffalo for Bob Morton.

EDDIE KECK of Downie show, visited Mrs. Keck and Tudor Sisters and Avery on World Bros. Circus. Attended opening performance and reports very good program. Show handled by Rip Winkie.

J. W. (BILL) LLOYD, who has been off road past four years, being employed in New York City as mail information clerk at a hotel, is with Ringling-Barnum show.

B. L. MILL'S favorite performer is Dorothy Herbert; Richard C. Ferree's, Clyde Beatty; T. S. Crosby's, Famous Nelson Family of acrobats. Who is yours?

TOM SLACK, circus musician, out of Columbus, O., now night clerk at Hotel Warner, Chillicothe, O., says: "My feet are itching. I'll no doubt be with one of the big ones."

TWO NEW circuses—Straubinger and Brunet Bros.—will play Swedish territory this year. Both are former German firms. The Rollers will join Mijares-Schreiber Circus in Sweden.

PROP. CANDLER, European clown, is playing at Ritz Cafe, Mt. Clemens, Mich., also doing advertising in make-up States that he will be with a circus this season.

BARNEY O'DARE, impersonator, has signed with Russell Bros. Circus to work track and do specialty numbers. Has had a successful winter season playing night clubs in Illinois and Missouri.

C. M. HIBBARD is at home in Sturgis, Mich., slowly recovering from a fractured hip received in Albany, N. Y., in 1936 while with Ringling-Barnum in canvas department. Word from acquaintances will be appreciated.

BILL TROUPE of acrobats joined Polack Bros. Circus March 27 in Portland, Ore., and will remain all season as one of the features. Bills do a four-pean trampoline act in addition to their teeterboard turn.

PRESIDENT LEO ABERNATHY of Billers' Alliance was in Harrisburg at a meeting of Pennsylvania American Federation of Labor unions, his first attendance as recently elected president of the Pittsburgh Central Labor Union.

GEORGE (RUNT) COSTELLO, with Cole Bros. Circus last year as bull man, was stricken with acute appendicitis and is getting along nicely after an operation. Is in Ward 8200, General Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif. Letters will be appreciated.

THE PERSON who endeavors to operate all departments and look after all details that are usually handled by department heads usually winds up behind the eight ball.

KARL ANNON has returned to quarters of Silver Bros. Circus, Petersburg, Va. Show will be about same size as last year. "More than 150 replies were received from recent ad in *The Billboard* and it is impossible to answer all," says Annon.

THE J. C. GOSS CO., tent manufacturer, recently was the subject of a full page of pictures in Pix, pictorial supplement of *The Detroit Times*. Attention was devoted especially to process of sewing and making sails as well as other canvas products.

IN A RECENT issue it was stated that George Hannaford had lost two horses. He writes that he lost only one, that which died on stage of Michigan Theater, Detroit. He now has five equined. He will not be with a big top, but will play indoor circuses and then Steel Pier, Atlantic City, for summer.

MARION WALLICK closed his dance school at Dover, O., and left for Emporia, Kan., to join Parker & Watts Circus. Was accompanied by Jean Sullivan, Ruth Ripley and Emerson Farrell. All will take part in big-show performances and concert.

NICK MACHEKON, who produced two bar acts for Dennis Curtis' Shrine shows at Minneapolis and St. Paul, had acts at Omaha Shrine show for Rink Wright last week. Will open with Cole Bros. Circus at Chicago Stadium with Harold Voice, serial bar turn.

EMMETT KELLY, after a round of hand-shaking with friends on Ringling-Barnum in the Garden, sailed April 6 on the Queen Mary for England, where he will be with Bertram Mills Circus on tour this summer and play a return engagement at Olympia, London, in fall and winter.

JOE GOULD, clown, entertained Knights of Columbus at Chillicothe, O., April 7. Is en route to join clown alley on Downie show, opening at Macon, Ga., April 18, stopping at Portsmouth, Mayville, Lexington, Knoxville and Atlanta to entertain clubs, legions and conventions.

R. D. NEELY writes that his Dugger Bros. Circus will furnish free attractions at Fifth Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival, Humboldt, Tenn. Will have Fred and Marie Guthrie and Flo Irwin's animals with it. This will be fourth year that show has played event.

ALTHO REGARDED as one of hardest hit of Midwestern cities by the business recession, agents of three railroad circuses have contracted Akron, O. Robbins Bros. will be there May 8; Tim McCoy, May 26, and Ringling-Barnum, June 13. Robbins Bros. will be in Salem, O., May 7.

SOME THINGS to remember: The value of time; the success of perseverance; the pleasure of working; the dignity of simplicity; the worth of character; the power of kindness; the influence of example; the obligation of duty; the wisdom of economy; the virtue of patience; the improvement of talent; the joy of originating—GEORGE D. SMITH.

DOC WADDELL pens that James Beach, with Downie Bros. Circus, contracted Chillicothe, O., for May 4 and Marietta the 5th. Show comes from Huntington, W. Va. Portsmouth, O., canceled account opening of baseball season. George Conner, who has political job in Courthouse, Chillicothe, will not troupe this year. With Waddell, who goes with Dick O'Brien-Fred Cullum show, and his son, Parson, who is in restaurant business, Conner staged a week-end party for Beach. Also honored Glyndon Burns, slack-wire performer, of Ft. Worth, Tex. Was on bill at Majestic

in Chillicothe. His wife is not in act, called to Ft. Worth owing to illness of her husband's father.

MILLS FAMILY (high-wire performers, Harvey Mills manager) is constructing paraphernalia and has purchased two new trucks and house trailers. Columbus, Portsmouth, Circleville and Chillicothe (O.) showfolk gave them a surprise party April 2. Act is contracted to appear at St. Louis Police Circus, and will make about 15 of the largest fairs under Ernie Young.

HARRY K. CUTHERBERTSON, legal representative for Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, informed Howard Y. Bary that his wishes for a religious service under big top Easter Sunday at Indianapolis would be planned and that an effort would be made to get Rev. Kenneth E. Thorne, formerly of Fort, Ind., and known nationally to troupers as "the Circus Parson."

J. A. E. OAKMAN will be director usher with Robbins Bros. Circus. Says that Charles Land will be head usher. Erwin Branning will have charge of usher top and that following will be ushers: Arthur Headley, George Vrable, John Kubaski, Louis Branning, Bud Williams, Earle Greene and Vic Bowens. All but Louis Branning were ushers on Cole show last year.

LEE NORRIS, of Amesbury, Mass., with leading clowns for 20 years, has retired from the amusement field and accepted agency for a life insurance company in his home territory. He recently was elected assessor in his home town for two years. Lee says that having retired, it doesn't mean that he won't be on the lots looking them over and greeting friends.

BIG TOP performers who winter in Bloomington, Ill., gathered for last time March 23 before opening of season. The occasion was a dinner given in their honor at the Hotel Tilden-Hall by "Happy" Hunt, hotel clerk. He gives a party every spring. In attendance were Arthur and Antoinette Concello and Eddie Ward, of Flying Concellos, with Ringling-Barnum; Harold Voice and Eileen Lary, of Flying Harolds, Cole Bros.; Bob Porter, Marian Smith, Oscar Jordan, Wayne Lary and Duke Rhodus, of Flying Comets, Ringling-Barnum; William Krause, Tufty and Gracie Genders and Carl Durbin, of Flying Randalis; Virginia and Vivian Ward, with R-B; Maine Malloy, Biletti Troupe, Bert Fleming and wife, Mickey, Rose Sullivan, Clayton Behre, Joe and Orda Masker, Lester and Grace Owens, Edna Sullivan, Juanita Dealer.

Season On in Scandinavia

STOCKHOLM, April 4.—Circus Schumann, which opened its road season at Gothenberg last month, playing a long stand at Stockholm. Program is exceptionally good. Among acts are Albert Schumann, high-school and Liberty horses; Reisch Bros. jockeys; Oscar's elephants; Albert Sahstrom, equestrian; Two Salagurs, aerial; Five Bastillia, trampoline; Five Novelles, bike act; Five Vikingarums, acrobats; Little Charlie's dogs; Marion and Irma, contortionists; Elena and Kett, trained cats; Rudy Gras, musical novelty; Gus Erpap, paper tearer, and Chocolat, clowns.

On bill at National Scala in Copenhagen are Three Franklins, trampoline; Westhall Brothers, bar act; Seven Menorcas, acrobats; Fred Morell, juggler; Boba and Malja Saposhnik, musical novelty; Inge, Eddie and Willie, boofers, and Floriane and Ipsen, acro dancers.

Among circus acts at the Hansa in Hamburg are Two Bromleys, trapeze; Five Wilkes, bar act; Two Rollwinds, roller skaters; Gordon and Lester, comedy trampoline; Herald's sea lions; Percey, equilibrist; Miss Beatrice, wire walker; E. and W. Blacker, comedy dance; Three Roucs, jugglers; Edith and Aldino, barrel jumpers; Luchka Kobold, musical novelty; Rico and Alex, clowns.

Shows Readying in France

PARIS, March 31.—The Amar Freres, wintering in North Africa, have returned to France and will pitch their tent in Marseille for their opener. Bureau's, Lam's, Pinder's and Pourtier's, all big time, open in the larger centers in various parts of France, while Boulogne Freres are getting tuned for a jump into Belgium and Holland. This leaves Medrano alone with his indoor circus in Paris. He has announced his retirement from the outdoor field.

Pagel's Finishes Another 52-Week Season in Africa

ROUVILLE, Orange Free State, South Africa, March 2.—Africa's perennial circus, Pagel's, continues to dodge the elements and has just finished another season (52 weeks) of continuous showing without losing a performance on account of weather. The season's end here is marked only by the addition of two extra cars on the circus train and the employment of two additional painters. With these the matter of repainting wagons and equipment is carried on with no loss of time. One extra open wagon (trailer) and one extra cage wagon are brought from training farm and used while others are being renovated. By artful and studied routing, Pagel's is able to operate in almost perpetual spring weather—going south for summer and north for winter. This is easily possible in Africa.

Mr. Pagel, manager of show, has recently found himself in great demand as a lecturer on subjects of wild animals since he made an address on the subject at a meeting of the Theosophical Society of South Africa. He has since that time been requested in nearly every town to address school children and in that way continues to win many friends for the circus. The name Pagel is a household word and the Pagel Circus an institution in South Africa.

Departure of Acts

The American contingency with the show has been made smaller with recent departure of the Silverlake Trio (Archie, Jonnie Mae and Billie) and Danny Mitchell, clown, whose contract had expired with the Dutton unit. The remaining Americans, Nelle Dutton, Evelyn Stephens and W. McK. Bauman, together with the Australian family engaged by Mrs. Dutton while in Australia, are carrying on until middle of May, when present contract closes. A further extension has been offered the Duttons, but at present has not been accepted.

Herman Goerner, billed as the World's Strongest Man, continues to be an attraction here, for the strong man has been synonymous with Pagel's Circus ever since the days when Pagel himself was known as the strongest man. In some sections the natives only know the circus by the name "Strong Man" and make holiday with coming of show, calling it "Lahpu Strong Man" (meaning Strong Man (circus) arrives).

Martinetts Have Several Acts

Martinetts family (eight people) offer unique Risley act, comedy acrobatics and comedy riding acts, single trapeze and clowning. Alfonso Steffin presents high school and Liberty horse acts. Pagel himself offers two wild animal acts and, assisted by Nelle Dutton, does a clever elephant number (two elephants). Williams and Martinetti do clown numbers. Show runs two hours and 45 minutes. Pagel is presenting what is considered a world's record for elephants with a beast walking the tight rope (steel tubing) 11 feet above the ground. He intends to continue raising the rope until he has it 20 feet.

The show is at present playing the extreme southern coast, but will head north again with coming of winter (July, August and September). Business continues in its same even tenue with Mr. Pagel almost able to predict takings in each town before show arrives. However, with the country growing at the pace it is, his figures have recently been short of the actual receipts. Prices are elastic, ranging from 2 to 5 shillings in the cities to from 3 to 7 shillings in the country. Show moves on 14 cars (equal to about 10 American cars) and the advance is motorized (two cars).

Graf Has Display in Peru

PERU, Ind., April 9.—A downtown pharmacy with a circus display of miniature models by George H. (Duke) Graf is featured in center by a life-size painting of Professor Blaseman, of Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, the work of Robert Weaver, Peru artist and 1937 Chaloner prize winner. Display by Graf is two props—hipp pageant wagon with an eight-up and a polar bear cage which are perfect in every detail. Surrounding are scores of photos of leading circus stars and troupes of the world to be featured. H-W. Guests of Graf were John Shepherd and John Bennett, CFA, and Teftay Brothers, veteran troupers, of Detroit, still active in circus world.

The Corral

By ROWDY WADDY

SHORTY MYETTE and Miss Tex Marks are presenting their Western musical act over Station KXYZ, Houston, where they have been wintering.

THE CONTEST rodeo to be held this summer in Visalia, Calif., will present two night and two day shows instead of just the usual two-day show, according to Frank Keeffe, secretary.

REPLY TO QUERY: Jimmy Kinney died June 6, 1937, and was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Los Angeles. Kinney and his widow, Mrs. Nellie Kinney, were associated with Pawnee Bill's Wild West show for many years.

THE O'NEILL BROS., who have been playing theater dates thru Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado with their mule, Skim Milk, for Fox Theater Corp. this winter, have begun their string of rodeo appearances.

TED AND DOT COLE, formerly with the Milt Hinkle Texas Rangers Rodeo, have been wintering on a dude ranch in New Jersey, where Dot has been trying to master the ropes for the coming season.

HAVEN'T HEARD from Charlie Tompkins, Tex Cooper, Charlie Aldridge and others who were cowboys with the Klaw & Erlanger stage production of *The Bound-Up* several years back for some time. Come on, fellows, get the wrinin' stick to working and tell Rowdy what's doin' in your diggin's.

DON AND GENE McLAUGHLIN, juvenile ropers, joined the JE Ranch Rodeo for the season at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., last week after an engagement at the Houston Rodeo and Pat Stock Show. They were accompanied by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaughlin, and 2-year-old brother, Pepper.

ED DAVIS, rodeo contestant, who appeared with the JE Ranch Rodeo in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., last week, is somewhat puzzled over the reported implication of one Ed Davis in the assault and robbery of Dave Nimm, purchasing agent for Col. Tim McCoy, which occurred in Fort Worth, Tex., recently. Davis says he calls Fort Worth his home but has been living in Chicago since the close of the rodeo there last fall and asks *The Billboard* to inform his friends that he is not the Ed Davis in question.

THE 4-B RANCH RODEO, after a successful engagement at Bartow, Fla., is now located in Loughman, Fla., according to Major G. Watson Scott, who is handling the booking, press and publicity chores for the organization. Arizona Dave Little, ranch boss, has purchased another bronk, Black Night, from Lee Smith, of Bartow. Organization, according to Scott, will play a three-day stand at Winter Haven, Fla., late this month under 11th Field Artillery, Florida National Guard, auspices.

ALMOST 100 contestants have already signed their intention of participating in the 10-day contest rodeo to be held at Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, according to George Tyson, publicity director of Harris Amusement Co., sponsor. Show will present 10 night and three matinee performances. In addition to regular contests, events will include Billy Keen and his auto-jumping horse, Roscoe Armstrong, juvenile ropers Jean and Dan McLaughlin, Monte Roger riders, and Ted Allen, champion horseshoe pitcher.

RICHARD (SHORTY) RICKER and Henry (Heavy) Hanson are the first two registrants for the contest rodeo to be held in New Orleans late this month under Knights of Columbus auspices for benefit of its Christmas Tree Fund. Milt Hinkle, whose Texas Rangers will present the exhibition features, will furnish the stock in addition to directing the arena and show. Brent, which is being heavily publicized by Jack Knight, is expected to be held annually and sponsors have obtained a five-year option on Loyola College Stadium. Active committee is headed by Mayor Maestri.

JOHN A. GUTHRIE, president and director of the New Frontier Days, sponsored by the Mounted Troops of America, and who was Tom Mix's guest at his

circus opening stand in Texarkana, Tex., April 2, writes from Muskogee, Okla.: "Tom's show, with all equipment freshly painted and the new menagerie tent with red and white striped sidewall, up for the first time, played to good business. Mix was sponsor of the first patrol organized in Baxter Springs, Kan., by the Mounted Troops of America and I certainly enjoyed my visit with him. I also visited Herman Nowlin, Tom's ranch foreman, who is assistant equestrian director, and Hank and Ella Linton, who were with the 101 Ranch Show. Hank is chief of cowboys. Show is fast, colorful and was well received."

COWBOY STANDINGS for the 1938 Grand Champion Cowboy title as announced recently by Fred S. McCarger, secretary of the Rodeo Association of Americas: Vic Schwartz, 751; Juan Salinas, 696; Buckshot Sorrells, 693; Everett Bowman, 688; Gene Ross, 683; Burel Mulkey, 663; Jess Goodspeed, 658; Joe Bassett, 654; Fritz Trunn, 648; John Rhodes, 611; Tom Rhodes, 610; Charles Jones, 595; Tony Altamarino, 586; Maynard Gaynor, 580; Clyde Burke, 584; Harry Knight, 560; Cecil Henley, 559; Paul Carney, 454; Hoyt Heffner, 447; Roland Curry, 433; John Bowman, 424; Jim Whiteman, 411; Eddie Curtis, 392; Hugh Bennett, 372; Arthur Beloit, 348; Darwin Parks, 340; Lee Borkdale, 339; Jake McClure, 329; Clay Carr, 301; Lee Perris, 287; Ken Hargis, 279; Breezy Cox, 274; Jim Judson, 264; Tex Doyle, 256; Smoky Snyder, 251; Rusty McGinty, 245; Toots Mansfield, 228; Hugh Clingman, 210; Mickey McGroarty, 205; Lawrence Conley, 202; Nick Knight, 201; Jonas De Arman, 198; Bill McMackin, 197; John Schneider, 183; Bud Spilbury, 178; Ike Rude, 170; Kid Fletcher, 169; Durward Ryan, 159; Doff Aber, 150; Joe Kane, 147; Dick Robbins, 137; Stub Bartelmay, 137; Ward Watkins, 136; Bob Etes, 132; Jim Brister, 124; Vic Rogers, 122; Dick Griffith, 122; Hank Mills, 120; Buck Goodspeed, 119; Turk Greenough, 113; Shorty Hill, 111; Bud Parker, 110; Bronk Riding—Vic Schwartz, Burel Mulkey, Fritz Trunn, Harry Knight, Bull or Steer Riding—Jim Whiteman, Hoyt Heffner, Ken Hargis, Jonas De Arman, Bareback Riding—Smoky Snyder, Hoyt Heffner, Kid Fletcher, Paul Carney, Pete Grubb, Lee Perris, Larry Finlay. Calf Roping—Jess Goodspeed, Juan Salinas, Maynard Gaynor, John Bowman. Steer Wrestling—Gene Ross, Everett Bowman, Tex Doyle, Rusty McGinty. Team Roping—John Rhodes, Tom Rhodes, Tony Altamarino, Buckshot Sorrells.

Performers' Club

By CHRIS CORNALLA

CHICAGO, April 9.—The Girton Girls visited the club this week en route to the West Coast to join a unit.

Hans and Rosita Claire and Primo Velley, who have been a Harry Clark unit for past six months, write that they will close in two weeks and will be at club practicing new tricks for outdoor dates.

Bertie Hodgins, flying act, will be with Russell Bros. Circus.

Ernie Young, revue producer, has reserved the large auditorium at the club for rehearsals. All of his revues will be produced and staged at the club prior to opening on Canadian fairs in June.

Oscar Haas, formerly of the Three Cheers, is located in Sedalia, Mo., and is a member of the fair board in charge of grand-stand attractions.

A crew of men has taken possession of the club this week. Carpenters are remodeling the large auditorium and painters are repainting club building. The two large rehearsal halls will be air conditioned. The office and greenroom will take on a new color scheme. It will be resplendent in circus colors of red and white with a dash of blue.

Jack and Judy Sherman arrived here after playing in New York for past six months.

Mann Brothers have closed their winter home in Tampa and are now at the club enlarging their rigging and bounding rope acts for fairs in the Middle West.

The trailer parking lot back of Performers' Club is well filled with outdoor showfolks from all parts of the country. This lot is a show world all by itself.

Raymond Duke, clown cop, has joined Tom Mix Circus.

Brownie Silverlake, rodeo producer, returned from a booking trip.

Alex Acevedo Troupe, combination wire and juggling act, has been signed by Howard Y. Barry.

Barnes Departments

CINCINNATI, April 9.—The following matter (the staff, working departments, etc.) of the Al G. Barnes-Sells-Floto Circus, was crowded out of last week's issue, the Spring Special.

The Staff

J. Ben Austin, acting manager; Paul Eagles, assistant and legal adjuster; I. W. Robertson, treasurer; Theo Forstall, auditor; J. C. Rhodes, lot superintendent; Eddie Delevan, superintendent front door; Fred M. Smythe, inside ticket; Don Cooke, head usher; W. M. Mailock, superintendent ticket takers; Art Windecker, manager Side Show; Chester Felky, superintendent concessions; M. T. Cook, sleeping and dining cars; Sam Thomason, timekeeper; Leonard Waking, commissary wagon; Billy Parks, cashier candy stands; Jimmy Lieberman, candy stands buyer; Bob Stevens, banner solicitor; Ralph Carson, chief officer; R. P. Burns, Backyard officer; Dr. H. W. Danse, medical director; Mark T. Kirkendall, white ticket wagon; Bill Lennett, Kenneth Hull, tax boxes; Eddie Woockener, musical director; Herbert Marshall, director Side Show band; Robert Thornton, equestrian director; Jack Joyce, assistant; Jack Austin, manager car No. 1; R. P. Huth, car No. 2; Don Hanna, contracting press; Jack Grimes, Sam Stratton, press representatives; Ed F. Maxwell, contracting agent; J. W. Peterson, Karl Knudson, 24-hour men; Nick Wagner, checker-up; Joe Brown, banner puller; Jack Bishop, chauffeur staff car; George Tipton, steward; John Hanley, trainmaster; Capt. W. H. Curtis, general superintendent; Jersey Schunck, Side Show canvas; Mike Tahudy, boss hostler and tractor; Merle Rittenour, ring stock; Walter McClain, elephants; Eddie Trees, menagerie; George Scott, dogs and monkeys; Ed Miller, lead stock; Blackie Williamson, prop; Edw. Versteeghe, chief electrician; Jack Forbes, chief mechanic; Peter Ebert, farrier; B. B. Mullins, harness maker; Gabriel Costello, head cat shifter; Margaret Graham, superintendent wardrobe; Nels Lausten, Side Show door; Sam Deils, forage agent.

On front door, Eddie Delevan, superintendent; Peanuts Robinson, John Glover, Jack Bishop, Tommy Macklin, ticket takers. Ticket Department, Fred Smythe, superintendent; Dan Parker, Charles Cunningham, Eddie Donaldson, Bob Crawford, Wallace Helms, Fred Hutchinson, ticket sellers. Downtown ticket sale, James Edgar, Ubbers—Don Cooke, superintendent; Norman Daniels, assistant; Terrence Moran, James Hickman, Joe Hickman, John Miller, William Rogers, Dick Burson, Wayne Currie, Ted Stephenson, Frank Casen, Clyde Bouldrey, Jim Keane, Charles La Joy, Ralph Miller, Jack O'Brien, N. J. Hazard, Steve Farmer, Joe Huntley, Anthony Riviera, Ray Chow, Dave Phillips, Eddie Mousigan, John Reynolds, Walter Moon.

Stands—Chester Felky, superintendent; Billy Parks, cashier; novelty salesmen, Denver Kleine, Charles Johnson, Outside Stands—Hamburger, Harry Youden; No. 1 candy stand, Ed Callahan; No. 2, Jimmie Bearin; pop corn, Joe Bainbridge, Seat salesmen, Fred Williams, Pete Crouse, Ernie Bergman, John Barry, Pat O'Rourke, Jerry Abet, Ben Kalbaugh, Larry Voight, John Pollack, Abe Etting, Louie Braunschweiger, Robert Morton, Dominic Giansuski, Raymond Erben, Jack Williams, Charles Woods, programs; Jim Johnson, ice house.

Cookhouse—George Tipton, steward; Ralph Ritchey, assistant; Herman Walther, chef; W. L. Sherzer, assistant; George Shellhamer, Don Crouch, Elvina Centofanti, fry cooks; Bennie Lopez, steam wagon; Tommy Thomas, pastry cook; Scotty Douglass, Connie Blacken, steam tables; Jerry McCoy, Ike Shoupe, pantryman; John Wardner, meat department; John McGinty, fireman on boiler; Nelson Shavis, potman; John Sarnin, campfire man. Waiters on short side, Ralph Ritchey, head waiter; Carl Janish, assistant; Leonard Radle, Paul Henaley, staff table; Rodney Eakins, ballet table; Otis Radcliffe, feature act table; Moreno Baltozer, Tom Kam table; Clifford Deible, Reiffenbach table; George Hunt, married couple table; Mike Pilch, Russell Walker, ushers' table; Jo Karpas, side-show table; Pat Dougherty, band; Dell Cromwell, ticket sellers and clowns' table; Charles Sellers, stands department table; Will Spafford, bosses' table; Phil Campbell, Frank Richards, assistant bosses' table; Edmund Flynn, front door table. Long side waiters, Curly Mead, Herman Nero, Melvin Brown, Lewis Thompson, John Cairns, Claude McCoy, Alex Casey, Fred Fairley, Fred Tracy, Charles Land, Leonard Pennell, Joe Harris, Hugh Brown, Archie Hiller, Michael

15 Years Ago

(From The Billboard Dated April 14, 1923)

Sells-Floto Circus opened a 16-day engagement in the Coliseum, Chicago, April 7 to a packed house. . . . Walter L. Main Circus opened its 45th season at Charlottesville, Va., April 7. . . . R. M. Harvey was appointed general agent of Sells-Floto Circus, succeeding the late Ed C. Warner. . . . Sparks Circus opened at Macon, Ga., April 5.

. . . John R. Fuller was seriously ill in Portland, Ore. . . . Shipp & Feltus Circus closed a 2½-year tour of South America in Kingston, Jamaica, April 7.

. . . Tom Atkinson, general manager of the Great Western Dog and Pony Show, changed the organization's name to Daily Bros' Circus.

Fritz Brunner joined Fred Buchanan's show as manager superintendent. Ruth Orman and J. B. McMahon signed with John Robinson Circus. . . . Aerial Cowdans closed their vaude tour and joined Walter L. Main Circus. . . . Roy Vaughn and his clowns had just finished their vaude dates. . . . Jack Pfeifferberger joined John Robinson Circus at Peru, Ind., as boss canvas man. . . . Carl A. Meyer signed to clown with John Robinson Circus. . . . J. J. Van Housen signed with Leonard Players. . . . Sid Kritzel, of Rose Killian Show, broke his collar bone when the guy line to the rigging broke while he was doing a turn on the wire.

Edward Charles Warner, one of circus dom's greatest general agents, died suddenly April 3 in his room at the Palmer House, Chicago, of acute indigestion. . . . W. B. Naylor discontinued his connection with Sells-Floto Circus and accepted a position with the Interstate Fair and Exposition at Norfolk, Va. . . . Dan M. Speyd closed as steward on the Chris Smith and Lincoln Bros' Circus and joined Sparks Circus No. 1 car as chef. . . . C. G. Snowhill was in charge as advertising crew with Ringling-Barnum Circus.

O'Brien, Jack Allen, John Harris, Carl Neilson, Cookhouse cook, persons being fed, 589.

Working Department

Canvas—Capt. W. H. Curtis, general superintendent; Harvey Beach, Coffee Joe, Joe Sumrall, pushers and 60 men. Electrical department, six units, Edward Versteeghe, superintendent; Fred Foster, assistant; Roy Blake, chief engineer; Henry Granberry, assistant; George Tackes, sound; Ray Schlesane, spot lights; Ed Wheeler, color wheels.

Baggage Stock—Mike Tahudy, superintendent stock and tractors; Nelson Benn, assistant; Jack Malone, second assistant; Vern Ennis, feed pile; traffic. (See *BARNES DEPARTMENTS* page 73)

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Applications in drive of NAAPPB piling in—Alexander sees big increase

CHICAGO, April 9.—Offices of Secretary A. R. Hodge, National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches, report that word has come from all brokers that inquiries regarding the public liability insurance plan sponsored by NAAPPB have just about trebled last year's record. Already most of last year's policyholders have made commitments for 1938 coverage, it is said. All questionnaires are forwarded thru offices of Mr. Hodge, executive secretary, Suite 295, Hotel Sherman, Chicago. To expedite inspection previous to opening all operators of amusement parks, pliers, pools and beaches and concessioners therein are urged to forward without further delay questionnaires previously sent by Mr. Hodge, he said.

"The 10 per cent discount available to all members of the association from bureau rates," he said, "except where minimum rates are fixed by State law, with the same experience credits previously enjoyed by individual operators allowed, together with a liberal savings on excess limits and the substantial dividend enjoyed by 1936 policyholders, has created much interest and, in fact, great enthusiasm among all amusement men, as the association, thru its latest achievement, has solved a problem which has worried hundreds of operators during the past few years when gross receipts were on the downgrade and yet minimum premiums and bureau rates moved forward by leaps and bounds with no apparent justification, because losses were in proportion to the decrease in gross receipts so far as operators were able to ascertain."

Manual Rates Are Up

"The manual rates for 1938 have just been released and show many increases which have stirred the industry in all" (See RISK PLAN on page 43)

Neptune's Opening Is Mecca for 20,000

ALAMEDA, Calif., April 9.—Neptune Beach Amusement Park registered 20,000 on opening day, April 2, considered excellent by Manager R. C. Strehlow, who has improved the spot with new features. Two big outdoor pools are popular, with dancing to music of Jimmy Russo's Orchestra also drawing big.

Park has been redecorated at considerable expense, new equipment being put into the midget auto stadium and space added to picnic grounds.

As has been the custom several years, opening day was sponsored by Oakland and Alameda Chambers of Commerce, with free rides for children. Neptune's season closes in late October.

Vogel Opens 30th Season For Natatorium, Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash., April 9.—An Octopus ride and Spill-the-Milk concession have been added by Owner Louis Vogel in Natatorium Amusement Park, making nine rides and 19 concessions. H. G. Graves, Grants Pass, Ore., is bringing in the new ride.

In celebration of his 30th season in the park, Mr. Vogel has had all buildings, including dance hall, restaurant and plunge, remodeled and redecorated. It opened today to music of Eddie Duchin, but will operate Sundays only until May 11 when it goes on daily basis until after Labor Day. MCA bands will be booked.

PITTSBURGH—Kennywood Park will open on Easter Sunday for rides, will begin dance season on April 23 and launch community picnics on May 17, said Manager A. Brady McSwigan.

Sister P. A.

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—Marie McSwigan, sister of Kennywood Park's general manager, A. Brady McSwigan, returns to the p-a. field as adviser for her brother's playground and is reputedly the only woman publicist in the amusement park world. Her book on John Kane, late Pittsburgh painter, is due for October printing.

Hanover's Forest Greatly Improved

HANOVER, Pa., April 9.—In Forest Park here, which will have informal opening last week-end in April, all buildings and rides have been repainted and overhauled, including Greyhound Roller Coaster. Tilt-a-Whirl has been taken out and another ride will replace it. About 25,000 free tickets have been distributed to school children in four (See HANOVER'S FOREST on page 45)

Reconstructing in Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb., April 9.—Lloyd Hall, Columbus, Neb., leased Alma Park from G. C. Battin and immediately closed dance hall and swimming pool for reconstruction.

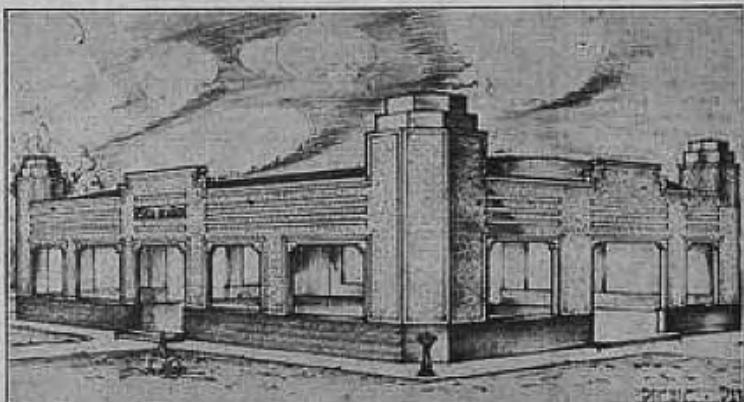
Capitol Is To Be Reopened in Hartford, Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 9.—Capitol Park, eight-acre amusement spot here, will reopen this season. Francis C. McCarthy, representing a New York syndicate, has leased the property and contemplates many changes, including conversion of the Merry-Go-Round house into a roller rink and installation of a new Merry-Go-Round and several other rides.

Roller Coaster, damaged in a flood in 1936, is to be repaired and the 2,000,000 gallon pool, first of its kind built in this vicinity, will be reopened. Closed seven (See CAPITOL IS TO on page 45)

Clair To Open Totem Pole

AUBURNDALE, Mass., April 9.—Norumbega Park's Totem Pole Ballroom will open on April 16, said Manager Arch E. Clair, after having been renovated and decorated and lighting vastly improved. Policy will be dancing on Fridays and Saturdays until park opening on May 27. Booking will be thru Interstate Orchestras, Inc., and Manager Clair sees indications of a good dance year.



CASA MANANA, ultra-modern picnic pavilion under construction in Lakeside Amusement Park, Denver. The \$15,000 structure, designed to accommodate large organization picnics, will have two fully equipped kitchens. Its streamlines will be brought out at night by floodlighting.

Denver's Lakeside Is Augmented For Its 30th Anniversary Season

DENVER, April 9.—Lakeside Amusement Park here will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. Benjamin Krassner, who took over management in 1935, believes anniversary attractions in form of new buildings, rides and landscaping will make this a jubilee season, opening probably late in May. An ultra-modern picnic pavilion, Casa Manana, being built at cost of \$15,000 to accommodate large organization picnics, will have two fully equipped kitchens, free gas ranges and giant coffee urns. Beauty of its streamlining will be enhanced at night by floodlighting. Picnic grounds, in which the pavilion will be and which are being relandscaped, have outdoor ovens and free wood.

Lakeside will continue booking name bands in El Patio Ballroom at edge of the lake. Striking new decorative effects will increase its attractiveness. Two new rides have been added to the lineup. Crews have reconditioned the Derby and Funhouse and new Chris-Craft speed-boats will be added to the large Dodge fleet. Under construction is a new boat dock, with nautical-style ticket booth and huge lighthouse. Engine and cars of the Little Train have been overhauled, and new ties replace old on the track, which encircles the lake.

Al Driscoll will again manage the Class A pool, where last year tile showers were installed in women's dressing rooms and (See DENVER'S LAKESIDE on page 45)

Galveston Beach Readied For Expected Big Season

GALVESTON, Tex., April 9.—Concessioners are sprucing up Galveston beach in preparation for a record season, weekend crowds already climbing rapidly with good weather. Bigger splash of illumination and brighter colors will be emphasized, beach officials say.

Crystal Palace pool is being renovated and Rose Macro is installing new rides and amusement features in Crystal Palace Park. Racing Derby, large beach ride, is being repaired.

Operators base optimism on better business in the Deep South; increasing travel via the Gulf area to Mexico and California and a long line of conventions booked.

MILFORD, Conn.—Board of selectmen renewed lease for 1938 of Gulf Beach refreshment stands and comfort station to Edwin D. Joy, who has operated here several years.

Eel Hatchery

RIHS PARK, L. I. N. Y., April 9.—No little inconvenience was wrought at start of spring activities here because of eels. When workmen turned on the water supply they found pressure either very low or that no water would come from outlets. Investigation disclosed that eels were clogging the whole system. It seems that last fall eels' eggs found their way into pipes and had developed into fairly large-sized eels during winter.

Olentangy To Make Way for Realty Project

COLUMBUS, O., April 9.—After 45 years' operation, Olentangy Amusement Park here is being razed and site will be converted into a 400-unit apartment project by Olentangy Village Housing Corp., of which L. L. Le Veque is president. Its passing will leave Columbus without a major amusement park, Buckeye Lake Park, O., being closest to the capital.

In 1896 the grounds were purchased by Columbus Railway, Power and Light Co. and operated for picnics and boating until Dinsbury brothers, Will J. and (See OLENTANGY TO on page 45)

Goodman Rides Helping Zoo

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 9.—Rides of the Goodman Wonder Show wintering in Fair Park here have been loaned to officials of Municipal Zoo to raise money for zoo operation. Young Men's Business Club is joining in ballyhooing the rides, kiddie cars, Whip and Ferris Wheel. Trained ponies recently bought by the zoo from another carnival company are also helping to defray zoo expenses.

Spangler Building in Pa.

SUNSBURY, Pa., April 9.—R. M. Spangler, owner-manager of Rolling Green Park here, reports that three new buildings to house five concessions and a bingo building are being erected and that park will open on May 14. Swimming pool and buildings are being overhauled and repainted and a Tilt-a-Whirl has been bought.

Eastwood Starts April 16

DETROIT, April 9.—Season's opening of Eastwood Park is set for April 16, weather permitting, with a preview scheduled for Palm Sunday. On nights of April 16 and 17 Don Redman's Band will be in the ballroom, with Orlando Robeson and Louise McCarron, vocalists. There will be dancing in the ballroom every night except Tuesday until latter part of May when Eastwood Gardens will open with name bands. Gardens have been enlarged to 3,000 seating capacity. For the second consecutive year Phil Skillman's Band will be at opening of Cocoanut Palms, where two musical revues will be presented each night and Sunday afternoons.

S. F. Playland Dilling Up

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Cliff House and mile-long frontage of Playland-at-the-Beach is being rehabilitated and painted. George Whitney, of Whitney Brothers, owners, said he would beautify beach holdings in response to the "Fix Up for the Fair" campaign. More than \$5,000 will be spent on the job, he said.

CANTON, O.—Ray Ebert, vet concessioner here, will go to Chippewa Lake Park, near Medina, O., soon to ready his concessions for opening of the season there. For several years he has operated two large pop corn and confection stands in Chippewa Lake Park and three games on the midway. Each fall he makes several Ohio fairs with a large dining concession. He and Mrs. Ebert recently returned from a vacation in the South.

American Recreational Equipment Association

By R. S. UZZELL

Operators and owners at Rockaway Beach, N. Y., are all at the crossroads for this year's business. They have official notice from the city of New York that title to the water front with all encumbrances will be taken on May 12 and that no operation thereafter will be permitted. On the other hand, all interests at the beach are organized to obtain an extension thru this season so as to have one more summer of operation. Of one thing there is no doubt. The city can order all personal property removed immediately that title vests with the city. At any rate, the dream of a revived and augmented business at Rockaway during the 1939 World's Fair is only another dream that will not materialize.

A large contingent of our fraternity may take this closing out of their interests as a signal to retire and a number of them are going to be in a financial position to live a life of ease. They may follow the footsteps of many who thought they wanted to retire until they took a try at it. Our friend Sam Gumpert announced a retirement but he just cannot do it. At all events we shall have a number of men with amusement-park experience and a good supply of money.

Billings to Montreal

David Stone, of Paragon Park, Nanuet Beach, Boston, is making the grade and feels years younger. He is encouraged now in his efforts to put his park back to old-time results. He was always sold on the American Museum of Public Recreation and has now taken a membership. They only have to visit it once to appreciate its worth. Can't more of you take time out when in New York to see this really great institution?

April 6 and snowing in New York as on a midwinter day. Rex D. Billings was in the office. No, he did not bring the snow from Canada. He was returning from Miami with his wife and youngster and stopped for a day in New York. He may run into some deep snow before reaching Montreal and give his car some heavy work to do. Harry Illions has signed for two rides, which he will operate in Belmont Park with the rest of us. This just about completes the available space on the midway. The bingo game building becomes a funhouse for 1938.

Better in Canada

Prognostications for 1938 season that appeared in the Spring Special Number of *The Billboard* are from so many sections of this country and Canada that they afford a subject for serious contemplation. The opinion that Canada

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will be better than the States is, it would seem, a conservative statement. They have much more certainty up there and very few experiments. At present their business barometer is off only 6 per cent of the corresponding time last year, with prospects for an early pick-up. The snow had all disappeared, and the ice jam at the bridge near the park had been dynamited, obviating the possibility of flood damage to the village of which the park is a part. At no time in its history has Belmont Park been submerged by a flood.

New York World's Fair, by holding to stiff terms, has aided the San Francisco exhibition in getting applicants who had first applied here. Nevertheless New York City will, we think, get under way and produce a great show. We are all glad that Easter Sunday did not come early this year.

Long Island

By ALFRED FRIEDMAN

Pre-Fair Visitors

Tho it will be a year before the New York World's Fair at Flushing will be ready, thousands make their way daily via motor to the vicinity to peek at the goings-on. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays find roads to the grounds clogged with motorists. In its skeleton make-up the fair constitutes an impressive sight.

By middle of next summer many structures will have taken definite form. Then with more to see there will be many more visitors. Between Decoration Day and Labor Day there should be several million motorists visiting the fair vicinity.

Polks around the grounds testify to arrival of visitors from all over the country, and even from foreign nations, at this relatively early date. This continual stream of visitors is considered a healthy harbinger for the fair and Prexy Grover Whalen is highly conscious of this fact.

Rockaway Beach civic leaders have received tentative assurance that bus service between there and World's Fair grounds, Flushing, will be sanctioned next summer. Amusement people figure that since this resort is nearest seashore point to the grounds, there will be thousands each day visiting the fair who will want to make the trip to Rockaway.

Previews for Cincy Coney

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Coney Island here for the first time in its 33 years will open its gates in advance of the regular season. Preview Days will be Saturdays and Sundays, May 7 and 8, and May 14 and 15. Many amusement devices will be in operation. Moonlite Gardeners will have name orchestras. Coney's regular season will open on May 21, first week to feature a flower show sponsored by Federated Garden Clubs of Greater Cincinnati. Moonlite dance excursion season of the Coney Island steamer Island Queen is well under way, operating nightly on the Ohio River from its wharfboat, with dancing from 8 to 12. Clyde Trask and his orchestra provide music and Betty Trollan is featured vocalist.

Chi's Giant Panda Dies

CHICAGO, April 9.—Su Lin, giant panda, one of the only two in captivity, died in Brookfield Zoo on April 1. Captured in foothills of Tibet, she was brought here in February by Mrs. Richard Harkness. A twig caught in the animal's throat on March 27 was not noticed by its keeper, Sam Parrot, until the following day, when it was extracted by Mary Bean, nurse. Assistant zoo director Robert Bean said the body would be given to Field Museum for mounting after a post-mortem.

Thomson in at Riverview

CHICAGO, April 9.—S. W. Thomson and crew returned after a successful season with Art Lewis Shows in Florida and he is planning attractions in Riverview Park here, which opens on May 19. He will have a new lion motorcromie similar to the one he operated at A Century of Progress and another known as Death Valley. He is also considering a third.

DETROIT—Earlier opening is planned this year than last for Edgewater Park on Seven Mile road. Warm weather has hastened readying for the season.

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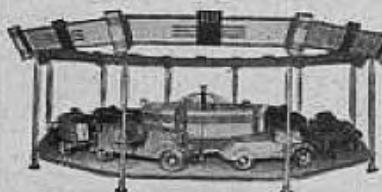
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Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A., April 2.—The Hellkvists, diving act of Nils Hellkvist and his wife, Sofie, featuring a double-fine dive, are playing at Balneario Municipal Boardwalk here, third time they have been in South America, having previously played in Parque Japones and Palermo here and a season in Republic of Columbia.

With probable exception of their friend, Peejay Ringens, they say, they are the most traveled diving act in the world, having visited nearly every country. Booked here by Charles L. Sasse for 12 weeks, engagement was extended after the first week to 19 weeks.

Act has been working continually since April, 1937, and will return to the States about May 1 for the summer season.

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NEW ORG IN WASH.

Olympia Meet Draws Leaders

First association aims at better attractions — committee to boost gates

SEATTLE, April 9.—Co-ordinating fair activities and entertainment in the State is aim of the new Washington Fairs Association organized at a meeting last Saturday in Olympia. Representatives of largest fairs of the Pacific Northwest were represented at the conclave, called by Lewis County Fair Association, Chehalis, and well attended.

First president is Chapin D. Foster, Chehalis; vice-president, Henry Walker, Chehalis; secretary-treasurer, Waldo Carlson, Chehalis. Annual meeting is to be held in Olympia early next year. Directors, from leading fairs, are A. E. Bartlett, head of Western Washington Fair, Puyallup; M. R. Loney, Walla Walla; E. A. Knapp, Lynden; A. Nelson, Langley; F. V. Hinman, Yakima.

Amusements were reviewed and discussed and information exchanged on value of acts and entertainment offered. The executives feel that by acting in a body a better type of attractions can be brought to the State, which they hope may be known in future for the high quality of acts which play its district and regional fairs.

A date-fixing committee was named to eliminate conflicts in dates and to boost attendance. It will decide upon best dates for forthcoming fall fairs. Other common problems will be tackled, directors and planners of the State to take a leading part in co-ordination of all fair activities.

B.C. and T.D. Awarded Contracts For Minn. State

MINNEAPOLIS, April 9.—Barnes-Caruthers Fair Booking Association, represented by M. H. Barnes, Chicago, was awarded a contract for revue and all grand-stand attractions for the 1938 Minnesota State Fair here at a meeting of the fair board amusement committee on April 6. Also present were Ernie Young, Chicago, representing Ernie Young's revues, and Charles Miller, representing Music Corporation of America.

Theurle-Duffield Fireworks Co., represented by Frank P. Duffield, Chicago, was given the fireworks contract. George Porter said to have been another bidder. No contract was awarded for Thrill Day attractions, it being deferred until a future meeting of the committee. In attendance were representatives of Jimmie Lynch and his Death Dodgers, Capt. P. P. Frakes, F. Robinson Winkley's Suicide Club, Hinck's Dare-Devils, Doyle & Rosie and Krausler Thrills.

Memphis Starts Exposition Move

MEMPHIS, April 9.—About 500 civic leaders were urged this week to begin plans for a big exposition here in 1941 to celebrate 400th anniversary of De Soto's discovery of the Mississippi River.

Chamber of Commerce officials said Senator McKellar was prepared to introduce a bill in Congress providing federal funds for an exposition, provided the Mississippi River Discovery Association is well established to aid and that a tract is set aside for the purpose.

Young Has More Contracts

CHICAGO, April 9.—Ernie Young, of Young Production and Management Co. here, announced that most recent grand-stand show contracts closed with his office are with fairs in Jackson, Tenn.; Toronto, Can.; Wauseon and Napoleon, O., and McConnellsburg, Pa.

Precedent Seen In Expo Figures

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Declaring the data "what every exposition-minded showman should know," officials of Golden Gate Exposition of 1939 have given out attendance figures of Panama-Pacific International Exposition held (See PRECEDENT SEEN opposite page)

Voters Reject Board Offer

MADISON, Wis., April 9.—Dane County citizens, 16,446 to 13,038, voted on April 5 to reject an offer of Dane County Agricultural Society to turn the fairgrounds over to the county provided it assumed all debts against the property and agreed to operate a fair for at least five years. As a result it is doubtful that the county board will assume operation of the fair. (See REBUILT FARGO opposite page)

Night Air Specs of N. Y. World's Fair Promise Extravagant Shows

NEW YORK, April 9.—Evening air-spectacle phase of New York World's Fair will be divided into two parts and will offer the most extravagant show of its kind ever witnessed, say fair officials. Fireworks, gas-flame, water, color and sound will be used in gigantic proportions according to plans being developed by fair engineers and technicians.

One of the specs will feature play of super-fountains and flames, synchronized with color effects and special music, and sound will be in the 800-foot lagoon along Central Mall of the 300-acre exhibit area. Other unit, more expensive, will feature fireworks with water, fire

Rebuilt Fargo Annual Is Aim Of New Group

FARGO, N. D., April 9.—Steps to rebuild North Dakota State Fair for Fargo, which has been considered languishing several years and lost money the last two years, were taken after 30 business men met in favor of continuing the fair as a means of interesting and entertaining people in the Fargo trade area.

E. A. Tullberg, Fargo, was elected president of Fargo Fair Association, the board being enlarged from 7 to 11 members, five of whom are engaged in farming.

Walter Kreiselmaier, farm manager, was named first vice-president, and E. P. Alford, Fargo dairymen, second. Ass. Sheriff, Blanchard; Frank McKenzie. (See REBUILT FARGO opposite page)

and color used extensively, and will be in Meadow Lake off the amusement zone.

Present plans call for different shows nightly at both spots. Procedure of presentation has not been worked out, although it is expected that each will reach tremendous proportions. Lagoon presentation is slated to have its own director and probably a musical director. Show will be operated from a control room on roof of a near-by exhibit building. Amusement zone unit will originate from barges on the lake and probably will be under direction of a fireworks authority. Is expected to take about six months to (See NIGHT AIR SPECS opposite page)

G. G. Grounds Opened to Public Following Squabble Over Safety

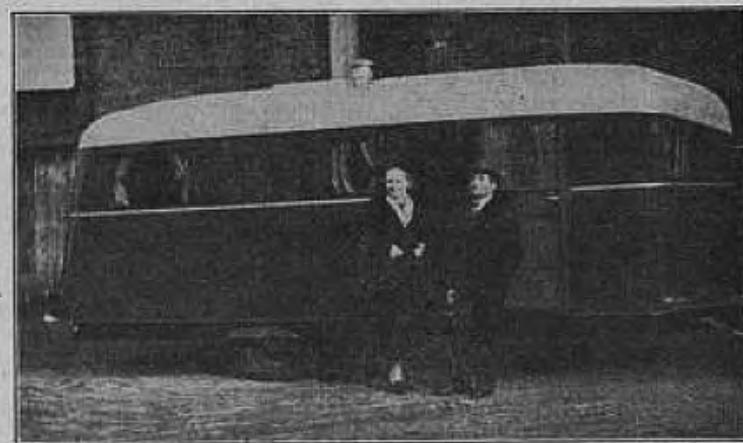
SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Opening gates of Golden Gate International Exposition last Sunday probably marked end of a controversy as to whether the public should be excluded as a safety measure. Protest from Timothy Riordan, chairman of the Industrial Accident Commission, presaged the squabble.

"These exposition guys are too hungry for two-bit pieces," he declared. "Danger of accident is too great. It makes workmen nervous to have visitors gawking about."

He had threatened to have law officers authorized by the commission to keep public off the grounds. Crowds, he said,

would be in danger and workmen might be imperiled.

Expo officials, however, said Treasure Island would be opened to visitors from now on. Several hundred attended opening day's preview. As to the fair itself, it will cost 50 cents to see it when officially opens next February. Season passes, good for 288 admissions, will be made available shortly, said Chief Director Harris Connick, who did not state what their price will be. California commission for the exposition Livestock Show arena on the island has voted \$25,000 for taking the annual (See G. G. GROUNDS opposite page)



THE KIMRIS, aerial act now in vaudeville and soon opening the outdoor season, added a Covered Wagon De Luxe model trailer coach to the rolling equipment. Veronique and Leon Collet, over from France, adopted America's method of traveling by trailer and made a trip to Mount Clemens, Mich., to visit the factory. Photo by Covered Wagon Co.

Bogus Ducats Out

HALIFAX, April 9.—Nova Scotia Exhibition Commission believes it has broken up an organized scheme to defraud it by sales of bogus and stolen tickets. A large number of such tickets appeared at the 1938 and 1937 fairs. Recently two arrests were made here. It is said thousands of fraudulent fair tickets were disposed of on the eve of the 1937 exhibition and that plans had been made for circulation of an increased number of bogus ducats in 1938.

Orange Show Put Over Big

National event reports a gate near 300,000—acts presented in daily bill.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., April 9.—With attendance said to be near 300,000, the 28th National Orange Show here on March 17-27 was declared by officials to have been most successful in history of the event. Patrons praised the artistry and color displayed. More than \$15,000 had been spent in remodeling. Although the recent flood filled the main building with mud and silt, the show opened on time. A new decorative entrance front was highly complimented.

There were 16 major exhibits and nearly 100 varieties of citrus, greatest variety since inception of the show. There were growing orange trees, running water, pastoral lighting effects and pyramids of citrus, also in several pagodas and other unique displays. South half of the building held commercial exhibits, taking, it was said, three times the space used in 1937. Here also were some concessions. Each day some film celebrity appeared on a big stage. Orchestras were Hollywood Symphony of Loveliness, 32 young women; Jimmie Grier and his orchestra and Gus Arnier. (See ORANGE SHOW opposite page)

More Attractions Set for Carthage

CINCINNATI, April 9.—An enlarged amusement program, including a relocated and augmented midway, will mark the 1938 Greater Cincinnati and Carthage Fair Exposition, formerly known as Carthage Fair, on outskirts of Cincinnati. The 83d annual will celebrate the Sesquicentennial and Northwest Territory and 150th anniversary of the founding of Cincinnati.

Ten Gooding rides have been contracted, and there will be more shows on the midway than ever before in history of the fair. Four illuminating towers will be erected, and sensational free acts will be presented in the fun zone.

A special effort will be made in attractions and to draw from Greater Cincinnati largest crowds ever to attend the fair.

Company Aids Ohio Annual

WAPAKONETA, O., April 9.—In recognition of 75th anniversary of Auglaize County Fair here, City Loan and Savings Co., Wapakoneta, will give tickets to all residents of Auglaize and Allen counties 75 years of age or older and will also present a big fireworks display, reports Secretary Harry Kahn. Livestock parade, formerly a day feature, will be held at night to increase attendance. Committee was named to encourage increased activity in 4-H Club work.

Sloan Has More Race Dates

CHICAGO, April 9.—John A. Sloan, president of Racing Corporation of America, said upon his return from the West Coast that he had signed six additional race dates to the already heavy schedule. He closed with Tulsa (Okla.) State Fair; Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, and Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City. He also signed a number of well-known California dirt-track stars to appear on the IMCA circuit this year.

Fair Grounds

COLUMBUS, O.—State Agricultural Director Earl H. Hanefeld has received \$50,000 for improvements on State Fair grounds here, \$10,000 from State emergency board to purchase material for WPA workers and \$40,000 to begin construction of Junior Fair buildings, to cost in excess of \$200,000. Transfer of funds will make possible immediate start on construction.

MARSHVILLE, La.—A new main structure, including auditorium and gymnasium, will be erected on Avoyelles Parish Fair grounds for 1938. President L. A. Coyer said WPA officials have gone over plans and government aid is forthcoming.

McCOMBE, Miss.—New plant of Pike County Free Fair Association is nearing completion, with the armory fieldhouse finished and an exhibit hall, 100 by 100 feet, about half done. A judging arena will be built in time for the 1938 fair, second annual. Much parking space will be available. President A. B. Williams believes attendance will far surpass the 25,000 gate of 1937.

MADISON, Wis.—Premiums of \$17,365 will be offered at Junior State Fair, part of Wisconsin State Fair, Milwaukee, said Ralph E. Ammon, director of department of agriculture and markets. Sum includes \$3,500 for premiums and transportation in connection with exhibit of 100 booths by Wisconsin youth organization; \$6,500 for live stock; \$3,000 for judging contests and demonstrations and \$1,000 for Boy Scout encampment program.

DETROIT.—George A. Schroeder, Detroit, council chairman, announced appointment of the following as a legislative council committee to investigate State and local fair problems: George A. Schroeder, chairman; Representative M. Clyde Stout, Jonis, and Carl F. DeLano, Kalamazoo, and senators James D. Detch, Garden, and Miles M. Callaghan, Reed City.

CANTON, O.—A beautification project will be built on near-by Ashley Fair grounds here, said Secretary Ed S. Wilson, federal aid having been pledged and WPA landscaping to include shrubbery, trees, flower gardens and driveways.

DELAWARE, O.—A barn for 100 cattle will be built on near-by Ashley Fair grounds to be completed in time for the 1938 fair. More power and lighting for midway attractions and concessions will be provided.

DOVER, O.—In an effort to work out a more effective method of display of merchants' exhibits at the annual fair here, a committee of Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society met with leading merchants, such displays being considered of major importance here.

ORANGE SHOW

(Continued from opposite page) him and his band. Of special interest were the by-products department and Fontana packing plant, handling a carload of fruit daily. Newest fruit exhibited was the tamar, a cross between a navel orange and a lemon.

A vaude show daily had Roy Rogers, acrobatic act; Three Dancing Winstons; Varsity Pour, comedy; Hudson and Hudson, equilibrist; Larry Collins, novel musical act; Esther Campbell, whistler; Gasco Troupe, acrobats; Evelyn Farney, dancer; Velma Allen, Ripley Believe-It-Or-Not Girl, spectacular acrobatics; Alvin Brothers, perch; Three Montana Cowboys, harmony singers; Long Beach Municipal Band, Jinnistan Grotto Band, Colton High School Band and Escondido City Band, and appearance of Felton Dance Studio under direction Marie Felton. March 22 was Pacific Coast Showmen's Day, the organization being guests of directors of the Orange Show, and O. N. Crafts, of Crafts 20 Big Shows, on the midway.

G. G. GROUNDS

(Continued from opposite page) show from the new Visitacion Valley "Cave Palace."

City taxpayers will cough up \$500,000 for fair participation, according to budget estimates for the next fiscal year. Sum includes police and fire protection, convention contributions, except lighting, decoration and publicity.

Work on Missouri State Project Will Start Soon

SEDLIA, Mo., April 9.—President Roosevelt having approved a WPA allocation of \$99,250.71 for improvements to the .236-acre Missouri State Fair plant here, work will start soon on erection of six 12-cup coil drinking fountains, installation of 500 feet of storm sewer and 1,000 feet of sanitary sewer, extension of two-inch water mains about 2,000 feet and renovation of these buildings.

Missouri Building, Varied Industries Building, Hobby Building, formerly Boys' State Fair School; men's rest-room building in White City, assistant custodian's building, and speed barns 1 to 5. Plans call for painting these buildings and such others as may be possible within financial limits of the project. Three combined toilet and shower-bath buildings will be constructed and considerable grading and landscaping done.

The project is in addition to and separate from \$64,733 recently announced for assembling and building State exhibits for New York World's Fair and Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, in 1939, now being set up on the State Fair grounds by the World's Fair Commission, a preliminary showing of which will be made at the 1938 State Fair.

Miss. Officers Will Meet

JACKSON, Miss., April 9.—Secretary J. M. Dean, Mississippi Association of Fairs, said that no 1938 annual meeting of the association was held because of his recent hospitalization in Memphis, Tenn. He returned to his home here feeling fit after having been in a hospital since last November, following an operation necessitated by an auto accident injury two years ago. He said a meeting of officers and committees will be held later.

REBUILT FARGO

(Continued from opposite page)

Wild Rice: M. A. Kruse, Kindred, farmers, and J. D. Farnham, Fargo, were elected to the board. J. E. Pyle, H. T. Alsop, Murray A. Baldwin and William Stern were re-elected. Board will name a secretary and treasurer.

A resolution expressing deep appreciation for the long service of J. F. McGuire, retiring president, was adopted.

A drive will be launched for a guarantee fund to insure against operating deficits this year. Business men made good a 1937 deficit, but the committee agreed to ask for \$18,000 in pledges again, said President Tallberg. About \$5,000 has been voluntarily pledged.

Board agreed to develop the fair for a large and more representative farm show, something new in entertainment features and a huge promotional campaign. Frank S. Talcott was re-elected secretary and Frank R. Scott, treasurer. Named to the executive committee were Walter Kreiselman, E. F. Alford and M. A. Baldwin with Tallberg and Talcott.

PRECEDENT SEEN

(Continued from opposite page)

here in 1915 and estimated daily average attendance that the 1939 fair will have:

	1915 Monthly Attendance	1915 Daily Average	1939 Projected Average	25% Increase
Feb. (9 days)	692,424	76,936	96,170	
March	1,802,504	58,145	72,681	
April	1,465,827	48,660	61,075	
May	1,568,109	50,584	63,230	
June	1,676,130	55,871	69,839	
July	2,169,006	69,958	87,460	
August	2,163,124	73,003	91,260	
September	2,012,040	67,065	83,835	
October	1,918,598	61,900	77,375	
November	2,019,106	97,303	121,628	
Dec. (4 days)	339,208	97,302	121,628	
TOTAL, 18,876,287				

Population of San Francisco Bay area in 1915 was about 750,000. Population of the area today is about 1,500,000.

Automobile registration in 1915 in California (passenger cars and trucks) was 164,795. The 1937 registration for passenger cars only was 2,319,341.

It is obvious that with the increase in population and enormous registration of passenger automobiles that attendance at the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939 must be very much greater than the gate admissions at the 1915 exposition, say officials.

Fair Elections

JACKSON, Miss.—Hinds County Fat Stock Show was organized as a permanent event at meeting of live-stock growers in Edwards, Miss. Will J. Montgomery was elected president and J. L. Gaddis and R. E. Lovell vice-presidents.

MCGRORY, Ark.—Woodruff County Fair Association was organized here with John H. Miller, president; Harry Snapp, John McLeod, J. A. Files, vice-presidents; Otto Turner, secretary; I. N. Arno, treasurer. A board of directors of 33 from 27 communities was chosen.

ST. CROIX FALLS, Wis.—John Mack was re-elected president of Polk County Fair Association; Walter Anderson, vice-president; Conway Standard, secretary; Anton Nelson, treasurer.

DETROIT.—James Verner Jr. was re-elected president of Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, sponsor of annual Detroit and Michigan Exposition; vice-presidents, Charles A. H. Thom, Richard C. Hedke, secretary, John F. Keys, treasurer, Frank Cody, executive vice-president, J. Lee Barrett; directors, Gus Wood, Fred Wardell, Jay Grinnell, B. A. Van Maaren, Cody, William J. Kennedy, Keys, Preston D. Norton, James Verner.

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M. S. Alexander, chairman of the public liability insurance committee and lessor of Woodside Park, Philadelphia, recently said he expects to see an increase in the gross premium volume for 1938 of close to 100 per cent as compared with 1937. Because of last year's showing members of the committee are unanimous in the belief that ultimately by means of this plan active members of the NAAPPB can save from 25 to 30 per cent on risk premiums and elimination of the extra charge for contingent liability.

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Rinks and Skaters

By CLAUDE R. ELLIS
(Cincinnati Office)

CINCINNATI racers won top honors in the national amateur roller skating speed championship meet in Sefferino's Rollerdrone, Cincinnati, on April 2 and 3, sanctioned by the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States and Amateur Skating Union of the United States. First annual convention of the RSROA was held in conjunction in the rink on April 4.

George Moore, Rollerdrone Club, Cincinnati, was high man with 100 points, and Russell Brown, Chicago, was runner-up with 60. Vivian Bell, Rollerdrone Club, Cincinnati, won most points in women's events, 80, with Nancy Flick, Cincinnati, runner-up, with 80. Many beautiful cups and trophies were presented, among them cups donated by the Chicago Roller Skate Co. and The Billboard. Winners also received association gold medals for first, silver medals for second and bronze medals for third places.

Fred A. Martin, Detroit, secretary-treasurer of the RSROA, presided at the mike and introduced numerous celebrities of the skating world. Attendance was heavy at all race sessions. Jessie Carey, Circus Gardens Rink, Philadelphia, was referee. Chief timer was Fred H. Freeman, Winter Garden Rink, Neponset, Mass., and Amos Bell, Detroit, was starter. Results:

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Men's 440 Yards—First, George Moore, 30 points; second, Dale Pluedeman, Rollerdrone Club, Cincinnati, 20; third, Art Emmanuel, Cleveland Roller Club, 10. Time 0:45 3/10.

Men's Mile—Vic Shankey, Dreamland Park Club, Newark, N. J., 30; George Moore, 20; Art Emmanuel, 10. Time 3:04. Total points, Moore, 50; Shankey, 30; Emmanuel, 20; Pluedeman, 20.

Women's 800 Yards—Nancy Flick, Rollerdrone Club, Cincinnati, 30; Virginia Hancock, Fitch Roller Club, Detroit, 20; Vivian Bell, Cincinnati, 10. Time 1:33 3/10.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 3

Men's Two-Mile—Russell Brown, Madison Gardens Club, Chicago, 30; George Moore, 20; Harold Saindon, Madison Gardens Club, Chicago, 10. Time 5:10 3/10.

Women's 440 Yards—Vivian Bell, 30; Verna Picton, Arena Gardens Club, Detroit, 20; Helen Fleece, Madison Gardens Club, Detroit, 10. Time 0:48.

SUNDAY NIGHT, APRIL 3

Men's Five-Mile—Russell Brown, 30; Art Emmanuel, 20; Buddy Deters, Rollerdrone Club, Cincinnati, 10. Time—15:36 2/10.

Women's Mile—Nancy Flick, 30; Vivian Bell, 20; Verna Picton, 10. Time 3:29 3/10.

Men's 800 Yards—George Moore, 30; Buddy Deters, 20; Babe Weiner, Mack Roller Club, Rollerdrone, Cincinnati. Time 1:28 9/10.

Total Points—Men, George Moore, 100; Russell Brown, 60; Art Emmanuel, 40; Vic Shankey, 30; Buddy Deters, 30; Dale Pluedeman, 20; Harold Saindon, 10; Babe Weiner, 10. Women, Vivian Bell, 90; Nancy Flick, 80; Verna Picton, 30; Virginia Hancock, 20; Helen Fleece, 10. Men's entries totaled 43 and women's 15 and



KELLER SISTERS, Irma and Oral (right), daughters of T. L. Keller, Salem (Ore.) rink operator, and amateur figure and dance-step roller skaters, who featured the recent step demonstrations in Sefferino's Rollerdrone, Cincinnati. The sisters with their parents will visit a number of rinks in the East and Middle West before returning to their home.

there were a few scratches. Track was 12 laps to mile.

One of the features of the show put on by figure and skate dancers on night of April 4 was baton spin-

Impressions

By EARLE REYNOLDS
World-Famous Roller Skater and Manager

I was greatly impressed with the splendid start attained by the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States as shown in first annual convention in Sefferino's Rollerdrone, Cincinnati, on April 4. A different atmosphere was apparent than has marked former attempts to organize. Men came from all over the continent and great credit is due Fred Martin, Detroit, for untiring efforts to launch this new body. It is gratifying to know that amateur meets can be held in conjunction with bona fide conventions and to believe that roller skating will eventually go into the Olympic sports calendar on equal terms with ice skating.

For real thrills, on the night of April 3 I enjoyed the most interesting two hours in many a year. Outstanding was the sensational skating of Vivian Bell and Nancy Flick, Cincinnati, and Virginia Hancock, Verna Picton and Helen Fleece, Detroit. Among those five the moment the starter fired the pistol spectators saw a race; there was no loosing. Skill, determination and grim looks of "I will win or die" were pictured on their faces as they went whirling, lap after lap, at close to the speed that the men were displaying.

A Cincinnati boy, George Moore, is a mighty fast speedster, with a knack of getting the corners close. From beginning to end, it was one of the most interesting tournaments I have witnessed in many years. For excellent and sen-

Opening New Fields

By CLAUDE R. ELLIS

REMARKABLE progress made in roller-skate dancing and in development of new steps in the last few months bids fair to create a near-revolution in rink roller skating. It is predicted that a tremendous increase in interest will supplement the great popularity revived in roller skating in the last couple of years. Roller-skate dancing will attract a class or classes that in the past have not been among rink patrons. It will open new fields to rink operators and the spread of dancing on rollers as a sport and source of entertainment may be limited only by the amount of attention and development given by its purveyors. Right now progressive operators are enthusiastic and planning comprehensively for its general adoption in a systematic manner. One of the highlights of the first annual convention of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States in Sefferino's Rollerdrone, Cincinnati, on April 2-4 was the skate-dance demonstration by amateur teams brought by operators from many parts of the country. The idea is to standardize steps to be adopted nationally for students in rinks. Movies shown of the marvelous Jim and Joan Lidstone, of England, prove that the Tight Little Isle is several years to the fore in this accomplishment. Eight steps so far selected by the dance committee for national championships at the RSROA second annual convention in 1939 are two-step, promenade, schottische, chicken scratch, collegiate, straight waltz, open waltz and closed waltz. Watch roller-skate dancing grow and live-wire rink men profit thereby!



CLAUDE R. ELLIS

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ning by Bert Bacon, Tacoma Park Rink, Dayton, Ky., said to have been the first time such an exhibition has been done on roller skates. A past master of the difficult feat, he received rounds of applause for his many throws and twists and his timing.

Monday night, following a eight-

national speed. I must say Miss Bell and Miss Flick were the stars of the first national roller rink operators' tournament.

seeing trip given by Mrs. William Sefferino to the visiting women, they presented her with a large bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Rodney Peters, St. Louis, former world's champion speed skater, and who was in Europe during the craze there in 1909-10, with Miss Oral Keller demonstrated several English dance-step numbers. While in Europe Rodney was private instructor to the royal family, and his brother, Terrell, held a like position to the Czar of Russia's family.

The association has arranged to bring the Lidstones, gold medalists in England, to this country in the fall to demonstrate dance steps and figure skating. Motion pictures of this famous brother and sister team were shown by Perry Rawson, who obtained them while in Europe the past summer. Secretary Martin showed several shots of Detroit figure skaters and skate-dance exponents. Skaters demonstrating dance steps from Arena Gardens, Detroit, were attired in tasty costumes, adding much color to the affair. Ben Morey, Bridgeport, Conn., returned home by plane.

JULIAN T. FITZGERALD was among five outstanding citizens honored at a testimonial banquet tendered by the Distinguished Civic Service Association and Illinois Skating Association in Mid-

(See RINKS on opposite page)

First Annual Conclave Big

Rink men out in force for Cincy meet — new dance steps get much attention

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Greatest gathering of rink men in history of roller skating, meeting for co-operative and progressive measures, marked first annual convention of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States in Sefferino's Rollerdrone here on April 4. There was much discussion of trade problems leading to action beneficial to the industry.

"The convention was a wonderful example of the spirit existing among rink business men," was the comment of Secretary-Treasurer Fred A. Martin, Arena Gardens Rink, Detroit. "The enthusiasm manifested during the past year came to a head and it is gratifying to note the solid progress made by the new association."

Official Roster Enlarged

President Victor J. Brown, Dreamland Park Rink, Newark, N. J.; Vice-President Rodney Peters, St. Louis, and Mr. Martin were re-elected. Additions to officers are T. L. Keller, Mellow Moon Rink, Salem, Ore., second vice-president; Thea E. Bourget, Detroit, assistant secretary-treasurer, and Robert D. Martin, second

Board of control named is Mr. Brown, chairman; Al Kish, Mr. Peters, Fred H. Freeman, Mr. Keller, E. R. Eyer, W. J. Bettis, Earl Van Horn, Charles McCormick, George W. Smith, Mr. Martini, district representatives, H. D. Ruhman, Pennsylvania area; Jack Shuman, Ohio;

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Benjamin Morey, Connecticut area; Mr. Rollerdrome, for most outstanding sportsmanship shown among race contestants went to C. W. R. (Pat) Patterson, Redondo, Wash.

Operators attending were Mr. Brown, Mr. Martin; W. H. (Billy) Carpenter, Tuscon Park Rink, New Philadelphia, O.; George W. Smith, Smith's Pavilion Rink, Columbus, O.; Jack Shuman, Amusement Rink, Sandusky, O.; Mickey Dunn, Fair Haven (Mich.) Rink; Bert and Paul Bacon, Tacoma Rink, Dayton, Ky.; Mr. Keller, E. R. Eyer, Eyer's Rink, Indianapolis; Walter Klefer, Flint Park (Mich.) Rink; B. F. Morey, Morey Amusements, Bridgeport, Conn.; Hy D. Ruhman, Lexington Rink, Pittsburgh; Albert Minotti, Warren (O.) Auditorium Rink; W. J. Bettis, Redondo (Wash.) Park Rink; William P. Seffino, Rollerdrome, Cincinnati; Al Kish, Memorial Hall Rink, Toledo; Cecil Milam, Fairgrounds Rink, Wheeling, W. Va.; Fred H. Freeman, Winter Garden Rink, Neponset, Mass.; Mr. Peters; Silas E. Bowen, Fairgrounds Rink, Jackson, Mich.; Earl Van Horn, Harry Bickmeyer, Fairgrounds Rink, Mineola, O.; Al W. Kish, Toledo; Harry Thomas, Crystal Lake, O.; Armand J. Schaub Sr., Cincinnati.

W. J. Bettis, G. W. R. (Pat) Patterson, Redondo, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Keller, Oral M. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Dolson, Loretta Dolson, Salem, Ore.; Perry B. Rawson, Deal, N. J.; Gordon R. Woolley, C. C. Sanders, Ray Herzog, Gus Harris, Dorothy Hill, La Verne Knorr, Salt Lake City; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carey, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bacon, Dayton, Ky.; Art, Vic, Bert and G. Emmanuel, Lawrence Bender, Kenneth Kearney, G. L. Fuller, A. E. DeKome, Anton Cergot, Jane Grabowski, Cleveland; Nelson Dallas, Leland Pollock, East Liverpool, O.; Fred A. Martin, Theo Bourget, Verne Allie and Richard Picton, Larry Allard, Virginia Hancock, Shirley Hill, Bud Berg, Beatrice Hancock, Jack Fitch, Amos Bell, Alfred Walkley, G. W. Stark, Norman Berg, Bob McPhailin, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Dunn, Detroit; Jack Wythe, Syracuse, N. Y.

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RINKS

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west Athletic Club, Chicago, on May 30. Data sent by Walter E. Stephen, Detroit, indicates that fine tributes were paid to the veteran skating manager and writer and that Governor Harry Horner of Illinois and other notables were present. Keynote was observance of Mr. Fitzgerald's 50th anniversary in sports.

THREE WHIRLING BEES, Betty, Buddy and Bob, reunited, recently played University Grill, Albany, N. Y.

WALTER E. SUTPHEN, former manager of Wayne Gardens Rink, Detroit, was a recent visitor at Fred Leiser's Armory Roller Rink, Chicago.

HARRY AVERTS, American roller skater, is presenting his skating team, the Rollwinds, at the Hanza in Hamburg, Germany.

TUSCORA PARK Roller Rink, New Philadelphia, O., has been leased to Jack R. Russell, Canton, O., who has inaugurated nightly sessions and Saturday matinee. Rink has been completely modernized, including a new floor, all new skates and sound equipment.

CRYSTAL Roller Rink has been opened in the basement of the former Masonic Temple in Creston, Ia., by Tom Archer, operator of Tromar Ballroom, Des Moines, and a chain of other ballrooms in the Northwest, who will open an amusement center in Creston, rink being the first unit.

OPENING of new Pla-Mor Roller Rink, Kansas City, Mo., drew near capacity on April 7, patrons using two separate sur-

faces. Lee Buchta is at the pipe organ, and lessons are given by Ray Rice, pro-

testants gave good publicity. Pla-Mor will be open nightly.

Names of Visitors

Registration of delegates, skaters and other visitors in the Rollerdrome included Jacqueline Le Marre, Stewart Hutchinson, Dorothy Schlemeyer, Edward Landgrov, Harry Bickmeyer, Earl Van Horn, Mineola, N. Y.; William Wolf, Irvington, N. J.; Albert Minotto, Warren, O.; Rodney Peters, St. Louis; Earle Reynolds, Roncesvalles, Ind.; Ralph Ware, E. R. Whitehead, Charles McCormick, William Korber, Stanley Swigon, George A. Corbett, Vic Frasch, George L. Holt, Jack Geffinger, Floyd Bowler, Martha Bowler, Joe Laurey, Beatrice and Mrs. Ederer, Harold Salindon, Edward Chuddy, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Silas E. Bowen, Jackson, Mich.; Joe Bell, Fort Wayne, Ind.; George Gellins, Celina, O.; W. H. D. Ruhman, Pittsburgh; Laerte Runzer, Winnipeg, Can.; Jack Shuman, Sandusky, O.; Al W. Kish, Toledo; Harry Thomas, Crystal Lake, O.; Armand J. Schaub Sr., Cincinnati.

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HANOVER'S FOREST

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counties for some of the rides and free candy on the four Saturdays in May.

Dance floor will again have Bud Codori and his orchestra. Cecil Milam will again have the roller rink and Ernie Wolfe has enlarged his bingo and picture gallery and remodeled his Funhouse and games. Dink Erisman made many changes in his restaurant and soda fountain. John Dubbs will have some new ideas in his penny arcade. Rides include Whip, Scooter, new Merry-Go-Round, Tumble Bug, Greyhound Coaster, Miniature Railway, Kiddie auto ride and pony track. Frank Wolf Theatrical Agency will book radio talent in the band shell, starting on May 20. Forest Park Free Fair will again be held in October. Formal park opening will be on May 30.

A long outing list has been booked. Alton D. Catil is again in charge of park publicity. Free acts will be started on last week-end in April. Manager A. Karst, who has wintered in Miami, is expected about the middle of May. Word has come from Miami concerning a unique bathing device perfected by Howard C. Karst. He calls it a Gauze and it already has made the newsreels. It is described as a non-sinkable bench swing between two large inflated inner tubes and equipped with paddle wheels.

DENVER'S LAKESIDE

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this year men's showers will be remodeled in black and ivory tile. Powerful new underwater floodlights are in for night swimming. Manager Driscoll will be in charge of picnics. College Inn Restaurant, new successful feature last year, will be reopened with extensive improvements and redecorating. For the fine baseball stadium Sunday afternoon games are scheduled. Midget auto racing will be staged weekly.

Tower of Jewels, a Denver landmark, has been reconditioned and repainted. Its 16,000 lights make it visible for miles. Work required a painting crew for 2½

months and 2,200 pounds of paint.

W. E. Robertson, again in charge of advertising and publicity, will manage El Patio Ballroom. Many employees are veterans. John Flohr, electrician, having had 20 years' service; William Bevington, head of painting crew, 25 years; C. W. King, Derby manager, 25 years. Tim Piatte begins his sixth year as head mechanic. General Manager Krasner, who has contracted for big fireworks for the annual Fourth of July celebration, anticipates the best season in Lakeside's history.

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Joe W. came from New Lexington, O., in 1899 and acquired title to the 100 acres. Under their direction and under management of Jacob F. Luft, the park developed into one of the largest in the country.

Haenlein's in Control

First ride was a Figure 8, a Merry-Go-Round coming later. Two boats were maintained on the river, a canoe club was formed and more than 100 boats were maintained for patrons. Band concerto were continued and the late George Chemello managed the theater a year under the Dusenbury regime, which lasted until 1917. In the summer theater erected in 1899 stock was played for years and then vaudeville. The Whirlwind, Shoot-the-Chutes and other rides and swimming pool were installed from 1900 to 1917, when Will D. Harris leased the spot from the Dusenburys. Later came a restaurant, dance pavilion and Japanese Gardens, introduced by the Dusenburys. In 1923 the property was taken over by a receiver, another group came into control and Leo and Elmer Haenlein purchased the fee and formed the Olentangy Amusement Co.

Name Bands Presented

The Haenleins interested many Columbus residents in the venture. The company still holds fee to the land but in 1929 an operating company was formed, Parkview Amusement Co. Max Stern, Columbus theater operator, leased the land from Olentangy Amusement Co. and subleased it to Parkview Amusement Co., which has operated the park the last 15 summers. Olentangy Amusement Co. has about \$400,000 in the land and physical properties. In recent years name bands have been presented almost every Sunday throughout summer.

Opening at Racine June 1

RACINE, Wis., April 9.—Louis Chvilek will open his 10-acre Hillside Park near here on June 1, spot including ball diamond, 500-seat grand stand, dance pavilion, picnic tables and benches, refreshment stands, play apparatus and rides.

Expect Good K. C. Season

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Fairyland Park will open early in May with Omer J. Kenyon as manager again. Victor and Mario Brancato, owners, said a name orchestra probably will be in the dance pavilion. Grounds are being shaped and concession owners are busy. The Brancatos believe the season will be good.

DETROIT—Walled Lake (Mich.) Park is scheduled for opening Easter Sunday under management of J. Eugene Pearce. Ballroom will be opened by Mrs. Louis Tollettene on April 22, two bands to supply music.

DETROIT—Jefferson Beach will open on April 17, featuring name bands and other high-class attractions, said Manager J. F. Gibson. Because of a construction program, opening last year was not until May 14. There are 26 riding devices, 43 concession stands, ballroom, beach, boats and surfboards, he said.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y.—Walter H. Brault, reappointed superintendent of Plattsburgh Bathing Beach for the 9th season, reported 1937 business more than 30 per cent ahead of that of the previous year. About \$20,000 is being spent on improvements. Battle of Plattsburgh will be reproduced in fireworks on July 4. Beach, on Lake Champlain, draws heavily from traffic on the highway from New York to Montreal.

SEATTLE—Crystal Pool was reopened under Guy Sherwood, manager, and Roy O'Neill, instructor. Many improvements have been made and Manager Sherwood looks for a record season. There are free classes for women weekly. Pool swim team coached by O'Neill has begun practice.

SLA SCORES ANOTHER HIT

Fifth Annual Spring Frolic Packs College Inn to Limit

J. C. McCaffery, Walter F. Driver, Sam J. Levy and George W. Johnson lauded for organization of the affair —talent galore—host of notables present

CHICAGO, April 9.—Chalk up another highly successful show to credit of Showmen's League of America! The league's fifth annual Spring Frolic, held Monday night in College Inn of Hotel Sherman, played to a turnaway and hundreds who were fortunate enough to obtain tickets were loud in their praise of affair. From start to finish it was a smooth-running, well-conducted show with a wealth of first-class talent. Performers from many of Chicago's better known night clubs willingly lent their co-operation, knowing that it was for a worthy cause. Had all talent available been used show would have run until daylight.

Credit for success of show goes to President J. C. McCaffery and perfect-functioning organization he developed. General Chairman Walter F. Driver, Entertainment Chairman Sam J. Levy and Tickets Chairman George W. Johnson bore brunt of work and did a marvelous job. They had hearty co-operation of scores of league members. On reception committee Jack Benjamin, chairman; Dr. Max Thorek, M. J. Doolan, A. L. Rossman, H. A. Lehrter, Louis Leonard and Lawrence O'Keefe were especially

active and huge crowd was handled perfectly. Fred Kressmann and his committee turned out an excellent program that yielded quite a bit of revenue. Many members of Ladies' Auxiliary assisted in good work by selling flowers. Evening started off with a delicious (See SLA SCORES on page 49)

Sparks Gets Fair Opening in Tenn.

PULASKI, Tenn., April 9.—After an unexpected trip from quarters, J. P. Sparks Shows, motorized, opened in Columbia, Tenn., Friday, March 25. In spite of inclement weather, attendance and business were fair, altho not up to expectations, yet satisfactory. New tops purchased from Millard H. Smith used here for first time on following shows: Zoma, Coquette Revue and Esquire. New shade, show-green, adds much to midway's neatness and beauty.

Management believes it established a record unique in show annals in that ride personnel remains same as last season with but one exception. Writer joined here as secretary.

Complete roster of show: Owner and manager, J. P. Sparks; secretary, James H. Timmons; general representative, George Gorman; Zoma, Jack Auburn; talker, Jack Hampton, tickets; Mrs. Jack Auburn, Coquette Revue, Fred Miller, talker; Evelyn Miller, Peggy Dickford and Ruby Howell, Esquire, Mike Murphy, talker; Willie Mae Spencer, Midget Village, Pedro Allen, talker; Major Fox and Princess Josephine, Athletic, Jack Dil-

(See SPARKS GETS on page 53)

Penny's Home Town Waives Licenses for His Shows

HIGH POINT, N. C., April 9.—Penny Amusement Co. truck and baggage car carnival, opened a 10-day engagement here March 20 to a good crowd. This being R. D. Penny's home town, city council voted to waive all licenses and instructed city employees to co-operate to utmost.

Boster at opening: Staff—R. D. Penny, owner; Herb Tisdale, manager; Mrs. Reba Graham, secretary and treasurer; Decon Sechrist, superintendent of rides. Ride line-up: Bud People, Loop-o-Plane; Cockey Boggs, foreman, and assisted by Red Hayes; Mrs. Decon Sechrist, tickets. (See PENNY'S HOME on page 53)

Ward Shows Have Two Good Weeks in Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE, La., April 9.—With practically all new canvas and show fronts, John R. Ward Shows opened here Monday, March 14, and have had two weeks of ideal weather and very good business. Show closed on the North Boulevard lot and moved to the Highland road lot for one week.

To Robert Conrad and M. Todd is due credit for the active combination of colors and the modernistic show fronts with new lighting effects. Conrad is (See WARD SHOWS on page 53)



C. F. ZEIGER, president Pacific Coast Showmen's Association and owner-manager of shows bearing his name.

Gay Time Had by PCSA Bunch At S. B. National Orange Show

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Pacific Coast Showmen's Association members were at Lincoln City Park on Valley boulevard at 10 a.m. There the parade, headed by guests of National Orange Show and Ross R. Davis' big organ, Thomas J. Coville N. Crafts of Crafts Shows, at Hughes' sound truck and Oklahoma Jack San Bernardino March 22. Caravan met (See GAY TIME HAD on page 49)



SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP WEST BROS. SHOWS TO OPEN SEASON. Above picture shows a portion of hundreds of school children of Morley and Cape Girardeau and Scott County, Missouri, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laughlin, owners of shows, at their annual "Our Home Town" school party at Cape Girardeau Friday, April 1. The Laughlins furnished show trucks to bring children to and from Morley and treated them to free rides on all devices, pop corn, cotton candy, hamburgers and red soda pop. They had the time of their young lives. Entire midday was turned over to them for afternoon. Photo furnished by Bruce Burham, of shows, was taken by Luders Studio, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Ballyhoo Bros.' Circulating Expo. A Century of Profit Show

By STARR DEBELLE

Round House, Ga.
Week ended April 2, 1938.

Dear Red Onion:

Entire population of this town is made up of ex-railroad car knackers. City is laid out in a circle, with tracks criss-crossing every street and paved with clinkers taken from locomotive fireboxes. To make natives feel at home each business house and residence was built in a round shape, same as an engine roundhouse. Even garages and outhouses were built round with

turtables within. Hand cars carry passengers thru streets in place of street cars, taxies and busses.

Agent Lem Tricklow, while running around in circles looking for a town, located this spot and soon became a man around town. After buying a round of drinks at Round Dollar Bar for committee of roundhouse rounders he soon rounded them up and had them sign on dotted circle, which represented a facsimile seal and made agreement (See BALLYHOO on page 53)

Parade of Shows Bow in Houston

New organization directed by A. A. Lane — police compliment on clean concessions

HOUSTON, Tex., April 9.—Parade of Shows, new from front to back, got going here Saturday, March 26, with a brilliant midway filled with a happy throng of outdoor show fans who came early and stayed late. Spending was satisfactory according to show's owner, A. A. Lane. This spending, Lane informed The Billboard correspondent, continued all week and that he is highly appreciative of the welcome into family of outdoor amusement caterers.

Staff: A. A. Lane, owner-manager; R. W. Stevens, general agent; Harry Reynolds, superintendent; Helen Hays, secretary; Earl Couch, electrician; Allen Whitten, assistant; J. Jorgenson, master mechanic; Bill Moore, artist; Mercedes (See PARADE OF SHOWS on page 49)

Hodge Shows Open At Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 9.—Al G. Hodge Shows arrived here Wednesday, March 20, for its opening, auspices Grotto Patrol spring celebration at Stadium April 2. This is first show to play within city limits for a number of years, except at Vigo County Fair. Show came from quarters at Crown Point, Ind., in 72 trucks and trailers. Bob Hallock, general agent; T. G. McDaniels, business manager; Al Rogers, special agent; Chas. Schweitzer, press agent, and M. Lehr, secretary-treasurer of show met caravan 12 miles out of city and formed an escort headed by Grotto Patrol and state police on motorcycles thru main part of city to show grounds. Friday night Grotto Patrol entertained Tucker, manager, and all big folk of show with a real dutch lunch at its club house on north 6th street. Dr. Robert A. Dempsey, chairman, acting as toastmaster. (See HODGE SHOWS on page 53)

Sam Lawrence Has Good Opening in Ga.

CLEVELAND, Tenn., April 9.—Sam Lawrence Shows opened season in Waycross, Ga., Saturday, March 26, to slightly over 3,000 paid admissions. The line-up of attractions present a very attractive scene.

In speaking to a reporter for The Billboard Lawrence said: "Work in quarters has not been in vain. It can be seen that we have all green canvas on shows, rides and concessions, and that all equipment is spick and span. The newspapers have been very liberal with us in news matter, and many expressions of approval have come from the public. Our slogan is 'Attractions of merit.'"

U. S. Gains Six Citizens As 'Royal Midgets'

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 9.—"Royal Russian" Midgets arrived here April 2 to start their second season as midway feature on Johnny J. Jones Exposition. The Midgets, no longer Russian, were perhaps proudest little people under sun Wednesday afternoon, March 29, when having satisfactorily answered naturalization examiner's questions, they took oath of allegiance in U. S. District Court at Montgomery, Ala., that made them citizens of United States.

Even prouder than midgets, if such a thing were possible, was normal-sized Joseph Peter Teacher. Until completion of proceedings "Joseph Peter Korobkin," the man who had labored diligently for years to teach them to speak and understand English language. In becoming a citizen of the United States himself, Korobkin had requested court's permission (See U. S. GAINS on page 49)

Raftery's Dream Of Show Is True

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Opens Premier Shows in home town and is greeted by local notables

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 9.—The dream of a lifetime came true here Monday night when Jimmy Raftery opened his own Premier Shows within three blocks of place where he was born 46 years ago. A host of boyhood friends, old schoolmates and associates of adult years came to showgrounds at 17th and Castle streets, in heart of "Dry Pond," and paid tribute to a boy they had seen grow up. Scores of them, visiting office wagon where Raftery and his staff held open house throughout evening, recalled that "Jimmy" had always said he would some day build and own his own show, which is transported on baggage cars and trucks.

Heading distinguished Wilmingtonians, all of whom call Jimmy Raftery "friend," were Mayor Tom Cooper, Prosecuting Attorney John J. Berney, LeGrand Smith, editor-in-chief, *Wilmington Star-News*. First ticket sold at front gate was to LaMarr Shields, who insisted on that honor because 22 years ago he taught in high school with Jimmy Raftery as one of his star pupils. William H. Exell, one time a prominent general agent and now a Wilmington peace officer, was among early arrivals. Not one request was made throughout evening for a pass. It was strictly an Annie Oakleyless opening. Telegrams were received from notables in outdoor show world, officials in other cities and personal friends throughout country. Happiest two persons in North Carolina were Jimmy and Carrie Raftery. Much of credit for opening is due Mrs. Raftery who has worked by Jimmy's side for years to bring to a realization his dream. Almost as happy were Tommy Carson, business manager, and writer, both of whom shared in Jimmy's joy at getting "opera" underway.

Pre-opening festivities were marked by a dinner at Wilmington Lodge of Elks Saturday night when Raftery and his staff in city were guests of honor. Shad Works served as toastmaster and short talks were made by Prosecuting Attorney Berney, Exalted Ruler Ray Pollock, Rev. Hallock. Responses were made by Raftery, Carson and writer.

Auspices Gives Support

Opening was under direction of American Legion and members worked unceasingly to make it a success. Raftery publicly thanked post and its officials for courtesies extended him during building months. They threw open fairgrounds for his quarters and laughed at idea of charging rental.

Staff: James M. Raftery, owner and general manager; Joe M. Sheehan, general agent; Tommy Carson, business manager; Carleton Collins, press agent; Karl Needelman, contracting agent; Charles Pinkle, billposter; Oscar Nelms, lot superintendent; George Bennett, electrician; Carl Freeman, superintendent of rides; Major Garfield, in charge of fire-works; T. A. Schultz, The Billboard and mail agent; Bill Counselman, trainmaster; Billy Raftery, master of motor transportation; Henry Sweet, band leader; with Henry Biggs, cornet; Virgil Ferguson, drums; Elisha Chisholm, tuba; Tom Locke, trombone; Noah Coombs, alto; Jimmy Bigford, charge of sound truck and public-address system.

Cookhouse and Concessions

Cookhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hildebrand, owners and managers; Mrs. Pauline Prantz, cashier; Harold Prantz, head waiter; Jerry Veriville, griddle; James Lewis, chef; Harold Bougard, waiter; Roy Kage, waiter; Henry Durdin and Walter Brown, kitchen help; Frank Snyder, manager refreshment stand, with Conley Doyle, assistant; T. G. Lewis, photos; Ethel Guy and Jack Borneway, assistants; Robert and Mrs. Jackie, mentalist; Roy B. Loller, corn game, cigarette wheel, penny pitch, with Mrs. Loller as manager; Orlen Oakleaf, manager; Weldon Britt and Gilbert Southern, assistants, corn game. Cigarette Wheel, Charles Witch, Lucille Rudd, penny pitch, with Dorothy Diamond, assistant; George Hartley, ham and bacon wheel; Gilbert Williamson, assistant; Bill Sweeney, ham and bacon and Charley McCarthy dolls, with Brown Ray, Z. W.

Wilson and Monty Rose, assistants. Herman Weiner, radio and chromium, with Tommy Wilson and L. G. Hulsey, assistants; Pete Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, mentalist; Jessie Childers, ball game, lead gallery and penny pitch, with Mrs. Irene Burton and Mrs. Childers, assistants; Pete Media, pop corn.

Rides, Free Acts, Fireworks

Rides: Big Eli Wheel, J. Lucy Smith, operator; Mrs. Smith, tickets; Frank Kennedy, foreman; Cy Blackwell, second man; Chatroplane, J. Lucy Smith, operator; Phil Jones, foreman; Jimmy Brown, assistant; Anna Belle Jones, tickets; Merry-Go-Round, George Freeman, foreman; Ernest Davis, second man; Mrs. Ethel Tompkins, tickets; Kiddie Chair-plane, Roy Carter, foreman; Mrs. Carter, tickets; Kiddie Auto Ride, Winn Davis, owner; Kate Hughes, tickets; Loop-O-Piano, J. H. Burton, operator and foreman.

Pearle and Griffin present free act. An up-high aerial will be added as soon as Jammie Graves completes her rigging. A program of fireworks from United Fireworks Display Co. augments free-act program. Showmen here for opening and to get ready for Fayetteville engagement are Jack Roof, Possum Bill Callis, Sex; M. Mitchell, Athletic; Lee Buck Smiles, Minstrel; Harry Davenport, Snake; T. A. Schultz, Illusion. Reported by Carleton Collins.

Gold Medal Gets Bad Weather

Season opening at Nashville near bloomer—some business for three days

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 9.—Oscar Bloom's Gold Medal Shows opened season here Friday, April 1, located in Centennial Park under auspices of American Legion. Weather was cold and rainy and in consequence business was bad. The city had been heavily billed for opening as of March 31, but due to elements had to be postponed. Posters to number 3,500 sheets were used as were 75 street banners, newspaper advertising and sound truck on streets daily. Seven hundred and thirty-two Tennessee and banner carriers were guests of Manager Bloom Monday night. Weather conditions ruined first week of season.

American Legion and Commander Will T. Cheek and Vice-Commander Steegel selected as fine a crew of legionnaires as their assistants as any show could ever wish to be associated with. Tuesday afternoon a whirlwind twister seemingly out of nowhere almost completely demolished Rumba show doing a damage of about \$700.

Notables Are Visitors

Visitors noticed on grounds opening night were Phil C. Travis and family, of Tennessee State Fair; Will T. Hatch and Mai Cook, of Hatch Show Print; Ned Torti, of Wisconsin De Luxe Corporation; Cecil C. Rice, Billy Pitzer, Billy Crowson, Blackie Ogilvie, F. H. Bee Jr., Jessie and Dorothy Sparks. Joe Sparks and wife were also visitors, as was Charles Lentz, showman's insurance man. All concessions, except three, which are operated by Charles Miller and wife, Louise, for writer and Pat Ford, are owned by Bucky Allen and Morris Hellman. Mrs. Clarence Clayton, from Van Buren, Ark., joined her husband Tuesday and will remain on show. Clarence has Snake and Monkey shows. Dottie Moss got top money on her new drome three nights show was open. Rumba show ran second and Hay Daley's Cavalcade of Wonder third. Twin Eli Wheels topped rides, with Tilt-A-Whirl and Octopus getting second and third money. Reported by H. B. Shive.

Parent-Teachers To Hold Their Carnival in K. C.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., April 9.—Plans are going ahead for Parent-Teacher carnival, to be held here in May, despite a recent fight between organization and local film house managers.

J. L. Landes Shows will be featured and proceeds will go to Parent-Teacher treasury. The event will mark first time a carnival has been sponsored by an organization of this kind here. Parent-Teachers in former years having had an

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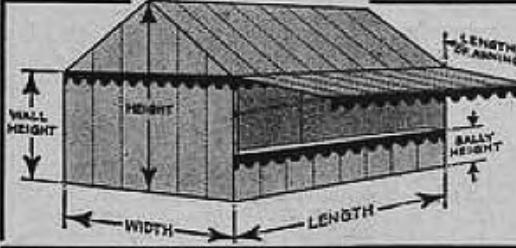
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all-day picnic at Fairland Park on Missouri side of the Kaw River, which separates the two Kansas cities.

Harry Duncan, former Fairland manager and prominent member of the Heart of America Showmen's Club, arranged carnival and handled all bookings. But when motion pic men here petitioned board of city commissioners to levy a daily \$50 fee on visiting carnivals Duncan had a fight on his hands.

Following the Landes appearance here, all carnivals will be asked to pay fee. In addition, they will be denied use of city property.

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and ready to be assembled and decorated by show's craftsmen on their arrival in the capital city.

Phillips will also order building of special escalators to be used on Brandon's Motordrome. This will do away with old-time stairways, making drome more inviting to patrons by killing dread of climbing a long flight of steps. Reported by Starr DeBele.

Reynolds & Wells Open Season Under Police

TEXARKANA, Ark., April 9.—The Reynolds & Wells United Shows opened season here Saturday, April 2, under auspices of police department. The weather was very cold, but some business was done, much to satisfaction of management and personnel of shows.

Many city and county officials attended "grand launching" of season and were very liberal in praise of general appearance of organization.

The show equipment is practically all new from front to back and all came out of quarters in new coats of paint. Reported by W. J. Lindsay, show's secretary.

Phillips Takes a Hand In Jones' Construction

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 9.—E. Lawrence Phillips, president of New Johnny, J. Jones Exposition, Inc., arrived here last week from his Florida estate. He stayed in quarters of show long enough to pick up blue prints and models for new modernistic fronts and then entrained for Washington, D. C., to have them milled

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15 Years Ago

(From The Billboard Dated April 14, 1923)

Rubin & Cherry Shows, resplendent in color and newly equipped, ushered in season at Savannah, Ga., to heavy attendance. . . . Bert B. Perkins, well known to many outdoor and indoor showmen, was made chief of Metro Film's exploitation department, with offices in New York, following a successful work in company's Chicago territory. . . . Ablaze with light and artistry, Con T. Kennedy Shows auspiciously opened season in Austin, Tex., to good weather and huge attendance. . . . Despite two days of cold, rainy weather, DeKreko Bros. Shows played to satisfactory business in New Orleans. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marsh joined Francis Marion Shows in Butler, Ga. . . . Everett John, featured in 1922 with Sam Spencer Show, again signed with that organization.

R. T. Irene signed as talker on Hawaiian Show with Boyd & Linderman Shows. . . . Chief Montour, athletic showman, formerly with Tom W. Allen, Eddie & Dorman, Morris & Carlisle, and in 1922 with Snapp Bros., decided to take a few years' rest from road and settled

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Line o' Two of News

SARGENT, Neb., April 9.—Community Fair secretary announced here last week that he booked Curti Amusement Co. to furnish midway for event to be held in September.

LANCASTER, S. C., April 9.—C. J. Franco, general manager De Luxe Shows of America, stated Monday that Hyman Jacobson, of Philadelphia, has been contracted as secretary of shows for this season. He is rated as a certified public accountant and began his engagement April 4 at above's home office, Newark, N. Y. Franco further announced.

CORRY, Pa., April 9.—City council here is considering abandonment of former practice of permitting carnivals to exhibit in city park. The reason for

this is fact that park has been re-secured this spring and an effort will probably be made to keep all forms of amusement off grass. However, this by no means indicates that carnivals will not be allowed to exhibit in this city, it is stated.

WOOSTER, O., April 9.—Phil Phillips, assistant manager J. R. Edwards Attractions, is back in quarters of shows and has taken up his duties as supervisor of all building activities. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have been playing night clubs in Middle West since close of last season.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., April 9.—The official season's opening stand for L. J. Heth Shows out of Alabama, show's home State, was inaugurated here this week, making first show in for this year. All warehouses are open and spending of show patrons is liberal, as there is plenty of money in circulation in this section.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 9.—Louis Bright, of Texas Longhorn Shows, arrived here from his home in North Carolina recently for a course of baths. He will leave for Texas soon to join his show, of which he is manager.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Doe) Wilson, of Minneapolis, and Sol's Liberty Shows, accompanied by son, Raymond Wilson, and Bonnie La Rue, registered at Majestic Hotel here last week. Party will leave for Caruthersville, Mo., soon for opening of season.

STUART, Ia., April 9.—Clyde Reighard signed to be with Crouch & Bryan Shows for season. He will have charge of new ride called Auto Galloper, he announced this week.

NORTH BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 9.—J. J. Fontana, general agent L. J. Heth Shows, announced here that Tom Parker joined shows as press agent and had started work in this capacity.

VALDOSTA, Ga., April 9.—Brown Novelty Shows opened the season here Saturday, March 26, for a week's engagement under the American Legion. Attendance and business were satisfactory to Manager Fred Z. Vasche. He has one of the neatest and cleanest carnivals on tour and the sponsors stamped it as such.

LANCASTER, O., April 9.—F. E. Goodfair has announced that he booked the fair here and at Van Wert, Owensville, Sidney and Athens in addition to his already long list of Ohio events previously announced.

PARIS, March 24.—Famous group depicting Paris underworld life that has occupied "Moulin Rouge" museum since 1926 is to be shown in England before being taken to America for New York World's Fair in 1939. The 90 figures are being carefully crated for first lap of a tour that will take them around the world. Group will be shown in London.

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NSPA Plans To Join Labor Organization

MIDLAND, Tex., April 9.—The National Showmen's Press Association drive for membership is under way. Secretary Roy E. Stein announced here. Country has been divided into four sections and following appointments have been made on membership committee: West Coast, Nathan Fisher Cohn, San Francisco; South, Don Brashears, of Silver State Shows; North, Bill Antes, of Antes Press, Evansville, Wis.; East, M. Michaelson, of Pittsburgh.

No membership fee is being charged until August, Stein said. Idea is to place membership cards in hands of as many publicity men as possible with view toward creating strong group before definite plans are set. Dues will be \$1 a year starting in August.

Publicity men desiring to contact the organization can do so by writing Stein in care of *The Billboard*, he said.

"Our association was the first of its kind in the field and hoped eventually to become affiliated with a national labor organization for the purpose of bettering wages and working conditions for show press agents," said Stein.

Morale around quarters this spring is running higher than this writer has seen it in the four years he has been publicizing the World of Mirth organization. Probably much of this esprit de corps may be traced to the bountiful repasts dished out, strawberry shortcake Wednesday, by Tommy Riggins, who is beginning his first full season with the show this year. Not just a flash in the pan, his menus have consistently set new high standards in quarters cookhouse cookery.

To detail all activities in this one letter is impossible; they are too numerous. However, some attention should be given to the Big Apple Funhouse which Charlie Holliday, able son of an able father, is building. A gigantic structure, with a front stretching 72 feet, the funhouse will introduce several novel and sparkling innovations in this age-old type of device. Another idea now approaching reality is the Honky-Tonk attraction under construction by Gilman Brown, the son of Mabelle Kidder.

In quarters now are the following show and ride owners or managers: Russell Judy, minestrines; Mabelle Kidder, Earl Purdie, Carl A. Turnquist, Penny Arcade; Jack Gilbert, concessions; Hans Mertens, Octopus, and many more due soon. Figures of Ralph W. Smith, treasurer, showed that 116 men were at work on April 6. Reported by Gaylord White.

SWEETWATER, Tex., April 9.—T. J. Tidwell Shows opened here March 23 with shows, rides and concessions and featuring Capt. Leo (Suicide) Simon as free attraction.

Every show on midway is new and all rides freshly painted and decorated. New 12-car Scooter, operated here for first time, made top gross during a week of excellent business.

A spring style show sponsored by Sweetwater Reporter which featured Tidwell Band and parade ponies in a parade did much to bolster attendance on opening night.

The show has wintered in this city for 13 years. Staff: T. J. Tidwell, owner-manager; Harry Craig, lot superintendent; Roy Edsell, secretary; Roy E. Stein, publicity; Jimmie Lukens, electrician and transportation; Joe Grask, commissary, and C. Elington, tickets. General agent has not been announced. Position was left vacant by recent death of H. G. Buchanan, who held the post for 15 years.

Show moves on its own fleet of sunburst colored trucks and trailers. Reported by Roy E. Stein.

Tidwell Shows Open; Have Good Business

Showmen's League of America



165 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, April 9.—President J. C. McCaffery presided at Thursday's well-attended and interesting meeting. Seated with him were Treasurer A. L. Rossman, Secretary J. L. Streibich and Past Presidents Sam J. Levy and C. R. Fisher.

Brother Walter P. Driver advised that while the annual Spring Festival was a success, it was impossible to give a full report at this time. Same will be ready for next meeting. Brother Bob Lohmar was in town for the day and attended the meeting. Brother A. J. Humke, up from Tim McCoy's quarters, also arrived in time for the meeting.

Brother A. R. Cohn left for Canada and Lou Leonard went to St. Louis. Brothers Dave Tennyson and John Lorman are getting ready for their opening spot.

Tickets for the combined Showmen's Home, Cemetery and Hospital Fund benefit to be staged in St. Louis are out. Event will be handled jointly by the Showmen's League and the International Showmen's Association. Tom W. Allen is chairman, and affair will be held May 6 at the Beckmann & Gentry lot, Grand and Leckie avenues, St. Louis. Many Chicago boys are planning to attend.

Sidney E. Vaillancourt was elected to membership. Brother Tom Rankine is still in the hospital and showing improvement. Brothers Colonel Owens and Bob Miller are still confined in their homes. Reports concerning the condition of Al Wagner, Harry Mazer and Dave Mulvie were not forthcoming.

Jack Winters lettered that we should be on the lookout for his application.

Brother Courtemanche brings in a nice floral piece for the rooms almost nightly. More and more of the brothers have been sending in their dues. This is indeed gratifying and a fine example for others who have neglected this important duty. Morris Hanauer was Brother M. J. Doolan's guest at the rooms. He will be with Doolan's ride this summer. Vice-President Frank R. Conklin attended the spring show and hobnobbed with the boys at the rooms during the day. He looks fine and says he's ready for a hard season's work. Pete River plans to become associated with Chickie Allen for the summer.

Chairman Carl J. Sedlmayr is well pleased with the benefit planned for St. Louis and advises that he will try to attend. Brothers Theo Dukoff and Maurice Ohren will be new entries in the Canadian carnival field this summer. Larry O'Keefe still hitting along with pop corn at the bowling tournament. Almost all of others gave it up as a bad job.

Brothers John O'Shea and Ben Rozenzweig are well pleased with business at their new stand.

Beverly White left to join the Goodman Wonder Show.

Brother P. K. Hunt, of Toronto, was among those who made the trip in for the big show. Each year finds more brothers in for the affair and it looks as though we will have to find a larger room to handle the crowd in the future.

Sam Gluskin, in town for a few days, was also among the revelers.

Well, it's the same old song. Have you

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Ladies' Auxiliary

Thursday's meeting was well conducted and attendance was unusual in view of the severe blizzard here. President Leah M. Brumley presided, and seated with her were First Vice-President Mrs. Ida Chase, Second Vice-President Elizabeth Ernst, Third Vice-President Edith Streibich, Secretary Frances Keller and Treasurer Phoebe Crosby. Invocation by Chaplain Mattie Crosby.

Refreshments were served after adjournment. Pearl McGlynn donated appetizing sandwiches, and Mrs. Fannie Plaistir presented a delicious cake and cookies which she baked.

Sister Cleora Helmer is confined in her home with a severe cold.

Rummage sale to be held May 6 and 7, with Sister Core Yelham officiating, is well under way and all members have pledged co-operation. Please send all articles for the sale to Arcade Electric Co., 1759 West Ogden avenue, Chicago.

Clara Hollie Harker was unable to attend the meeting, as she is away on a pleasure trip to Indianapolis.

Hostess for the April 14 social will be Mattie Crosby. ELSIE MILLER

SLA SCORES

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dinner served while Al Trace and his swing orchestra dispensed excellent music. Following dinner Joe Wallace took charge as emcee and in a side-show setting made an opening from a ticket box. Introducing a series of "freaks" and other attractions, throughout evening Wallace and Jack Kline alternated as emcees, both doing a fine job. Karl Marx, omnipresent luminous-nosed clown, was in and out of proceedings all evening with his foolery.

Acts Galore

Space will not permit a description of many acts on bill, but among those that contributed to evening's entertainment were Sally Lou and her canine pal; Kay La Salle, tapster; Gould Sisters, musical comedy dancers; Novelli Brothers, comedy acrobatics; Raphael Sisters, dancers; Edna Alee and troupe of expert pistol shots; Helen Dell, vocalist; Novelli Brothers, bird act; Maty Marloie, character sketches and songs; Valentine Vox and Emily Wallers, ventriloquists; Dr. Arthur Marcus, card trickster; Boots McKenna Girls in colorful routines; Doris Dean and Katie Kolett, dancers; Ryder Sisters, dancers; Freble and Bramson, vocalists; Willie Shore, comedian; Tom and Verne Cowan, comedy adagio; Bob Bromley, extremely clever marionettes; Ollie with his yo-yo tops; The Romeros, whip crackers, and Joe Wallace as Joe Prisco.

Well-Knowns Introduced

In mid-evening Sam J. Levy briefly took charge of proceedings to introduce several well-knowns. First was Frank Bering, manager of Sherman, to whom League presented a group photo. In which appears Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), first president of league. J. G. McCaffery, president of league, next was called to the mike and after a brief talk introduced Frank R. Conklin, whom he thanked for the splendid work he did during last season in obtaining new members for league. He then called upon Dr. Max Thorek, guest of honor, who made a brief talk and introduced Judge Sabath, one of founders of the American Hospital; Mrs. John B. McCarty, wife of Judge McCarty; Mrs. Thorek, and Dr. Solomon Greenberg, of American Hospital staff. Sam J. Levy then introduced William Hale Thompson, former mayor of Chicago, who in a brief talk lauded Showmen's League and its work.

After entertainment program was completed guests danced until 3 a.m.

GAY TIME HAD

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Shell with Crafts' air calliope, began the trek to showgrounds. At Colton it was met by a detail of State highway patrol and members of San Bernardino motorcycle squad. Arriving it was met by Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Crafts, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Ludington and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanscom. A buffet luncheon awaited the arrival. For this the Karl Miller girl revue top was used. Tables were set with a most delectable lunch, and refreshments of any desired variety to be had following the luncheon. Karl Miller presented Avon Gayle's entire girl revue, a most enjoyable show. Then all went to front of monkey circus and posed for picture. Shows and all rides were avail-

able for members and families and other invited guests. In Orange Show building showfolk were entertained by Kenny Baker, guest star; Jimmie Griles' Orchestra; Larry Collins, Esther Campbell, Gaces Troupe and Julie Gibson. Harry Seber was chairman and J. Eddie Brown and Pat Shanley guides and entertainers.

Guests Who Registered

Those who registered: Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Downe and daughter, Physique; Mr. and Mrs. Ross R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Henry, Mrs. Olive Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ted LeFors, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Conklin, Harry and Grace DeGarro, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Manly, Mr. and Mrs. Nardon, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Posey, Ruby and Stella Kirkendall, Doc Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Lipes, Dan Stover, Joe Glacy, Clyde and Topsy Gooding, W. S. Parker, Mrs. J. Burke, Robert L. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Haggerty, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Shafer, Harry Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hargraves; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tait, Manila, P. I.; Joe DeMouchelle, George French, Louis Eyerly, Abner K. Kline, Lew Keller, George Simmonds, Moe Levine, Hugh Weir, Lucille King, Laurence Valli, Arthur Valli, Jack Wilson, Meyer Schloen, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Weber, Major Harry Le Mack, Nick Wagner, Ben and Millie Dobbert, Norman Peel, Mrs. Peggy Postall, Eva Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Ludington, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Moyer, Fritz Kocardo, Charles Haley, George Gilligan, Mrs. Etta Haden, Esther Carley, Blooms Robinson, U. S. Doe Harris, Minnie Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Ross Ogilvie, Louis Bagalupi, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seber, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bagby, E. Tuttinjian, Mr. and Mrs. Ed DeMirjan, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Leven, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steinberg, Joseph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Usher, George O. Rose, John F. Rab, George and Rosana Carter, George Rehn, Thomas Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O'Connor, Francis O'Connor and mother, Anna Vacaro, Josephine Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gowre, Red Griffith, M. G. Comesux, Mr. and Mrs. William Steinhardt, Harry Lewis, W. H. Westlake, Earl and Lou King, V. Overstreet, Ed DeGarro, Ruth Latimore, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Laramore, George Pierce, Laura Roban, L. R. Carlson, Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mrs. Ada Teeple, Dorothy Walker, Mel H. Smith, Doc Colton, F. J. Wright, Bettie Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Roseco, Val Vino, W. D. Ament, Bud White, Joe Walters, H. P. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ward, Doc Hall, Arthur Melson, Gordon McCroskey, Harry Phillips, Nina Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Walsh, H. G. Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sherman, Bob Sherman, Candy Moore, Joe Eyerly, Max Harry Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cartwright, Jack Bigelow, Frank Murphy, Jack Lautsweiler, Mina and Adelaide Colquitt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Althaus, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Schuster, Barney Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurley.

PARADE OF SHOWS

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Hamilton, cashier front gate; Allen Murray, superintendent front gate; Frank Sequin, assistant.

All New Canvas

Canvas is new throughout, as well as banners.

Shows: Rainbow Revue, George Brock, manager; Monte Stuckey, Grace Evans, Kae Atchley, Pae Smith, Jo-Ann Kong, Harriett Harris, Vera Wallace and Lacey Evans. Has calliope on front and orchestra inside. Brown-Skin Vanities, Wm. Burns, manager; Jimmy Sawyer, talker. Hawaiian Village, George Brock, manager; Helen Brock, manager; Jimmie Kerr, Pat Landry, Johnnie Tucker, Clara Foster, Clara Pest, Ada Donell, Alice Power, Crime, Mrs. C. Hildredth, manager: J. Hildredth, J. Kilgore.

Rides

Rides: Big Ed Wheel, Charley Cudney, Bill Calloway, Mix-Up, Fred Joplin, Murray Andrews, Roy Harper, Swing, K. Y. Sitton, Ed Johnson, Ed Murray, Lindy Loop, Jack Meggs, Otto Jensen, Ed Riley, Caterpillar, Jessie Doneil, Kiddie Autos, Marvin Gip, Speed Bike, K. A. Johnson.

Side: Jack Hamilton, manager and emcee; Jack Cramer, Impalement; Chief White Feather, Lightning cartoonist; Earl

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Val-Dahl, half and half; Etta Mae, illus-
trations; Great Lester, anatomical surprises;
Captain Diabolo, fir-pens-toiture; Joe
do-doo, pygmy; Chas. Farnell, front, with
Ter Coder, Jimmy Long, John Ellis
Show has 135-foot banner line with 15
banners.

Concessions

D. Pritz, cookhouse, assisted by Blackie
Lawrence, Nick Persutti, Sam Stone,
Jimmie and Jean Jorgenson, Florence
Brown, Archie Hensley, Alex Downing,
Leo Allen, Rodney Paterson, L. E. Latham,
Juanita Allen, Leo Allen, June Allen, M.
Ethels, Burt Bow, H. A. Preston, How-
ard Brick, Dan Robinson, Helyn Brick,
Lewis Kaplan, Joe O'Shaughnessy,
Helen Brewer, Lillian Cudney, Rose E.
Moore, Curtis Dunham, C. O. Frazer,
Mrs. Frazer, Sam Cooper, Mrs. C. Hild-
redth and F. Hildredth.

Show transported by rail; has sound
truck used in advance.

Visitors: J. C. and Mabel Arnold and
family; Bill Barnes, Wanda Lamar, Iris
Burdick and wife, Eaton Sisters, J. O.
Osterman, Chas. Lillianthai, Whitey
Rhodenberg, Jess and Nora Sheet, C. J.
Swanson, Hank Wagner, Harry and Kittle
Fool, Ned Jacobs, B. Cooper McDonald
and wife and A. W. Kennard, representing
the Billboard.

Show, altho opening on small lot, presents
an attractive appearance. Police
officials stated that management is to
be congratulated on fact that there are
no games of an objectionable nature on
the shows.

Free Acts: Great Knoll, aerialist, and
Dare-Devil Prazier, high pedestal and
balancing.

U. S. GAINS

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sion to change his name to Teacher.
Court granted request.

Midgets have been on American soil since 1932 and retain their former names, Anastasia Andreewna Parfenova, 39; Pelages Damilova Velikanova, 30; Mary Demidovich Filin, 41; Basil Demidovich Filin, 45; John Danilovich Velikanoff, 45, and Michael Antonovich Solosky, 53.

With ceremony over Judge Charles B. Kennerman asked District Attorney T. D. Sanford to welcome new citizens in behalf of government. District Attorney declared experience most unique in his long service with court.

On midgets arrival in Augusta they were met by show's staff members and personnel and congratulations rang out from all sides. Anastasia Parfenova, troupe's manageress, announced that they had recently purchased a home in Miami, Fla. Reported by Starr DeBell.

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What became of all the revolving stages
that carnival shows were going to have?
Soapy Glue.

GLEN IRETON is with Eddy Bros.
Shows and is now in Goldsboro, N. C.
where the shows open.

ARCHIE CLARK, now in California,
has a big flashy carnival and it is plenty
large, too.

JOE SANDELLIN succeeded J. A. Pearl
as The Billboard sales agent on the
Johnny J. Jones Exposition. He reports
for duty on the show in Greenville, S. C.

FELIX BLEY AND JAMES P. MURPHY,
of the Gooding Amusement Co., were
visitors in Cincinnati last week from Co-
lumbus, O. They called at The Billboard
offices for a chat with the staff.

SAM SOLOMON is one of the pioneers
in motorized carnival field. He had a
motorized show long before many that
are now in business.

B. W. RICHARDS, press agent back
with Goodman Wonder Show, letters his

HENRY (DAKOTA HANK) PHILLIPS
cards from Oswego, N. Y., that he booked
his kiddie ride and concessions with the
Empire Amusement Co., which is sched-
uled to open in May in Syracuse, N. Y.

JESSE F. SPARKS, owner and manager
of J. F. Sparks Shows, letters from
Columbia, Tenn., that he has appointed
James H. Timmons as secretary of the
shows and that he will also handle the
publicity.

IT ALSO showed in Cincinnati April 9.
This makes us think that some of the
carnivals are coming out of their
post office box spring quarters a bit too
soon.—Soapy Glue.

WALTER LANKFORD cards from Au-
gusta, Ga.: "Wayne Chapman, trom-
bonist, of Sullivan, Ind., rejoined Lank-
ford's Band, now with J. J. Page Shows.
This makes Wayne's second season with
the band."

FRANK WEST is itching to get his
season open so he can show his "Home-
town folk" in Norfolk, Va., his 1938
edition of West's World's Wonder Shows.

CHARLES BOUNDING JOHNSON cards
from South Pittsburg, Tenn.: "Left Blue
Ridge Shows in Tracy City April 2. Came
here and now camping with Ellis Winton
at his quarters and will wait until some-
thing turns up. Winton has some men
at work and will be ready when time
comes to open."

GEORGE W. LANNING, manager Sen-
tational Royals, letters from San Fran-



MRS. HARRY WHITFIELD likes horses. While en route from New Orleans
to quarters of Liberty National Show at Fredericksburg, Ky., this photo was snapped
at Cartersville, Tenn., March 7 while she was visiting her husband's parents. At
that time this fire-gated equine was owned by Harry Whitfield's father and
was later sold for \$2,500. Harry Whitfield is owner and manager of shows
and Mrs. Whitfield is secretary.

thanks to The Billboard for news matter Many reports have it that it is his best
effort in construction and organization.

IKE W. CHAPMAN cards from Boynton,
Fla.: "Open with W. S. Curr's Show
in Ohio in May, making sixth season
with Curt. Been a corn game operator
for 16 consecutive years."

BURT V. BARNES, trap drummer and
tympanist, letters from New York:
"Signed with Frank Meeker for his all-
American band, which will be with
Strates Shows this season."

W. E. (HILLIE) BOWEN, general agent
Hughey Bros. Shows, is a very busy man
out in Lilliburn, Mo., at present. Robert
Hughey is manager and substitutes his or-
ganization "A Model Carnival."

Seems like many people are born to write,
but were not born to think about what they
write.—Wadley TH.

BILL RICE wrote A. C. Hartmann from
Savannah, Ga.: "Mighty Shoeshoe Midway
looks swell. Opened March 31 with
showers and then heavy rain." It was
still at it when this was written April 2.

IN CASE ANYONE IS INTERESTED:
Proven angels' team (snow) fell in Cin-
cinnati Saturday, April 2. J. P. Dehner,
agent of Broadway Shows of America, has
been operating a ride unit on Cin-
cinnati lots for several weeks.

TONY CIRESI wired from Greenville,
S. C.: "Arrived here April 6 to join
Johnny J. Jones Exposition. Will work for
Lipsey & Paddock. Mrs. Ciresi
joins me next week. Wish to thank
The Billboard for all favors shown me
in the past."

ROBERT R. KLINE, manager Kline's
Greater Shows, letters from Chicago:
"Does not look like show weather here.
Snowed April 7. Will be glad when I get
above open, as I am anxious to see how it
is going to look. Best wishes to The
Billboard."

FRANK S. REED, secretary Rubin &
Cherry Exposition, is a remarkable man
in many ways. He is way past 70, been
with Rubin and Annie over 25 years, has
a fine memory, a stickler for details and
writes a good business letter. Long live
Frank S. Reed.—Red Onion.

BRUCE BARRHAM letters from Cape
Girardeau, Mo.: "Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Laughlin, of West Bros. Shows, own a
large farm near Mortley, Mo. They had
so much fun four years ago entertaining
the home-town kids that they decided to
repeat the affair this year and did."

Ever notice that a great number of people
who have no shoes on their feet are always
suffering with big problems to solve—Tillie
Few Clothes.

MRS. SI OTIS letters from Lima, O.:
"Si Otis and his trick mule, Elmer, are
playing Ed Martini's night club here. Act
recently finished eight weeks in Terre
Haute and Indianapolis, Ind., night
clubs, and have fairs booked in Michigan,
Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois."

FRANK J. LEE letters from Cartersville,
Mo.: "In 1938 when on the Com-
T. Kennedy Shows Red Onion told me
that if I were going to stay in the car-
nival business I should always be with
the best. This season I am doing the
best for Sol's Liberty Shows."

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from South Pittsburg, Tenn.: "Left Blue
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IT IS A HIM NOT A HER: His name is Jerry Lawrence Buley, son of Jimmy and Sarah Buley, last season with West Bros. Shows. Photo was taken in Aberdeen, S. D., June, 1937, at which time this young man was 16 months old. So by this he has been in carnival business. Who knows but that in future he may own a big show.

deco: "William Camp and myself are leaving for Franklin, Pa., to open with our high act on Royal Exposition Shows. Bob Cunningham and Maurice Lanning will leave here soon with their high act."

P. E. STEFONOWICZ letters from Wildwood, N. D.: "Been presenting my bag-punching act at fairs and celebrations in North Dakota and Montana for past two seasons. This season I join Art B. Thomas Bombshell Shows as a free act for 20 weeks, opening in Iowa latter part of May."

EFFORTS ARE being made to locate John Joseph Casey, showman, to settle up an insurance claim. Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, N. J., is holding sum of money due Casey and anyone knowing his whereabouts is asked to communicate with company or with Glendon Hotel, Chicago.

FRANK STARKEY cards from Macon, Ga.: "The prettiest show for its size is Brown Novelty Shows, which wintered and opened in Valdosta, Ga. I am now with J. L. John's Alamo Shows, which opened season in Macon April 4. Location was on Third street, three blocks from business section."

BUS BROOKS cards from Pittsburgh: "Booked with girl show on Winters Exposition Shows for season. Elsena will be featured again. She is now working night clubs in Ohio. I have been here all winter working for a booking office. Harry Winters bought some small trucks this winter. My man Stooges will again have charge of canvas."

GEORGE L. DYER letters from Phoenix, Ariz.: "Had the pleasure of spending another fine winter here. This city, in my opinion, is a veritable garden spot. Visited Mel Vaught's State Fair Shows here and had a very pleasant visit. It is a good show. Am getting anxious now to get back to Dyer's Greater Shows for season."

DONALD SMITH cards from Grand Rapids, Mich.: "Donald (Jake) Drummond, burlesque and tabloid comic, after closing 14 weeks in stock burlesque here at the Rialto Theater, signed with R. Seehoffer. Latter will have Mid-Night Gypsies Revue with Keyhole shows this season. Drummond leaves here April 24."

KENNETH WYNNE FRANKLIN, secretary Buckeye State Shows, letters from West Point, Miss.: "Spring and rainy season is on in this section, but it is really remarkable how business is holding up. I was auditor on Royal Palm Shows for a while in 1935 at the time Red Onion was press agent for that show. The Billboard gives wonderful service to carnival people."

Book with City Hall. When they are fixed then they generally stay put and when contestants come one knows where to go to right things anyway. Cut out being victims of "facket" surprises!—Wadley Tif.

K. (IOWA SLIM) LUNDING cards from Tucson, Ariz.: "Here for my health. Have been with Hennies Bros. (monogrammed) and was with Morris & Castle

Show for years as cookhouse waiter. Also handled ice cream sandwiches on a great number of Midwestern fairs and handled novelties for Desplanter Brothers."

R. E. SAVAGE carded from Augusta, Ga.: "J. J. Page Shows opened the season here April 1 and it was a real April fooler. The heavens opened with a deluge, but showfolk took it with a grin. Many took it as a good omen that a bad beginning makes for a good ending. Flying Flemings, aerialists, join the show at Columbia, S. C., for the Elks' show. Arthur Ernest arrived in Augusta and took over the Hawaiian show and will open it in Columbia."

GEORGE VON STUHN letters from Mobile, Ala.: "Have not forgotten our very good friend The Billboard. Myself and family are just back from a successful trip to Europe. We discovered some new ideas and principles which we are going to try to adopt for use with American carnivals. We will leave for Los Angeles to join our former partner, Ed Breckenridge, who is going to be associated with us in our new outdoor show-business venture."

THAT INEXORABLE LAW OF COMPENSATION: Matthew J. Riley stressed



A GOVERNOR, HIS SON AND A SHOWMAN: Left, Gov. James V. Allred of Texas; Jimmy, his son, and J. George Looe, general manager of Greater United Shows. Photo taken in Austin, Tex., during recent engagement of shows in that city, at which time governor and his son did midway as guests of Manager Looe.

the fact that "the old equalizer" is certain to get those who violate the laws of decency and fair dealing. If Matthew J. never contributes another thought to the world he, in this reminder, has already said plenty. Too bad that some of the gypsy wise guys in the carnival business do not take heed to the working of that "old equalizer." Riley talks about.

FRED C. BOSWELL, manager of shows bearing his name, letters from Princeton, W. Va.: "Wish to thank The Billboard for its wonderful service to showmen. My advertisement brought excellent results and I do not suppose I will ever get all replies answered. However, I am getting a nice show together and have some very promising dates booked. We are doing some work in quarters and getting along nicely. Shows will use baggage cars and trucks and will open in May."

ONE MORE bloomer for independent midways at Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, and the management will be ready to book an organized carnival at a reasonable percentage. Seems funny that with all the big and mighty carnivals that are now in existence, this exhibition could not get at least one of them to play the date. Funny world. Organized carnivals were never bigger nor better and yet the Canadian National Exhibition midway had to go in for independent attractions.—Wadley Tif.

ROY WILLETT, agent Ewalt Shows, letters from Long Beach, Calif.: "Mr.

and Mrs. Thomas Ewalt, of Geneva, Neb., owners and operators of the Ewalt Amusement Co., were recent visitors here and at other points on the Pacific Coast, accompanied by the Willetts, who operate the corn game with them. They visited the White City Shows and the quarters of the Al G. Barnes-Sells-Floto Circus. They left for Nebraska to make ready for opening of their season. Willett leaves here April 20 to take up booking for the shows."

Press agents who seek publicity for themselves to the neglect of the carnival they are with should have a care. They, however, should report to The Billboard when they join east for the season and let it go at that.—Wadley Tif.

BEN WEISS letters from Belle Glade, Fla.: "This is our last stand in Florida. One of my bingo organizations opens with P. H. Bee Shows in Springfield, Tenn., and my brother, Harry, will manage it. One bingo goes with Eddy Bros. Shows. I also framed three swell grind stores that open with Eddy, Jack Stone will be the manager. All equipment is new. Tents from Baker-Lockwood. Have ordered a new 26-foot semi-trailer equipped as office and storeroom from Goss Co. All in all, our stay in Florida was very nice, as is natural when one can combine business with pleasure. Am pleased to say that both hit most pleasantly and profitably."

BALTIMORE BRIEFS: Chas. J. Tashy, of Banty's All-American Shows, was in town recently. He booked some musicians and people thru a local theatrical exchange. Cho Cho, clown of Hutzler Bros. department store fame, is kept busy by society of clowns here giving entertainments for children. William Glick, who makes his winter home here, long since left for the quarters of Ideal Exposition Shows at Salisbury, N. C. Herbert Wiggins, of Great Atlantic Shows, was in town recently lining up some bookings for the summer. John T. McCaslin is kept busy and had Mike Ziegler, of Philadelphia, as a recent visitor. Deaths of Ollie Trout and Jack V. Lyles cast gloom among their show friends here.—Harry J. Bowen.

Seems that the uncertainty of April weather has caused many carnival managements to postpone early openings during the month in various sections of the country. However, the majority that opened in February and March south of Atlanta, Memphis, Dallas and San Francisco, sectors in majority, when favored with the weather have done satisfactory business.

GEORGE ALABAMA FLORIDA has long since gained fame as a theatrical attraction advance agent and is by no means a stranger to the carnival field. He has been general agent, general manager, assistant manager, special agent, press agent and promoter with many carnivals in the past. In the past he has also written many news stories for

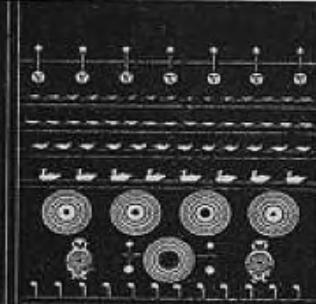


MR. AND MRS. BEN WEISS, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miami, Fla.; Ben Weiss Concession Co., and Eddy Bros. Shows. They are seen here on sands of Miami Beach, Fla., two weeks ago, or in other words, on eve of departure for North Carolina to open carnival season with Eddy Bros. Ben is a big concession and bingo operator and her bookings with a number of carnivals and over a large circuit of fairs east.

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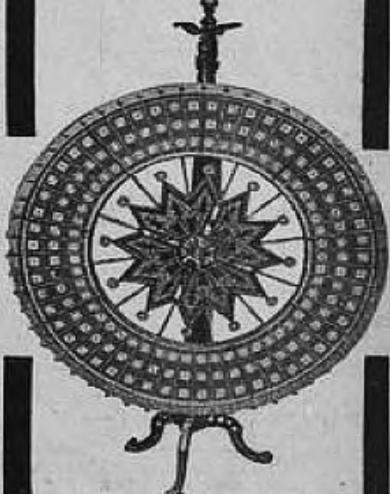
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The Billboard and when he was a promoter on carnivals he made good money on banners, programs and contests. Some of his connections included seasons with Rice & Dore, J. Frank Hatch, James Benson, Harry and Irving Pollack, World at Home, Rutherford and Pollack Bros.' shows. Our Midway editor has often wondered why he did not go with a carnival again. They all come back, so probably George Alabama Florida will, too.

NOTES from Tulsa, Okla.: Showmen's Exchange is in scene of much activity. Curley Spheeris, late of Great Olympic Shows, is booking with Magic Empire Shows. Bob Heth recently returned here from a booking trip in Iowa and Missouri for Magic Empire Shows. L. Clifton Kelley, general agent, booked the Goodman Wonder Show is here for first week in May under Labor Council. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, ahead of All-American Shows, were in town recently. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nottingham joined the J. Colley Shows at Hugo, Okla. Frank West, of Cherryvale, Kan., is ready for the season to open. Nip Butts has been missed in these parts, but will no doubt come in soon. Phil Little, of the Fairly & Little Shows, was in town recently to see about his concessions for the fair here. He stands aces high here, so is not worrying about his bookings.

MONUMENTS TO THE LIVING: Carl J. Sedlmayr, Elmer C. Velare and Curtis J. Velare for modernization of carnival illumination and use of four Big Eli Wheels as a ride unit. . . . Rubin and Annie Gruberg for taking a novelty stand and building from it one of the world's largest and best carnivals. . . . Fred Beckmann and Barney S. Gerety for forming a partnership and building up the Beckmann & Gerety carnival to the class where it is beyond the pale of competition. . . . Max Lindermann for discovering Ralph W. Smith and Frank Bergen and adoption of the World of Mirth Shows title that was originated by the late Harry B. Potter. . . . Monument to late Johnny J. Jones for building up a carnival title that has lived longer than any other after the death of its founder.

NEW YORK. Notes from Dick's Paramount Shows: Manager Dick Olsdorf and Whittle Pullmar, concession manager, left for quarters in Concord, N. H. Mon-



THIS HOUSE, WINTER QUARTERS BARN, GARAGE, OTHER BUILDINGS, water power dam and auxiliary facilities are results of clean and progressive business methods as applied to operation of a carnival. This property belongs to F. L. Fleck, owner and manager of Northwestern Shows, and is located at Blackhawk Mills near Coldwater, Mich.

day, March 28. The show has 15 men working, doing considerable repairing and painting. Free acts and a white band will be carried. All shows will have new fronts. Hundred-foot top has been ordered for G. R. (Jerry) Thorne's Ten-in-One, and he will also operate an illusion show. Danny Reed is framing a new cookhouse from the ground up. New green top trimmed in white arrived from Power's in Philadelphia. It was the writer's good fortune to be at the opening of the National Showmen's Association's new clubrooms in the Palace Theater Building. Big crowd present and really had a wonderful time. Never before realized that there were so many beautiful women in outdoor show business. They were there in big numbers. Any one who thinks Max Linderman does not step a mean waltz has another think coming. Showfolk here were saddened by the death of Harry P. Hall. He was a real carnival trooper and will be missed. Yours for better, not bigger, shows.—G. R. THORNE.

willing to concede to that placed on shows and rides. A carnival is booked for Huntington, W. Va., but will have only shows and rides. Moral: It never did pay for concessionaires to bum up territory in any State.—Red Onion.

MRS. CHUCK SIMMONS, press agent for De Luxe Shows of America, letters from Lancaster, S. C.: "I feel like telling all the carnivals how glad they should be that they were not here at shows' quarters Saturday night, March 26, when the worst hailstorm in the history of the State fell. I hope Robert Ripley of *Believe It or Not* finds reads what is to follow, as it is the truth: Hailstones the size of 50-cent pieces poured from the heavens. Every car and trailer that was out in the open after this storm looked as if it had been machine-gunned, as the hailstones came right thru. Every car was damaged. We know, because we had to put a new roof on our trailer. The high board fence around the fairgrounds was practically wrecked and not a street lamp in the town escaped the onslaught of hail. A preacher from a town a few miles away came into a store here and said people here did not know what hailstones were. In his town, a few miles away, hailstones the size of hen eggs fell. He had one with him that size 48 hours after they fell. Ripley will have to go some on hailstorms to beat this one."

DICK COLLINS speaks a few lines: For real female pulchritude command us to Norman Wolf's new show, French Casino, produced by Mona De Loupe, who can train a model in 5 teen minutes. He (M. Loupe) has a winning way with ladies and has recruited two Southern beauties in Judy Garver and Jerry La Varre. Last named a real feature dancer on Gruberg organization. . . . If there is one man more popular than another in Montgomery, Ala., that man is Rubin Gruberg. It takes him 10 minutes to get from Exchange Hotel to Pickwick Restaurant to go to lunch. Everybody stops him and shakes hands and talks and it's only two-thirds of a block. Writer dined with him several times and knows. . . . Grace Firpo, wife of Louis, trainmaster, and friend of a friend of John L., says he may know all about John L., but if he is late for dinner she will "John L. him with no dinner and something else." . . . Few women in carnival business can keep their help a full season. Mrs. Rose Gruberg keeps hers for years. Some treat 'em rough and vice versa. Mrs. G. uses vice versa system and that is good medicine for anyone to go by. . . . Max Gruberg underwent a minor operation on his neck in Montgomery and had a growth removed that has troubled him for a long time. He was not confined long, but during his brief absence from business Mrs. Rose Gruberg proved a capable helpmate and everything ran smooth.

TALKING ABOUT CONCESSIONERS: Remember late Bert Earl, Felice Bernardi, Sam Rich, John Augie and David Epstein? They gave out merchandise via the paddle-wheel route. They bought merchandise by the carload and disposed of the items quickly and profitably. Felice Bernardi, when people wanted a big run for their money, would work for \$4 and a doll, pillow top or some other popular item and the patrons steamed his wheel concessions. John M. Sheesley once had a phenomenal season in Canada with Kewpie Dolls. Got a big bank roll by operating paddle wheels. Let's bring paddle wheels back and give out ventriloquist dolls. There is a for-

tune in such items for live-wire, up-to-date concessioners.

Carnival Attitude Changes With Years

In view of the fact that a carnival will exhibit its attractions next week in Dyerburg an inside view of show people might be in order. The present-day carnival manager is no longer a so-called "slicker" but instead a man well versed in the business world and a business man at heart, a member of various popular lodges and business men's organizations.

On his show lot he could be classed as the mayor and his staff as the city or show council. They carry on the business affairs and gain advice from the individual owners of private businesses just as a government does from its voters.

In days gone by the people not connected with a carnival were called "suckers," but that word has been long forgotten in the show world vocabulary as the showman absorbed the fact that the visitors to a midway are an absolute necessity to his livelihood much as are the customers to a local business house.

Altho the largest majority of carnival people live in houses during the summer season, many of them own homes and businesses in various cities where they go in the winter and once more live as normal citizens.

The above missile is intended to convey the fact that the modern showman is no longer a roughneck or a rowdy but a business man who delights in seeing people entertained by his institution.

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BERLIN, Germany, March 23. Bill Powell letters: "Had a fine trip on boat coming over. Ex-President Herbert C. Hoover was on board, as was Ambassador to England Joseph P. Kennedy. I got off at Cobh, Ireland, and took train via County Cork, Lakes of Killarney, Tipperary and then to Dublin. Stayed a few days in Dublin and then went to London, England, and visited Bertram Mills Circus quarters at Ascot. Also visited Egon Heinemann, who was presenting his 'Headless Woman' illusion at the winter fair, Agricultural Hall, London. Heinemann also had one of his 'headless' illusions with Goodman Wonder show last season in United States. Went from London to Copenhagen, Denmark, and saw Schumann Circus, largest in that country. In Karlskoga, Sweden, saw the winter home of Mjures-Schreiber Circus and found the show people getting ready for summer tour. Ritter's Midgets, who were with Rubin & Cherry, will be featured with this circus. Two new circuses, Strasburgers and Brundt Bros., will invade Sweden this season. Both former German firms and being Jewish decided not to operate in Germany any more. From Sweden I came to Berlin and visited the Ritters, who have a fine home in the suburbs. They leave March 24 for Sweden to start their circus work. Also had a fine visit with Mrs. Heinemann, mother of Egon Heinemann. Saw the Wallenda in Munich, Germany, where they were a big hit with Circus Krone. They sailed March 22 for New York, where they will appear with Ringling-Barnum Circus at Madison Square Garden. Gott Wallenda had an accident that would have taken his life had it not been for the latest steel-body car he purchased in America. He turned over a 100-foot embankment and the car turned over dozens of times, but he lived to tell the tale. While in Munich also had a fine visit with Lotta Mayer's water ballet. Her daughter, Leona, is with the act. She is Mrs. Bob Parker, who is connected with Bill Bartlett, of Miami digger fame. Lotta's act was a terrific hit at Deutsches Theater, Munich. It being said that this act was the first disappearing water ballet the folk of Munich had ever seen. On way from Munich to Berlin I stopped at Leipzig and took in the trade fair. All the attractions were on the outside of the grounds as usual. Quite the opposite set-up from what we have in America. All the street carnivals in action here. I visited 11 locations and all seemed to be doing good. Coca-Cola is having a tough time getting started in Germany as it is not easy matter to get the people here away from their beer. They are doing a terrific amount of advertising for C-C. I sail for New York April 15 on S. S. Bremen and will again be with Goodman Wonder Show."



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Golden Gate Gleanings

By WALTER K. SIBLEY

SAN FRANCISCO.—A. L. Vollmann is crashing dailies with photographs and stories of Lotta Crabtree, who, during '70s and '80s, was California's most popular actress. Lotta will be featured in big Vollmann production at exposition.

Mrs. Alice Tapley, of Personnel Department of Golden Gate International Exposition, says that she has over 50,000 applications for employment from all over world. There are many interesting stories in connection with these applications.



WALTER K. SIBLEY

Children's playground concession, as yet unnamed, will cover many, many acres of ground. Some of proposed attractions within this playground are: Wishing Well, Jam Jungle and Confectionery Farm, with growing candy and Johnny cake bushes. Ice Cream Mountain, Molasses Lake, Chocolate Geyser, Big Bad Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood, Puss in Boots, Baby Rabbits running loose over grounds. Monkeys, ponies and other animals loved by kids to be part of attraction.

Maurice Katelman, one of members of company which has been awarded parking concession at exposition, paid visit recently. Katelman was accompanied by Lou Guern, Hal Guern and Maurice Smith. Party was taken for a visit to Treasure Island, site of exposition. Gigantesque exhibition buildings, which are 90 per cent completed, were visited and brought forth exclamations

of wonderment and surprise at their huge proportions and artistic beauty.

Norman J. Kestner, formerly in an executive capacity with the Great Lakes Exposition, Cleveland, recent visitor, Kestner is negotiating for concessions at fair. Norman is a double for friend, Frank D. Shean.

Funny sight! Watching conductor and gripman swing their car around by sheer push and pull, on the tiny turntable at Powell and Market Streets. An interested group of visitors are always on hand to watch the boys grunt and groan.

All Capone and others on Alcatraz will have a fine view of exposition on Treasure Island from their vantage point, but a short distance away in the bay.

San Francisco-Oakland bridge is nearly seven miles long, has 12 lanes on two decks and cost \$77,000,000. Lower roadway is about 200 feet above water. Not so long ago Lee Eyerly, of Octopus fame, flew beneath bridge, owing to a heavy fog which completely obliterated top and towers.

Since last graphs have been posted showing that amusement zone space, at exposition, is over 60 per cent sold, "writers" are trying to give Director Weddleton rush set, with poor success.

As far as Golden Gate International Exposition is concerned, New York's fair does not exist. San Francisco is key city to 11 States, each one of which has a shoulder to wheel and is backing this exposition with approval and money. Without any fair, natural attractions of California are so many and varied that literally millions of tourists are entertained annually.

Cliff House: Where one can dine and watch seals dispel on Seal Rocks, is one of best known hosteries in world. There probably is no souvenir stand on earth that does as consistently good business that one in Cliff House does. Whitney Brothers operate many other concessions on beach.

Roasts and Toasts From Pacific Coast

By HOT POTATO



"HOT POTATO IN PERSON."

SAN FRANCISCO.—Carnival season around bay district officially opened, Mike Krekow's West Coast Amusement Co., among first and reported doing well. Billy Botello operating two side shows this season, one on Foley & Burk and other on Crafts 20 Big, seen recently in Oakland at F. & B. quarters. Charley Walpert reported contemplating promotion and special event work.

Lee Brandon, of Foley & Burk Shows, is said to have plucked a big plum or early rodeos when he booked rodeo held annually in Livermore, Calif., and attended by bay district people who generally come early and leave likewise. Patty Treanor, well-known San Francisco novelty man, recently suffered a partial stroke when a long-distance telephone call informed him he was holding one of horses drawn in Irish Sweepstakes. It was a stroke of joy and excitement for Patty, and besides being in the consolation money Patty has a chance to be in on winnings, at least

partially, if he sells part of his ticket. Activity and more activity is occurring daily at exposition site as modernized buildings are fast taking shape and plainly visible from world's greatest bridge that runs adjacent to grounds. Frederick Weddleton reports that 454,000 entries poured into exposition headquarters during the 45-day contest offering \$1,000 for an appropriate name to call fun zone. Entries came from all parts of world, it was claimed. Down in Southern California National Orange Show was held at San Bernardino for 28th consecutive year. Big citrus classic packed them in featuring name orchestras and personal appearance of many noted movie stars daily. Tevis Paine journeyed all way from Sacramento to act as emcee and judge at Imperial Valley Fair Horse Show. Tevis did a fine job of judging in wind and dust, but somehow lost judging book in ashtray but later found his notes, whereupon all matters were righted. Bob Muckler, secretary California State Fair, attended Orange Show with a number of State dignitaries, got stuck with his car in loose sand on a parking lot and Roy E. Ludington, of Crafts Shows, with Tevis Paine, used a lot of beef in freeing car. Tevis then proceeded to Ludington's new office compartment in business wagon and there inspected Roy's new cocktail bar—only inspected, they said.

White City Shows, a new carnival in this section, said to be moving right along, according to Lucile King, special agent. Lucile reported recently at Taft, Calif., an opposition general agent who used to wear a large size hat appeared on scene, sent by his boss to shoot a few blocking angles; however, G. A. came on lot and was seen taking down tape from wheel banners for his assistant to follow up. White City said to be heading north and into Nevada. Crafts Golden State Shows reported to have had two good weeks in San Diego recently on two different locations. Some early Pacific Coast recollections: When J. C. McCaffery came to Coast with Rice &

Dore Shows in 1912 . . . Walt Hodges took car the next year . . . Hodges now reported in Hanford, Calif., in theater business . . . Zeke Shumway, noted Drome operator, first rode a Drome in Seattle, Wash., in 1913 and got on a two-board track around Deome earlier by mistake one night, perpendicular stunt riding in Motordromes was born . . . Harry Fink, Big Jim Miller, Ike Katz were noted concessionaires on early Northwestern carnivals. Fink is now in San Fernando, Calif., handling promotions when he has time to spare from his citrus ranch . . . Jim Miller, practically retired now, lives in a Spanish rancho near San Diego, Calif. Jim still controls a string of West Coast retail fur stores and controlling stock in a large Los Angeles brewery . . . Ike Katz is handling a Jewish newspaper and lecturing . . . Champion lady story tellers now on the Coast . . . Virginia Kline, Ruth Korte, Peggy Forstall, Lucile King, Mrs. Frank Downey, Florence Weber, Edith Walpert and Ruth McMahon . . . Sign in a grab stand seen recently, "Our hamburger is fresh ground beef, that's no bum steer." . . . Roll-o-Plane is title of new Eyerly Aircraft ride that made its debut on Crafts 20 Big Shows' midway at the Orange Show and instantly bought by Orville N. Crafts, whose ownership of riding devices now would cover a couple of city blocks . . . Pacific Coast Showmen's Association members report having a wonderful day March 22 at the Orange Show, only limited few expected on account so many shows on road and Orange Show being a month later this year; however, nearly 300 attended. John Ragland, who was in charge of special men and amber suds given by O. N. Crafts, had to restock his supplies several times . . . Harry White, ex-carnival concession man and double for Groucho Marx, movie actor, had to hide on Kids' Day from autograph seekers . . . Famous first words: "What didja gross?" "Can you square it?" "Strictly on the drawing." Noted last words: "Stough 'n' less go home," "douse the glam" and "what's the call." Adios, Amigas.

SPARKS GETS

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Ion, Jack Steele, Sex, Leo-Leola; Leonard Moore, talker.

Rides: Chairplane, Powell Keller, foreman; Curtis Bridges, second. Big Eli Wheel, J. A. Warren, foreman; Buford Bridges, second. Tilt-a-Wheel, Curtis McKinstry, foreman; J. B. Warren, second; Mrs. G. A. Warren, Kiddie, Mrs. Bill Davis.

Cookhouse, Mrs. E. Trivaudy, owner; waiters, Frank Lonacri, Earl Moses, J. Alvarez, Superintendent of transportation, Otto Kohlman, Night watchman, Al Packard, Sound truck and banners, Joe Steen, Eddie Young is again handling The Billboard and mail.

Concessions: American mentalist, Princess Mowlie Springwater, Percentage table, Mrs. George German, Diggers, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sparks, Ham and bacon, Raymond Hamblin and John Lawton, Fishpond, Bill Johns, Spill-the-Milk, Mrs. Estelle Sparks, Country store, G. H. Donovan and L. T. Crawford, Groceries, Mack House, Bird store, Eddie Young and George Bray, Blanket store, Alden Sparks and Otis Howell, Roll-Down, Harry J. Myers, S. Carr and Tom Collins, Six cats, George Neveling and Coy Randal, Milk bottlers, Mrs. Mack House, Slum wheel, Jack Crawford and Charlie Taylor, Skill ball, James Ivey, Bingo, Mrs. J. F. Sparks, Bill Whitaker and Jimmie Crouch, Popcorn and peanuts, Mrs. J. E. Gunyon, Guess your weight, J. B. Gunyon, Cigaret shooting gallery, Mrs. Lena Neveling, Revolving stage, Mrs. Timmons. Reported by James H. Timmons.

PENNY'S HOME

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Kiddie autos, Smiles Reynolds; Mrs. Ruby Thrift, tickets, Mix-Up, Bennie Wolfe; Bud Rumble, foreman; Mrs. Verner McNease, tickets, Big Eli Wheel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Brett, Arthur Putman, operator; Mrs. Brett, tickets, Iris Sparks Hasty has tickets on Merry-Go-Round. Concessioners: Bennie Wolfe, bingo; Mrs. Bennie Wolfe, fishpond, and Timmy Mathews.

WARD SHOWS

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also doing a net high dive which has been holding crowds each night.

There are many new faces on show this year, as well as many new attractions. Bozo, the dog of radio fame, is a new addition to the show. "Maggie

Murphy" entertains the children and is the center of attraction with show people.

Jeffie Jean Ward is The Billboard agent again. Johnnie Ward is manager of the show, with Harry Small as business manager, and writer: general agent. Reported by Jimmie Boyd.

HODGE SHOWS

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Manager Tucker, Bob Hallock, Al Rogers and T. G. McDaniels were called upon for remarks and each responded. Hodge Show is bigger and much better this season than ever before. Three free acts are Great Ricardo, man on golden pole; Pondav and Gladys, high trapeze; and Austin and Mackenzie, teeterboard. "Midway of Lights and Sounds" with its thousands of varicolored lights make it a most attractive and fine looking line of attractions. New arch entrance has a very attractive lighting arrangement and can be seen for many blocks.

Saturday's crowd exceeded expectations in spite of cold weather. Midway was crowded throughout afternoon and evening. All rides, shows and concessions did big business. Show has 323 people. Carpenters and painters are still at work building fronts, painting panels and decorating fronts of shows and rides. Vincent Bellomo has 12-piece band.

Monday another huge crowd attended and Tuesday evening local newspaper men, employees and carriers were guests of Press Agent Charles Schweitzer and Manager W. M. Tucker at press banquet, after which they were taken on rides and attended all shows. Thursday night there was a public wedding. Local couple were married by Mayor Samuel Becher of Terre Haute.

Staff: Manager, W. M. Tucker; general agent, Bob Hallock; business manager, Tressie MacDaniels; special agent, Al R. Rodgers; secretary-treasurer, Marvin F. Leahy; press agent, Charles Schweizer; lot superintendent, Art Signor; transportation, Ray Tucker; electrician, Art Signor. Reported by Charles Schweizer.

BALLYHOO

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binding. Trucklow taking full credit for booking, giving no credit to show and million-dollar investment behind him. But he did admit title "Circulating Exposition" did help somewhat towards putting show in circular city, over which sun shines in a circle and moon generally in half circle.

Event was well advertised on railroad timetables and billed as "Soot and Cinder Gala Week, Car Knockers' Rampage and Centennial." Centennial part of event did not represent city's birthday but was 100th show in town this season.

Monday noon Car Knockers' Rampage started and show train of 90 cars was used to demonstrate their ability. Knowing that their train was in A-1 shape, having passed every inspection for last two years with aid of passes, bosses had nothing to fear. But when 900 car knockers swooped down on train armed with sledge hammers, crowbars and wrenches to demonstrate their knocking ability, office decided to award passes to ones that could find least fault with rolling stock. Enough pass prizes were offered so each knocker could win and show could not lose. Outside of knocking yards of paint off train which helped to hold it together contest was a success and equipment was announced perfect.

Tuesday our auspices registered their first complaint. They claimed that our contract called for a revolving or circulating midway. This caused show to lose a day while a revolving lot was being built. This perhaps first revolving stage to be built large enough to hold a mile-round midway. Center of midway revolved to right, while line-up of attractions revolved to left. This did away with tiresome walking that customer had to do to hunt for attractions. By standing in one spot everything had to pass them.

Every 10 minutes midway stopped to take on more patrons at front gate and to let them on rides and in shows. If they did nothing else but stand in one spot they got a two-hour midway ride for their gate admission. This idea will be carried out weekly in future.

MAJOR PRIVILEGE

P.S.—We still do not know what it is all about. Everybody's head is still whirling and press department is midway dizzy. Office did not award car knockers their pass prizes and they have junked show train. Well, we were not first show in, but we will be last one out.



MORRIS VOLTAGGIO, general manager, Home State Shows.

Crowley's

Ada, Okla. Week ended April 2. Auspices, American Legion. Location, ball park.

Mixed Monday night on account of washouts on railroad. This is first date in Oklahoma and many were booked for one month auto licenses. Lost Saturday night at Corsicana on account of rain as it came up at 8:30 p.m. and crowd left. Brana Bros.' cookhouse left at Corsicana. Hubert Hall joined here with cookhouse. Many comments were received from Radio Station KAND for two half-hour programs show put on their station. Bud Gross emceed both programs. Talent highly praised. George Price and family joined with Deep-Sea Show. Mattie Price puts show over in fine shape. A local Corsicanite drove into some of guy lines of Vic Drumb's high act, making it impossible for him to work Wednesday night. Fay Miser added another dancer to her show. Fred Webster is now with Greater United Shows. C. C. Crowley Sr. arrived from Richmond, Mo., for his annual visit to his son's show. Announcement of coming marriage of W. D. Dale was made Saturday night. Walter has been with Doc Crowley for past 12 years. Midway was shocked to hear death of Mrs. A. B. Goldston, of Stevensville, Tex. She had many friends on show. Visitors: Phil Little, of Fairy & Little Shows; Harry Corry, of Hennies Bros. Shows; Mark McClellan, of Goldstone Shows; Dad Proctor, wife and son, George, of J. J. Colley Shows; Bill Myler and family, of Greater United Shows. Doc Crowley confined to bed with a very bad sore throat, but is around again. Four shows within 40 miles, all playing their opening stand in Oklahoma, having jumped here from Texas. Smith Bros.' Shows, Bill Barnes, Greater United Shows and J. J. Colley Shows. GEORGE WEBB.

Full Date Carnival Show Letters

As Reported by News Representatives for the Shows

Art Lewis

Augusta, Ga. March 21-26. Location, Exchange Club grounds. Auspices, Tel Cedars. Weather, ideal. Business and attendance, poor.

Not up to expectations, notwithstanding that committee worked hard and did everything possible to make engagement a success. However, week was passed very pleasantly by all concerned, as Augusta is quarters of Johnny J. Jones Exposition, Brownie Smith's Atlantic and J. J. Jones shows, consequently nightly reunion was in vogue and old acquaintances renewed. Visitors: William Fieming, director-general Johnny J. Jones; Tommy Allen, Arthur Atherton, Ralph Lockett, J. C. Thomas, Buddy Paddock, Moerl Lipsky, Mrs. Buddy Paddock, Mrs. Bertha McDaniel, Pearl Harvey, Francis Scott, Starr DeBelle; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, J. J. Page, of Page shows; Brownie K. Smith and wife, of Smith shows; E. Lawrence Phillips, president of Johnny J. Jones Exposition, arrived to attend weekly meeting and entertainment of Art Lewis' benefit show, which is held weekly. He addressed entire personnel of show and helped graciously to swell its benefit fund. General Manager Art Lewis, after an extended vacation at Miami Beach, returned and is busily engaged in whipping show into shape for its regular season, which will be inaugurated at Raleigh, N. C. Painters, decorators and carpenters are at work building and decorating the attraction *Casco de Paree*, which will be one of new feature attractions. Walter D. Nealand, director of publicity of Rubin & Cherry Exposition, gave show once over on way thru Augusta. Cash Willett joined advance force and is capably handling his duties ahead of show. James Kellaher has taken over duties of general agent. Show has been receiving many letters of confidence in loss of its general agent, late Jack V. Lyles.

R. PERCY MORENCY.

Zindars

(Motorised)

Jackson, Tenn. March 19-26. Location, fairgrounds. Ten-cent gate. Weather, rain. Business, nil.

After spending winter here and looking forward to opening Zindars played without engagement of shows' history. There was no top money show or ride. Business was so bad that everything was about tied for last place. Concession midway is set off by such attractive concessions as Dutch Waldron's cookhouse, Tiger Mack's bingo game and George Cavanaugh's all-electric frozen custard. Shows and rides are all on same par, all having been reconditioned and painted alike. Outstanding midway attraction is Flying Valentines, free act. Bernard

Munn purchased a miniature train ride which is to be delivered in April. E. L. Brown, advance agent for Joe Beatty's show, was a visitor.

Dyersburg, Tenn. Week ended April 2. Still date. Business, good when weather permitted.

Soft lot on arrival and drenching rains during week made it necessary to obtain tractor to spot trucks and to remove them. Sawdust hauled steadily for three days made lot passable for customers. Near tornado Wednesday. Two show tops and fronts blown down before necessary precautions could be taken, but others, including Merry-Go-Round top, were taken down in time to prevent damage. Tornado missed Dyersburg, but a heavy wind proved almost as bad. Show was ready to go again next night. Spot had promise of being good one, but continuous bad weather never gave it a chance. Strong wind during entire week made free-act performance of Flying Valentines a hamadotus venture, but as is customary with showfolk "show must go on."

BUDDY MUNN.

Regal

Greenville, Tex. Week ended March 19. Auspices, K. of P.

Show opened season in Baytown under VFW. Show is much larger than last year. C. E. Meadows bought Big Ell Wheel and Loop-o-Plane and built 240 feet of show fronts. Tower is now being built for floodlights and music. Greenville papers ran a special story about lack of profanity and commented on cleanliness of show and people with it. Claude Williams, who built new show fronts, received many compliments on their appearance. He has contracted to put them up and take them down for season. Reconditioned Merry-Go-Round also came in for praise for its indirect lighting and new scenery. Rides: Merry-Go-Round, Joe Voraz, foreman; Tommy Beam, tickets, Big Ell Wheel, Louis Hockenberry, foreman; Mrs. Johnston, tickets, Mix-Up, Glenn Flock, foreman; Everett Gosnell, tickets, Loop-o-Plane, Joe Permenter, foreman; Philip Wood, tickets, Kiddie Autos, Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, Kiddie Aeroplane, Rudolph Kimbrough, Shows: Minstrel, Red Garrison, talker, Band: Sunny McMillan, trumpet and director; Mike Jones, drummer; Frank Gleason, trombone; Kid Lane, saxophone; Son Smith, piano; Ike Bruden, J. G. Griggs, comedians; featured blues singer, Mildred Brown; chorus, Shorty McMillan, Lucille McGrew, Pauline Jones. Athletic, Jimmy Farnell, manager; Kid Ellis, wrestler; Mrs. Farnell, tickets. World's Smallest Horse, Mr. and Mrs. F. Calkins and daughter, Lola, Hawaiian and Nalda, Claude Williams, owner; Lola Potter and Dorothy Hollis, dancers. Trained mon-



EDWARD A. HOCK, general manager Imperial Shows.

key, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seltzer, owners Swede Olsen, talker, Geek, W. B. Mitchell, manager; Mrs. Mitchell, tickets, Five-in-One, Tiny Harris, Concessions: Cookhouse, George Pitchios, owner and manager; Ralph Glen, griddle; Oscar Cardwell, cook; G. Johnson, waiter; Al and Ma Nation, pop corn, snow, slum, and P. C. Cork Gallery, G. Nelson; bingo, Lonnie Karr, manager; Ruth Walsh and Marvin Watson, agents. Minstrel Camp, E. Demetrio; Star Arrow, P. Beck; Pans, G. Benson; P. Baker and family, Photo Gallery, A. K. Todd, John Walsh, Ball Game and Watch-la, Swede Anderson, Grind Store, Jesse Johnson, Hoop-la, Cora Harkins, G. Brown, Darts and Skill Ball, Ike Goldstein, custard machine, Marion Keener, Ball Game, Buelah Karr, Slat Rack, Red Smith, Penny Pitch, B. W. Norman, Staff: Owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meadows; J. E. Palmer, general agent; Lonnie Karr, lot superintendent; John Nelson, electrician; Ma Nation, The Billboard and mail agent.

J. E. PALMER.

Heth Bros.

Fort Deposit, Ala. Week ended March 26. Location, downtown. Auspices, American Legion. Weather, rain. Business, good.

This town's attendance was nearly 100 per cent nightly when weather permitted. Committee headed by Commander O. M. Edwards and Probate Judge Monroe Black co-operated well. Prattville, Ala. Week ended April 2. Location, downtown. Auspices, city of Prattville. Weather, rain two days. Business, excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit joined here with their pitch-till-you-win. Sheik Gorby continues to click with penny pitch. L. E. Heth added his Bingo Palace of Thrills. Bill Sutherland and wife have



ABOVE CAN BE SEEN A PHOTO OF THE FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHOWMEN. It was held Saturday night, March 26, in the Grand Ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel, St. Louis. Over 700 showfolks and those allied with the outdoor and indoor amusement industry attended and \$200 profit was put in the treasury of the organization. The executive committee who handled the affair was composed of Tom W. Allen as chairman, assisted by Charles T. Goat, George Jacobson, Arthur Sands and Leo Lang. Photo by Sisters Studio, St. Louis.

then front of Joy Box and with their comic make-up and continuous grinding are putting it over top daily. J. J. Marion's daughter, Grace Marion, arrived for a three-week visit and rest. Next week at Tallahassee, Fla., will be official opening of big show and all hope that the summer's business is as good for big show as business has been for small winter unit.

FLOYD R. HETH.

Great Superior

Paris, Tenn. Week ended April 2. Auspices, American Legion. Business, poor. Weather, rain.

Show arrived on time and was up ready to open Monday but could not because of rain. Seven days out of 15 have been lost because of rain this season, including two Saturdays. A committee from American Legion and a number of business men visited show office Monday evening and asked that they stay over until April 4, as a State-wide mule day would be staged then and many people were expected to be present. General Agent Brown turned in some contracts for Tennessee and Mississippi fairs.

F. MAURICE WOOD.



JAMES F. MURPHY, business manager Gooding Greater Shows, who for a number of years has been on executive staff of various F. E. Gooding carnival units. James F. will again be concession overseer for midways at York and Bloomsburg, Pa., fairs, which position he has also held for several seasons.

Great Southern

Dora, Ala. Week ended April 2. Business, fair. Weather, rain Tuesday.

Show opened Monday night to crowded midway. Princess Olga Wadsworth joined with Big Bill Wheel, Bob Bloom added two concessions.

JACK MYERS.

Burdick's

Liberty, Tex. Week ended March 26. Auspices, Spanish-American War Veterans. Business, good.

Show closed engagement here with a letter of recommendation and an invitation to play fair. Friday night there were many visitors from Bill Hanes No. 2 Show, which is playing city lots in Boston. Among them Jack Hamilton, a public wedding was staged at Conroe. Miss. Bride was former Scottie Meeks and groom, P. C. Reynolds, sheet writer from Rio Grande Valley. L. C. Wade, cookhouse owner, wrecked interior of his new home on route from Humble to Liberty. Committee staged grand entertainment for show's executives after closing Saturday. Vice-Commander Lehr and Hugh Layle, latter owner of Layle's Cafeteria, were hosts. New arrivals were Huck Walton and wife.

LAVERNE LUTHER.

World's

Montgomery, Ala. Week ended April 2. Auspices, VFW. Playground, lot. Weather, first part week fine, last rain. Business, fair.

Last week of engagement marred by rain in torrents Friday and most of Saturday. Show did not open Friday and poor attendance last day. Bad on account of five pay days falling on April 1. Show is in great shape and fully organized. French Casino added a real feature in Jerry La Vare, who presents a most picturesque sacrificial dance of Hawaiian type amid volcanic settings. Poses of famous women of history—Indra Juliet, Madame Du Barry, Lucrezia Borgia and Cleopatra in Oriental settings. Many other pictures are also presented. Judy Garver is an added attraction to the already big cast. Rainbow Follies, featuring Marguerite Montanaro, with Charlie Joy Gramlich as comic and producer, did nice business. Motordrome with English rider, Dorothy Stone, a big hit. Monroe Bros. did well with Hall of Science, and Princess Peggy with Budget Village. William Silvis' Side Show was real feature in Noma Estelle, manager. Rides, especially the Octopus, were well patronized. Eddie Wolf with her Enquire attraction, altho here last year, was welcome attraction again. Norman Wolf with three shows has everything in first-class shape. Joe Manzini, contracting agent, busy. Mrs. Martheines left for New York. Visitors: P. T. Streider, manager of fairs at Tampa and Birmingham, with wife and daughter visited with Rubin Gruberberg from Atlanta and spent several days on this tour. J. C. Simpson, of Jones Exposition, also welcome visitor. Mrs. Rose Gruberberg busy with her help, which comprise bulk of concession department outside of wheels. Her frozen joy wagon, a beautiful white conception, unable to open in this State—State law against keeping ice cream in open. All must be in containers. Rose Kahn had a nice business with her attractive stand,

peanuts and pop corn. Barkoot Pasha doing great business in Oriental Cafe. Whitey Hewitt's new electrical equipment worked to perfection, midway lighted better than ever. Splendid co-operation by auspices. Fine treatment by police authorities and city officials.

DICK COLLINS.

Blue Ribbon (Motorized)

Columbus, Ga. March 26-April 2. Elmwood Park ballgrounds. Atlanta highway or city limits. Business, fair. Weather, cold and rainy.

Entire show personnel while playing this lot helped form reception party for Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt while on way from Warm Springs to Fort Benning, Ga. Show was giving a kiddie matinee but closed down all shows and rides and everyone flocked to front marquee, which was located 10 feet off highway, as a squadron of motorcycles, which were escorting the President, came into view. Page's kiddie band began playing Stars and Stripes Forever as the President came near by the lot. All children and showfolk who had left midway began pushing and cheering as the President's car slowed down. With his usual big smile and with hat in hand he waved a big greeting to all. Mike Rosen picked up a hat which blew from a car in the President's party and later returned it thru one of city officials. Mary Ann Alexander was at city limits with some members of her lodge, who were there to greet the President. Later everyone returned to midway and matinee continued. Kiddies and parents spent freely. Monday and Tuesday light in attendance, but later on in week Great Fussner's free act and Page's kiddie band advertising daily helped to increase attendance. Thursday night marred by a thundershower, but crowds stayed late and everyone had good business. Madam Kay's new side show stands out on midway at night. Manager Roth has received many compliments from city officials and visiting showmen. Midway Restaurant, operated by writer, is receiving big patronage. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spicer, who had Patsy Show last year, are now framing new show and will appear on midway soon. John Galligan is sporting flashy corn game, with Ann Galligan holding mike each night. Mrs. L. E. Roth purchased new home for her mother and sister, Marie, at Columbus, O. Pat Brady is doing nice job as electrician. Doe Newton has Loop-the-Loop stirk and span. Friday night early shower and crowds were light, but Saturday a large crowd and almost everyone finished nice week's business.

JACK GALLUPPO.

White City

(Baggage Cars and Trucks)

Ventura, Calif. Week ended April 3. Location, Sea City. Auspices, Lions Club. Business, good. Weather, unsettled and fair. Pay gate.

R. Williams, owner of Sea City, Villa's fashionable night club adjacent to lot, tendered entire show a party Thursday night with dancing and refreshments. Floor show, composed of shows,

folk and resort's entertainers presented a commendable performance. Party was augmented by several cardinals of Porterville Elks and their ladies; also many showfolk from Joe Zettler's Joyland Shows exhibiting in Tulare, bringing the total of guests attending to 350 who enjoyed Williams' hospitality and voted affair a huge success. Entire personnel of Joyland Shows, including General Manager and Mrs. Hugh Bowen, visited show opening night. General Agent Arthur Hockwald departed on business trip. Bud Cross left to join Hilderbrand's Shows at Sacramento, with bingo and one of Everly Aircraft's new rides, Rolla-Plane. Cross Octopus will remain on this show, also rest of his concessions under management of Johnnie Hett. Voted by unanimous consent as handsomest man on midway, Carl O'Mar. May Collier, high diver, and Mario and LePons, aerialists, received plaudits of the crowds nightly. Little Corlaine Rose Taylor, daughter of the Casey Taylors, celebrated her birthday. Ice cream and cake were served to following guests: Mary Ellen Sanford, Joan Collier, Shirley Anderson, Darlene Hole, Donna Hole, Vaughn Isom, Bonnie Blair. Gifts were donated to all children present by General Manager and Mrs. C. P. Corey, Ted and Mario LePons, Dewey and Sadie Blair, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hamilton, of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foss, of Sunland, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Foss, of Hilderbrand's Shows. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Collins added a new show titled Mata-Mala. Teddy Leavitt added a snake exhibit to his Ten-In-One. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Godfrey, of Twentieth Century Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bowen, of Joyland Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Leon McLendon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Braster, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, M. Duffy. Joining Swede Olson's concessions were Joe White and Don LaMarr. Special Agent Lucille King drove over from Handford for party and became life of event. Writer and Lucille King received testimonial of esteem from personnel of Hilderbrand's United Shows. Lotter was 20 feet in length and carried a message of good fellowship signed by every member of that organization. Many noteworthy notations were inscribed, especially those of O. H. Hilderbrand, E. W. Cee, George Morgan, Betty Cee, Fern Chaney, Hazel Fisher, Verna Seeborg, Claude and Leona Barrie, Ralph and Margaret Balcom, Johnnie and Giggles Caldwell, Fred and May Stewart, Danny Callahan and Jerry Mackay. With seven general agents turning Las Vegas into a battlefield, Arthur Hockwald came out victorious when Elks' annual celebration was awarded to White City Shows. Gang, led by Ted LePons, made nighty forays into swamps frog hunting, and a bountiful supply of piece de resistance appeared on daily menu of all house trailers. Lucille King alleges she is finally getting a break since show left Kern County, with no special agents popping up to take taps from her marvelous display of banners that cover marquee weekly. Manny Gunn and Jess Lane, of No. 1 advance car of Al G. Barnes-Sella-Plotto Circus, spent Sunday visiting show.

WALTON DE PELLATON.

Western States (Trucks and Trailers)

Crystal City, Tex. Population, 5,000. Week ended March 26. Annual Spring Spinach Festival. Weather, ideal. Business, only fair.

Opening date of season. Promoted by American Legion. Three-day rodeo held in conjunction. Parades daily featured beautiful floats and high school and Legion bands from surrounding communities. Show had everything in its favor to make date a profitable one. Located on main street. Splendid co-operation from committee, as well as local press, but natives failed to get in "spirit." Another case of "too much show for population." A near catastrophe was nipped in bud by heroic efforts of Dennis Hyman when a fire broke out in bingo. Albert Wright was guest and principal speaker at Chamber of Commerce dinner. Owner Jack Ruback was busy greeting old friends, as this has been opening date for past three years. Staff: Jack Ruback, owner and manager; Muriel Woods, front gate; Albert Wright, legal adjustor; Jim Schenck, general representative; Bill Tank, lot man; Dennis Hyman, assistant manager; Frank Downs, publicity director. Rides: Twin Eli Wheeles, W. Duggan, foreman; K. Saunders, first man; ticket seller, Edith Reed. Tilt-a-Whirl, Red Baggoon, foreman; Boyd Jones, first man; ticket seller, Irene Goldberg. Loop-o-Plane, Sam Corsey, foreman; C. Oliver, helper; ticket seller, A. Carl. Ridee-O, Jack Oliver, foreman;

Albert Jones, first man; Charles Main, second man; Marie Baggoon, ticket seller. Mix-Up, Bob Bagooon, foreman; Peggy Dugan, ticket seller. Thriller Jake Abbott, foreman; Shorty Flug, first man; Irene Oliver, ticket seller. Merry-Go-Round, Red Hughes, foreman; E. Johnson, first man; Louise Meeks, ticket seller. Skeeter, Whitey Reid, foreman; U. Smith, assistant; Sophia Mullins, ticket seller. Baby Ferris Wheel, Wilford Oliver. Baby Autos, Pop Davis, operator; E. Morrow, operator. Shows: Funhouse and snake show operated by Scotty Norton; Mrs. Norton, charge of tickets. Monkey Land, Bill Williams; Mrs. Williams, ticket seller. Unborn, Joseph Murphy, Kings and Queens of Swing, Clyde Davis, featuring Babe Davis, Hawaiian Village, Clyde Davis, featuring Lorraine Bass and Sonny Handing. Side Show, Nick Delo. Motordrome, George Puryear, operator; riders, Billy Bob Puryear, Paris, R. McCurdy; Mrs. McCurdy, tickets. Wild West, Bill Cur, Emma Carr, tickets. Concessions: Percentage, Tommy Davis, Kenneth Smith, Hans and bacon, Les Schotter and Larry Mullins. Bird wheel, Larry Woods, Radio, Tony Kitterman. Blankets, Hypo Denke, Shooting gallery, Snow Denke, Silver wheel, Mickey Goldberg, Rollidowns, Sammy Lazek, Blower, Hypo Denke, owner; Bill Aldrich, operator. Chuck, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Penny pitch, Bobby Hyman, Bingo, Dennis Hyman, Diggers, Norville Mills, Rotaries, Tony Castillo, Jimmy Walker, hoopla, rat game, slum blower, Ball games, Peggy Shotten, Photo gallery, Mike Davis, Cookhouse, Snappy Kolt, owner; R. Caldwell, griddle man; waiters, J. Ingram, George Moon, D. Clements.

LARRY MULLINS.

Buckeye State

(Motorized)

Forest, Miss. Week ended April 2. Location, fairgrounds. Auspices, Southeast Miss. Live-Stock Show. Weather, rain last three days. Business, good when weather permitted.

Splendid co-operation from committee. Many merchants and business men were out to opening. Orville W. Hennies visited. Ninety per cent of canvas was purchased this year and no canvas that show uses is over one season old. Date Curtis built one of flashiest side shows that labor and money could produce. Edwards troupe of contortionists finished building complete new seating, also new stage setting. This attraction features 60-pound Adorio Edwards, resisting laws of gravity. Three brothers and sister perform as contortionists, all are under age of 16. Lon Morton and wrestling bear are having a good business and placed order for new banners. Bee Kyle, high diver, thrills natives. Much comment in local newspapers about Kyle's dive. Manager Joe Galler returned from business trip. J. A. Gentsch reports good fair routes.

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JOHN FRANCIS, president of International Association of Showmen and general manager of Greater Exposition Shows.

Dixie Belle

OWENSBORO, Ky., April 2.—Manager Louis T. Riley reports work in quarters as progressing nicely. Riley recently purchased a Merry-Go-Round at Jacksonville, Fla., from Leo M. Hasty. Bill Williams now in complete charge of activities. Show's electrician, Morgan Higge, arrived and is checking every electric connection on all rides and show fronts and making necessary repairs. Foreman Williams employed five local woodworkers and painters and one expert motor mechanic who is overhauling both gas and electric motors. Riley is not sparing any expense in way of buying paint and other first-class materials to brighten all equipment from front stalls to rear of midway. Charles F. Cooke and wife, who have charge of side show and mentalist camp, arrived with Chief Wauapawna, who has feature act in show. Cooke's big python snake looks as tho' he has had a wonderful winter, as he is quite a bit larger than last year. Due in few days are Frank Kingman, with corn game; J. L. O'Steen, with photo gallery, and his sister and son with three other stock concessions; Arthur Woods, with cookhouse; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis with pony corn and snowball; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Reese, with pitch-till-you-win and ball game; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coleman, with pony ride and big six; Jimmie Freeman, with ball chuck wheel; Pete Springfield, with string game; Ike Davis, with grocery wheel, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Newbanks, with girl revue. Newbanks advised he purchased a high-powered public-address system to use on front of his attraction. Manager Riley is handling advance of his show this season. Ruff Miller, who has been out of show business six years, is spending much of his time around quarters. Boone Medley is frequent visitor and will be with show this season.

CARL X. MARTIN.

Grimes Greater

NEW YORK, April 9.—Work has started in quarters, South Norwalk, Conn., and is progressing with help of Jack Lawrence, Stanley Wager and Steve Minarik; under supervision of Frank Jones, who will be manager of concessions. Dean L. Camp, of West Lebanon, N. H., has four rides booked with show. Rides are newly painted, and a new beano has been purchased by Camp. Rides will be shipped by baggage car from South Royalton, Vt., in time for opening in Derby, Conn. Show has been leased by Sons of Italy for nine days. E. D. Wilson, of Rutland, Vt., who has pop corn, will be in charge of electrical department.

EUGENE WALLACH.

De Luxe

LANCASTER, S. C., April 2.—Work is nearing completion here and all equipment is being repainted in the show's colors, which are white and royal blue with red trim. Kiddie Ride has been painted in popular figures of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, making a clever setting. Swingsong Revue will be operated by James Franco and has six new beautiful panel fronts. Show will seat 400 people.

Follies of 1938 also boasts six new panels and will be operated by Jack Stern. Monkey Circus, enlarged as well

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as repainted, will carry a banner line 77 feet in length and newly painted banners. Captain James McVay will operate the show, assisted by Mrs. McVay. Believe It or Not is ready and will be conducted by Half Corey. Miss America Show, now being rebuilt, will be ready for opening. Among its many features is a revolving stage. Jack Stern will manage it.

The Whip has been remodeled, all seats having been reupholstered and the cars painted. Entrance arch also repainted in show colors, while Twin Wheels have been remodeled, repainted and resired. The Chair-o-Plane has also been remade into an up-to-date ride. Merry-Go-Round has been repainted in bright new colors and redecorated with modern scenery.

Show's front arch an eye pleaser. Electrician C. M. Simmons conceived the idea and it's as beautiful as bright lights can make it. All work will be finished by the end of this week, when it leaves quarters for its opening. Sound truck has been remodeled and repainted and a new sound system purchased.

Two new rides have been purchased from Spillman Engineering Company, a Speedway and a Hi-De-Ho Funhouse. Show will carry 12 rides, 10 shows, three-free attractions and about 50 concessions. Jack Russell has his new Hoop-La Fishpond all ready. Line-up of people now in quarters are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Thoberson, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Knott, Captain James and Mrs. McVay, Bonnie-Jean Murdock and Manager R. K. Murdock, Harry Fox, Alex Pryor, S. Preston, A. Donberg, A. Rice, James Martin, James Kendrick, John McClure, Lee Davis, Henry Hunt, Henry Boyd, Louis White, John Haddad, Eddie Brewer, Joe Hollander, Patsy Parmese, Bill Hansen, C. J. Franco, Abe Prell and Clayton Mathew.

LANCASTER, S. C., April 9.—Finishing touches to final details now being done. New arrivals in this week: Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Shortt, who are to be connected with Captain and Mrs. McVay in their Monkey Circus; Gilbert Churchill, De Thompson, Bill Demarest and E. Grady. E. B. Mottie joined for season with cookhouse, bringing along his boys, Dick Slade, Ralph Bliss and Alfred Whitaker. Also joining with addition of a new trailer this year were Marjory Stevens and brother, Harry Stevens, bringing with them Steven Smith. Stevens left wife and two daughters, Betty and Mary Ann, at their home in New Jersey until season gets in full swing. S. E. Prell arrived to look over work that has been done. C. J. Franco left quarters to clean up a few routine details and will join show at opening date.

MRS. CHUCK SIMMONS.

Midwest

(Motorized)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 9.—Persons at quarters are working day and night. Show is adding a new all-steel light plant truck. Plant is being enlarged to 85 kilowatts. Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren returned from Denver with a new Schultz office trailer. Two new Chevrolet trucks have been added. All trucks are painted bright red. Rides are

painted and in good shape and shows have new canvas fronts and banners. Recent visitors: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Neal, of Yellowstone Shows; Micky McCloud, of Piccadilly Circus, and Mrs. Danny Starr.

BALDY O'NEAL.

Royal

BROOKVILLE, Pa., April 2.—Shipment of animals from Frank Lamb, Detroit, received. Ten circus-style cage wagons completed, decorated and ready for road. Animals have been shifted from shipping crates to wagons. George Mettier, assisted by Herbert De Milt, received materials for eight more wagons and will begin building. Hubert Johnson, pictorial artist, started work on five newly finished paneled show fronts. Frankie and Gladys Harris, who are playing night clubs in New York State, were Sunday guests here of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Foreman were called to Osceola Mills, where Foreman's father is seriously ill. Big Elf Wheel and Merry-Go-Round have been delivered and unloaded. Walter Baker was confined to his room a day with a heavy cold, out again now and busy up at shop. Jack L. Murray, who will have arcade and several concessions, is expected here next week. Word from George W. Craven, contracted with band, informs he is ready for call and is in Washington. D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff W. Patton, of Philadelphia, are expected about two weeks before opening. Patton will have charge of wild animal show and Mrs. Patton will have a concession. Charles Dean, bandleader of Chicago Falls, Mass., is expected during next week. He will work around Mettier quarters until show opens.

RAMON METTLER.

Strates

WELDON, N. C., April 2.—With opening one week away force of men in quarters have been doubled and two shifts are working night and day to ready equipment. Managing Director James E. Strates, at directing end, speeding up the work. Frank Leffell, illusionist, arrived and will present Mystic India. Tom Evans also arrived and will present Jolly Ellen, reported to be largest girl. A new front is being built for this attraction. New front built for Jungle Monsters. Two truck loads of bamboo arrived for this front. Choc Phillips, who will have new Folies de Nuit girl show, arrived and rehearsals under way. Other expected arrivals will be Frank Meeker's concert band and Sammy Green and his Dixie to Harlem minstrel revue. Three Pullman sleepers recently purchased by Manager Strates are being thoroughly reconditioned. Peter Christopher, manager of Strates' Midway Cafe, has enlarged cookhouse and has table seating for 80 people at one sitting. Chef John Masters is due soon. Bill and Ada Cowan arrived. Bill is busy building four new concessions which he will operate. Fred Thomas arrived and is getting his equipment in readiness. Fred promises something new and novel in the presentation of his side show. Concessioner Johnny Gordon is also on job. Chief Wahoo Smith is all set for the season to open his Leon Autodrome, all rebuilt and painted.

Riders Don and Dorothy Thompson, Joe Marks and Speedy Stewart busy daily speeding around walls of drome and every afternoon Chief Wahoo and Minne-hacha Smithly working out lions with new routines. Elmer Olsen and paint crew still busy with paint guns. Entire train has been painted and lettered. Four Pullmans will be painted a Pullman green and lettered in gold leaf. Mrs. Ben H. Voorhees still busy sewing. Bingo Bill Jones is expected soon. Billing Agent James Kline arrived and started sorting out paper and ready to bill surrounding territory.

BEN H. VOORHEES.

Winters

(Baggage Cars and Trucks)

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., April 2.—All equipment moved from Beaver Falls here to new quarters. Four buildings are being used. Owner Harry Winters has really spent money, time and effort to make this the largest and best show to ever open under Winters banner. Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Millet arrived from Tampa with long-range shooting gallery and new International truck. Brownie is one of the pioneers of carnival business and at one time or another has had his shows and concessions on all major carnivals in the United States and Canada. Mail Pouch Chewing Club held its weekly Sunday meeting, with President Albert Martell presiding. Name of Willie Tripp was presented, voted upon and accepted and he will be duly initiated at the next meeting. Treasurer's report revealed that there were 24 packages of tobacco on hand. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters left their house at High Springs, Fla., and arrived, accompanied by their daughter, Ella Jane. He will enter upon his duties as general superintendent. Mrs. Lois Bartell has been visiting her relatives at Jackson, Mich. Visitors: Bugs Brooks, Bill Lenz, Ed Tobin, Edgar Simms and many hoya from Joe Cramer's show, which is at Washington, Pa., just a few miles from here.

CARL O. HARTELS.

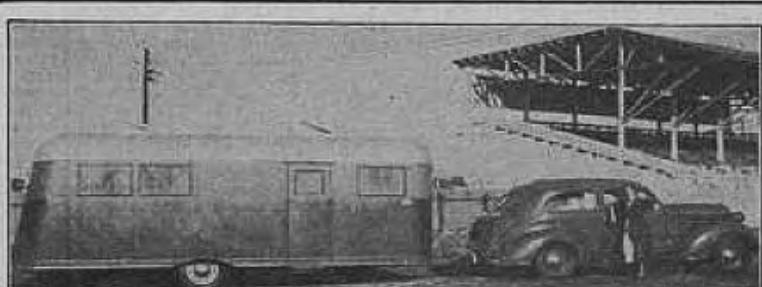
Imperial

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 2.—Plenty of activity in quarters. James Smith, superintendent of construction, has 20 men on pay roll, painters, carpenters and decorators. Every man is busy. Local committee was out Sunday, together with several hundred visitors from Grand Rapids, watching progress being made building new fronts and repairing rides. Louis Sorenson was in quarters looking after building of Parisian Follies. Jack Harris also here framing Hawaiian Show. Sam Johnson is rebuilding Motordrome. Sam Bloom is revamping Jungleland. Jack Belden is building a front for his Reptile Show. Al Hock just arrived to look after his concessions. Jack Brent will have a new panel front for side show. New Tilt-up Whirl arrived from Paribault, Minn. Show will have everything practically new. Opening date is only a few weeks off, but everything will be ready on time. Bob Kenean returned from the East, where he negotiated for a new ride. Frank Payne, general agent, is back and forth every few days. Management is very optimistic and happy for outlook of coming season.

AL HOUSE.

O. C. Buck

RICHMOND HILL, N. Y., April 2.—One week more and O. C. Buck Shows will be on first location ready for opening. While much work is yet to be done, it consists mostly of odds and ends, but with a full crew here everything will be in shipshape, according to department heads. Cornelius Stapleton took sound truck to Philadelphia to have same put in shape and upon returning continued to Albany to bring back one of the new tricks purchased by Manager Buck. One of these trucks will be built with special body to handle new fronts constructed past winter. Jack David, who will handle Port of Missing Girls show, a visitor and announced stage settings and costuming, which have been fashioned in New York, are complete. Stage and settings for Joe Casper's Follies Bergere completed last week. Stage has 20-foot opening, 10 feet deep, with seats for 350. Notes: Benny Bergen, manager custard for Al Crane, arrived and busy overhauling. Tom Hasson advises he will have good show, as well as strong front on side show. Tom Heffernan, ride superintendent, back in quarters again. Been paying regular calls on his dentist for some time. Alex Brown, formerly Brown & Dyer Shows, spent half day visiting and cutting up



MABEL MACK and her Homestead Shanty trailer and auto at Fort Myers, Fla., taken in front of grand stand past winter during fair at which she appeared as a free act with her trained mules. On bill with her were Jimmie and Alice Foster, of Cole Bros. Circus. Mabel is an outstanding show woman in her line and this is first time her picture has appeared in The Billboard since 1922. At that time she was with Johnny J. Jones Exposition at Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, and had one of most elaborate show fronts on midway.

few pots with writer, back yonder when, Hurricane Hardeman joined drama as rider. Jack Ryan doing scenic work on fronts. Jack Wells, electrician, has completed transformer truck and is now catching up odds and ends.

RICHMOND HILL, N. Y., April 9.—Contracts were entered into past week whereby Sammy Lewis, well-known minstrel and revue producer, will present his company as one of feature attractions. Show consists of band, girls' blues singer, dance team, comedians and Lewis. Show will take place of one supposed to have been organized by Johnnie Williams. Lewis past two years with Cetin & Wilson. Harry Murray contracted to place Flea Circus, also has kiddie ride. Notes: Mrs. Oscar G. Buck paid quarters visit for first time last Sunday. Jack David from Philadelphia to inspect work on Port of Missing Girls attraction. Mark Graham, concession, arrived from Scranton, Pa., and started reconditioning his paraphernalia. Jack Greenspoon visitor, also Phil Isser. Many compliments paid Foilien Bergeron front. Emil Paige, Ralph Manning, W. E. Robertson, Harold Eddy and several others joined ride forces over week-end. All these boys here for a number of years.

R. F. McLENDON.

Cetin & Wilson

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 9.—Everything about ready for opening, with quarters bustle and bustle. New arrivals daily. Leo Carroll arrived from Florida. L. W. (Duke) Jeannette from Philadelphia, with every attraction in side show different from last season. Charles Cohen back from a buying trip in New York. Mr. and Mrs. P. Van Aukt, with Pennsylvania, from Parkersburg, W. Va. Doc and Mrs. Baker from Florida. David Rosenberg, billposter, arrived and at work. L. C. (Ted) Miller will start soon with his exploitations. W. F. Hanlon arrived from Florida to resume his place as Scooter foreman. Mrs. E. G. Wien, Mrs. Leo Carroll's mother, will spend season with show, arrived from Florida with the Carrolls. N. Y. Chammis; Tony Vitale, Ohio Fireworks, and Sam Mechanic were visitors during week. Bench Bentum and entire troupe of divers also here and will have outstanding diving show this season. Entire show built by Ernest Anderson, who left to resume work on Steel Pier in Atlantic City. Art Parent, who will produce Paradise Revue, arrived and started rehearsals. G. M. Cooper, who has Rumba Show, also having daily rehearsals and is booked at the Carolina Club for a week before show opens. There are 11 carnivals booked in State within next three weeks.

GEORGE HIRSHBERG.

P. J. Speroni

ROCK FALLS, ILL., April 2.—Work is progressing rapidly, 17 men working in early and late to have everything in readiness for opening. Trucks are being painted white enamel. Rides have all been redecorated. Motors are being completely overhauled. Dr. Huberd, of Nashville, signed contracts to furnish a one-ring circus. This will be feature show. Management feels this show will be a benefit to everyone connected with organization. Minstrel Show will be managed by Floyd Young. Special designed front for this attraction has been recently finished by Blacky Williams, master carpenter. Johnny Hines will have Athletic Show. Mike Verna and wife are visiting in Missouri before opening. Joe Traynor and son recent visitors to quarters. They will be with show again with their photograph concession.

ESTHER L. SPERONI.

Frank West's (Railroad)

NORFOLK, Va., April 2.—With opening just one week away West's World's Wonder Shows' quarters here are mecca for many visitors daily. All are loud in their praise of general appearance of show this year. General Manager West has lived up to his claim made at close of last year's tour, when he stated, "I am going to build the best show that I have ever had in my career." This is exactly what he has done. Work is completed on riding devices. Shows are being loaded as finished. Advertising has started under supervision of Ted Woodward. Norfolk and surrounding countryside will be posted with new line of special paper. Everett McLaughlin arrived and will have charge of twin Ell Wheels again. Lee Hunter and Sallie arrived and will be connected again in similar capacity as in former

years. H. Scrap Singletary, superintendent of construction, is now proud father of girl, Mary Louise. Both mother and baby doing fine. Ed Payton, trainmaster, is on his way. Johnny Williams, who will have Harlem Revue again, is busy lining up musicians and performers. Neil Berk, general agent, here and there reliving General Manager West from many details pertaining opening. Jake Stmel, superintendent of rides, busy getting his help lined up and seeing that finishing touches to major rides. Louis Weiss personally superintending final details of having his three shows in tip-top shape for opening. Al Westcott has the Octopus.

CHARLES SMITH.

Weer

CASSOPOLIS, Mich., April 2.—Hammering and buzzing of saws started things off at quarters. All rides are being rebuilt and painted. Mrs. Weer is on job and overseeing everything. George White arrived and started building new cookhouse, also painting two panel front shows he is putting on. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vanzie wrote they were touching up their concessions, cracker-jack, cigaret gallery, pitch-till-you-win and penny water pitch. Joe J. Fredricks brought in his Octopus and Crime Show equipment and started to paint. His Penny Arcade will be new. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McComb returned with photo gallery. They will also have bingo again. Superintendent of rides J. T. Anderson has selected his foremen, Fred Rounds in charge of Merry-Go-Round; Raymond Roberts, Big Ell Wheel; Jack Nolan, Tilt-a-Whirl; Cliff Baxter, Loop-o-Plane; Albert Vitters, two kiddie rides. Mr. and Mrs. Weer went to Chicago and selected a 22-foot trailer for new office this year. By middle of summer show will have an ice show. New ideas are to be worked out this year. For first time a publicity man will work with writer. Not a banner man, because arch stays clean of all advertising. Ladies' Day will add as a new feature this year. This show will never lose a first night on account of rain, for Plantation Show will be open with its new top and will give three one-hour shows. Chick Wagner and Mrs. Wagner will join show with ball games and Athletic Show. There will be no grit, and this year Mrs. Weer is advertising to her friends the cleanest midway that is possible to give. Mrs. M. H. Weer is putting on new Plantation Show herself.

FRANK MCKAY.

Weyls

PAINESVILLE, O., April 2.—Mr. and Mrs. George Madden, of William Penn Club, Cherry Tree, Pa., will join show at Spangler, Pa., for opening with their new Miniature Railroad kiddie ride. The Maddens are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weyl, the owner and general manager. Word was received that show's new No. 5 Big Ell Wheel will be shipped from Ell Bridge Co. April 20. Paul Campbell will be in charge of wheel. Ben Luse reports he will leave Florida for his home in Cleveland April 15 and will be in Spangler in time to make some repairs and build a new show front. Luse will have three shows this year, his 120-foot banner Hoo Ten-In-One, Pit and Hawaiian. Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Call report they will be in with new Waite Living trailer.

Fisher and Graham, aerialists, Hollywood, Fla., will be in quarters last of April. Ed Weyl, owner-manager, signed contracts for Dare-Devil Don, featuring his pole act and trolley slide for life. Frank Graves is general agent.

GERTRUDE WEYL.

Greater Exposition (Motorized)

MADISON, ILL., April 2.—May think that a show is all ready to go out when it is put in winter quarters, but it never is. Intentions were with this show to do all work on lot after opening, as everything had been painted and overhauled before closing. But with new shows, changes of rides and all other miscellaneous ideas that crop into a manager's mind quarters has been a bedlam for past three weeks. Jack Nation, Jack Hardy, Roy Faustino, Bone-crusher Skeene, Larry Faust, Professor Holbert, Rose Wallace and other individual show managers all arrived with new ideas and as a result carpenter and paint departments worked overtime to carry out their ideas, and also feeding department, as all seem to work better with a full stomach. Two sound cars have been redecorated and are

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working in Granite City, where show opens. Pee Wee Thomas, who has band, is rehearsing daily. Sam Benjamin is out ahead but will be in for opening. Many visitors in quarters when showmen's ball was held in St. Louis. Among them Jimmy Laughlin, Bruce Barham and Doc Wilson. Warren Wright has adjoining quarters and all meet together and cut up jackpots every night. Four Sensational Jacks and Five Flying Fishers are booked for season. Walter Jaap and son, Archie, arrived from North Dakota and are busy building their new show, Mystic China. Henry Wagner was a visitor from Houston, Tex. Elisabeth Yearout, who will be secretary this year, arrived and took up her duties with rides that have been playing St. Louis lots for past three weeks. Theodore Odell, steward at quarters, will leave for New York for a 10-day visit with relatives after opening and then return to open his cleaning and pressing establishment on lot.

H. W. SMITH.

F. H. Bee

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn., April 9.—Folk are coming in quarters every day. Paint brushes, hammers and saws are humming. All workmen are busy building and repairing equipment so as to have everything spick and span for opening. P. H. Bee Jr. returned from successful booking trip. Bee will change route from previous years and invade West Virginia with a much larger show than in former years. Gus Bethune completed new cookhouse and finished painting truck. Jay Williams and family arrived and building and painting concessions. He is former circus man. Leonard McLemore has eight men working in his private quarters, getting kiddie rides and concessions in shape. He received new canvas for all concessions and rides. McLemore will feature a new idea in kiddie rides by fencing in all rides and having teeterboards, sand piles and woman attendant to look after little tots while parents take in shows. H. E. Baker, ride superintendent and electrician, returned to quarters and is overseeing work on rides and hooking up new transformer truck, and says that all new canvas will adorn his concessions. Mrs. Baker and son, Buzzie, are also in quarters. John Stewart, trainmaster and

lot man, is looking after rolling stock. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carroll, who have been in Georgia all winter, returned to quarters. John Thompson will be in with Hawaiian troupe of seven natives. He will have a new 40 by 60 top. I. W. Reynolds is due to get Ameena Show ready and advises he will have complete new outfit. Bob Parker has diggers and visited on way to Michigan to get new Kony Coach trailer. Writer and Mrs. Hicks are holding down lobby of Colonial Hotel and are very much elated at outlook for this show.

WILLIAM R. HICKS.

Clint & Clark

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 9.—Work in quarters almost completed. All rides and equipment have new coat of red and white paint. Hubert Van Seigrist will operate new kiddie ride purchased from Harry C. Ritter Co. Sam McMaster and wife will have charge of new dual Loop-o-Plane. Marvin Hunt will be Merry-Go-Round foreman and Frank Kopcha second man. John Walker will have Chairplane, with Huston Shively as assistant. N. R. Waters and Dennis Jackson will operate Big Ell Wheel. Una Meadows will have front gate. Billy Morgan has sound car. Theodore Meadows, electrician, Charles Huntley, general agent and promotions. Charles Wertman will be The Billboard and mail agent. Rae Adele Clark is secretary. Show will carry free acts and operate 10-cent gate. Evelyn Townley, of Columbus, Ohio, claimed as America's most beautiful girl at Hotel St. Moritz last August and judged by Bernard Macfadden; Ted Shaw, renowned dancer; Arthur Von-Frankenbourg, famous cover artist; Ethelde Bleibrey, former Olympic swimming champion; Al Altman, Eastern casting director and scout for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and Ethelde Bedford, novelist and authority on beauty. Townley will make personal appearances each evening on snowgrounds. Harry Prokes, high-swinging pole act, will be used as act No. 2, and Johnny Wages, original one-man band, will be featured as act No. 3. Concessions booked are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Proudfit, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Teter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Earl,

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CHARLES C. HUNTLEY.

Hughey Bros.

LILBOURN, Mo., April 9.—Opening date but a few days off. Usual painting, rebuilding and overhauling of shows and rides completed. Everything in readiness for opening. Practically all showfolk contracted have arrived. Henry Heyn arrived with Tilt-a-Whirl and two kiddie rides, all looking their best in new coats of paint.

BILLIE BOWEN.

Sol's Liberty

CARTHERSVILLE, Mo., April 9.—Few more days and this show leaves quarters for opening stand, which will allow couple of days for final art work. This midway is replete with innovations. Work has been going on since immediately after new year, mostly new building, because Manager Sam Solomon does not believe in using paint to cover old material, therefore orders have been to carry out his new slogan, "Everything new but title." Parked about fairgrounds here are some 26 trailers and more arriving every day to join. Most of employees of Sol's Liberty Shows have been with it many years. Writer arrived at quarters to take charge of press department for season, handling newspapers, radio, billing, merchants and school tie-ups, assisted by Ruth Liebman with sound truck and Jack Daughdrill with billposting car. New printing ideas in all forms to be used this season. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Solomon visited with her folk in St. Louis over week-end and fraternized with friends on Greater Exposition. Dee Lang and West Bros' shows. Also made trips to Memphis and Little Rock. General Agent William Solomon has route booked and will return for opening night. R. W. Rocco and son, Russell, concessionaires, over here last year and who will be on the Dodson World's Fair Shows this season, visited quarters. Billy Owens, secretary, has new trailer and invited writer to use it as press headquarters opening night each week. Judith Solomon, Gussie Liebowitz and Mabel Pieroni make frequent trips to Missouri Show Women's Club in St. Louis. Jack (Doc) Wilson, family and assistants arrived from Minneapolis. Pop Whitman, master builder, has five light towers erected and lighted which makes daylight out of darkness at Fair Park.

FRANK J. LEE.

Dodson's

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., April 9.—Large number of onlookers daily spend hours visiting quarters viewing activities. Active rejuvenation of show has been under way for past 10 weeks. More money than ever before is being expended on complete reconstruction program. An entire transformation from main entrance to smallest unit on midway is being given closest attention by crew of skilled craftsmen, nearly 90 in number who are busily engaged 10 hours a day under supervision of Assistant Manager Bert Miner. General Manager C. Guy Dodson, greatly benefited physically after long winter vacation in Florida, makes tour of quarters twice daily checking over blue prints and to oversee plans on work now in progress. All repairs, painting and lettering of coaches and flat cars are finished. Every piece of rolling stock has passed rigid

1938 railway inspection. Main entrance arch, measuring 120 feet in length and height of 48 feet, is being painted and decorated by Jack Champion and assistants. Arch will incase a globe 14 feet in diameter an exact replica of the world. An electric motor placed on inside will cause it to revolve slowly. Neon tubing and varicolored lights will be used for illumination purposes on outside. Ten new baggage wagons, 20 feet in length, and six new show fronts are in process of construction. According to schedules laid down earlier in year by Bert Miner, all work is moving along as prearranged. Opening day Bandmaster Charles Clark raises his baton for opening musical number. General Agent Melvin G. Dodson is off on prospecting trip. Eddie Davis arrived from Florida with his de luxe cookhouse and staff of chefs, cooks and waiters. His force is now feeding workingmen at quarters. Candy concessionaire Mike Green signed to circulate his wares on Dodson midway. Having fully recovered from severe attack of influenza Secretary-Treasurer Vernon Korhn is busy in office wagon with pre-season duties. Special Agent Ed Bruer is on his way from Fort Worth, Tex., by easy stages. He and Mrs. Bruer spent winter months in the South.

DAVE CARROLL.

Royal American

(Railroad)

TAMPA, April 9.—Trains will start rolling for North Florida Fair from quarters here April 14, all work being up to day-by-day schedule, regular crew of workmen being enlarged to 150 with two shifts. Slim Sowerry's painters are spreading more than 90 gallons a day. Sedimayr and Velare brothers announce an even brighter midway '38 season with more neon and more candlepower. There will be several lighting innovations to be presented at Jacksonville worked out by Vince T. Book, designing engineer, and Nath Nelson, electric superintendent. Movable parts of many rides will have neon in addition to powerful multi-colored reflectors. Raynell will have an all-new Chez Paree with new costumes. Elsworth and Cordero, dancing team, will be starred in several numbers. Walter and Marjorie Kemp have enlarged Thrill Arena and have added more girl riders. Billy Mack, comedian, has been signed for new sound truck. Doc Sunshine will handle radio. Francis F. Healy and Mrs. Gladys Healy arrived April 1 from Beaumont, Tex., and took over publicity department. A new press wagon is being constructed. Mrs. Dillon Hurt returned from Lamar, Mo., Tuesday following funeral of her husband in that city. Mrs. Hurt will carry on cookhouse of which her husband had been manager since 1933. Bonzo, climp star of Larry Banthin's Monkey Town, is well again after a foot infection from a splinter. Albert Thornton left this week for Washington on business in connection with participation of federal government in Hernando DeSoto Celeb. (See SPRING QUARTERS on page 67.)

Heart of America Showmen's Club

Reid Hotel

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Telegrams of congratulations will not be sent to any carnivals or circuses on their opening dates this year, as club officials feel that some may be overlooked and thus create hard feelings among show owners. In view of this fact the club is taking this opportunity to wish all show owners and members that have or will in the near future start on their 1938 season not only a successful opening but a prosperous and happy season.

Few members here, as many of them have left for their respective shows.

W. F. (Bill) Wilcox left to join the Ringling circus at Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis White will have their cookhouse with the All-American Exposition Shows this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wadsworth left for Kring Park in Omaha where they have charge of the concessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Dauphinee and Ivan Mickelson will join the All-American Exposition Shows. Axel Bendixen, owner, has completed building a new ride here and has sent it on to quarters at Mason City, Ia.

Letters from President Abner Kline from Salem, Ore., state that he will soon hit the road again, visiting various shows and sending in more new members.

R. L. Bishop writes that he will have

a long list of new members to send in as soon as the shows get on the road. Jack Moon will join Fairy & Little Shows at Springfield, Mo., and George Ross will go to the All-American Exposition Shows.

John R. Castle and Toney Martone own the Heart of America Shows, which are in quarters in North Kansas City. Dave Stevens, just back from Florida, is acting as agent for the new show.

C. J. Chapman, who has been on the club list, is up again and visited the clubrooms.

Mrs. Norris B. Cresswell, wife of one of our past presidents, underwent a major operation and is reported doing well.

Membership drive is off to a good start, with Harry Althaus in first place; President Kline, second, and F. Newell, third. Many members have been sending in dues and the following have received their 1938 cards: Henry J. Blak, Jimmie Morrissey, G. M. Pich, Jack Wright, O. W. Thornton, W. L. Mellor, Max Wasserman, Myer Peltman and Joe Carpenter.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Club's last business meeting, Friday, this spring was well attended. President Myrtle Duncan presided. Hattie Hawk was in the secretary's chair, as Elizabeth Yearout left for St. Louis. Ruth Ann Lewis donated a Big Apple game and the committee filled a pint jar with navy beans and everyone guessed, with Lorretta Ryan the winner. She also won the award of the evening.

Sally Stevens, just back from Florida, won the cake donated by Hattie Hawk. Relly Castle was admitted to Menchen Hospital. It is reported she will remain there for two or three weeks. Gertrude Waring is up and around again after a recent illness. Following comprise the summer membership committee: Bird Brainerd, Margaret Haney and Hattie Hawk.

When the meeting adjourned Myrtle Duncan surprised the club by serving homemade cakes and Lorretta Ryan donated the coffee.

HELEN BRAINERD SMITH.

Allan Herschell Busy On Kiddie Ride Shipments

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., April 9.—C. V. Starkweather, of the Allan Herschell Co., announced here last week that there is much activity in the shop and shipping department for their Kiddie Auto ride.

One was sent out to Savannah, Ga., to William Zeldman, of the Mighty Sheesley Midway. Other orders for April delivery are for M. J. Doolan, Chicago; L. Holman, Seneca Falls, N. Y., and F. E. Gooding, Columbus, O. Starkweather further stated.

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Morton Talks Plans For New Haven Show

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 9.—Hamid-Morton Indoor Circus will be presented for the third successive season here when Hejaz Grotto sponsors it in the arena. Bob Morton was here recently to discuss details with the committee.

In previous years Knights of Columbus staged the show and drew large crowds. Carl Reicker, who did a good job the first year, is busy with advance details and supplants Harry Sterns, originally scheduled on the job.

Among acts will be Basile's Madison Square Garden Band; George Hannaford Family, equestrians; Captain Spiller, sea lions; Torelli's Comedy Animal Circus; Captain Carlos, ponies, greyhounds and comedy mule; Bob Eugene Troupe, comedy aerial bars; Blondin-Rellini Troupe, high wire; Helen Reynolds' Skaters; Gene Hamid Troupe, tumblers and pyramid builders; Woolard's trained Dachshunds; Silvers Johnson, comedy Ford; Dr. Bernard's trained elephants and Sensational Waldo, serial-

Workers at Ft. Worth Shows

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 9.—Home Show on March 29-April 3 in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum here, sponsored by the Star-Telegram and Federal Housing Administration, drew 17,000 on the first four nights, with attendance on final Saturday and Sunday slightly more than 4,000 nightly, said Ira W. Curry, manager-manager. There was a free gate. Concessions included Don Ansley, silhouettes; A. C. Wolfe, covers; M. E. O'Meara, wild-life conservation; Fass Eaves, photo machine; Leo Sax, M. Dubinsky, jewelry; Jim Lobaugh, Ray Quiggin, playing cards; Dave Gordon and son, Roy, guess-weight scales. Murphy Estell, concessioner, and Jimmy Polenzo, pastel artist, were visitors.

Hamid Acts for Sunbury

SUNBURY, Pa., April 9.—George A. Hamid, Inc., will furnish free acts for the 4th anniversary celebration of Friendship Fire Company and Band here, including Conley Troupe, featuring dogs, ponies and monkeys and high aerial act. Already booked are Jimmie Helman's Side Show, Monkey Show and Penny Arcade; Tommy Fallon's two girls shows, Roy Dowd's Broadway Rebels, Reithoffer's sides and numerous concessions. Mel Sober, concession-chairman, said there will be nightly band concerts, parades, drum majors' twirling contests and other events.

Calif. Cities To Celebrate

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Two suburban cities will celebrate 50th anniversaries and stage pageants produced by Panchon & Marco. At South Pasadena Golden Fiesta entertainers, music and parades will mark a two-day celebration. Compton will celebrate its Golden Jubilee, with civic officials and merchants centering on a city-wide program. Joe Scott, of Panchon & Marco, assisted by Russell A. Stapleton, is directing activities for both events.

HOPEWELL, Va., April 9.—Silver Bros. Circus will be here for three nights under auspices of Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department, reports J. R. Russell, press agent. R. E. (Doc) Robertson will manage show and concessions. Popularity contest is being conducted to stimulate advance ticket sale and billing. Newspapers and radio announcements are being used to publicize show.

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Wash. Plans Events Chain

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 9.—State Progress Commission called a meeting of 218 mayors of Washington cities and towns here on May 4 to discuss a State-wide series of golden jubilee events during 1939. Leo Weisfield, Seattle, jubilee committee chairman, estimates 100 rodeos, festivals and carnivals will be staged in cities to attract tourists to the State's 50th anniversary of Statehood celebration. He said the commission hopes to make a chain of celebrations, including Wenatchee Blossom Festival, Ellensburg Rodeo, Coeurville Indian War Canoe Races and other events.

Cavalcade Shows Contracted

ELWOOD CITY, Pa., April 9.—Cavalcade of Fun Shows has been booked for Elwood Volunteer Fire Department's Celebration and Oldtimers' Day, reports Chairman Charles A. Miller. Midway will remain a week and there will be a parade and numerous giveaways.

Shorts

FOUR LAVERNES, featuring Billy and Patay, juvenile gymnasts, have been contracted for Cambridge (Neb.) Veterans' Reunion.

FREDA MARCUS, appearing with the O'Neills, barrel jumpers, since February, has played night clubs and special dates in Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma.

DATES for New York Amusement Co., presenting a Funny Auto, will start after May 1, reports B. D. Lindley, Terre Haute, Ind. A new sponsor in an advertising stunt has been lined up for this season.

FOR Meadville (Pa.) Sesquicentennial Celebration the commission arranged thru Bill Martin, State rep for John B. Rogers Producing Co., for a historical pageant. A Rogers spec with cast of 1,500, parades, logrolling, river events and midway will feature New Brighton (Pa.) Centennial Celebration.

MICHIGAN Sportsmen's and Boat Show, which opened on April 3 for a week in the Coliseum, State Fair grounds, Detroit, with estimated attendance of 10,000, has two-a-day log-rolling, chopping, sawing, canoe handling, tilting, bait and fly casting, fancy shooting and ski jumping. Exhibitions were given at West African Village, Sioux Indian camp, African hunting camp and Arctic show.

FREE programs nightly, parade, pageant and fireworks will feature Green Creek (O.) Centennial Celebration, said Secretary Dana G. Barber.

THE 1938 Fall Festival of New Holland, O., Post, American Legion, will be the 19th annual of this successful event, said Floyd W. James, post-service officer. William Skinner is secretary.

UNDER direction of B. C. Truxel the O'Neills presented comedy acrobatics, barrel-jumping, high-ladder and table acts at Newton (Kan.) Food Show and Enid (Okla.) Food Show and will present their ladder drop act at St. Louis Police Circus again this season, reports James B. O'Neill.

THE ARNESENS, Barney and Jimmy, wire balancing and comedy acrobatic turn, have been booked for annual Firemen's Indoor Fair, Chester, W. Va. C. A. Klein arranged the booking.

SPONSORED by Bridgeport (O.) Retail Merchants' Association, second annual Better Homes Exposition will be held in Eagles' Auditorium, Bridgeport, and vaude, radio turns and bands will provide entertainment nightly.

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Funds Sought To Continue Milwaukee Summer Festival

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—Representatives of county board, county park commission and Midsummer Festival committee have gone on record as being "of one mind in agreeing on a continuation and development of a Midsummer Festival of permanent and lasting significance."

To finance preliminary work appropriations of \$5,000 each will be sought from county board and city council, while a festival subcommittee and member of park commission will confer with Governor La Follette in an effort to secure part of the State's \$50,000 advertising fund for the festival.

Lamont Act Not Paid Off

CHICAGO, April 9.—J. Lamont, of Lamont's Cockatoos, writes that the American Federation of Actors did not file suit against the Oconto Corn and Potato Show to collect the three-day salary due the act, as was reported in a recent issue. He adds that the management agreed to pay off at the rate of 30 per cent, but it still owes me for the three days' salary."

Klein Unit Has New Dates

HOLLOWAY, O., April 9.—Klein's Indoor Circus will play here under auspices of Volunteer Fire Department. Unit now includes Carmen and Crowley, comedy acrobats; Arnold's Barnyard Police, animal act; Lillian Strock, trapeze; Myrtle Meinke, swinging ladder, and Barney Arnesen, wire act. Unit has several dates in Ohio and Pennsylvania during the next month, Manager Klein said.

LINE O' TWO

(Continued from page 48)
at Victoria House, Leicester Square, by Deakin & Bartman.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 9.—Con-Nell Corporation, with principal office in Charlotte, has been formed to own and operate a general amusement business. Authorized capital is \$50,000, with \$3000 subscribed by W. A. Lemmond, C. S. Wilson and L. C. Caughlin, all of Charlotte.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., April 9.—Dave Carroll, season 1937 press agent for Dodson's World's Fair Shows, has signed for this season to handle newspaper and radio publicity. He will work with and under direction of Melvin G. Dodson, general agent for shows. Carroll took up his duties last week at quarters here.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 9.—Only four carnivals will be granted permits to exhibit in this city this season under new city law. They will be required to play for World War Veterans' auspices

exclusively. Hartford is rated as one of best carnival towns in New England and carnivals have always proved popular with citizens and auspices.

PULASKI, Tenn., April 9.—J. F. Sparks Shows have been awarded midway contract for annual Kentucky Fair at Germantown. Elwood Dillon, secretary of event, signed up, James H. Timmons, show's secretary, announced here this week. Event will be held in August.

TAMPA, April 9.—Francis P. Healy and wife, Gladys Healy, of Beaumont, Tex., arrived here April 1 and took over press department of Royal American Shows. They succeeded Jack E. Dadswell and Ed Squires in that capacity. New press wagon is being built with every known facility for handling newspaper and radio publicity. Elmer U. Velare, business manager of shows, announced this week.

WILLARD, O., April 9.—J. R. Edwards Attractions have been contracted for the midway for annual Firemen's 4th of July celebration here. This event will be part of 150th anniversary celebration of Northwestern Territory. All attractions will be located on streets, making return of street fairs in this town.

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Cameras Going Stronger Than Ever; Candids Lead

Fall and winter popularity indicates outdoor workers will give picture boxes big play this season—many attractive low-priced numbers on market

NEW YORK, April 9.—With the coming of spring and summer the camera craze, which has been rolling along at a phenomenal rate, is expected to assume even greater heights. There has been no apparent let-up in public interest in picture taking. Pic magazines, with rare exceptions, are doing bigger business and selling more copies than ever, with only one important "folding" among the flock of magazines recently introduced. This was the mag Picture, and there are rumors that it might be revived. Replacing it, anyway, since this department's last story on the camera craze is the new and successful Focus.

Camera and film companies report greater sales than at any time in the past. Certain concessioners report plans to set up stands featuring cameras exclusively, using such types as regular snapshot boxes, candids and candid-type (or what might be called imitation candids) and motion picture cameras.

Favorite is the new low-priced candid type. Falcon has a number carried by several jobbers which has all the earmarks of a winner. It uses standard Eastman No. 127 film and is equipped with Wallensack 50mm. lens. It is made of black celluloid with chrome-plated metal parts and takes 16 shots on one roll of film.

Newspapers, magazines and commercial organizations are renewing their photo contest sales-building efforts, whetting the appetites of the camera fiends and helping interest in picture taking all over the country.

Reason given for statement that cameras will prove big concession item this season is that folks in small towns all over the country in spots played by carnivals and other shows do not have the opportunity to purchase worth-while

cameras at a low price. They will, therefore, welcome the opportunity to obtain such cameras when offered as prizes by concessioners.

A number of outdoor bingo operators also told this reporter they were planning to give cameras a big play on their merchandise stands. And in the games still operating indoors at churches and among other organizations, operators, too, are showing a greater preference for cameras as prizes than ever before. One operator, running the game for a Manhattan church, stated that his players have asked him to introduce cameras and feature the item as the prize on at least five games out of the 25 played.

Spring and summer, at any rate, have always been the biggest time of the year for the picture taking, and with the momentum the camera craze has picked up during the past fall and winter there seems to be no reason why concessioners and other operators should not be able to cash in handsomely.

Filters are being furnished to direct sellers on attractive self-selling display cards. Cards are sold to barber shops, cafes, drug, candy, auto supply and stationery stores, hotel cigar and cigarette counters and many other locations.

Price is low enough to leave salesmen a large profit as well as net the store-keeper using the cards a neat take. Operators in other fields, such as concessioners and bingo ops, are offering filters as consolation prizes and finding them popular movers.

Basic principle of all filters, of course, is to place one cigarette inside the filter and smoke another cigarette thru the first. Idea is that the inside cigarette catches the nicotine coming thru the cigarette being smoked. Claims are that this method of smoking eliminates from 75 to 90 per cent of the nicotine.

Filters have been selling for anywhere from 50 cents to \$2 in various chain and drug stores. Average card comes with 12 filters. Card itself contains sales story and is decoratively printed in two colors. Sales story on cards tells how nicotine is eliminated and brings out other important features of the filters.

Filters come in several models, generally made of black bakelite, trimmed with either gold-plated or chrome-plated metal bands. For users wishing to pass the filters out individually as consolation prizes, they come in special individual boxes.

Success of the number shows once again that if the proper advertising and promotion are put behind any item with merit the item can be made a winner.

There have been a number of filters on the market in recent years, but not until smart national advertisers got behind the current crop of filters and educated the public to their uses did the item catch on to any great extent.

"Down With Nicotine" Spirit Boosts Ciggie Filter Sales

A Column for OPERATORS & DISTRIBUTORS of SALES-BOARDS, SALESCARDS and TRADE STIMULATORS.

DEALS

By BEN SMITH

Last week we said there would be many items in the Spring Special which operators could work profitably on a deal. And you must agree with us there were plenty of such items featured. Among them were:

THE MYSTERY PIPE LAMP. This has the finish and appeal to move well on a one-shot board or otherwise. It's a good man's item and yet attractive enough to please the women as a decorative piece around the house. It is finished in bronze and chromium and has three pipe holders attached. Mystery lies in the fact that no switch is seen—lamp is lighted by turning the three screws. Dancers Co. has been unusually successful in manufacturing for this market and seems to have another winner here.

PLAY BALL. Another straight merchandise deal offered by Spors along the same line as its World Series. Operators should find it a good producer this spring and summer. Jeder is handling the deal in the East.

DUMMY DOLLS. Charlie McCarthy is still a popular radio figure and the various dummy dolls on the market are still going strong on cards and boards. The Spring Special featured a good selection of these—N. Shure and Paris Head and Novelty, with Charlie McCarthy; New Art Toy and Feather, with Lippy Lou Goldfarb and World Trading, with Dummy Dan; Standard Sales, with Mickey McGuire; and Kindel & Graham, with Gabby Joe, Willie Talk and Dummy McSmarty.

ELECTRIC SHAVERS. Of course, these have had such a heavy play in the past couple of years that interest in shavers has naturally fallen off a bit. However, Skiv-Shave, featured by Elgin, and the Monarch, featured by J. J. Stone, are priced low enough for a fast turnover on a small deal.

RADIOS. Midget radios have made more money for operators than almost any other item we can think of. Two of them look like homes. Silver Dwarf, by Silver Mfg. Co., and the Hart Midget, by Hart Products. They have the finish seem to be priced right and should turn over nicely—especially if the operator can afford to place a set with each car. In fact, we all know what a swell job Evans has done with its Pee Wee Detrola.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER ITEMS including candid cameras, beverage sets, cutlery sets, clocks, strip-tease glasses, stuffed dolls and tie deals. If you haven't (See DEALS on opposite page)

Circus, Rodeo Workers Are Going Into Action

Manufacturers are working on items which are particularly suitable for these fields—new cowboy mufflers look good—monkey mitts promise comeback

NEW YORK, April 9.—With the opening of the Ringling-Barnum circus at Madison Square Garden here yesterday the circus season got under way in the metropolitan area and in many other sections of the country. Novelty men have done well for years with merchandise especially designed for sale at the circuses. Among these are such numbers as stuffed toy animals, whips, pennants and banners, dolls, novelty hats and canes. Several manufacturers have recently gone to great expense to produce items particularly suitable for the circus novelty men. The rodeo field is another for which manufacturers have produced especially suitable items. One of the most recent introductions is the new American-made cowboy muffler. Muffler is made of rayon satin or rayon taffeta and comes in seven brilliant colors. Item has proved a popular seller at rodeos and Wild West events.

A number which at one time was extremely popular at circuses but which for some reason waned is the monkey mitt. This item makes for an exceptionally interesting and humorous demonstration and sells thru a strong appeal to grown-ups as well as kiddies. Jobbers and manufacturers have recently reintroduced the item and from early reports indicate that it will enjoy a quick climb back to the position it once held among demonstrators.

Balloons, appropriately decorated, have, of course, always been good sellers at both circuses and rodeo, as well as at carnivals, parks, fairs and other outdoor locations. One of the latest and most appealing numbers in the balloon category and one which should be a fast seller is the line of Snow White and the Seven Dwarf balloons. Popularity of all

items decorated with the new sensational Disney characters has been proved in a number of instances and there is no reason to believe the girl and her dwarfs will not increase balloon sales as well.

Calling All Concessioners

Now that the outdoor season is actually getting under way and concessioners are out on the road, it is the intention of this department to run as much news and as many features as possible of interest to them. This box is to serve as an appeal to all you guys and gals out there in the hinterlands to keep in touch with us and tell us of your activities. We'll be glad to print anything of interest to others and we know if you co-operate you'll get a great deal of pleasure and perhaps some real value out of reading about the doings of the concession boys and girls.

BINGO BUSINESS

By JOHN CARY

SPRING IS HERE, TRA LA, TRA LA, has been our theme song for the past several weeks, but the ole weather man is doing his damndest to dampen our ardor. He laid a heavy blanket of snow over New York yesterday, and reports from other cities indicate that even heavier snowstorms swept cities outside New York. But with snow still graying the atmosphere we insist that outdoor bingo is going to be bigger and better than ever and we point to the Spring Special issue of *The Billboard*, dated April 9, to prove it.

THE ISSUE IS CHOCK-FULL of bingo advertisements by such outstanding leaders in the field as E. S. Lowe, Schulman, World Trading, Automatic Button Co., Winner Sales Co., Bingo Supply Co. and others. And the merchandise prizes suitable for bingo ought to gladden any operator's heart. First, of course, there are enough dummy dolls to make a good-sized army; then other fine prizes are presented, including lamps, clocks, watches, radios, bedspreads, cameras, stuffed toy animals, cutlery and silverware sets, fitted overnight cases, electric razors, furniture, pillows and doll cushions, beverage sets, blankets, umbrellas, electric door chimes, dresser sets, cocktail sets and countless others. It is our hunch that many a game is going to (See BINGO BUSINESS on opposite page)

Popular Items

Write to The Billboard, Buyers' Service Department, 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati, O., for addresses of companies in this department supplying the items which interest you.

French Specs

A new-type sun glass which gives full protection on three sides, is the latest appealing prize and premium offering of the Emelot Co., Inc. Specs are claimed to be non-shatterable, non-inflammable and anti-glare. The purpose of the sides on the glasses is to provide protection from the often blinding reflection of sun, sea or snow. Its low price in quantity orders should enable ops and agents to cash in on the demand created by advertising in smart magazines.

Easel Alarm Clock

Concessioners who use clocks as a premium would do well to look over the line manufactured by the Majestic Clock Mfg. Co., which is featuring a clock that has found favor in the general premium trade. It is an easel alarm clock and comes in four jewel mirror colors, namely, Rock (crystal), Sapphire (blue), Champagne (gold) and Emerald (green). Clocks are 40-hour guaranteed winding and dials are metallic embossed. Chrome trimmings set them off nicely. Clocks are said to contain American movements of the finest construction.

Doll Cushions

For a novel premium item, doll cushions manufactured by the Standard Doll Co. appear to be attracting wide attention, not only from concessioners but also from salesmen and bingo operators. A finely finished doll is permanently attached to the cushion, which is made of satin trimmed with lace and filled with kapok. Size is 10x22 inches and makes a wonderful finish. Firm states that it holds the United States design patent on the item. Company is also noted in the premium field for its boudoir dolls and has a reputation for manufacturing.

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having created several specialties that gained quite a vogue in the premium trade.

Novelty Hat

Epstein Novelty Co. is demonstrating how an old established item can sometimes, with a slight change, be placed in the class of a new number. Firm recently took the regulation "Spanish" hat with tassels" and by adding a rose under the brim, started the novelty hat off on a new career. Firm presented the idea to several well-known concessioners and the latter immediately became strong for it. With the addition of the rose, the effect is chic and classy. Item bids fair to become one of the leaders of the outdoor season.

BINGO BUSINESS

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comes to new life when operators start offering these attractive prizes.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING numbers introduced in the Spring Special is the new transparent "See Thru" bingo marker offered by Automatic Button Co. Markers are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, and player can plainly see number on his card right thru the marker.

THAT'S A NICE ARRANGEMENT Mayor Merle F. Wells worked out in Davenport, Ia., with bingo operators. Instead of making operators pay license fees to conduct the game, he arranged for them to contribute 2 per cent of the gate receipts to the Community Chest. Said the mayor: "As long as bingo is such a popular game I can see no harm in permitting charity to profit from it. Our local chest represents poor relief and other worthy charities, so I took it upon myself to enforce payment of the pledges." This last refers to a condition which we cannot for the life of us understand. Here a town's mayor offers the bingo operators an opportunity to contribute part of their proceeds to a good cause, which must necessarily help the game. And still there are certain operators who do not have the good sense and the foresight to make their share of the contributions. It is this type of operator who hurts bingo more than it can possibly be hurt from any outside source.

NICE BREAK IN THE NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM last week for E. S. Lowe, head of the supply and equipment house of the same name. Staff writer Eddie Johnson did a number of feature stories on bingo's popularity and quoted Lowe in several instances. And why not? Lowe even offered the services of his charming stenographer, Claire Locafsky. Claire posed pretty for a picture to ornament the second of the feature stories.

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL INVITATION to all outdoor bingo operators to drop us a line about their games, their season's openings, their planned routes, the types of merchandise and equipment they are using and anything else which they feel might be interesting to fellow readers of this column. Let's hear from you.

DEALS

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yet bought the Spring Special issue of The Billboard do so today.

Large deals seem to be definitely on the way out. Almost all of them this spring and summer will probably take in less than \$20, with a large percentage taking \$10 or less. Operators generally believe that the small deals give them a smaller net profit they will make more money in the long run thru a greater turnover.

Ralph Artigas info that Master Distributors should be ready to introduce its new item soon. Deal has been in the works many weeks and, with the attention given, it should be good.

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DIRECT SALES STUFF

By WALTER ALWYN-SCHMIDT

Starting out as a direct salesman while still a student, James Brakeman now does a shoe business of over \$20,000 annually by house-to-house sales methods. His customers are business executives, army men and others who appreciate well-fitting shoes. He works from a store 5½ feet wide and 20 feet long but his real stock in trade is his sample case that is always ready for an immediate call. This direct-selling success story reaches me thru The Boot and Shoe Recorder. It shows what can be done with a good idea and that the direct-selling field is never overcrowded.

My call for contributors to this column has brought results. First, my old friend Jack Horwitz, writing from Cleveland, says: "I read the column every week and enjoy it and have received many good tips from it. I think every direct salesman should read it." Thanks, Jack, for your letter. I am going to write you more fully in a few days.

If you are interested in knowing what's going on in New York, here are a few items I have picked up last week from men who called at my office. Cold calls are not much good these days unless you have something really new. Fairly good business can be done in offices with men's articles and women's wear. A man selling men's shirts is doing good business in the evening. He prepares his call by a telephone canvass and says it is worth the trouble if you have a good calling list. He gets his list thru the recommendation of his customers, who give him the names of other prospects.

A certain sales manager is handing a bouquet to the lady members of his organization. He says that they generally inform themselves better about a product's selling points. The average salesman, he explains, is too much inclined to sell himself, forgetting about the article he wants to sell. Find out what is different about your item. Be ready to tell your customer what she wants to know. Present your story in an easily understandable manner. When you are thru, ask questions.

Flora Sawyer writes from Los Angeles that she has established a good business selling kitchen aids by instructing women's groups in their use. She contacts local clubs and offers her services as a lecturer. Shows the members how they can make their daily work easier and get better results. One of her personal helps is a scrapbook in which she collects all kinds of household hints, advertisements of novelties and all other information which she believes might be of interest. If she finds something new she gets a sample and uses it in her demonstration. This frequently leads to orders. Some of the clubs where she

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lectures take a small admission charge, with the proceeds going to charity. She finds this system makes for a better audience. Often the local gas and electric company will co-operate. In this case she lectures in a showroom and cooks a meal on a gas or electric stove.

Salesmen who work cottage colonies are advised that frequently lecture and demonstration facilities can be had free of charge by applying to the local resident or property owners' association. Talk must be entertaining and instructive. Sales can be made either among the audience or by calling the next day at the homes of interested parties. There is no end to the articles which may be sold in cottage colonies. The season opens about the middle of May.

Good advice comes from Anton Hubner, who cautions against traveling too fast. When you have located a good village or town stay in it until you have thoroughly covered it. Most sales come as the result of recommendations. If a few days must pass before the merchandise is delivered, go on but come back in a short while and cover the place again.

Jep Jepson, super salesman, says: What's the good of raising your hat if you have nothing underneath?

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Many popular items will be found in a price list recently issued by the Greenwich Toy and Novelty House. It contains toys, souvenirs, noisemakers, books, novelties, magic and puzzles. House is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosen and has been established for over 37 years.

Samuel Baum, who conducted the Baum Sales Co., has discontinued his business and is now a member of the Bengor Products Co.'s sales force.

Ben Hoff, of New Art Toy and Feather Co. and well-known concession supply man, is starting the season with the most complete line of concession merchandise he has ever carried. Hoff recently returned from Florida, where he was in contact with Southern concessioners and immediately started on his stock for the 1938 season. Foremost item featured is a new low-priced ventriloquist figure which he calls Lippy Lou. Item comes in both sports dress and full dress, and ranges in size from 21 to 26 inches. Hoff is optimistic about the coming outdoor season and thinks showmen will have one of their old-time years.

Marvel Candy Co. has added two new numbers to its large catalog of candy specialties. They are "Beaux" package and "Favorite Sweets." Max Freedman reports that he is elated over the advance orders received and anticipates a lively season.

Berk Bros. Novelty Co. has informed the trade and is running paid advertising to the effect that any of its old customers owing it money should forget about payment, as the firm is marking all open accounts "paid in full." Ben Gelber states: "Many of our old-time customers who owe us money and cannot pay it feel obligated and embarrassed and therefore do not come to us for new merchandise. We would like to do business with the boys and therefore are asking them to get in touch with us for any of their needs and not feel obligated about any old debts. We have forgotten them and cleaned them off the books and want our friends to come back to us."

SPRING QUARTERS

(Continued from page 58)
eration commemorating landing of DeSoto 400 years ago at Tampa Bay. United States is to have all space in new buildings being erected. Milford Smith, Campbell Tent and Awning Co., was a one-day visitor, returning with several last-minute large orders. Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Strader, of Florida State Fair, Tampa, returned to grounds with daughter, Elizabeth, after vacationing in Carolinas. Al Caskey, head candy man, was vanguard of returning RAS-folk, trains and highways daily adding to colony that will start out for Jacksonville 1,200 strong.

FRANCIS P. HEALY.

Goodman
(Riford)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 9.—Less than two weeks to go before opening takes place at shows' quarters location. Max Goodman has given orders for full speed ahead and everyone in quarters is functioning efficiently to have everything in readiness. For past few weeks several rides have been operated Saturdays and Sundays at Fair Park to satisfactory business. This has helped to get some ride men warmed up for season. Recently arrived and actively remodeling his Lion Drome is Bo Sherman. Drome has been erected and is undergoing complete rejuvenation. This front, amid numerous new fronts that have been constructed, is in complete harmony with artistic designs being carried out on entire midway. General Manager Milton M. Morris is directing application of modernistic art work in putting finishing touches on equipment, as well as directing general construction work. Mrs. Joe Goodman recently arrived. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stock are giving considerable time and thought to furnishing

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and equipping their Colonial house trailer with modern facilities. Another recent arrival is everybody's friend, Isidore Fireside Murphy, who will present his popular cookhouse. Special Representative Joseph A. Rowan put in an appearance and is actively engaged in duties for opening. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gilliland, his special representative of Hennies Bros. Shows, who was passing thru Little Rock en route to Fort Smith, Ark. Sunday, March 27, Mr. and Mrs. Max Goodman, together with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Morris entertained a number of prominent guests from New York at a cocktail party and later at dinner in shows' cookhouse where an elaborate course dinner was served. Among guests were Honorable Senator Kenneth F. Southander and Manuel Jackson, Samuel Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kahn and brother, Jack Kahn; also brother, Simon, and wife, of Little Rock.

R. W. RICHARDS.

Patrick

SPOKANE, Wash., April 9.—Shows open here for Disabled American Veterans. New semis are being built as well as transformer truck. Transformer is one of latest models built by General Electric Co. All new electrical equipment has been purchased. Merry-Go-Round has plenty of flash. All horses are brightly painted and inside crown is like "fairyland." Loop-o-Plane is white enamel with gold and red striping. New marquee ordered and has been delivered. Ten-piece brass band under direction of Jack Whitney. Rue Enos Trio will furnish free act. W. R. Patrick has been kept busy night and day, assisted by Mrs. Patrick. Mrs. Monroe Eisenman is back again, getting around nicely. Shows booked are: Leo Hoagland, Mystic Temple; W. E. Schumann, Tropical Zoo; E. E. Jessner, snake show; G. E. Lindell, girl show; Andy Carnahan, Ten-in-One; Eugene Foster, ponyland. Concessionaires: Eddie Lane is due from California as well as Bill Montana and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fielding arrived from Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have picture machine; Dick Collier, pop corn, candy floss and Penny Arcade; Happy Wightman and wife, from Texas; Steve Evans, from Oklahoma; W. H. Olson, ham and bacon; William Adler, long-range shooting gallery; George Ritter, cookhouse. People now in quarters are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Eisenman, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fee, Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mickey Fitzgerald, Cal LaVelle, Scotty Flavelle, Eliza Stark, Corkey Alles, Martin Larsen, Robert Gonderman, William Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fielding, Jack Whitney. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Levitch and son, Harold; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greer, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kitterman, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Niemi, MONROE EISENMAN.

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(Cincinnati Office)

AL DECKER . . . of polish fame, blew into Cincinnati last week after a tour of Midwestern States. During a visit to the Pipes deck he informed that business in Kentucky territory didn't prove any too lucrative for him. He plans to remain in the Queen City for a while.

IDEAS ARE THE things these days. Why not set your mind to capitalizing on them? Remember the fellow who patented the rubber return ball? He made a million.

W. H. ELLIOT . . . is reported to be getting some money working Omaha with flowers.

HARRY MAIERS . . . is working Philadelphia to reported fair business.

C. A. ELLIS . . . is reported to be working Washington to fair-to-middlin' takes.

MADALINE E. RAGAN . . . tells from Marshall, Tex.: "Have been working the Courthouse here on a free reader with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dama for the past 10 days. Will leave for Greenville, Tex., to work the first Monday there. Business in Texas has been fair. Worked in refineries in Port Arthur to good results. Have seen very few of the boys and girls. Plan to kill a couple of weeks in East Texas and then head for Oklahoma. Rice is working intensifiers here and is clicking."

DO YOUR SHARE for the uplift of your profession and you'll see others in the business follow your lead.

"AM TAKING THE . . . baths and obtaining subscriptions here to only fair business," wigwag H. H. Dawson from Hot Springs, Ark. "Pitchmen and showmen coming here will find a good friend in Roy Blake, ex-trouper, whose hotel seems to be the mecca for pitchfolk. This is a wonderful spot and I hope to be back in the hills of Kentucky fully recovered in a few days. Any of you fellows have any information regarding conditions in Kentucky?"

HORACE VAN KAMP . . . pens from Binghamton, N. Y.: "Just had a pitchmen's convention at the Washington Hotel here, where business has been picking up pretty well. Among the fraternity here are Doc Woods, Harry Pepper, Doc Atlas, Marty (Murray) Hamilton, Magee Family, Doc Perry, Doc Fundy, Charlotte Woods, Mary Jones, Billy Jones and Sam Cohen. The proprietor gave a farewell party for the boys and girls, all of whom are contemplating hitting the road soon."

THE SEASON is on—started. All of which we hope means bigger and better passouts for everyone.

OUR SCOUTS . . . report that the parking lot at Second and Washington streets and the Playland doorway in Phoenix, Ariz., are open to pitchmen at \$1 per day and no reader. They add, however, that about all the spots are good for gas money.

PAT FAHEY . . . is still cavorting about in California territory, according to reports emanating from that sector.

HAVEN'T HEARD . . . from Shorty Grace lately. Wonder if he is still confined in the hospital in California.

IT SEEMS AS THO some people just won't remember to sign their letters, including news notes for publication. Three of 'em hit the desk again last week. All were good pipes and we're really sorry we can't use them.

JACK CURRENT AND . . . Gummie Johnson come thru from Tallahassee, Fla., with their first pipe in four months: "Worked Houston Christmas week to good takes on Main street, where there was no reader on o. m. In New

Orleans we enjoyed four weeks of good business. The Mardi Gras city was open on o. m. Mobile, Ala., gave us three weeks of the best business we have enjoyed in five years. We then went to Pensacola, Marianna and Tallahassee, Fla., where we are now. Well head for Nashville, Tenn., from here. Come on, Jimmie Ryne, Bob Posey and Edgar F. Clark, pipe in."

TOBY'S COMEDIANS . . . will open their outdoor season in Northwestern Ohio territory about May 1, according to Stan (Toby) Decker, director. Line-up includes Carl Bates, who will handle the comedy chores; Sunny Smiley and Peggy Decker and Toby Decker. Toby says he would like to read pipes from Chief Lighthawk, Cal Townsend and J. C. Admire.

SAY, YOU NORTHERNERS, are your feet "Heeling"?

"THREE CHEERS FOR . . . the Pipes column, for without it life wouldn't be the same," blasts Donald E. Crabb from Muskegon, Mich. "Still up here playing the role of 40-miler and getting a little money working peckers, juicers and homes, but work around the shops is shaky and the natives have been tightening up a bit. Old John Law is playing havoc again, as the reader is \$2 per day in a doorway and you must be a block off the main stem. You can, however, work on the main drag if you can find a doorway, but there's only one of 'em and you must pay 25 per cent of the gross. You can't get crowds, because if you do they'll break up the tip. Local chain stores have a few demonstrators working, but they get far from good money. Plan to remain here until the last of the month and then I'll be happy to get out and tell it to 'em. Will work a chain store with egg colors Easter week. Let's have some pipes from the boys up Minnesota way, and what has happened to George Hess Jr. and Red Winterhalter?"

SPRINGLIKE WEATHER makes any road man just a little nervous to get going, doesn't it?

PRINCE YOGI . . . and his assistant, Dick Hobbes, are working scopes to good business in Youngstown, O., despite the recession which has hit the city. The Prince, according to Eddie Gillispie, who is also working the spot, advises that he is beginning to think his layout is really a strong one. A mentalist sprang the other day and even suggested a private reading. He wanted the clearing house number! Yogi also advises that he worked Wheeling, W. Va., recently and conditions were good. He adds, however, that Canton, O., was no good when he worked it.

"AM UP HERE . . . in the furniture city where the shops are working about five days a week," letters Sam Berman from Grand Rapids, Mich. "Town is open to doorways on your own o. m. Would like to read pipes from Art Engle."

BOY! WHAT A WONDERFUL feeling it is to get out in the open spaces after spending the winter in a large city. Get out to the stick towns and you'll know what we mean. It's worth a try, isn't it?

DAVE SCHOEN . . . blade and watch worker, had a red-hot doorway in Youngstown, O., last week and grabbed off a fat bank roll, despite the recession conditions. Dave has three or four good layouts ready for the fair season and is literally oozing with optimism.

JACK (SNOWBALL) BEARD . . . comes thru with some valuable tips for the boys who are contemplating making Oklahoma. Writing from Lawton, in the Sooner State, Jack says: "In Temple, sales lots can be worked for 10 per cent; but it's closed to a lot above, while Walters is open to both. Snyder is open, and Grandfield may be worked on a \$1-

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per-day render. Waurika is open for \$25 per day, while Duncan is open to renderers, as are Anadarko and Chickasha. Among the pitchmen working in this territory are Walter McIneece, R. E. Louis, Doc Colby, Doc Pearce, Tom McNeely and Bobby Wheeler."

REPORTS EMANATING . . . from Grand Rapids, Mich., have it that Tom Kennedy worked to large tips and good business in a local chain store on a recent Saturday. From the same source comes the information that Tom will make a few stops in Kansas City, Mo. and head for Detroit.

WE KNOW A PHILOSOPHICALLY INCLINED and learned business man who once remarked: "No matter if one's vocation is of the most humble significance, it behoves him to do all in his power to make it look worth while and honest in the eyes of the paying public."

LEND AN EAR . . . follows and listen to the following effusion fog-horned thru from Youngstown, O., by Eddie Gillespie: "Have been working cleaner in a chain store here for two weeks to good results considering the condition of this larry spot. Mills are only working about three days per week. This town is open, and Friday and Saturday of pay week here are okeh, especially at the mill gates. Will work the farms here Easter week and then hit the road again. Would like to read pipes from Fred McFadden, Charlie Kaisher, Leonard Rosen, Ray Lindsey, Hubert Nelson, Earl Davis and the rest of the boys I know in the business."

REPORTS DRIFTING . . . into the pipes desk from New Castle, Pa., indicate that the pottery there is a good spot and may be worked to lucrative results.

ARE YOUR TRIPES AND THE OIL KELSTER READY? Yes! Well, then, put new packing in the footer and prepare to ramble.

JACK (BOTTLES) STOVER . . . and Billy (The Kid) Dietrich are still going strong on the leaf in the gullies of West Virginia. They report that they saw their old friend Col. C. A. Maitland and wife there recently. The Maitlands are associated with Miller Bros. Shows.

GEORGE SABER . . . was the guest of honor at a surprise party tendered him in McKennedy's Restaurant, Cleveland, recently in celebration of his birthday anniversary. Well-known pitchmen who arranged the event included Bill Newcomb, Ed Blieffman and Fred Langer.

GIVE THE BEST THAT'S IN YOU at all times. It's bound to bring good results.

IN PROFESSION'S . . . deadliest enemy is intentional misrepresentation and deliberate falsehood.

P.A. CLIPPING . . . from The San Antonio Light is an indication, H. E. Haas, of med show fame, is going to town with his herb medicine in the Texas city. The paper devoted two columns to pictures depicting Haas working to huge tips and collecting many of the old goods.

CULTIVATE THE HABIT of gaining public confidence, not abusing it.

L. H. DEMANSUELLE . . . and worker, who has been working in the past four years, letters from body Mount, N. C., that the med business down there isn't so hot.

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MIKE HOLLANDER . . . former sex-book purveyor in Texas, has forsaken the pitch business and is now meeting the public as an ad salesman for a radio station in Albuquerque, N. M. He writes that he would like to read pipes from his friends in Pitchdom.

HOW'S ABOUT . . . more pipes from the oldtimers, telling about the good old days?

MEMORIES: Remember way back when George M. Reed was splitting time with John L. McCloskey at London, O.? It seems that John sold a fellow one of his ball scopes and the man dropped it. Seeing it had been filled with water, he walked up to Mac and said, "Will you please tell me what kind of water you use in that scope?" To which Mac replied: "Well, friend, it's a secret, but I'll let you in on it. It's boiled ice water." "Well, why wouldn't any kind of water do?" the fellow asked insistently. Mac answered, "What? Don't you know how clear ice water is?" And the man replied, "That's right, sir, I never thought of it that way. Just give me two more scopes." That, we believe, is the ultimate in salesmanship.

ALONZO (BLACKIE) JARVIS tells from Swanton, O.: "Bob Taylor, Max Lorenzo and I spent a week-end in Detroit recently having a look at conditions and purchasing supplies for our concessions. Don't know whom we will book with as yet. Who says there is nothing new in the concession line? We are coming out about May 1 with animated cats, a short-range golf game and a mechanical dodging toy. Saw quite a number of the boys frozen in the Motor City, but they were optimistic about prospects for spring and summer."

CHARLES A. EMERY . . . opines from Gibsonton, Fla., that he is anxious to read pipes from M. O'Connor, who worked calculators at the San Bernardino (Calif.) Orange Show.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "Hi ya, pal. Got a buck ya don't need. I got a C. O. D. package waiting for me at the post office."

FRANK REED . . . letters from Milwaukee that he is wintering there and working to fairly good busyness. He adds that he is anxious to purchase some horn nuts, but all his efforts in that direction have thus far been unsuccessful. He says he would appreciate learning the address of the company selling them.

YOU FELLOWS . . . who are adverse to educating the Johnny-come-latelies: Isn't it logical to assume that it's far better to educate the newcomer to become an asset to the profession than to permit him to ruin it?

TRIPOD OPINIONS: Demonstrating and selling thru stores has a good future for the pitchmen who picks a meritorious article and conducts his sales legitimately.

DOC MacKAY . . . who reports that he isn't doing badly himself in the big Eastern metropolis, comes thru with the following from New York: "This is my first pipe in many years, but while reading The Billboard recently I noticed where several boys wanted to read pipes from Tisha Budhia. I had the pleasure of watching him work last winter in a store on Broadway where it was so cold you'd think a fellow would freeze. But it didn't seem to bother him, and without a word of lie I think he is about the best speaker and salesman I've ever seen. He has been holding down a circuit of chain stores and many of the managers claim he is one of the best money getters they've ever seen. I suppose, boys, a real pitchman is born, not made. He has everything it takes — personality, ability and salesmanship."

JOE BLUE . . . blazes from Tampa, Fla., that conditions in the South seem to be okeh, and that merchandise and other things seem to sell. "The big outdoor shows," writes Joe, "are heading northward and the first-of-Mays are getting ready."

"ALTHO I'VE BEEN . . . in the pitch business for 30 years, this is my first attempt at contributing a pipe," writes Bert Glauner from Detroit. "Here's the real dope on the Motor City. To all the boys and girls who like me and to those who don't, take a real tip and don't come here expecting to make a living, as it just can't be done. I have the best corner in the city on a \$3-per-day render and I can't even make ex-

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pences, and I have merchandise that sells. Shops are down like they've never been before and they show little indication of reopening soon. J. O. Moldenhauer, king of all low pitchmen, couldn't get money here this winter and went right into Milwaukee, and I notice that he is in the money and driving a new Packard. Gypsy Brown is only one getting any money, but he really works for it. Those of us ensconced here were grieved to learn of the death of Birdie Simms. We knew Harry and Birdie well and it certainly must have been a surprise to the St. Louis med workers. Birdie helped financially and fed many a pitchmen. If Louie Whitteman thinks Columbus, O., is tough, he should come here. Flint, Mich., is even worse than Detroit. More than one-third of the population is on welfare and the city is in the throes of two strikes. The sportsman show here has been a joke as far as pitchmen are concerned. There just doesn't seem to be any money. I'm preparing to head for the Northwest and away from the smoke stacks until they begin to smoke again. Would like to read pipes from Pido Kerr and some of the other Western boys."

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(Week of April 11)

CALIF. — Booth San Francisco, Jr. Livestock Show, 10-14.
Red Bluff, Red Bluff Round-Up, 15-17.
CONN. — Hartford, Dog Show, 16.
GA. — Atlanta, Dog Show, 18-19.
IA. — Maquoketa, Centennial Celebration, 14-17.
MINN. — Mankato, Dog Show, 14.
St. Paul, Dog Show, 14-17.
N. C. — Charlotte, Home Expo, 12-15.
VA. — Danville, Police Indoor Carnival, 11-14.

(Week of April 18)

ALA. — Birmingham, Elks' Circus, 18-21.
CALIF. — Los Angeles, Home Show, 21-May 1.
Oakland, Sportsman's Expo, 22-24.
Riverside, Dog Show, 24.
Sousa, Rodeo, 26.
FLA. — Jacksonville, Duval-Jacksonville Fair, 18-21.
GA. — Atlanta, Fat Cattle Show, 19-20.
Savannah, Dog Show, 18.
ILL. — Chicago, Dog Show, 24.
Crystal Lake, Mardi Gras, 20.
KY. — Henderson, Farmers & Merchants' Fair, 18-21.
LA. — New Orleans, Rodeo, 24-May 1.
MASS. — Cambridge, Dog Show, 19.
MINN. — Minneapolis, Sportsman's Show, 18-21.
MO. — St. Joseph, Dog Show, 23-24.
N. J. — Elizabeth, Dog Show, 24.
Trenton, Dog Show, 23.
N. Y. — Buffalo, Shrine Circus, 18-23.
N. C. — Charlotte, Dog Show, 23-25.
Goldsboro, Merchants & Mrs. Expo, 18-22.
O. — Barnesville, Merchants & Mrs. Expo, 18-22.
Cleveland, Rodeo, 17-34.
OKLA. — Enid, Industrial Expo, 18-22.
Oklahoma City, Dog Show, 21-22.
PA. — Philadelphia, Electric & Radio Show, 18-22.
R. I. — Providence, Dog Show, 20.
TEX. — Palestine, Dairy Show, 19-23.
San Antonio, Fiesta de San Jacinto, 18-22.
WASH. — Tacoma, Dog Show, 23-24.
W. VA. — Wheeling, Dog Show, 24.
WIS. — Madison, Eagles' Carnival, 21-22.
CANADA. — Toronto, Ont., Royal Canadian Circus, 17-23.

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THE pat on the back which we gave The Brevard County Daily News of Melbourne, Fla., for directing its attack solely at the mayor and police department for permitting games to be operated ruthlessly at the Melbourne Mid-Winter Fair has been gratefully acknowledged by The Brevard City Advertiser. Under the heading, "Daily News Is Quoted by the Showman's Mag," the Advertiser in its issue of March 19 said:

"Stating that daily newspapers can clean up any condition that leads to

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WANTS now and for balance of season—Chair-o-Plane or any ride not conflicting with Mc-C-R or Ferris Wheel. Have complete 10-in-1 outfit, also complete Athlete Show I will turn over to reliable parties. All concessions open except Cookhouse, Diggers and Bingo. Union, S. C., this week; Wadesboro, N. C., Old Home Week, 18th, with Moreeves, N. C., Boy Scouts Convention, 25th. Get with a live wire show. No racket wanted. Chair-o-Plane, Wire.

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show concessions 'clipping' patrons, especially when the root of the evil lies at home. The Billboard, national publication with circulation throughout the entire world, complimented The Daily News on the stand taken during the recent Mid-Winter Fair held in Melbourne. The periodical devoted over a column to the discussion of the situation throughout the nation, and stated that a militant newspaper like The Daily News had set an example of the power and influence a newspaper can use in cleaning up undesirable concession operators that are a menace to the fairly operated booths.

"The magazine stated further: 'If such exposés spread to other newspapers in sufficient number, it would be only a matter of time and the operation of those concession games where player wins at the pleasure of the operator would be a thing of the past.'

"The article appeared on page 71, of the issue of The Billboard of March 19, under the heading of Hartmann's Broadcast."

That information should be welcomed by every operator who wants to see the concession game business built up.

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THE DAYTON (O.) JOURNAL has been running a series of stories relative to advance circus activities. Preceding the installment which appeared in its issue of March 27 and under the heading, "Advance Man Is Subject to Trickery—Local Example of What Goes On," appeared the following, which speaks for itself:

"To give you an example of how advance forces of the circus world resort to trickery in seeking advantage for their own show, the following incident, originating in Dayton last week, is related. We are indebted to The Billboard for the story. The Billboard, by the way, considers this method as 'stooping pretty low.'

"It seems the contracting agent for a certain circus coming to Dayton was in this city seeking advantageous space for billing his outfit when he received a wire carrying the name of his superior to proceed to Pittsburgh, where further instructions would be awaiting him.

"He did so and on arriving in Pittsburgh there was another telegram supposedly signed by the same man instructing him to go to Boston, where further instructions would be awaiting him. He went on to Boston and there was a wire telling him to go to Bangor,

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C. Jack Shaffer, who will have penny arcade and Monkey Show with Frank West, was looking over some attractions for a couple of days during week. Joe Casper, this year with Oscar C. Buck Shows, was in city looking up attractions. He has attractive girl revue this season.

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Me., where The Billboard will show June 10. Great publicity.'

"That wire was a tip-off that it was a rather despicable hoax to get him out of the way here for another outfit's men. He phoned his superior, who told him he had sent no wires and was surprised to find that he was in Boston instead of Dayton."

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WE ADMIRE men on exposition staffs who are considerate of those applying for space or work. We mean men like Frederick Weddleton, director division of concessions of the Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco.

Fred is at his office to do business and he realizes that a prospective concession visiting his sanctum with the idea of obtaining a concession considers his time as valuable as Fred does his—and without a question the concessioner is right.

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Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Museums still doing fair business as weather turned cool again.

South Street Museum this week has Margery White's *Harlequin Parade Review*; Ted Burgess, Impalement Act; Gene Ward, anatomical performer; Miss Carmille, mentalist. In annex dancing girls.

Eighth Street Museum has on bill this week Dot Smith and Company in "Blue Streak" comedy; Naff Corey, comedy magician; Jack Garrison, glass blowing; Van, tattooed man; Illusions and Poets Plastique. Dancing still holds forth in annex.

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Workers Hold Open House

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—United Show Workers of America, Inc., on March 28 held open house at its new clubrooms, 1133 N. Third street, second floor, with about 150 in attendance. Entertainment for the event included a 10-act floor show with the acts furnished thru the George Francis Booking Agency.

Lot Carnivals in Detroit Get Snow; Five Permits Issued

Detroit, April 9.—The several small carnivals playing lots this week, all under auspices, got worst weather breaks imaginable and probably worst at this

time of year in a decade.

Preceding week had a splendid weekend, Sunday being warm and sunny and drawing crowds to lots. Temperatures on one occasion rising above 80 predicted good days to come. Then toward end of last week thermometer fell, overcast came out again and very cold cloudy Saturday with slight flurry of snow was succeeded by a Sunday that brought a wet snowstorm in late afternoon, nearly two inches falling.

Continued cold weather prevailed and Wednesday morning a fall of two inches was on ground, the snow continuing all day long, killing this week's business on carnival lots.

Despite these bad omens various shows went right ahead with plans for future dates next few weeks. Five permits were taken out by veterans' organization this week, including three American Legion posts, College Park Post No. 327, Drum and Bugle Corps of Beardy Post No. 126 and Metropolitan Post No. 105; Carlos Hoover Post No. 37, Disabled American Veterans, and Detroit Naval Post 231, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

MARRIAGES

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gician, and Dorothy Barclay, his assistant, in Pittsburgh April 5.

LIPTON - HASTINGS — Earl Lipton, tenor of the Radio City Music Hall Glee Club, and Peggy Hastings, member of the Radio City Rockettes, dancing troupe, in New York April 4.

SCARLE-ATWELL — Charles Scarle, member of George Duffy's Orchestra at the Texas Hotel Den, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Claire Atwell, nonpro, in Dallas March 24.

SHEELEY-LOWE — Dick Sheely, director and emcee of the Sheely & Reeves Vaudevillians, and Helen Lowe, showgirl and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lowe and of the Rubin & Cherry Shows, in Paris Gordo, Fla., April 4.

STRICKLING-GREENSTREET — Howard Strickling, MGM publicity director, and Gail Greenstreet, of the J. Walter Thompson publicity bureau, in Tucson Ariz., March 6.

TUCKER-PETERSON — Frank Tucker, St. Louis dancer, and Norma Peterson, Duluth (Minn.) nonpro, in Kansas City Mo., March 2.

WHITNEY-DOYLE — William Whitney, film director, and Maxine Doyle, screen actress, in Las Vegas, Nev., April 4.

ZIMMERY - GOLDMAN — Al Zimmerman, emcee and singer, and Bobbie Goldman, nonpro, in Chicago April 3.

Births

A nine-pound son, William George, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cashin in New Berlin, Ill., April 6. Father is a bronk rider and rodeo performer.

A 7 1/2-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benge, of the Benge Scott United Shows, in Rochester, N. Y., March 30.

A 6 1/2-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Powers in St. Joseph's Hospital, Pittsburgh, March 23. Mother was formerly secretary to Leo Abernathy in the home office of Bill Posters, Billers and Distributors.

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Asbury Park, N. J.

By RICHARD T. HOPPER

Plenty of paint, building materials and busy workmen as this city's mile-long Boardwalk takes on new signs of life. Harry Walter and Ike Harris readying their "walk flasher" games. Berkley-Carter at hotely about to begin beautifying the popular outdoor terrace. Walter Reade to reopen the Paramount Theater in Convention Hall, which closed in January for first time since Reade has occupied it. Public Works Director Orville G. Wintersteller announces that 2,000,000 tulip bulbs, planted in hundreds of plots several years ago, will this year give the best display since they have been planted. Nat Morris and gadget shop on the walk attracting early season crowds.

Merchants pleased following revelation that city council and beach commission have large sums in annual budgets for publicity and exploitation. New beach body will spend almost \$25,000, including a \$10,000 revolving fund for entertainment, while city plans like amount. Nothing new on Reade's offer to turn back Convention Hall and Casino to beach commission. He holds a managerial lease from city but, following announced attempts by the beach board to evict him, offered to give the buildings back if the commission wanted them.

Ocean Avenue wakes up, too. Mrs. Jay's Grill, newly decorated, having had a grand opening on March 26. Johnny Brown readying popular Actaion Grill. Johnny Schneider and Mondo Bregeotto again holding down Colonial Cafe. Ocean Avenue, while Steve Brody, back from Florida, opened his large grill. WCAB started another series of Sunday afternoon "Man on the Boardwalk" programs. Miniature golf courses on Walk did flourishing business last week-end. Plans being discussed by beach commission and board of trade about the New York World's Fair, with an eye to grabbing a large piece of business from visitors.

O. B. Jenkins, operator of Jenkins' Pavilion, Point Pleasant, where Sammy Kaye held forth last year, said Kaye will not be back this summer and Jenkins, still dickerling with MCA, has not chosen a band to replace him as yet. Workers have been busy at the Ocean County spot since first of the year, enlarging the dance floor by some 400 square feet and adding to amount of space roofed over. Edward T. Mitchell, operator of Asbury Park Bathing Co., licensee of the bathing privileges here for 25 years, expected back soon from annual Florida sojourn. Concessions on the city's Walk scrambling to sign new leases with the beach commission following initiation of eviction suits against more than a dozen renters who have refused to sign new leases, contending paper signed by city council is binding.

Missouri Show Women's Club

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—President Norma Lang presided over the March 31 meeting for her last time this season, as her show opened in Alton, Mo. April 2. It was also last meeting for Mary Francis and Jane Pearson, whose shows also opened. Margaret Sherman, an old member, was welcomed after an absence of four years. New members present were Mrs. Bobbie Corey and Mrs. Esther Carson, presented by Lillian Murray Shepard; Lucille Joering, presented by Grace Goss and Mildred Beach, presented by Jane Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lang presented the club with a beautiful cabinet radio. Lillian Murray Shepard offered \$10 as second prize in the membership drive. Box of stationery, donated by Nell Allen as attendance prize, was won by Elma Obermark. Nell Allen won the guest towels donated by Sally Castle. Judith Solomon was a week-end visitor and brought along a beautiful silk flag, presented by Jimmy Morrissey, of the Baker-Lockwood Tent and Awning Co. Mel Dodson Jr. came in as an invitation committee of one to escort members to International Association of Showmen's dining room, where Tom W. Allen and Charlie Goss had prepared a feast of shrimp and beer. Members voted Allen the champion shrimp cooker-upper. Reported by Kathleen Steele.

ROUTES

(Continued from page 33)

Yacht Club Boys (Chez Paree) Chi, no. Yacht's (Royal Palm) Miami, Fla.
Yost's, Ben. Club White Guardsman (Gibson) Cincinnati, Ohio.
Young, Margaret (Gay '90s) NYC, no. Youroff, Your (Old Romanian) NYC, c.
Zita & Mabelle (Cocked Hat) Kansas City, Mo., ne.
Zudella (Paramount) Cedar Rapids, Ia., 4-17.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL

(Routes are for current week when no dates are given)

Brother Rat: (Johanna) Cleveland.
Golden Boy: (Gurney) San Francisco.
Hampden, Walter: (Case) Detroit.
I Married an Angel: (Shubert) New Haven, Conn., 4-16.
Private Enterprise, A: (Playhouse) Wimington, Del., 16.
Room Service: (Getzyn) Chi.
Stage-Wagon, The: (Grand) Chi.
Women, The: (National) Washington, D. C.
Yes, My Darling Daughter: (Nixon) Pittsburgh.
You Can't Take It With You: (Geary) San Francisco.

HIRST CIRCUIT SHOWS

(Week of April 10)

Campus Festivals: (Trocadero) Phila.
Laughs and Laughs: (Gatsby) Washington, D. C.
Models and Models: (Gibson) Union City, N. J.
Princess of Melody: (Orpheum) Reading, Pa., 12.
Rambling Revels: (Howard) Boston.

CARNIVAL

(Routes are for current week when no dates are given. In some instances possibly mailing points are listed.)

Alamo: (Third St. Lot) Macon, Ga.
Anderson-Sader: Wichita, Kan., 15-23.
Barber's Cosmopolitan: Dalton, Ga.; Athens, Tenn., 18-23.
Barkow: Tulsa, Okla., 16-23.
Bayinger, Al: Bixby, Okla.; Jackson, 18-23.
Beckman & Gerrity: San Antonio, Tex., 18-23.
Bee, F. H.: Springfield, Tenn., 18-23.
Blue Ribbon: Gadsden, Ala.
Borts Am. Co.: Bloomfield, Mass., 16-23.
Bright Light Expo: Houston, Tex., 15-23.
Buck, O. G.: Fairfield, Conn., 16-23.
Buckley: State: Meridian, Miss.; Vicksburg, 18-23.
Bullock Am. Co.: Sumter, S. C.
Byers Greater: Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Byers & Beach: Bellville, Ill.
Campbell United: Madison, Ga.
Carmichael: Newkirk, Kan.; Lyons, 18-23.
Catalin & Wilson: Burlington, N. C., 18-23.
Cleot & Clark United: Washington, Pa., 16-23.
Colman Bros.: Middlebury, Conn., 14-23.
Colley, J. J.: Drexel Hill, Okla.
County Fair: Chattanooga, Tenn.
Crafts 20 Big: Maywood, Calif., 12-17; Lynnwood, 18-24.
Cressey's United: Wewoka, Okla.
Crystal Expo: Gaffney, S. C., 18-23.
De Luxe Shows of Amer.: Baltimore, Md., 15-23.
Dudley, D. B.: Wichita Falls, Tex.
Dyer's Greater: Aberdeen, Miss.; Amory, 18-23.
Eagle Expo: Independence, Kan.; Arkansas City, 18-23.
Endy Bros.: (Legion Indust. Fair) Goldsboro, N. C., 18-23.
Evansville: Reddick, La.
Fairly & Little: Springfield, Mass., 14-23.
Gold Medal: Lucas lot; Nashville, Tenn.; Bowling Green, Ky., 18-23.
Golden Gate: Fairfield, Ill., 16-23.
Goodman Wonder: (Overman Park) Little Rock, Ark., 16-23.
Great Southern: Sumiton, Ala.
Great Superior: Gallatin, Tenn.; Cookeville, 18-23.
Greater United: Shawnee, Okla.
Groves: Greencastle, Ind.
Gruber's World's Expo: Birmingham, Ala.
Gruen's Arms: Wisconsin, Mich., 18-23.
Heiss Bros.: Ft. Smith, Ark., 16-23.
Heth, L. J.: Cookeville, Tenn.
Heth Bros.: Tallahassee, Fla.
Hildbrandt's United: Petaluma, Calif.
Hippodrome: Roanoke, Ark.
Hodge, Al G.: Terra Haute, Ind.
Hoaghey Bros.: Liverpool, Mo.; Parma, 18-23.
Horn, Bob: Arp, Tex., 16-23.
Hyde, Eric R.: Winnsboro, S. C.; Gaffney, 18-23.
Ideal Expo: Alexandria, Va.
Jones, Johnny J.: Expo: Gainesville, S. C.
Kens Expo: New Bern, N. C., 18-23.
Lancaster, Dr. Famous: Jacksonville, Ill.; Rock Island, 18-23.
Larsen: Kiltschmidt, Miss.; Duck Hill, 18-23.
Latino Home State: Charleston, W. Va., 18-23.
Lawrence, Sam: Morrisstown, Tenn.
Lewis, Art: Raleigh, N. C.
Liberty National: Marion, Ky., 18-23.
McKee, John: Chandler, Okla.; Tulsa, 18-23.
Magic Empire: Tulsa, Okla.
Majestic Expo: Milan, Tenn.
Marks: S. Richmond, Va.; Richmond, 18-23.
Miller Bros.: Wichita, Kan.
Miller Announcements: Ponchatoula, La.; Albany, 18-23.
Model: Gainesville, Ga.; Rome, 18-23.
Modern Expo: Franklin, Ga.; Bowdon, 18-23.
City (Liverpool or Warren ave.) De Trost, Mich., 18-23.
New England: Somerville, N. J., 14-23.
Neill, C. W.: Monroe, La., 14-23.
Parr, J. J.: Expo: Columbia, S. C.; Morgan, Tenn., N. C., 18-23.
Pan-American: Jonesboro, Ark.
Parade of Shows: Houston, Tex.
Patrick: Spokane, Wash., 18-23.
Raftery's Premier: Fayetteville, N. C.; Newport News, Va., 18-23.
Reuter Greater: (8th & Archer) Nashville, Tenn.

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It's the Circus Again

NEWS YORK, April 9.—Ringling-Barnum has moved into Madison Square Garden again and, as always when the Big Show makes its annual debut, it's all circus along the Great White Way. Again the show is "bigger and better than ever" in the eyes of Roland Butler and his publicity family—and according to members of the show, as well as from what we have been able to perceive at rehearsals, Butler, Braden, Lester, Kelly, etc., have hit the nail on the head—this year at least.

It should be a whale of a show—with its tremendously expensive wardrobe, its new sets and with attractions like Gargantua, the widely publicized gorilla; Captain Torrell Jacobs, the cat trainer; the magnificent Cristiani riding act and Frank Buck. It should be good, provided John Ringling North, new head of the unit; Pat Valdo, personnel director, and other officials have routined it as Ringling-Barnum offerings should and have been routined in the past. They've got the acts this year, the appearance and certainly the publicity.

A note from J. Burke Wilkinson, promotion and advertising manager of Blue Ribbon Books, Inc., advises that the Halcyon House reprint of the late Dexter Fellows' *This Way to the Big Show* would be off the press in time for the Ringling opening tonight. . . . The book was originally published by the Viking Press at \$2.50 and enjoyed a fairly good sale, the nothing to rave about. Halcyon House, certain that the price was a bit high for a book of that kind, has reissued it at \$1.49. Wilkinson writes that "all the original 60 illustrations are still intact as well as a more spectacular jacket, and the size has been increased. In other words, in every way this is a bigger and better and more popular edition." (Sounds like he's circumscribed, too.)

Seen at Thursday eve's dress rehearsal: Howard V. Bary, of Hagenbeck-Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Middreth, Washington, D. C. (he's the Circus Fans' president); Maximo, slack-wire artist, formerly with the Big Show and this year with Cole Bros.; Harvey Mayer, program publisher; Maurice Marney, exhibit-concession head of New York World's Fair, with several of the fair staff; Lew Dufour, Dufour & Rogers Attractions, and Frank (Doc) Sheehan, exposition folk, who are making New York their home at present.

J. H. Welch, designer and builder of mechanical exposition displays, advises he's hit upon a swell new twist to an old walk-thru idea. Is padding it to prospective attractionists at New York and San Francisco fairs. . . . Concession department of the New York event will have signed a prominent portion of its amusement zone concessions by April 30, it informs. . . . Laura Ebert, of the Ebert Motordrome and attraction people, in for a chat before returning to England. She's been here several weeks visiting old friends and contacting carnivals, piers, parks, and the World's Fair. . . . Earl Wilson, The New York Post feature scribbler, has been running some interesting articles on Coney Island. Treats with ticklish subjects admirably well. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Hanifin expected back from that Southern cruise next week. He'll stop off at his newly acquired Million-Dollar Pier in Atlantic City. . . . Leonard Traube, OAH publicity relations rep., has been given additional duties

and represented the management at the pier this week while renovation began.

Reports have it that Frank Wirth's indoor circuses in Waterbury and Hartford, Conn., have been whoppers. . . . Tex Sherman, who spent the winter in Miami, a visitor recently and reports that he's off again in a week or so. Will probably return to the South—but not Florida. . . . Ben Williams, carnival operator, who has been under the weather, is well on the way to recovery and expects to be fit as a fiddle by Brooklyn time for Ringling-Barnum. But it looks like he's lost the lot there. Ben has capitalized on Ringling crowds a good many years and it wouldn't seem the same with him absent. . . . Charles Gizard, another midway op. has returned from the Pacific Coast to prepare his show. . . . That recent item here about Max Lindner's big attraction brought all sorts of similar announcements from Eastern carnivals. We only hope half of them are true—but doubt it.

And so we are off to the Garden—for the Ringling opening.

International Showmen's Association

MARYLAND HOTEL

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—The regular weekly business meeting was held Thursday evening, April 7. In spite of inclement weather 97 members were in attendance when President John Francis called order promptly at 8:30 p.m. At the officers' table were First Vice-President C. Guy Dodson, Treasurer Dee Lang and Secretary Vernon F. Korhn.

Much interest and enthusiasm prevailed at this session, which was one of the liveliest held since club was organized last November. Big moment was reading of reports by committee that worked untiringly in making first party and dance of club big success. It proved to be. Treasurer Dee Lang issued his report stating club had realized a net profit of \$800. To celebrate occasion house committee, headed by John Sweeney, Clarence Sherman and Melvin Dodson Jr., prepared a repast that was relished by all. Barbecued roast, beef, pork and ribs, together with all fixings. Liquors, both mild and strong, were also served.

Women of Missouri Showmen's Club who are wives, daughters and sweethearts of members of International Association of Showmen's Club were invited to buffet lunch and dance. Dancing started after business session and held sway until early morning.

Women Furnish Sweets

Women's club contributed several large cakes and other sweets, all homemade.

Tom W. Allen is chairman of committee recently organized to assist in promotion of an outdoor show to be held on one of major carnivals. This show to be for purpose of raising funds for Showmen's League of America hospital, burial plot and home. Allen reports that he received a letter from President J. C. McCaffery and in it he stated that plans have been formulated to stage a big midnight show under canvas Friday, May 6, during engagement of Beckmann & Gerety Show in St. Louis. A standing invitation is extended to all showmen who happen to be in St. Louis or passing thru to visit club rooms and to participate in open-house festivities held each Thursday night. Eight new members were voted upon and accepted at this meeting. Reported by Vernon F. Korhn, secretary.

Turner Resigns McCoy Post

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—Charles V. Turner has been forced to give up his duties as manager of the Col. Tim McCoy Wild West show's opposition brigade due to the serious illness of his young son here. His resignation became effective today. Turner's place on the brigade has been filled by Clatide Morris. Turner may rejoin the McCoy brigade later in the season.

Stutz Not Going on Road

CINCINNATI, April 9.—J. P. Stutzman writes from Reading, Pa., April 8 that Stutz Bros. Circus will not go out on account of conditions and that he will be on advance of a motorized circus.

American Carnivals Association, Inc.

By MAX COHEN

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 9.—Notwithstanding our promise of last week to consider matters more practical of interest to carnival industry, we find that events of last few days have been largely matters relating to transportation situation as it affects this industry.

In rail transportation field we find that in last few days railroads have requested government to subsidize their operations and expansion activities. At this writing there is no certainty whatsoever as to attitude of government toward carriers' request.

In connection with immense amount of discussion which subject has had of late, we are particularly interested in noting an address delivered by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, before Washington Transportation Club recent-

ly. Senator reviewed entire subject and pointed out that troubles with carriers were as much internal by reason of bad management as they were external by reason of competition. Senator suggested eight definite reforms which he felt would help situation, most of which related to complete house cleaning internally which members of Interstate Commerce Commission and others have previously suggested.

Holloway on Motorized Transportation

In relation to matter of motorized transportation we note recent radio interview of Hubert Holloway, of American Automobile Association. Holloway points out that 54 per cent of American families own automobiles and that volume of traffic resulting therefrom creates a situation which makes it necessary to have superhighways. Holloway further points out that if various taxes on automobile, gasoline and oil, as well as accessories, were allocated to highway purposes, it would be an easy matter to complete superhighways which have been suggested and that use made of these highways will justify expenditure made.

LETTER LIST

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Notes From the Crossroads

By NAT GREEN

CHICAGO Zoological Park is becoming more and more of an attraction every year, and showmen visiting Chicago usually find time to run out to Brookfield, some 20 miles from the Loop, to see the wonderful collection of wild animals housed in natural surroundings. Since the park opened in 1934 there has been a steady growth in public interest, and Director Edward H. Bean says the turnstiles in 1937 recorded 1,762,467 visitors. Of these, 127,852 paid admission. On Sundays, which are free days, it is not uncommon for more than 100,000 persons to visit the zoo. Starting with the George Gutz private collection of animals, moved from Michigan in 1934, the zoo has had hundreds of animals added since that time and today it ranks among leading zoos of the country.

During 1937 the big attraction at Brookfield was the baby giant panda, Sui-Sin, brought here from China and claimed to be the only one in any zoo in the world. A second panda arrived at the zoo a few months ago. Death of the larger panda last week brought

the zoo wide publicity and a consequent increase in attendance.

Con Colleano and wife arrived in Chicago a few days ago from Australia and Con is rehearsing his act here and no doubt will be trouping shortly. . . . A. R. (Red) Cohn back from a winter in Florida looking and feeling great. . . . When H-W billing went up in Indianapolis for opening of the show Sunday, April 17, the preachers raised strenuous objection, our Hoosier stooge reports. . . . The papers took it up and gave the controversy front-page stories. . . . Result was the show agreed to switch to April 18 and 19. . . . Cole show has banners up for May 7 and 8. . . . Show has some nice downtown hits. . . . Al Humke in Chi and will troupe with the McCoy show. . . . Bonnie and Gloria Hunt, twin daughters of Jack Hunt, manager of State-Lake Theater, have left for New York and by the time this is in print will be appearing with the Ringling show in the Garden.

Scores of showmen throughout the country who could not attend the Showmen's League Theatrical Night last week sent wires wishing the league a successful event. The league also received a cable from Bertram Mills, of London, Eng., and a donation of \$25 from him. There also were donations from various firms and individuals. President J. C. McCaffery was recipient of a beautiful basket of flowers from E. Courtemanche. One of the hard workers for the affair was Rita Kay, secretary of the American Hospital Fund, who for two weeks prior to the show worked day and night on correspondence and promotional material.

Bert Does, former Ilyer and now proprietor of the Circus Night Club at Bloomington, Ill., took several days off last week for a much-needed rest and was among those present at the league doings. . . . Harry B. Chipman, last season on the Al G. Barnes press staff, stopped off in Chicago for a day on his way east to join Charles Sparks. . . . Roy Bowen and Mike Healy, concession men with the Ringling-Barnum circus, passed thru Chicago a few days ago on their way east. . . . Ray Thompson, horse trainer, now has a training school at Springfield, Ill., and his letterheads read "Prof. A. Raymond Thompson". . . Major J. H. LaVoy, veteran showman, vaude actor and manager, and father of Rev. Marcel LaVoy, of the Showmen's League, is seriously ill at his home in Aurora and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

BARNES DEPARTMENTS

(Continued from page 39)

Bill Flaggerty: medicine chest, Frank Myler.

Long String Drivers—On eight-ups Ray Eldredge, Charley Miller, Tom Ahearn, Joe Skeyes; six-ups, Bennie Wallace, John Ruble, C. R. Bush, Smokey Cole, Buck Dennis; four-ups, A. Williams, Paul Delaney, George Cameron, Bill Hudnutt. Teams on pull up, Bill Blakeslee, Jim Darcy; pullover, Andy Baker, John McCarthy; A. Darnell Whitey Sowers. Tractors, Percy Merrill, Ace Donavin, Charles Harrison, Saddle ponies, A. McMillan. Helpers on tractors, Tiny Young, Pat McDonald, Jim Bramley, Lem Spivars, Red Baker, Howard Coons. George Tomlinson, night watchman. Helpers on long strings, Charles Jolly, John Gallagher, Chuck Flynn, Bob McGuire, A. McCoy, John Griffin, Bud Tomey, Mel Carsey, Biddy Sowers, Charles Arganbaugh. There are 96 head of baggage stock.

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Medical Department—H. W. Daase, M. D. in charge; A. G. Stanton, interne; Ruth McLean, nurse.

Among visitors noted were J. Ed Brown, Patrick Francis Shanley, George McCullough, radio commentator; Bob Wallace, noted animal photographer, with Gardner Wilson getting art; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Priest.

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Next Meeting April 20.

NEW YORK, April 9.—NSA's new clubrooms have been a mecca for showfolk since opening housewarming festivities on March 24. Altho most members are either out of town on business or engaged in preparing for the road, rooms have constantly had between 30 and 40 members and guests from noon until late hours of morning. Executive Secretary John Liddy seems to be perpetually on the job and has things in general pretty well in hand.

Sam Rothstein, chairman of house committee and the man chiefly responsible for such rapid occupation of the new suite, continues to be on the job daily—encouraging fulfillment of donations and supervising additional improvements. Sam is a tireless worker and a member tremendously valuable to the newly formed organization.

President George A. Hamid is away from town enjoying a Caribbean cruise with Mrs. Hamid and Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Gumpert.

It seems appropriate at this time to laud several members who have gone to great lengths to aid and develop this club. Besides Rothstein, who has been in charge of clubroom development, other vital factors in making the big suite livable are Bill Block, Newark; Harry Schwartz and Max Finkenstein, who have been doing mechanical and carpenter work; Mr. and Mrs. Jules Lasurus, who made and hung the window drapes furnished by the Auxiliary, and, last but by no means least, the entire Ladies' Auxiliary.

Recent donations to clubroom furnishings include an oil portrait of Hamid, done and presented by Orest Devany; a typewriter, desk and chair, thru the courtesy of Joe Landy; door signs and additional plaques, by Arthur Campfield; a rostrum, by Rappaport Brothers; one dozen substands, by Dave Epstein. Harry Sussman deserves credit for his accounting work to date, and H. Helfand and the Rappaports are certainly in line for honorable mention for donating 5 per cent of their gross receipts from business done with show people during March and April to the cemetery fund.

The charter, with Secretary of State Edward Flynn's signature, is up on the office wall. Leonard Traube is expected to line up several new members in Atlantic City, where he is representing the Hamid interests at Million-Dollar Pier. . . . Ben Merson was a visitor recently. . . . And Mike Zeigler, Zeigler Shows, also dropped in for a sojourn last week.

New members since March include Jack Owen, Frank Bergen, Nathan Faber, Jack Feldberg, Frank Duffield, Alexander Brown, T. Cain, Michael Schomer, Ben Hoff, Danny Duggan, L. Hoffman, Danny O'Done, Sam Crowell, Harry S. Nelson, Carl Sedlinsky, Elmer C. Velore, Benjamin Meyers, Irving Harris, Samuel E. Prall, John M. Liddy, Byron Goebel, Clarence V. Grouard, David Epstein, Emanuel Klein, Samuel R. Rosenbaum, Harold D. Gilmore, Harry Howard, Gene

Hamid, James M. Hurd, Philip Marks, Charles Lawrence, Charles Girard and Fred LaReine.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary, which has proved an integral part of the NSA, held a special meeting April 2 in the clubrooms and resolved to conduct a card party and strawberry festival in the clubrooms evening of May 3. Doors will be open at 8:30 and admisn will be 50 cents. Mrs. Mitch Cohen, chairman of the entertainment committee, will have charge of the affair, proceeds of which will be used for various club purposes. Entertainment of social committee was complimented this week by President Dorothy Packman. Members included Mitch Cohen, Pearl Myers, Lena Greenspoon, Sio Lewis, Helen Rothstein and Mrs. George Hamid.

Door and game prizes will be offered at the May 3 festival to be donated by Mrs. Madge Block, Bella Brangk, Edith Devany, Anita Goldie, Edith Hamberg and Dorothy Packman.

The April 20 meeting, next on the Auxiliary's schedule, has been set aside as President's Night. Miss Packman furnishing the refreshments. The org boasts a membership roster of 54 as of April 7, and new applications are received weekly.

Ruth Robbins, a member, is seriously ill at her home, and Auxiliary has sent flowers and offered to aid in hospitalization fees if necessary.

C. F. Corey Honored on "Unipteenth" Birthday

HANFORD, Calif., April 9.—A surprise reception was tendered C. P. Corey, general manager of White City Shows, on his birthday in Porterville, Calif., March 22. Affair was held in Pa and Ma Slover's cookhouse, where refreshments were served all afternoon to showfolk. Corey received many gifts and telegrams of congratulations, but all information regarding his age was withheld. Ladies on entertaining committee were Mrs. C. P. Corey, Mario LePors, Ma Slover, Lucille King, May Collier, Mrs. Swede Olson and Peggy Nelson.

Showfolk that enjoyed the repart were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Collier and family, Ted and Marie LePors, Charles Marshall, Penny Metzler, Mr. and Mrs. Swede Olson, Arthur Hockwald, Lucille King, Casey and Elaine Taylor and family, J. B. Bailey, Roy Ellis, Buck Seay, G. L. Tooner, Frank Graham, Tony Lombardo, Charles Hillman, Margy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hale and family, Pa and Ma Slover, John Hertl, Bud Cross, Heinie Hertl, Helen Lanford, G. C. Lanford, Henry Jensen, John Swasdland, Ruby Mitchell, Robert Charters, Lee Skeels, Keith Twelker Sutton, Edward Broyles, Robert Ashurst, Edward Herschhoff, Prince Elmer, Teddy Leavitt, Mr. and Mrs. Myles Nelson and family, Max Mulligan Kaplan, Tim Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Long, Vernon Shelton, J. P. O'Brien, Claude Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Golden, P. T. Smith, Carl O'Meara, Eddie McDonald, Jack Hopper, Arnold Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Buckminster, Mrs. Verne McDonald, Ralph Chinn, Roy Wilson, John Harris, Johnnie Sterling, Wayne Grover, Chris Hagerman, H. E. Harris, Buttons Chisholm, Fred Oberholz, John Stone, Charles Bowne, Alvin Bowen, Lester Lynch, Robert Langford, Carl Hagerman, Danny Donahue, Freddie Donahue, George and Edna LeBrell, Buck Kirk, Karl Von Paulk, Ellis Hoag, Virgil Waters, May Charters, Sadie M. Blair, Dewey Blair, Blacky King, Vern Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stanley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mitchell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell and family, Ted Saleet, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Collins and family, Ginger McLaughlin, Dave Jackson, Celia King and the writer, Walton de Peilaton.

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Max Gruberg's Shows Hurt by Heavy Flood

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 11.—Max Gruberg's World's Exposition Shows set up here last Monday night, arriving from Montgomery for a week's showing. The show did manage to get in part of Tuesday, at which time flood conditions set in. From Tuesday to Saturday the show lot was entirely under water. Show was to have gone to Gadaden, Ala., for this week but remains over here until Wednesday, April 13.

Next stand will be Rome, Ga., for Friday night opening if weather conditions permit. Flood in Greater Bir-

mingham district is described as about the worst in history. Freezing cold Saturday stopped the rainfall.

Many are homeless, but no showfolk are yet reported as in distress. However, all the Gruberg show equipment is water-soaked and will require several days to dry out.

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sale, altho hampered by almost constant rain and snow for three days, is still on a par with last year, officials reported, and with Easter and the school holiday coming there are sound hopes for an engagement equal to the excellent 1937 run. Last year the show missed Easter week.

Complete list of personnel, including administration staff, Clyde Ingalls' Side Show, Merle Evans' Band, the Wild West, clowns and working departments, will appear in the next issue.

Detailed Review

DISPLAY 1—INAUGURAL PAGEANT. Even in frequent program references the Big Show disdains modesty in telling the world that it is in the throes of a new era. This is evident from the first moment the show begins to the curtain-closing chariot races in which Frank Asher has an unrecognized young lady as his contender. Modernization is the keyword and this is easily discerned in the streamlined character of the costume, staging and running order of the spec, titled Nepal this year and providing an allegorical starring part for Frank Buck, recruited by the tradition blaster, John Ningting North, to give the show an added touch of glamour and another springboard on which to catapult publicity. Long famous and successful in the legitimate theater as a designer of costumes and mountings, Charles LeMaire makes his debut as a circus factor with his excellent work in creating, supervising, designing and lighting the spec, as well as lending his influence and good taste to costume designing and trappings throughout the show. One astounding result is that there is a revolutionary improvement in color blendings; eye-filling effects are frequent and there is achieved every benefit of circus sparkle and tinsel without any of the gaudiness that could be called by the name of cheap by those without a modicum of kindness. Nepal is truly a thrilling ambulant spectacle—from the girls who lead the way deftly twirling batons, down thru the wild animals that are led and carried, and winding up with Buck waving greetings from his howdah, his colorful entourage and the troupe of about 50 Bengal Lancers. As the spec procession melts back into the cavernous depths of backstage the Lancers fill the hippodrome track and the outside rings, engaging in ingenious drills under the leadership of William Heyer, one of the show's equestrian professors.

DISPLAY 2.—WALTER GUICE TROUPES. This aerial bar act usually follows the show-opening bulls, but several important changes in the personnel make it necessary for Guice and his aerial gymnasts to open cold. The spotting did not hurt the act a bit. The straitjacket hold attention with their graceful maneuvers and the paired comics over each stage drew laughs that were genuine and unrestrained. While the bars were being rigged up clown boxing acts did their slapping at two opposite ends of the arena.

DISPLAY 3—LEOPARD, LION AND BEAR ACTS. Here we have a rather novel combination of wild animal acts paced by experts. Rather odd also is the routining. First in the running order is Terrell Jacobs, who works briefly in a cage over the center ring with a black leopard, touted as one of several recently brought back very much alive by Buck. Jacobs' brief contribution in this stanza was due to necessity of eliminating from opening show a carefully routined leopard act that would have enlisted the other ebony-hued jungle felines. Next in the cage-enclosed center ring Dolly Jacobs presents a lion resting easy on a horse's back as it makes several trotting tours around the ring curbing. The same lion is made to jump thru four flaming hoops three times in rather rapid succession. Filling a wait here, seven of the show's midgets do a walkaround in masks and costumes representing Disney's Seven Dwarfs. The display is brought to an auspicious close by four of the Pallenberg's exceedingly clever bears working on the two stages; one group paced by Mr. and Mrs. Max Pallenberg and the pair of brutes on Stage 1 directed by their son and his

wife. Among familiar but always engrossing tricks offered by the brutes are "rowboating," bike riding, roller skating and riding a high bike rigged out as a zebra cutout. This year's innovation of the enterprising Pallenberg is a motorcycle stunt by one of their charges on Stage 1. The trick attracted great attention here and shows indication of great possibilities.

DISPLAY 4—TERRELL JACOBS. The intrepid young man brings back to the big top the tangy flavor of cat pacing that the show lost when Clyde Beatty shifted to Cole Bros. several years ago. Jacobs is not Beatty—and for that matter Beatty is not Jacobs. In short both trainers have much to commend them in the field of innovating. Beatty is more the dynamic showman, but comparison with Jacobs is unfair. Jacobs does a bang-up job pacing the 19 lions and one of his corkers is the assembling of eight lions in a thrown-together group on the ring floor. He shows perfect control in coaxing a heavy cat in a double trip over a tight wire. Jacobs has the most interesting finale we've caught in a cat act as far back as memory serves. He sits astride one of the lions as giant sparklers are lit at intervals around the front of the cat. The noise and brilliance of the sparklers, the barking of Jacobs' gun and the blaring of Merle Evans' Band make up the prosaic job of prodding the cats back into their crates a pulse-raising act that will stick in the memory long after other items in the show of less import are forgotten.

DISPLAY 5—PARADE OF FREAKS. This is where Clyde Ingalls, who is sadly missed in the announcer's berth, shines at least vicariously. His side-show charges start out casually strolling around the hippodrome track and just as casually wind their way back to whence they came. No feverish hurrying, no strutting except for a mere suggestion of it by some of the season-free midgets. Almost all the queer people in Ingalls' menage seem to feel that the need not sell the arena crowds on the right to a place in the freak procession that Mother Nature speaks eloquently for them. No new faces observed in year's freak parade.

DISPLAY 6—AERIAL BALLET. Always a strong item since its introduction several years ago, this year's edition of the all-girl aerial show is a standout item because it has the added benefit of the LeMaire touch in costuming and lighting. That is, we assume this. This is an improvement in lighting and dressing however, and whoever is responsible should come forward and take the bows. Ed Rooney, of the Ed and Jennie Rooney combo, who are represented by Jennie in this display, directed the routining—and the mop-up job he did. There is the familiar quintet of girls on ladders over the outside rings; Jennie Rooney is a scintillating sight in her cloudswinging over the center ring and there are more ladder combos of four apiece over the two stages. The full complement of 34 girls is made up by solo ladder swingers evenly spaced around the hippodrome track.

DISPLAY 7—ELEPHANTS. Deping by the Terrell Jacobs acts of their so-customized spot in the opening, the boys make an even better impression far down in the running. They are part as last season by Gloria Hunt, Edie Loyal (center ring) and Bonnie Hunt. In all 16 pachyderms take part in the smooth exhibition of animal training. Routines generally are unchanged except that performance is better. Only one twist perceptible is the trunk-curling formation on the hippodrome track before the lumbering exit. After the boys have left the arena old Modoc tops off the pleasant effect by doing a foxtrot stand that's one for the animal photoraphers' books.

DISPLAY 8—COMEDY ACROBATE ACTS. Very few basic changes here. This display is subject to very little change as the years pass away. The Yacops under a programmed double title of the Mirador Troupe continue six of their men for the center-ring spot. A combination of the Mayyers and LePors total up to nine men in tumbling and balancing on stage two, and on stage one are the stilts-walking Nelson Brothers and the table-topping Harry Ritter. The Hart Brothers and the Bell Brothers do their stint on rings one and the respectively, easily holding the station of the eastern and western tiers.

DISPLAY 9—CRISTIANI TROUPE. A new bareback riding act with the S. Show is always an important event. In this instance it is important as well as extremely happy because for the growing span of years that this review

has caught Ringling openings he has never witnessed a better display of equestrianism than was given by the Cristianis, an evenly mixed troupe of 10 super-skilled dare-devils. The troupe presents a beautiful front in most attractive blue costumes and clicks from the start with Roman-style riding in which the entire contingent is on the two mounts. Among the stunts that caused these youngsters to bring down the house and make one of the biggest acts in the show's general impression was a series of somersaults by two boys on horses in tandem style; beautifully synchronized jumps by four and five men at a time; a somersault by one boy, horse to horse, with an uncanny twist; and a quartet of the males doing tandem stunts on a horse's back that seemed to defy the laws of gravity with thrilling consistency.

DISPLAY 10.—PERCH AND BALANCING ACTS. A sort of bargain day here of stuntmen who prefer to work on the ground or from it. On stage one Bearto dresses as a frog and contorts in a character befitting an amphibian. Frederico shares this spot with the frog man and utilizes principally an unsupported ladder to defy gravity, his efforts being aided in general effect by his clever terrier. On stage one the unusually gifted May-Brauch Duo compete for attention during the early moments with unicycle and balancing stunts and then get the spot with their attention-compelling stunt on a high unicycle. The Wen-Hai Troupe works in the center ring to the tune of five men and a girl; their act being tagged by Koban, who gives his best thumping punishment by a reverse of the Hill Robinson stairs dance. On stage two are the Spurgars—or at least their representatives, two men and a very young boy. Most of the stunts are performed atop a platform on a platform, and the terrific punch is the balancing of the youngster by a stick impaled by one of the elders. A few of the Uyenos and Antaleks disport themselves under doubling protection in three. Their routine's forte is Risley and balancing.

DISPLAY 11.—WILLIAM HEYER AND HIGH-SCHOOL P'LESSES. Dorothy Herbert is missed generally but specifically in this display where she would naturally shine brightest. This is only the first of the season's shows and there is no telling as yet how far her successor, Norma Hume, will go. Dorothy took on too much in the beginning anyway. So competition is not fair between Miss Hume or anybody else and Dorothy. Miss Hume, who looks like she is being groomed for the Herbert spot, is a swell rider and seems to have everything that it takes except her predecessor's experience as a standout item in New York and Boston—the roof dates—for the Big Show. Heyer's fine work is evident in the department of the high-school horses, and Frank Asher and Rudy Rudynoff shine in reflected glory of the girls' splendid work this year. Elsa Bradna shines mightily in a track routine on a white horse; Ernie Rudynoff also makes an excellent impression on a russet equine. Miss Hume rides fast and bravely in her side-saddle excursions and it is more than likely that before long she will get just as much zip and skill value out of this as anybody can aside from getting collaborative credit for the training of the girls. Rudynoff comes in for bows on the strength of his own riding, and Rudy Jr. also carries the family standard high with his passing of a Great Dane in the center ring, where Tamara Heyer climaxized her lead of the menage procession by stunting gracefully.

DISPLAY 12.—NAITTO TROUPE. No change of consequence in the wire acrobatics routine of these Oriental misses, assisted by their father, who serves as a one-man ground crew. Nie and Ala Naitto are the selected standouts, their stunt routines being marked by hand-to-hand and hand-to-head stunts on the wire and on the step devices. Finish bits are back and forward somersaults on the wire by Nie and Ala, respectively.

DISPLAY 13.—DOGS AND SEA LIONS AGAIN. Captain Tieber, sea lion entrepreneur, shares time and attention with Al Loyal's dogs. There are 12 be-whiskered flappers, evenly spread over the outer rings and the two stages. The loyal army of dogs and a horse are in a constant bustle of excitement, with Loyal contributing his deft pacing and colorful pantomime. The Tieber seals performed in fine fetile, an innovation being the wearing of house slippers by a few of the favored ones in an early number. Display was preceded by a down turnaround.

DISPLAY 14.—GARGANTUA THE

GREAT. Here is the big money item, the oak office razzle dazzle of the Big Show's 1938 season—and don't let them tell you different. In this item the Big Show boasts that it has "The Only Full-Grown Gorilla Ever Seen on This Continent." Roland Butler, Frank Braden, the North boys and the other members of the Big Show's brain trust seem to know how to make the best of this gorilla's unpredictable visitation. The primate was drawing plenty of publicity while it was still being fitted to an air-conditioned and sound-proofed cage in Sarasota. Advance publicity here has been very favorable. There is nothing that should stop this really great attraction from blazing the way to record grosses. Interesting observation last night is that a good 75 per cent of patrons made a beeline to menagerie after entering gate. Usually about 40 per cent do this. It was quite apparent that the gorilla was drawing the bulk of the trade. And will continue to do so. The cage arrangement is showmanly, humane and efficient. The introductory speech was made by Frank Buck. Very short; to the point. The cage is drawn by six horses, and six men with pith helmets and rifles cocked at menacing angles walked along; three on each side. As the cage vehicle goes around the track twice it is interrupted in its circuit by episodes in Buck's didactic lecture, read from a sheet of paper at this premiere show. Gargantua the Great is a wondrous name; the gorilla is a million-dollar attraction as now being handled. All it needs is good health and everything will be hunky dory for the show.

DISPLAY 15.—AERIAL AND PERCH ACTS. Here's another display that changes little with the seasons—personnel as well as routines. In the center ring is the Walkmair Trio of perch artists; other perch acts are the Antaleks on stage one and the Davises—a mixed team—on stage two. Terrence and Victoria work on a flying or hanging perch over ring one, and over ring three Ed and Jennie Rooney offer a combination of thrilling tricks with accent on the traps. Big punch of Antalek's act and the whole display is man understanding for three comely girls balanced on a heavy perch. Miss Gillette drew her usual gasps and applause with her broken trap feature.

DISPLAY 16.—LIBERTY HORSES. Painstaking preparation and good taste are evident in the display that calls upon Adolph Delbosq, Rudy Rudynoff and Gordon Orton to snap the whip at the free running horses. Rudynoff makes a particularly fine impression in the center ring by mixing his numbered horses and repeating his now familiar blindfold gag. What makes this display a treat to the eye is the arrangement of black-and-whites in the outer rings and five blacks and five whites in Rudy's contingent of 10 horses in the center ring.

DISPLAY 17.—POSING AND TABLEAU ACTS. Under Leo Spurgar's capable direction and the new streamlined influence this display is something to give more than casual attention to this season. The tableaux have been modernized and one—with a sports motif—drew a fine manual demonstration. On the two stages the Maschino troupe filled walls more than satisfactorily with adagio posing.

DISPLAY 18.—THE PAROFF TRIO. This male combo of aerial ladder workers gives one about the same thrill as did the Wallendas on their first Garden date about nine years ago. They perform their breath-taking stunts on a small surface that represents a perch at least 65 feet above the Garden floor. It is on a pair of unsupported ladders that they perform exclusively. Their bow-off bit calls for making a pinwheel of a ladder brought into position at the apex of the two unsupported ladders. One Paroff holds the two gabled ladders in place with his straddled legs as his partners whirl around on the pivoted ladder. They received one of the best receptions of the show.

DISPLAY 19.—WILD WEST AND MISCELLANEOUS. Soft pedal on Wild West angle this year, with stress on specialties. Obvious reason is that no personality reigns over the yipping boys and girls of Western caliber. The big feature is the knife-throwing net of the Gibsons. Just about the best there is around. Girl is comely and knife-throwing partner is a fine showman. Chief Washington draws attention with his breaking a balloon with arrow shot from most of arena's length; the Australian Waites make their usual favorable impression with their whipcracking routine and there are several thrilling moments of action when Ariayne Brown,

girl revolver wiz, does her stuff. Among other stuntsters of the riding forte are Frank and Beatrice Dean, Marco Borello, Miss Herna, Rose Washington, Bobbie Cropper, Art Bowden, Estelle Clark and Tom Cropper. Unannounced cowboy made a very neat six-horse catch.

DISPLAY 20.—CRAZY NUMBER. This walkaround, the third in the unitized show unveiled this evening, showed a generous sprinkling of new ideas. Producing clowns must have been busy working them out the past winter because it shows in cleverness of ideas and neat execution.

DISPLAY 21.—FLYING ACTS. Again this favorite display of young and old is worth waiting for thru many minutes of far less interesting stuff. The Comedies have the center spot running east and west, while the Comets and Rands are over the outer rings in parallel north-to-south positions. Antoinette Concetto was to have done a triple somersault from the bar to the catcher but had to give up after several attempts due to late running time of show. The three troupes did not have a single miss until the Antoinette incident, which can be attributed to premiere nervousness.

DISPLAY 22.—EQUESTRIANISM. A feast of bareback riding indulged in by artists who have done their stint in other displays and even in other capacities. The Cristianis are somewhat less spectacular here than in Display 9. They do well enough, however, in ring three. The stand-outs here are the hoydenish kids of the Loyal-Repanski troupe in the center ring. They have super-abundant pep, courage and ability. A great act. Of pleasing and familiar caliber is the Cuicre Troupe which works in ring one.

DISPLAY 23.—ACROBATIC ACTS. Very few changes in routine in this punchy display. The Uyenos specialize in Risley work in the center ring. On the two stages running about an even pace are the Yacops, carrying now six men and four women, and the Magyars, a 12-piece turn evenly divided in sex. The Maschinios are in ring one and the Cannestrellis make unsupported ladders behave in ring three. Yacopi highlight is a 300-pound tandem somersault to the shoulders and the Magyars feature a girl somersaulting to shoulder four high—and blindfold.

DISPLAY 24.—HIGH WIRE ACTS. Which means the Wallendas and their colleagues, the Grotofent. Routine of these high-wire dare-devils is similar to previous years except that the clown added to the Grotofent act seems to be doing more this year.

DISPLAY 25.—JUMPING HORSES AND HIPPODROME RACES. The Zecchini's are gone, which leaves it to the petite Norma Hume and her fast-riding colleagues to close the show. There are also hurdle jumps by Tamara Heyer and others—including Ralph Clark, who clears a Chevrolet roadster in addition to the five-foot hurdles. Finish is the steeplechase riders and chariot race.

Sidelights

New directors and officers of the circus corporation come from just about every section of the country this year and they were all in attendance with families and friends at the premiere. Noted in the center boxes during the evening were Mrs. Charles Ringling, of Sarasota; her son, Robert Ringling, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Ida North and Mrs. Henry North, Sarasota; Mrs. Aubrey Ringling and son Paul, of Montana (he'll be with the show again this year, tho still in his teens); Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wadsworth, Fort Thomas, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frost, Cincinnati, and William T. Dunn Jr., New York.

John North, executive head of the show, Henry (Buddy) North, in charge of public relations, and George W. Smith, general manager, paid occasional visits to the boxes, altho most of their time was spent across the arena conferring with the active staff.

Members of Circus Saints and Sinners, headed by President Orson Kilborn and F. Darius Benham, were present in good numbers. . . . And members of the Circus Fans of America, headed by President and Mrs. Melvin D. Hildreth, of Washington, D. C., seemed to enjoy the program. . . . Gary Cooper, picture star, occupied a box down front. . . . Sam Harris, legit producer, wandered in late in the program. . . . Dorothy Gish and Humphrey Bogart laughed heartily at the clowns, and the usual number of

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top-hatted rope of the 400 added color and glamour to the side arena box seats. . . . Circus personalities, of course, were very much in evidence, too numerous to mention here.

Opening show was touted by the local press as a Dexter Fellows memorial with proceeds of evening going toward a fund to erect a monument at the grave of the famed press agent. Most of the papers played upon the subject prominently in stories. Mrs. Fellows and friends and relatives attended the show.

Altho it is apparent the Zecchinis cannon act (absent this year) had been with the show long enough, tail-end of last night's performance was in definite need of bolstering. Final 20 minutes was weak—an anticlimax to what had gone before—and seemed to indicate that New York audiences, at least, demand more than steeplechase riding and Roman and chariot races. It was the only real criticism The Billboard reviewers found. The presentation as a whole could not be called smooth, but it was a first night and rearrangement of acts and considerable trimmings will remedy that. Opening stint lasted exactly four and one-quarter hours.

Extraordinary success has been achieved by the press staff. Added greatly by Gargantua, the gorilla, the men have landed beautiful parts in most of the dailies, as well as several national mediums, including Life, Associated Press and radio. A couple of traditionally conservative dailies have just about gone overboard for Roland Butler and staff. This year's p. a. group includes, besides Butler, general director, and Buddy North, specialty work, Frank Braden, Allen J. Lester and Beverly Kelley (last named on radio). Gardner Wilson, another member, is now with the Barnes-Sells-Floto contingent but is expected in New York shortly.

At the request of John and Buddy North, box 81, left center on the 50th street side, was conspicuously vacant opening night in reverence to their uncle, the Ringling brothers.

If any one act was accorded top honors by circus and theatrical authorities present it was the remarkable Cristianis family from the Barnes show. The act, tremendously popular in the West, was practically a new attraction so far as most Eastern circuses were concerned.

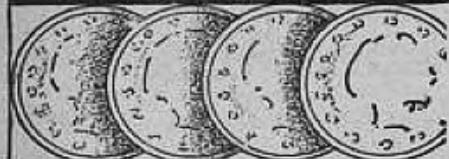
Front lobby of the Garden couldn't seem the same to oldtimers without the familiar countenances of Dex Fellows, Charles (Chick) Bell and others who have passed on since the Big Show was here last.

Norma Hume, side-saddle equestrienne, gave a creditable performance and seems, most certainly, to have great potentialities.

The much-heralded grit inherent in circus folk was remarkably portrayed when Equestrian Director Fred Braden, dressed in his usual immaculate way, blew the whistle to signal the opening of another circus season. Fred, still on crutches and unable to pace the arena as usual, followed things closely from the 48th street entrance. He is recovering from a broken leg suffered several weeks ago at an indoor Shrine date. Pat Valdo, tireless personnel director, handled the arena directing responsibilities.

Eva Hill, a popular friend in the Big Show dressing room, sent the following note to The Billboard to be included in "Sidelights": "To Theo and all the ladies in the dressing room: I thank you for all your kindness and aid. I appreciate it more than I will ever be able to tell you and wish you all the best of luck and a prosperous and happy season."

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CANDY VENDERS

By J. W. COAN

Surely you are to be complimented for the splendid work you are doing with reference to your editorials and last, and I hope not least, for The Legal News bulletin. It takes courage for a publication to jeopardize the possibility of losing some advertising from selfish manufacturers and promotional distributors to bring into the open these necessary facts.

Of course, some operators who read what these various legislative bodies are trying to do with regard to the taxation of machines are apt to become panicky. Nevertheless a just tax can be provided for in this field of individuals, just as much so as can any other legitimate business, and with proper conduct in the sale of legitimate merchandise thru legitimate machines the operators can afford that kind of protection because after all a tax rounded out in keeping with its justifications is a protection to every legitimate operator in this country.

There are many operators' associations, and rightfully there should be, but to have a vending machine operators' association that deals with all types of vending machines I believe to be too broad to help candy machine operators. This is the day and age of specialization. No vending machine association can be organized to specialize in helping all the various branches of this industry.

In support of this opinion the organization of the cigarette vending machine operators in and around the State of New Jersey has definitely proved what can be done with an organization organized to deal with the particular commodities these operators dispense.

We, of course, are manufacturers of candy bar merchandising machines and it is now and always has been our opinion that there should be a candy operators' association. An association of this kind properly organized can and would do much for every legitimate operator in the United States. The operator can then have the right kind of representation in States proposing legislative measures, in providing taxes on candy vending machines in order that the State legislators have an intelligent understanding of what a vending machine operator can afford as a tax in order that he can continue in business.

An organization of this kind can do much in assisting the independent operator in procuring better and more permanent locations for his equipment. An organization of this kind would be a godsend to the industry at large in assisting local authorities in cleaning up unscrupulous promotional schemers preying upon the uninformed individuals who know nothing of the candy business or the operation of candy-bar

machines. This would mean a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and, greatest of all, would rid the industry of this sore eye that has been so prevalent in the past 10 years.

Last, but not least, an association of this kind would have the full-hearted support of the candy manufacturing industry as a whole.

The future for an organization of this kind means much to the manufacturer of equipment and the operators of that equipment, and if every operator and every manufacturer of candy-bar equipment in America did his honest bit this organization would cost little to each of us as an individual.

Raymond Hayes, an attorney at law, a man of splendid character and above reproach, has been for the past 10 years closely affiliated with this particular branch of the vending machine industry and knows it as well as any man in this country. He is now preparing to set into motion a candy vending machine association.

Of course, he must first know the attitude of the operators and manufacturers, and it is therefore our intention to bring this to the attention of manufacturers of candy-bar machines and operators. You may be assured that we will be one of the first to subscribe for a membership in this organization.

If operators throughout the country had had an organization of this kind the operators in the State of

Kentucky never would have been legislated out of business. Other States are now proceeding with unfair and unjust laws, and these legislatures should be made to understand what they are doing. Hundreds of individual and independent operators throughout the United States have their last dollar invested in equipment with the express plan that their equipment would provide for them a permanent and legitimate livelihood.

These people need protection and I don't believe that the legislative bodies of any State will legislate these people out of business once they have before them the facts, but very definitely it must come thru organization; an organization that is founded for the purpose of assisting the candy vending machine business and not an organization founded for any selfish desires.

It is with great appreciation that we wish to express ourselves for the fine co-operation for the candy vending trade that you and your publication have had the courage to bring into the open.

Write Us

This guest editorial by J. W. Coan, president Coan-Sletoland Co., Madison, Wis., is published as a public notice to see how much interest there is in forming a national association of firms and individuals interested specially in coin-operated machines for vending candy. The Billboard will be glad to give space to discussion of the subject and to relay any communications to proper parties, if any of our readers are interested in the ideas advanced in this article.

France Looks For Games

High tariff, low-value coin create demand for small lightweight games

PARIS, April 9.—Ever since the French Government punctured the coin machine boom last August French coinmen have been searching earnestly for games that can be operated at a profit. Straight novelty games are permitted, but, of course, they do not enjoy the play the Bell-Fruit machines formerly received. One of the big points to be discussed at the May convention of the French trade is to be ways and means of increasing the appeal of novelty games so as to enable operators to operate successfully once more.

The situation in France is rather a complex one. There are two main factors that hinder the progress of the industry. One is the continuous opposition of the element who crusade to have games banned from any type of cafe. Second, there is the money exchange problem. The money problem is the real crux of the situation.

A machine of the bumper type which nets about \$75 in the U. S. will be sold here for 4,500 francs or \$150. That boost in price is the result of the import duty, which amounts to \$1 (30 francs) per two pounds weight (a kilo). Machines at such a high figure, coupled with the fluctuating exchange, make the purchase of new U. S. machines a bad investment in the eyes of the French operators.

But that's not all. The coin used in play on bumper games is a 25-centime piece, which is worth less than a penny in American money. Add to this the 20 per cent split to the location owner and the 10 per cent government tax and the total cost will disclose that the game must be played between 30,000 and 40,000 times before it is paid for.

For these reasons the French coin machine trade is looking to American

manufacturers for a small, very light machine that has enough appeal and mass to attract at least a brisk 50-centime play. For the manufacturer who produces such a machine a lucrative market is awaiting.

Mutoscope Machines Crack Front Page

NEW YORK, April 9.—The new machines International Mutoscope Reel Co., Inc., has built for the police and fire department here became objects of general interest during the past week when they cracked the front page of newspapers here.

Applicants for positions on the police and fire rolls are put thru rigorous tests with these new Mutoscope machines. According to reports, one of them developed by Bill Rabkin, president of the firm, gauges the correct height of the applicant in such an ingenious fashion that no cheating can be done. The applicant stands on the machine in his stocking feet in such a manner that his heels rest on two plates. This pressure lights two red bulbs notifying inspectors that the man is standing flat on his feet and not on his toes. The height cap is then lowered to fit on top of the head, and on a large dial the exact height of the man down to the fraction of an inch is shown.

Weight lifters, strength testers and other equipment of this type are also used by the department. "These same machines," stated Rabkin, "are real money-makers in arcades. Their popularity here with the city, in addition to the publicity which they have received in the daily press, is sure to help these machines earn more money for the arcade op."

Wrenn Distrib for New Beauty Mach.

DALLAS, April 9.—From the Wrenn Sales Co. comes the official announcement that the firm is Southwestern distributor for a new coin-operated device known as the Automatic Beauty Machine. Machine is of a diathermic nature, according to reports, and the firm states it is installing them in beauty parlors and barber shops in this territory.

"Machine operates on a quarter," officials stated, "and the length of the treatment can be determined by the operator. The machine has been operated in Chicago by the manufacturer, the Electro-Vac, Inc., for the past two years and not until the machine was a proven success did it permit it to be placed on the market."

These men revealed that they expect big things of the machine since it fills a long-felt need. "Several operators already have placed machines in the better beauty parlors and barber shops in this territory, and judging by their first returns it looks like the success of this machine is assured," they concluded.



JOE SCHWARTZ, head of National Coin Machine Exchange, Chicago, tries out Gottilieb's three-way Strength Tester.

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Keeney Games Finest Industry Has Ever Seen

6-to-1 earning power and mechanical perfection of Keeney Games registering one of biggest demands in coin game history

CHICAGO, April 10.—While the history of the coin game business records a number of "hit" games, the industry has never seen a line of games so universally or enthusiastically commended as has been the case with Keeney Games these last several months.

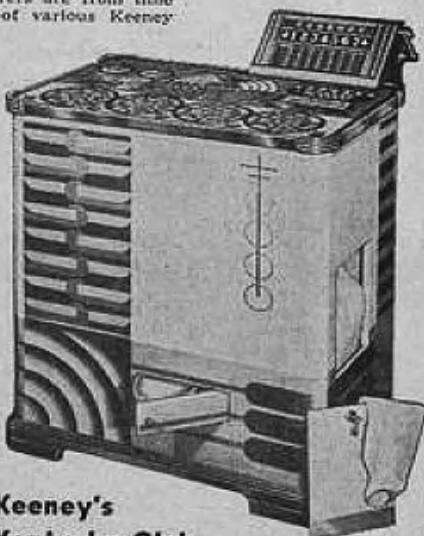
So great has been the nationwide demand for Kentucky Club, Track Time and other Keeney hits that J. H. Keeney & Co. is today shipping a greater volume of games than any other coin game factory.

True, competitive manufacturers are from time to time introducing imitations of various Keeney Games, but the imperfections of these "copies" only seem to make operators more inconsistent in their demands for the genuine Keeney product.

A "Power House" Money Earer

The earnings from Keeney's Kentucky Club, a 7-play, 4-dial, console game, are proving phenomenal. It is known that six Kentucky Clubs (or the Skill Club model) will produce as much on six locations as was formerly secured from 60.

Kentucky Club has a \$10 all cash top award with high odds showing on every play. Its 4-3-2-1 play principle extends the play thrill beyond that experienced on any other game to date.



Keeney's Kentucky Club, known as The King of Consoles

Derby Champ Finest Payout Table Ever Built

The talk among the trade is that more operators are investing more money in Kentucky Clubs than has ever been the case with any other coin game for the same period of time.



Track Time Sales Greater Than Ever

Track Time, now in its second year, is known everywhere as the World's Greatest Game. With its new, 4-colonial coin head, which ejects gummed coins, steel slugs and paper discs, this new 1938 model is proving even more popular than the now famous original Track Times.

1938 Model Track Time



Derby Champ, the new Keeney 7-play, payout table with 3 dials and a \$7 award, has shoved all preceding types of payout tables into the discard.

And Free Races, the legalized pin game which is re-opening closed territories all over the country, is in lots of places making more money for operators than payout tables did.

New Keeney Catalog

"The House that Jack Built," by which term the Keeney concern is also known, has just issued a new catalog showing all of its 1938 Blue Ribbon Winners. A copy will be sent to any interested operator upon request to J. H. Keeney & Co., whose offices are located at 2001 Calumet Ave., Chicago.

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Bang-a-Deer Suits

Many Locations

DETROIT, April 9.—The surprising thing about the distribution of the Bang-a-Deer is the wide variety of locations in which it is already proving a popular success, Paul Marienthal, president of the Tri-Shot Corp., manufacturer, said this week.

"Right in Detroit, close enough to the plant so that we can keep a watch on the machines and see how they work in practice. For instance, in a popular up-town sports center where badminton and other indoor sports are played a Bang-a-Deer has been a favorite."

"Drug stores, surprisingly, have proved another good location. So have a number of restaurants, showing that the machine is adaptable to many types of locations."

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Calcutt Staging Annual Spring Sale

PAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 9.—The annual spring sale of the Vending Machine Co. is featuring over 3,000 machines of all types, sizes and kinds, according to Joe Calcutt. "This is the 12th successive year we have been holding this sale," he stated, "and this year we determined to make it bigger than ever. For many months we have been gathering the equipment we are featuring and I believe this sale includes just about the biggest bargains to be found anywhere."

"Ops all over the country need the better type of equipment at the lowest possible prices," Calcutt went on. "To give them what they are looking for we are dumping all these machines on the market in this spring sale of ours. We feel that ops who aren't interested in the bargains just aren't in the market for equipment at this time, otherwise they could not afford to pass these bargains by."

Penny Skillo Is a Winner, Says Exec

CHICAGO, April 9.—Reports from Bud Lieberman, head of the Century Mfg. Co., ring out an optimistic note in the coin game business these days as he discusses the fine job Century is doing with its high profit earning coin operated equipment. "One of the greatest trade stimulators ever created is our Penny Skillo," he states. "We feel that the root of its success lies in its tremendous appeal to players and location owners alike. Its beautiful red and chrome finish attracts players and because it requires only a penny it wins more and more players each day."

"In addition, Penny Skillo pays as high as 16 to 1 in trade, thus offers plenty of excitement for each penny. The greatest appeal of this new deal to operators is, of course, the huge profits it has earned and is capable of earning on locations. Location owners are eager to have Penny Skillo in their shops because it is a source or attraction to a counter and has proved a great merchandising aid to the sale of other products in the store," he concluded.

Dallas

DALLAS, April 9.—Homer E. Capehart, vice-president of Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, was in Dallas last week on a business trip and while here he helped Mrs. Earl E. Reynolds celebrate her birthday—well, we don't know which one, but it was a grand party.

The birthday celebration was a surprise party given by Capehart at the Century Room of the Adolphus Hotel on Friday evening. A beautifully decorated table greeted the party, composed of Al Mendez, Wurlitzer district manager for Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. John Beckman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Flack, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Main and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds. During the course of the dinner, special song numbers by the popular Century Room singer, Ethel Shultz, were dedicated to Mrs. Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds said it wasn't so bad to have a birthday on April Fool's Day when it could be celebrated so nicely as the Friday party.

Saturday evening at the Adolphus Century Room Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds were hosts at a dinner party given in honor of Homer E. Capehart. Other guests of the Reynolds' included Guy Nees and Michael Clem, of the Texas Novelty Co., Beaumont, Tex.; Mrs. Theodore Clem and Mrs. L. E. Phillips, both of Beaumont. Capehart left Dallas Monday morning by plane for Los Angeles, Calif.

Out-of-town operators who were visitors to the office of the Automatic Amusement Co. last week included: Paul Peters, of Tyler; C. W. Davis, of Sherman; M. A. Walker, of Walker Sales Co., Waco; C. H. McDonald, of Mt. Pleasant; S. E. Quinn, of Temple; G. E. Penn, of Greggton; Elgin Akers, of Triple-A Novelty Co., Denton, and R. A. Titworth, of Wortham.

Miss Helen Savage, manager of the Automatic Amusement Co., who recently moved her company from Ft. Worth to Dallas, has just received her new sample of the Bally Racer. The new game is meeting with the enthusiastic approval of operators, and Miss Savage says the Racer is a real winner.

George Wrenn, of the Wrenn Sales

CMMA Members

Dave Gottlieb, chairman of the executive committee of the Coin Machine Manufacturers' Association of America, announced that within another week a full list of the manufacturing firms who are members and of allied manufacturers and distributors who are associate members will be released to the trade.

Also a full list of firms that have already signed for exhibit space at the next annual convention will be given out, he said.

Co. returned this week from an extended trip thru West Texas. He visited Abilene, Midland, Big Springs and many other West Texas towns.

Houston

HOUSTON, April 9.—Hans Von Reydt, manager of the local Electro-Hall Co., states that it has just about caught up on back orders for Seeburg Phonographs and in the future will be able to make immediate deliveries on most types of machines. The last shipment of machines left them only about two days behind on orders. Von Reydt has recently returned from a business tour over South Texas and reported conditions as good and improving.

O. L. Bickley, of Bickley Distributing Company, was recently awarded a calendar clock for selling the most Utah universal phonograph speakers in Texas. Clocks were also given second and third-place winners. Bickley is one of the best known jobbers in this section due probably to the fact that he specializes in hard-to-find light globes and other phonograph equipment not generally carried in stock.

The firm of Stelle & Horton has again improved its building. The offices formerly separated from the showroom by a railing, have been moved to another room and the resulting additional space utilized to display Rock-Ola phonographs.

J. R. Hazlett, well-known Houston operator, and Miss Annabel Pearce, secretary of Lone Star Music Company for the past eight years, were married recently.

At the present time it is not definitely known when or where the 1938 annual meeting of the State Vending Machines Operators' Association of Texas will be. At the 1937 meeting in Houston, Fort Worth was chosen for 1938. It has been reported from reliable source that the meeting would not be held in Fort Worth Houston is favored by some of the operators; also Dallas and San Antonio.

Oswald Files Affidavit

MANITOWOC, Wis., April 9.—An affidavit designating himself as sole owner of the Lake Shore Novelty Co. has been filed with the county register of deeds by Wenzel F. Oswald. The statement is required by law from unincorporated firms. The company is engaged in selling amusement machines, sales stimulators and coin-operated phonographs.

Fitz Likes Bally's Millwheel

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bally's new counter game, Millwheel, arrived at Fitzgibbons' office this week and immediately took the eye of the local operator. Millwheel is different from any other counter game ever built. "The fascination of the marbles being mixed in and then caught on an escalator will hold the attention of the players and will make for repeat play," he stated. "In my opinion Bally has another national winner."

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First the cabinet of heavy auto-body steel is assembled, fitted and welded by master metal workers. Completed and carefully inspected the cabinet is ready to be "finished."

As the first step in the finishing process the cabinet goes to the de-greasing machine. Frankly, I expected to find a laundry tub, a wash rack or shower—certainly not the ceiling-high contrivance that turned out to be the de-greasing machine. One of the giants of the factory, the de-greasing machine does exactly what its name implies—it removes grease. Here the entire cabinet of the V-12 is bathed in a chemical solution, leaving the metal surface chemically clean.

Cruder, less expensive methods might be employed but this machine alone can do the job exactly as it should be done, so the de-greaser at no small cost was installed. This one machine—this one step in the construction of the V-12—is symbolic of the care and thoro precision which goes to make up the cigaret vender.

The cabinet, swinging on the conveyor chain, is sprayed, then baked in an enormous oven to bring out the unique enamel-finish. Coming from the oven the cabinet is sprayed again, this time with an iridescent lacquer.

Meanwhile, on a separate assembly line, the mechanism, piece by piece, is taking shape. Each man does his work thoroly. Each operation is inspected, gauged to the nth degree. No watchmaker ever worked with finer precision.

Assembled, the mechanism passes to the subinspector. With the entire "works" mounted on a turntable the subinspector tests, checks, examines. He feeds cigarettes thru each column. He tests the mechani-vending unit. Coins—new coins and thin, worn coins—go into the coin slot. Slugs—glass, lead, paper—every type of slug imaginable, go into the mechanism; every one is rejected. A final adjustment here, a touch there and when the unit leaves the subinspector a new slugproof vender is nearly complete.

The machine has been under the subinspector's observation for more than an hour. No high-speed, mass production here! No time limit to the subinspector's work. His one duty is to pass along a mechanism that is 100 per cent perfect.

But the mechanism, finally mounted in its cabinet, must pass one more critic, the final inspector. He checks the finish, doors, hinges, locks, casters, name plate and once again operates and tests the mechanism itself. With his ok the V-12 cigaret vender is finally completed.

**Pennsy Ops
In Campaign**

With 150 members signed up new drive is started for fair laws

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—The newly organized Amusement Machine Operators' Association of Pennsylvania will get its first test of its strength in a situation that has arisen in Lancaster County, it was announced at a meeting in Harrisburg April 8.

The AMOA, now grown to 150 strong, has marshaled its forces and will seek to get legislation which will definitely legalize machines in every county in the State as "machines of skill" and not chance.

A strong campaign is being planned at the next session of the Legislature to seek enactment of laws which will be applicable to amusement machines. The organization will also seek repeal of the \$2.50 per machine mercantile tax now levied.

"This law was passed in 1907 to apply to billiard parlors and bowling alleys and they have made it take in amusement machines which the framers never thought of when they drew it up," President Martin Mittnick declared.

The organization is taking steps to clear out the last vestiges of the undesirable element that formerly was engaged in operating amusement machines and cut out "gambling and racketeering," he said. Harry H. Wexelblatt, of Philadelphia, was appointed corresponding secretary of the organization. He will maintain offices in the suite of Bernard Cohn, counsel for the AMOA, in the Franklin Trust Building, Philadelphia. It was announced that branches of the organization have been established in each of the 67 counties in the State.

**Banner Celebrates
21 Years in Biz**

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Banner Specialty Co. officially came of age in the coin machine business this year, for this marks its 21st year in the field. In looking back over the years President L. H. (Izzy) Rothstein made the observation, "The operator is the backbone of the industry. His interests must be considered first and foremost at all times. We believe that our success in this business has been due paramountly to the fact that at all times we have tried to treat the operator just as we would like to be treated ourselves.

"We have made it a policy not only to guide the operator in his purchases of equipment, but to follow on thru and see that he is getting all the possible profits from his equipment. Adherence to this policy has made it possible for us to operate successful branch offices in Newark and Pittsburgh in addition to our home office here. It also will be the fundamental reason why we will soon be able to announce a big expansion move which we are planning at this time," he concluded.

**Bally Hot Vender
Operates Anywhere**

CHICAGO, April 9.—"Please make it clear," requests Jim Buckley, general sales manager of Bally Mfg. Co., "that our Hot Vender operates on either alternate current or direct current. So many machines have been advertised as for A. C. only that some operators are wondering if the same limitations apply to the Hot Vender machine. The answer is most emphatically no—the Hot Vender operates on any 110-115 volt 60-cycle circuit, either A. C. or D. C. This is because the electric current is used only to heat the merchandise and illuminate the tempting display—not to operate any mechanism. In fact, there is no motor or similar mechanism in the Hot Vender machine.

"Plans are now being completed to greatly increase our Hot Vender production, which will be necessary to take care of the 100-unit to 500-unit Hot Vender routes which will be established by a number of large operators in various sections of the country," Buckley said.

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Cigaret Ops Defend Biz

About 50 members defend vending machines against legislative attacks

BOSTON, April 9.—Opposition to the petition of Representative Sullivan for legislation to prohibit the sale of cigarettes by machine or other mechanical devices was verbally fought at a State House hearing recently by Stoughton Bell, representing the Massachusetts Cigarette Merchandisers' Assn., consisting of some 40 or 50 operators of vending machines. Hearing before the committee on mercantile affairs was crowded with officials and representatives of these concerns.

Bell pointed out to the committee that these operators have from 10 to 500 machines each scattered throughout the Commonwealth; that in addition to those employed in the manufacture of the machines at least 500 persons are employed by the operators.

Explained Bell: "The operator finds a location and then must service the machine. This means keeping the machine filled with the goods to be sold; keeping the machine in condition; if a small repair was necessary that was made on the location, in case of more serious repairs it was necessary to return the machine to the office of the operator or to the factory.

"By far the largest number of machines are located in taverns where minors cannot go. Others are located in restaurants, service stations, and in all cases under direct supervision of the attendant. The present Massachusetts law provides that whoever sells cigarettes



to persons under 18 years of age is subject to a fine. It is less likely that a person under 18 years of age would purchase the cigarettes from a machine which is always in an exposed location than it is that they should purchase them over the counter."

Bell further pointed out that no change is necessary in the present law in order to prevent their sale to minors. He also stressed that even if the proposed bill is passed it is practically impossible to prevent children from getting cigarettes, for today they are found on every table in every house.

"In addition to the machines that are located in the restaurants, service stations, taverns, etc., machines are placed in factories and institutions of one kind and another where a share goes to the mutual relief or entertainment fund for the benefit of the workers and occupants of those places.

"Profits are small and losses great—these losses are due in part to theft and in part to obsolescence of machines—for the manufacturers are continually getting out machines of improved appearance. This necessitates junking old machines or utilization of outmoded machines in poor locations. The average life of these machines is something like two years."

Bell stated that there are some 7,500 machines in Massachusetts at an average value of \$100 and that 75 per cent of the machines in the State are made in Haverhill, Mass., and if this law is passed it will cause a loss to the wage earner not only in the factories of Haverhill but in other factories in which machines are made, as well as to the employees of the operators.

The committee reported "next annual session," and this report has been accepted by the House and Senate, which virtually means its doom.

A short while previous to this hearing Bell appeared before the committee on legal affairs to voice opposition to a proposed act regulating the approval and licensing of slot machines and other automatic weighing and vending devices (*The Billboard*, March 6).

A Profit for Service

Editor's Note: The following paragraphs are extracts of an address made before the Cigarette Merchandisers' Association of New Jersey by Herman Roskoff, of the Axton-Fisher Tobacco Co., on the subject of using private brands in tenders.

I want to acknowledge with thanks the invitation of your manager, Mr. Le Roy Stein, to be present at this meeting tonight. I have heard a great deal about your association and your aggressive manager. I do not make this statement merely as a compliment, but I do want you to know this: that your association is acknowledged to be not only one of the youngest but one of the most outstanding in point of management and accomplishments.

The exhibit of the Evolution of the Cigarette Vending Machine which you conducted at your first annual banquet on February 19, 1938, at the Hotel Douglass was an undertaking which, in my opinion, would tax the experience of associations long in existence. The mere fact that you not only conducted the exhibit but that it was attended by hundreds of visitors from the tobacco industry as well as those in the vending field is conclusive proof that your association has achieved a reputation as a trade association which is looked upon as a leader in the tobacco industry.

The sale of cigarettes thru automatic merchandising dispensers is relatively new to the tobacco industry, but the experience of your association has proved that it has now become an integral part of the tobacco business.

When your chairman of the private brands committee requested that I outline to you the possibilities of introducing a private brand of cigarettes I accepted hesitatingly, not knowing that I would meet such a fine caliber of business men who seem to know what it takes to make a success in your particular field of the tobacco industry. The introduction of a private brand of cigarettes, like the introduction of any other commodity, depends solely upon the enthusiasm with which it is received by those who would promote it. If your association is really interested in promoting a private brand of cigarettes it must be borne in mind from the inception of the plan to a successful conclusion that the profits from such a venture can only be derived thru the full-hearted co-operation of all of the members of your association.

I know that you do not dare to hope to supplant any cigaret now on the market and that it is not your intention to substitute your new private brand for any of the so-called "big sellers," but in accepting a brand for your own use you desire to have at least one brand over which you may have entire control. That there can be little or no profit with the introduction of the brand, I know that as business men you are cognizant of that fact. That the brand will show little profit even with intensive promotion is a fact. (See *A PROFIT* on page 82)

N. Y. C. Passes Cigaret Tax

One cent per pack new levy for relief purposes effective May 1

NEW YORK, April 9.—In spite of united opposition on the part of retail groups, tobacco jobbers and vending operators, the new tax levying a 1-cent-per-package tax on cigarettes passed along with two other bills to provide a \$10,000,000 supplementary relief fund for the city. The cigarette tax is expected to supply \$3,000,000 of the total needed.

The other measures of the bill provide a 3 per cent tax on utilities, a 3 per cent levy on liquor and alcoholic beverages and on all meals costing more than \$1.

All the new taxes except the cigarette levy go into effect on Monday, April 11. The cigarette tax will be made effective May 1. This additional time was provided for many reasons. Stamps have to be manufactured, retailers must have a chance to get rid of their unstamped stocks, and the problem of compensating jobbers for the estimated \$250,000 in \$1,000,000 a year it will cost to apply the stamps must be ironed out.

Vending Ops Hit

Altho retail "over the counter" merchants can pass the increased cig tax on to the consumer, vending machine operators, who account for approximately 12 to 15 per cent of the total sales here are not so fortunate. Up to now they have been getting a straight 15 cents per package, which enabled them to give a cent to the location owner and keep the rest for themselves. With this new law they are faced with the necessity of shaving down the location's percentage as well as cutting their own operating costs, overhead, etc., in order to operate at a profit. Due to the inability of getting 16 cents into a machine, one point out that, altho the consumer is intended by the tax law to pay the extra cent, such will not be the case with regard to purchasers of vending cigarettes. By the very nature of the equipment the operator and the location owner will be forced to absorb the cost.

Place 100 New Pop-Corn Venders

DETROIT, April 9.—The Pop Corn Robot Company will shortly have approximately 100 of its new pop-corn venders on location in the Detroit area. W. R. Young, president of the company said this week. Production capacity is being increased, and present orders are going to keep the plant busy for some time to come. It was indicated this well demand for the machine has been very good and spread over the country generally, it is said.



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Perfume Mdsr. Is Opening New Spots

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bob Grenner, of Mechanical Sales Corp., who last week introduced the Perfume Merchandiser which features the Ris-Chardo perfumes, reports that the machines are opening new locations throughout this area.

"This perfume merchandiser is one of the first to be able to break down the resistance of the higher class locations. Its beauty and modernistic design have even gained them an entree into the better beauty parlors. Since seeing them in the International Casino, Paradise, Jimmy Kelly's and other popular night clubs some of the leading ops in town have inquired about these money makers.

"The installation of one of these machines in Jack Dempsey's popular restaurant has been responsible for installations in other famous eateries. The Rivoli Theater and others have also been inquiring about this device. With such inquiries constantly coming in it looks like the Perfume Merchandiser is here to stay," Grenner concluded.

Rock-Ola LoBoys Get Repeat Biz

CHICAGO, April 9.—Sales on LoBoy scales have been greater in the past three and one-half months than in all of 1937, according to officials of the Rock-Ola Mfg. Co. This record, they believe, reflects the attention being given to legal long-life equipment. "Particularly is this true with regard to personal weighing machines where the average person's desire to watch his weight is reflected in operators' profits which come in steadily over a long period of

time," stated N. L. Nelson, head of the games division at Rock-Ola.

"We welcome new operators and extend every assistance to them," he reported, "but we definitely count on obtaining a large amount of repeat business from customers who have bought LoBoys previously. Every spring old customers come back to light, and people who have already purchased 50 to 100 scales previously write in and tell us that they need more LoBoys. This constant repeat business is a sterling recommendation of the steady profits our scales bring in for operators," he concluded, "and is, of course, responsible for the world-wide reputation LoBoys enjoy."

THE TRUTH ABOUT POPCORN PATENTS!

We have been advised by our customers that they have received letters from attorneys representing certain envious competitors, regarding alleged infringement, warning them to stop distributing and operating the famous U-POP-IT Machine. Their contention is based upon a design patent and upon another patent, the principles of which we NEVER DID USE and WOULD NOT USE—AND THEY KNOW IT!

The originality and superiority of design plus the matchless construction and performance of our famous U-POP-IT has been acknowledged by everyone in the industry to be outstanding in every respect. The original design of U-POP-IT, the only thoroughly perfected automatic corn-popping and vending machine, was developed by Barnes & Reinecke, one of the outstanding firms of industrial designers in the country, six months before the date of the design patent mentioned in those letters.

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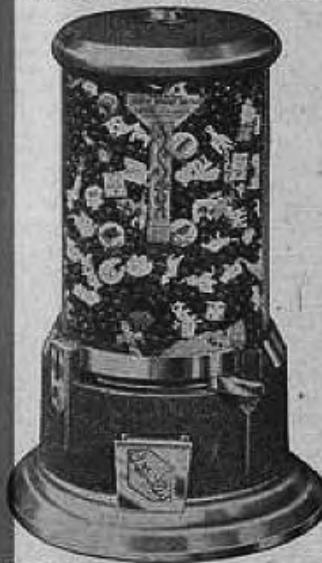
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Truth Vs. Bunk

By B. L. KULICK

Vice-President Ranel, Inc.

The intelligent operator of today—the man who depends upon a number of machines he owns and operates to produce a livelihood—must be able to separate the "wheat from the chaff". If he is to avoid the pitfalls that lurk about him. He must be able to distinguish between the reputable manufacturer whose policies are set up to help operators stay in business and make money and the unscrupulous ones whose

only interest lies in "selling him a pack-age."

The quickest way to analyze the sincerity of any manufacturer and his product is to study the merits of the product itself and to investigate the claims made for it, and above all, to investigate the manufacturer making these claims for his product, who is he? What is his background? How long has he been in business? Has he ever made good on his guarantees?

In the new automatic pop-corn machine business which offers unusual profit opportunities for the operator it is to be expected that the trade will see evidence of the unreliable high-pressure "promoting" type of manufacturer attempting to cash in on the popularity of the product who, in his anxiety to make sales, will resort to devious kinds of "blue-sky" promotions.

The acts of the insincere manufacturer deserve special mention, for an organization of this kind is invariably the one that will promise anything in order to sell and then turn right around and undermine the activities of the very operators he sells to. Such an insincere manufacturer appeals to operators to handle his equipment and then thru advertising outside the coin machine trade, showing prices in advertising; selling to any Tom, Dick and Harry; selling machines direct to locations, endeavors to wreck the business of the very operators whom he is also trying to sell.

A manufacturer of this type hatches up all kinds of warning ads to cast reflection upon reputable manufacturers, making verbal statements of the most derogatory nature, and, in fact, doing everything possible to bring about a state of uncertainty in the field, thinking he is making a big hit and pulling a "master stroke of salesmanship" by keeping or trying to keep operators from buying any machine but his own.

The insincere manufacturer works on the theory that by knocking his competitor and using every unscrupulous artifice to hinder competitive sales he is going to get the lion's share of the business.

Therefore don't be misled by unscrupulous business tactics. Pay no heed



V. H. ROWLETTE, vice-president of the Popmatic Mfg. Co., on board the S. S. Evangeline en route to Cuba.

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TOBCO tax act advocates have been backward in advancing reasons to justify the unfair amount of total tobacco costs consumed by taxes. They point out that these taxes are exact, readily computable and easy to administer. The tobacco industry pays severely because its wares form a convenient tax base and no attempt is made to evade imposts. The traditional argument continues. Smoking is not a necessity and levies against luxuries should be stern.

A careful study of these statements, however, will reveal their basic unsoundness. Tobacco occupies an important place in the life pattern of an individual. Altho not a requisite for existence, as food or clothing, nevertheless provisions for tobacco form an integral portion of the family budget. Smoking has become so thoroughly interwoven in the loom of human necessity that its separation is almost impossible. Accordingly, while the smoking habit is classified as a luxury, as a matter of practice any respectable index of cost of living will include an item allowing for tobacco costs.

The implications of a tax on luxuries are clear. People with sufficient purchasing power to expend upon costly indulgences should contribute correspondingly more heavily towards the maintenance of the government. Disregarding legalistic niceties, luxuries may be properly conceived as yachts, jewels, expensive automobiles, etc.

Smoking products hardly seem to fit into that picture and yet the tax on tobacco is categorized as a luxury tax. By whatever name the tax may be termed its effects are still the same. Despite the designation by which a tobacco tax is known, its burden is not borne by the rich.

Theoretically, the cigaret consumer smoking a package daily contributes \$21.20 each year in federal taxes. When to this amount is added a 2-cent State tax, his contribution rises to \$29.20 and should the State tax reach 5 cents his levy is actually \$40.15. If these figures represent merely the sums paid by individuals for the privilege of smoking they would be heavy. But when it's realized that in reality the tobacco industry assumes a burden representing the aggregate of all these taxes, its severity is enhanced considerably. However, in practice, it is the industry that is most directly affected by tax increases. This policy has been dictated by the force of economic circumstances.

Cigarettes represent certain objective values in the minds of the consuming public. The package is known by its brand name, which connotes characteristic qualities recognized wherever the commodity is sold. Whether purchased from the news stand or the cigaret machine, the package possesses the same distinguishing elements peculiar to it alone.

As in any basic measure a cigaret brand's value in terms of dollars is fixed. The consumer has been schooled to certain scales of prices and the industry must assume all additions beyond these itself.

Consequently the net profit allowed the industry on the basis of costs and selling prices is reduced to a minimum and correspondingly its ability to absorb taxes has reached the peak. The industry is already a generous contributor to the government upkeep and additional taxation would have drastic effects upon the entire trade.

THE ALBUM: Everybody in New York knows Sam Yolen. He is a progressive business man and the cigaret merchandising industry owes him a debt of gratitude.

It was thru his foresight and ambition that the Cigarette Merchandisers' Association became a reality. He started this movement about three years ago in his home town, Port Chester, N. Y., together with a few other operators. He has seen the CMA grow to become one of the finest trade associations in the United States, but he hasn't stopped yet, for Sam still devotes valuable time and money to further the aims of this association.

Sam never gets excited, nor does he lose his head. Due to his charm and personality, his business has grown. He now has operations both in Connecticut and New York.

I make a correction. Sam did lose his head once. He married the belle of New Haven and, altho still on their honeymoon, they celebrate their 12th anniversary in a very short time. Sam is a sailor. The wanderlust only hits him on Sundays, and then, together with his family (they have two boys) and a good lunch, he is off in his boat in search of some new "treasure island." (Or is it fishing, Sam?)

SAM YOLEN

CMA of New Jersey News Shorts

Charles W. Stange, president emeritus, is busily engaged adding to his zoological gardens in the "wilds" of New Jersey. . . . President Samuel M. Malkin has presented New Jersey with a new idea in the restaurant field, known as the Pagoda. . . . Vice-President Milton H. Lewis when not engaged in vending follows the avocation as a lover of music and the fine arts. . . . Secretary John Sharenow, familiarly known as "Johnny" (no relation to Philip Morris) is not only proud of his cigaret machine operation but also of the new Graham which he now sports about town. . . . Treasures Leonard Ziegler is still busy counting the profits of the Exhibit and arguing with Beau Brummell Sol I. Kesselman, the counsel, about which bank should receive the deposit. . . . Little Nat Silverstein, guardian of the portals which house the meetings, is still wondering how many more chairs he will need for the next meeting, for since he has been inducted into office the attendance has swelled considerably. . . . Manager Stein has now cooked up another affair for the association and refuses to give the details. However, we have learned from him at an unguarded moment that it will not be a yacht ride, but that baseball will be one of the ingredients of his concoction, a gathering which must be successful considering his other successes. . . . In addition to all other devices to keep the members cool, the executive committee has authorized the installation of a drinking fountain in the association office, all of which proves that to keep cool even in the winter is still the best policy.

Cigarette Merchandisers' Association of Pittsburgh was addressed by Le Roy Stein, of the Jersey association, on January 27, 1938. Twenty-two representatives were present at this State association meeting. Edward J. Dingley, president of Cigarette Merchandisers' Association of Philadelphia, was elected president of the Pittsburgh organization.

Mr. Stein outlined the need for an organization. A temporary chairman and secretary were appointed to form an organization committee to write the by-laws. They are to organize to fight adverse legislation, which includes a 2-cent tax on cigarettes and a tax of \$1 on each machine.

Popmatic Exec Back From Cuban Jaunt

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—Cuba is now completely Popmatic-minded and popcorn-conscious, according to V. H. Rosette, vice-president of the Popmatic Mfg. Co., who has just returned from a trip thru the Southern States and Cuba.

Several big orders were obtained for delivery of the new Popmatics to foreign countries in addition to substantial sales thruout the South, where a number of new distributors have recently been appointed, Rosette reported.

Combining business with pleasure, Mr. and Mrs. Rosette made an extensive tour and came back from their vacation well tanned. It is reported that Rosette lost about a pound of sunburn skin on the beach, but in all other respects seems fit as a fiddle to carry on his daily task with the Popmatic Mfg. Co.

Speaking of pounds, it is rumored that Rosette, who is six feet two inches tall and weighs 230 pounds, tussled with a sailfish weighing 168 pounds in Miami and came out victorious. Some fisherman—and some fish!

Lemke Booster of Pop-Corn Machines

DETROIT, April 9.—Henry C. Lemke, Lemke Corn Machine Co., is a firm believer in that old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and is putting the idea into practice. Each week-end, with Mrs. Lemke, he takes a motor trip to some far section of the State, leaving business cares behind him.

Lemke has added two new trucks to his equipment recently. His new pop-corn machines, he states, are going over big, and he has discontinued pin games entirely. Incidentally, he has found a constructive method of disposing of these old machines. He recently sent 168 games to the John Faust Post American Legion Home Training School. Here 120 boys are learning to be cabinet makers and workers in other lines. The machines are knocked down and the material used by the boys to make tables and various articles. In this way Lemke has disposed of his entire stock of pin games, some of which were only six months old. Hearing of Mr. Lemke's gesture, the local police department has made arrangements to ship to the home 1,100 games which have been confiscated by them. And the idea may be followed out by other owners of pin games which may be too old to use. Anyone wishing to do so may notify the Training School, which will send trucks for the machines, according to Lemke.

A PROFIT

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which I think you will recognize, too, and that there will be substantial profit after the public has had sufficient time to become well acquainted with the brand in the goal toward which you must strive. But if you believe that by the mere introduction of a brand or by merely placing a brand in a machine it can yield a profit greater than that which you now receive from existing brands I advise you strongly not to accept it at all.

My company or any other company will not advise any group of men to vend or distribute any cigaret co-operatively on the basis of an offer of an unusual profit from its small sale. The most any company can offer, and especially mine, is a fair profit on the return for the introduction of a brand over which you have full control. However, I do believe that if your association and others with whom you may wish to operate introduce a private brand of cigarettes it will make its way in the tobacco world and whether it may assume large proportion is a prophecy what only time can show.

Again permit me to congratulate you and your manager for the splendid work which you are doing in your field. I know from the reports which I have been receiving and from my talks with Mr. Stein, your manager, that you have stabilized an industry in New Jersey—a momentous task—and that you will continue to make the cigaret vending business in New Jersey one which will assure a profit to each of you because you co-operate so well with each other.

Crowd Enjoys Fellowship At CMMA Dinner Session

Program is announced as organization renews activities—27 associate members join group—purpose is to represent general interest of the entire industry

CHICAGO, April 9.—The dinner and business session which marked the revival of the activities of the Coin Machine Manufacturers' Association of America (CMMA), held at the Hotel Sherman on the evening of April 8, was in spirit and numbers a good fellowship meeting. The dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. and the room filled the Crystal Room of the hotel. Lee S. Jones presided and introduced Dave Gottlieb to explain the general program and plans that would be undertaken by the CMMA for the coming months. Committee, recounted briefly some of the history of the national coin machine conventions, how that about 11 years ago the exhibits on display at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, occupied only 14 rooms. "We have seen these conventions grow to include more than 260 exhibit booths," he said.

He explained that the CMMA had discontinued its regular activities when the NRA had made necessary the forming of an industry code. Beginning now, he said, the CMMA would resume its program of holding annual exhibits for which the organization was originally formed. Exhibit space would be offered at rates about the same as formerly charged and membership fees would permit firms to join on equal voting privileges. Membership to manufacturers was announced as \$50 and associate membership fees as \$25.

"The real purpose of the CMMA is to associate ourselves together to work for the good of the entire industry," Gottlieb said. "This organization is to handle only those general interests that concern us all. Sections of the trade may have their respective groups, but thru the CMMA we will come together as a united industry to work for those policies that will help each and every one. Our meetings will be for free discussion and everyone will have a chance to advance his ideas for consideration."

Others who joined in discussion during the evening included Tom Watling, the "daddy of 'em all"; O. C. Lightner, who thoughtfully suggested the idea that the industry should try to avoid the possibility of two annual shows; Bernie Watson, who mentioned the question of ethics on prices; Ray Moloney, who expressed appreciation for the large attendance, and others who asked for information.

One of the enthusiastic features of the meeting was the presence of a number of manufacturers of parts and supplies for the coin machine trade. These are admitted as associate members. The Howard Foundry Co. led the march of associate members in joining the CMMA and a total of 27 new associate members was announced by the chair as a result.

The business session adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and the majority of those in attendance remained for an informal gathering for gossip, fun and refreshments.



COIN MACHINE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION starts its new program with a happy crowd of manufacturers, distributors and makers of parts at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, April 8. Twenty-seven new associate members joined the CMMA during the evening.



COL. CHARLEY HOUSE, hillbilly from Manchester, Ky., now of Louisville, looks over one of Western Equipment's latest creations.

Coney Island Is New Exhibit Game

CHICAGO, April 9.—"With the revolving ferris wheel backboard and the shoot-the-chute loop-the-loop ball action on the playing field, there seemed only one name suitable for this new five-ball novelty game of ours," said Leo J. Kelly, vice-president of Exhibit Supply Co. "We believe we are giving the players just about 100 per cent amusement in this new Coney Island. As much fun and thrill as a real amusement park, and coming right now when parks will soon be opening we've hit the psychological moment right on the head," he continued.

"Coney Island has a very beautiful appearance. The chrome mirror metal field acts as a mirror to reflect the colored lights that build right into the special-type bumpers. All lights in the bumpers come on dimly when coin is inserted, but with each bump of the ball these lights flare up in a blaze of color. The loop-the-loop action is entirely new to bumper-type games, and while skill is required to get into this shoot-the-chute section only a few games are necessary to enable the player to enjoy this delightful new feature with every shot. Plenty of color, flash and new action should make Coney Island a long-time attraction for locations everywhere," Kelly concluded.

Chicago Ops Give Thanks to Rock-Ola

CHICAGO, April 9.—A vote of thanks was recently tendered the Rock-Ola Mfg. Co. by Chicago operators and jobbers for giving them the opportunity to again make money here with coin-operated machines, officials of the firm report. "After being closed to all games for almost three years, we spent five weeks in court and a good pile of money to prove that World Series baseball machine is a legal amusement game," Jack Nelson, vice-president and general sales manager, stated. "Now the game is operating without difficulty all over the city."

"Ever since the town closed down it has been a mystery to out-of-town coin machine people why the very city which

produces over 92 per cent of all coin-operated machines should not permit them to operate. There were many conditions too numerous to mention, according to Nelson, why it was impossible to get any action. Several plans were tried, but all failed until the Rock-Ola Mfg. Co. went into open court before Judge William V. Brothers and secured the right to operate its World Series game without interference from the police," he observed.

"Chicago operators and jobbers have been quick to show their appreciation of our work," Nelson went on, "and a great many of the old-time operators are back in the business with World Series. So much newspaper publicity was given the case that the demand for the game has been tremendous. We have been pressed with demands for the game by location owners throughout the city. This has made it possible for ops to place the game in locations for as low as 25 and 30 per cent to the location owner, thus giving ops a real opportunity to make money with this equipment."

Ray Becker Says He's Going Crazy

CHICAGO, April 9.—"My office telephone starts ringing before I get my hat off in the morning and it doesn't let up until closing time," wailed Jack Keeney's man Becker at a coin game get-together the other day.

"I start to dictate some letters," he moaned, "and wang, it's some operator somewhere wanting to know when he can get Kentucky Clubs. I finish talking to him, dictate another three lines, and tingaling, it's some one of our distributors insisting on his getting 20 Track Times today, or else."

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thru the soup the waitress will tell me I am wanted at the phone and I've got to get 15 Derby Champs to this or that place by Friday or my name won't be Ray Becker.

"My dreams are made up of demon distributors, jabbering jobbers and 'orner' operators ensnaring my legs in telephone wires and dragging me over giant playing fields studded with sharply pointed stakes," he wailed. "I see Kentucky Clubs bidding behind trees, Track Times jumping in at the windows and Derby Champs darkening the skies. Honestly, if this demand for our games keeps up much longer they'll have to switch my phone calls to some psychopathic ward. I'm going screwball!"

Organization Of Music Ops

Move spreads in Eastern centers led by Pennsy and Jersey men

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Phonograph operators all along the Middle Atlantic Seaboard are organizing for betterment of their business under the aegis of the Phonograph Operators' Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The aim of the organization is to weld groups all over the country into one strong organization, with Philadelphia as the base.

The latest area to organize is Washington, D. C. An organization meeting was held in the Hayloft Club of the Capitol on Wednesday (6), with about 30 operators from Washington and vicinity present. The organization was modeled along the lines of the local group. Frank Hammond, business manager of the Pennsylvania unit, was the principal speaker.

R. L. Tranter, formerly of the Silent Sales Corp., was appointed executive secretary of the Washington outfit. The operators attending the first meeting represented more than 80 per cent of the industry in Washington, Baltimore and Northern Virginia, it was said. A meeting of the newly formed Newark chapter was held in the Military Park Building in that city on April 5.

Phonograph operators in the Central Pennsylvania section are urged to attend the next meeting of the "up-State" chapter to be held at the George Washington Tavern, Lebanon, on April 18.

Modern Has Phono Repair School

NEW YORK, April 9.—Phonograph men here are reported to be indorsing heartily the new phonograph repair school which Modern Vending Co. has established. "Just a few weeks ago," stated Nat Cohn, "we announced the establishment of a complete parts department for phones so ops would no longer have to write to the factory for the parts they needed. Now we've gone a step further. Trained mechanics from the Wurlitzer factory are teaching operators and their service men the easiest way to service the machines as well as the correct manner in which to repair them. Some of the men have been spending full days here in order to get better acquainted with their machines."

Cohn added that the interest ops are manifesting in the school is proof that they realize the importance of taking a course in correct factory repair methods so that they can better understand their own machines and also be in a position to repair these machines better and faster when necessary.

Sheet-Music Leaders

(Week Ending April 9)

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Position Last Wk.	This Wk.
1	1. Ti-Pi-Tin
2	2. Heigh Ho
3	3. Whistle While You Work
7	4. Please Be Kind
8	5. Goodnight, Angel
5	6. There's a Cold Mine In the Sky
4	7. Thanks for the Memory
6	8. Love Walked In
..	9. You're an Education
10	10. On the Sentimental Side
11	11. I Love To Whistle
9	12. Let's Sail to Dreamland
..	13. Some Day My Prince Will Come
14	14. The Old Apple Tree
..	15. At a Perfume Counter



"Ti-Pi-Tin" Tops Sheeties; Air Leader Is "Education"

By DANIEL RICHMAN

NEW YORK, April 9.—For the fourth time in succession *Ti-Pi-Tin* held its first position on the sheet-music line-up and the great over-the-counter demand for it as evidenced by its No. 1 spot on the lists of seven leading music dealers and jobbers gives every evidence that there will be no slackening of its pace for several weeks to come. *Tune* slipped a notch on its radio performances, but that means little or nothing, for next week can find it back heading that list, too, altho it's got plenty of competition there from *You're an Education* and the college swing ditty, *I Fall in Love With You Every Day*, which took a rather surprising jump into second place. *How'd-Ju Like To Love Me?*, from the same film, had seemed more likely to go to the head of the class first, but at that it's doing all right and both tunes will probably be up among the leaders for some little time, especially after the release of the picture. Their sheet-music standing is another matter, however, for neither has made a dent in that field as yet. *How'd-Ju Like To Love Me?* slipped off after a weak start in 18th place last week, and its companion song has yet to make its debut among the glorified 15.

You're an Education shows the same discrepancy between sheet sales and radio plugs, for it's been heading the latter list for two weeks in a row now, but makes its appearance as a best seller only this week, and then in an uncertain ninth position. Indications are, however, that it will go higher, altho it would be going out on a very long limb to say that it will eventually be a front runner. One tune for which a pretty accurate prediction may be made is the ballad *Please Be Kind*. If this one doesn't reach the top spot on weekly sales, then the music business is even more unpredictable than everyone in it knows it to be. Every sign points to lead position for the tune, it has climbed steadily since making its bow; it's exactly the type of pop ballad that always has and always will sell in a big way, and there doesn't seem to be any other song of similar nature in sight to challenge it. Radio has been very kind to it, and the sheet-music buying public is asking for it in greater numbers each week.

On the Sentimental Side, from Bing Crosby's *Dr. Rhythm*, looks very promising also. It's hovering around middle position as far as plugs are concerned, but look for it to go up with the opening of the picture. Its debut on the best seller list in 10th place and the film ought to help in sending it much higher than that. Another picture tune that's doing a bit of radio climbing is the Jerome Kern - Dorothy Fields *You*

Couldn't Be Cuter from Joy of Living, but it's not quite the type ever to be a leader, due to a tricky tune and lyric, the cleverness of which is lost on the general public.

More to radio fans and music purchasers' taste is *Just Let Me Look at You Tonight* from the same pic, a sweet danceable singable romantic number which hasn't gotten started yet, but which when it does should prove to be an ever bigger thing than its predecessor of a couple of seasons ago by the same writers. *The Way You Look Tonight*, because in our opinion it's a better song.

Casualties on both lists were plentiful this week, 11 tunes dropping from important air-wave standing, with only three new ones coming up and five songs retired at regards sheet-sale performance.

Three of the latter are probably off the roster for good, namely, *I Double Dare You*, *Moon of Manakora* and *A Gypsy Told Me*. Of the other two *It's Wonderful* should certainly reappear, for it's rising nicely on the networks. *I Love To Whistle* is doing likewise, jumping two steps on the ether and holding its position as a seller. The general showing of the Mad About Music flicker of which it's a part won't hurt its chances any either.

Of the stand-bys for the past number of weeks not much can be said. The two *Snow White* novelties, *Heigh-Ho* and *Whistle While You Work*, and *Thanks for the Memory* are clinging pretty much to the same positions. Any week, however, is apt to see the latter two dip down sharply in both sales and plugs, while *Heigh-Ho* may hang around near the top a bit longer. *Gold Mine in the Sky* has practically deserted the networks, but its selling power is rapidly developing into the eighth wonder of the world.

Some Day My Prince Will Come, another *Snow White* starter, is apparently starting to sell without any visible support from the bands. It's unlikely that it will amount to anything nevertheless, unless it gets plenty of air plugging. The same thing applies to *The Old Apple Tree*, which is back in 14th place after being absent for a week.

Love Walked In and Goodnight, Angel, from *Goldwyn's Follies* and *Radio City Revue*, respectively, are good for several more weeks of nice performances, but neither will ever be any bigger than it is right now, in all probability. *Let's Sail to Dreamland* looks good in the pop ballad field, in spite of a slip of three after a promising start on the sheet list. Keep an eye on Benny Goodman's *Don't Be That Way*, Louis Prima's *Where Have We Met Before* and the *Teddy Powell* ballad *Bewildered*.



A TABLE FULL of well-known Wurlitzer music ops and distros: left to right, A. A. Seper, Asbury, N. J.; E. Masterson, Elizabeth, N. J.; J. A. Durst, Wurlitzer district manager of the metropolitan area; Babe Kaufman, New York City; W. Ashmore, Asbury, N. J.; M. Ehrenfeld, New Jersey; Jerry Morris, Plainfield, N. J., and Sam Robinowitz, New York.

Reports Rock-Ola Best March Biz

CHICAGO, April 9.—While general business nationally is reported to have slowed down since the first of the year, the executives of the Rock-Ola Mfg. Corp. announce that the company has enjoyed the best business for the month of March in its history.

At a conference of executives of the company David G. Rockola, president, commented upon the commendable showing made by his organization. During his talk Rockola stated: "If every business organization would proceed intelligently with its carefully calculated plans, regardless of what course others may follow, the country should quickly pull itself out of the so-called recession."

He declared that Rock-Ola had countenanced no recession in its business. "We have gone forward with our plans without regard to any factors which might discourage others. Because we have manufactured our high-grade equipment and have a waiting market we have supplied that market even if we have had to apply ourselves a little harder to overcome obstacles."

Rockola expressed the thought that to have prosperity there must be a free-buying public. Manufacturers, too, he said, must be included in this buying group, because they must buy raw materials, labor, transportation facilities, etc., before they can sell. The whole structure of business begins with buying, he asserted. "Whenever manufacturers start retrenching," he continued, "they automatically stop buying supplies, products, parts, etc. Like a chain-letter campaign, this goes on and on with violent repercussion until the business of the entire nation paralyzes itself."

He mentioned the other side of the picture: "However, the sound manufacturer who forces straight ahead with courage and confidence supplies not only the ultimate consumer but makes business for the many pre-manufacturing units which are necessary as a source of supply. For instance," he cited, "right here in our own plant few realize the hundreds of thousands of dollars we spend with other organizations for supplies to manufacture our products. Within the past few months we have given orders to three screw machine factories which will keep them busy for 90 days. We have ordered 33 tons of steel, 10 tons of die castings, three tons of rubber parts, tons of plugs, a whole trainload of lumber, crating material, etc. These are just a few of our extensive manufacturing needs. But think what a difference this makes to the various sources to which we turn. It's not difficult to imagine then how the entire country would prosper if every manufacturer tried to adhere to this kind of policy as closely as possible."

Rockola explained that when the manufacturer buys his buying gives employment to thousands of people outside his own company. Then in the process of his own manufacture hundreds of people are employed; a selling organization is built which supplies work for the middleman until the products reach the consumer, who is able to buy the article or product because he has money in his pocket to pay for it.

He admitted that naturally there were many factors involved in bringing about prosperity, but he thought that if every business man could exchange fear of the future for courage and confidence and could proceed with his "buying" with its consequent results a prosperous future nationally would soon be on the way.

McCormick Doing Big Spring Biz

GREENVILLE, N. C., April 9.—L. S. (Mac) McCormick, head of the McCormick Machine Co., reports that he has had no time to enjoy a good case of spring fever this year, for ever since he announced the repainting of worn pieces needless he says he's been kept constantly on the job.

"The men have been sending them in batches," McCormick stated, "and our entire force has been double-timing it to get them back to the ops as fast as we can. A sure sign of the fact that this process of ours is scoring with the men is the fact that they are sending needles in week after week to be repaired," he concluded.

Phono Manufacturer Wins Place In Ranks of Boosters' Brigade

A manufacturer of coin-operated machines can be listed among the firms that have taken public steps to declare themselves as members of the Boosters' Brigade which is slowly but surely forming to break the damnable weight of discouragement and useless knocking that has put business generally in the dumps.

The idea was recently expressed by C. P. Hughes, business editor for The New York Times, who said that business executives of this country sure have done a good job in selling business "down the river." With heads of business breaking into print every time they could to talk "lack of confidence" and predict dire gloom about the future, Mr. Hughes says that no better way could have been found to ruin not only business but the country as well. Moreover, newspapers have continually featured on the front page all this gloomy stuff until people are sick with the whole mess.

Last week we called attention to the fact that a number of business and financial editors were already pointing out the foolishness of such a procedure, that the actual figures on business did not call for such talk of "lack of confidence," etc. Some of these editors have suggested that men with intelligence to head business enterprises would have better sense than to be whining for publication all the time. The disease is catching and its serious effects are now being felt by the entire nation. Under ex-President Hoover we were treated to three years of "smear Hoover," which helped to make a bad depression much worse. Now we are being treated to the same old plan when it would seem that business men would begin to learn something.

At bottom, the whole sorry mess is due to partisan politics, which is about one of the most foolish reasons that could be given for crying down business. Yet there are millions of people who would ruin themselves and everybody else for whatever joy they get out of being partisans. I have for a long time held to the view that we are all "dampfoots" when it comes to politics and religion.

Well, however foolish it may be to be partisan, we can all be thankful that several business and financial editors have seen that light and are beginning to spread the spirit of the Boosters' Brigade. We published an advertisement not long ago of a drug store down in Texas that had caught the spirit. In this article an advertisement of a New York store is being reprinted. It all goes to show that some people are seeing the light.

Coin Machine Firm

It is a privilege to be able to say that a member of the coin machine trade is also making public expression of its confidence in the future, altho the trade knows full well there are some dark spots. The Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. has announced the publication of a bulletin at intervals which will bear the cheering title of HEADS UP!. Its purpose evidently is not only to boost the automatic phonograph business but to boost the music business generally. Anyone who knows anything about the music business knows that it can use lots of boosting. It did not require any

reading between the lines to know that there were some warnings ahead when the Wurlitzer firm announced a reduction in the production schedule of automatic phonographs for 1938. Unemployed musicians in the field of music also form constant problem. All these things have to be faced, and yet it would be much easier to face them if business in general was marching under the banner of HEADS UP! instead of the constant stream of gloomy predictions which come from the heads of too many business enterprises.

A banner like HEADS UP! ought to do a lot of good in the music business. Musicians and music lovers ought to be naturally cheerful at heart. If there is any business or profession that can sing when all the world goes wrong it ought to be the music business.

A Store Advertises

We reprinted the advertisement of a Texas drug store in the coin machine section recently because of the sensible tone of optimism in it. More recently national attention has been called in news and editorial columns to the advertising of the Hearn Department Stores, Inc., in New York City. It may be entirely possible that some smart advertising man figured that the store could get a raft of free publicity by casting in on a theme that is certainly unusual at the present time. Whatever the inner motives may have been, the Hearn advertising has a message that deserves repeating in all trades in all parts of the country.

Here is the advertising copy appearing in the March 25 issue of The New York Times:

"SHAME ON YOU, AMERICA! You have been scared stiff, out of your wits, by a little mouse. The country over, millions have been thrown out of employment and even more have been thrown into distress because business men have lost their confidence. Confidence in what? This country is no less rich today than it ever was. Its workers are no less competent and no fewer than they ever were, and I for one say that it has never had a more earnest, a better-willed and a more determined Government than it now has. Why, therefore, this loss of confidence?

"I grant that this country is not free of danger. It has had its public enemies and is still not free of them, but it is for us business men to fight these dangers and these enemies—not our Government. It is for us to join hands with the Government and work so that prosperity and happiness will again rule in this land.

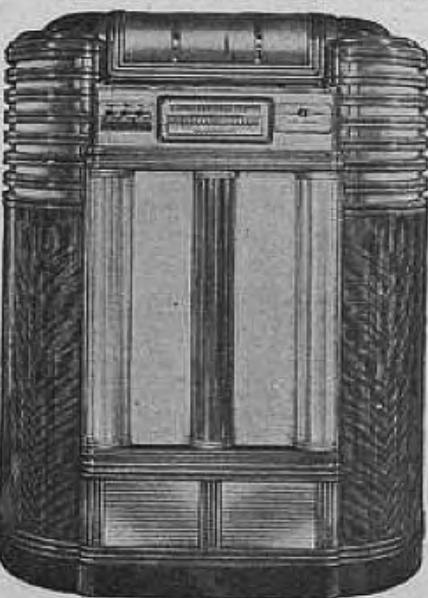
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"1—It will give work to men.

"2—It will reduce the cost of things that those men produce.

"Both ends are equally desirable. But it is in the latter, of course, that Hearns—as a mercantile establishment—is the more interested. Hearns is going to use every means in its power to break the present deadlock between unemployment and nonconsumption.

"There must be consumption if there is to be employment. There must be employment if there is to be consumption. Hearns is going to give employment so that there may be consumption, and it is going to reduce the price of what is produced to the very lowest possible in order to make that consumption as large as possible. Hearns has never had more confidence in the future of this country nor the future of the government of this country than it has now."

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vertising attracted wide attention may be seen by the following news report of the first day. One interesting fact is that there were many lookers-on, other merchants, organization officials and (See PHONO MANUFACTURER page 88)



NEW WURLITZER PUBLICITY designed to boost the music business in general.

USED PHONOGRAPH PRICES

By WALTER W. HURD

Recent discussion of the publishing of prices on used phonographs has made the subject so general that it might as well be brought out in the open for fair and reasonable consideration.

Everybody in the music business has known that it had to come sooner or later, but to the credit of the thoughtfulness and co-operative spirit of the automatic phonograph trade generally the subject has been kept quiet as long as possible.

The first discussion submitted to us for publication was written by Al Bloom, of the New York music operators' association. He strongly urged that the question be brought up before the 1938 Coin Machine Show so that some steps could be taken. His chief proposal was that phonograph manufacturers immediately adopt some kind of trade-in plan for the business. That was in December, 1937, and at the time I considered the subject too "hot" to bring into the open. I understood the New York music operators had thoroly discussed the subject in regular session at that time.

Philadelphia Operators

In *The Billboard*, March 20 (page 24), we published the following news comment relating to the Philadelphia music operators:

PHONO OPERATORS SAY OMIT PRICES. Trade publications should cease publishing the prices of coin-operated phonographs on the ground it gives away trade secrets of operators and distributors. Frank Hammond, business manager of the Phonograph Operators' Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, declared here March 17.

"The organization's Philadelphia chapter includes 32 companies. There are branches in Reading and a newly formed group in Newark.

"Hammond declared that the organization could not get favorable legislation passed in either Pennsylvania or New Jersey because of the public 'give-away' of prices of machines, etc.

"Officers of the organization include: Frank Engel, president; Jack Sheppard, vice-president; M. Margolis, treasurer, and Joseph J. Nellis, secretary.

"Editor's Note: It has been the general impression that phonograph advertising has been free of prices, at least more so than any other type of machines. We have asked the phonograph operators for more details on the exact nature of their complaint."

The above news item brought a comment from Harry Graham, general manager of the Marquette Music Co., Detroit, that on the very same page with this item and comment was an advertisement of used phonographs at \$67.50!

More recently the Arkansas music operators' association has brought the subject into the open by addressing letters to the manufacturers and also to *The Billboard*, calling attention to the difficulties that the publishing of prices on used phonographs causes in dealing with

locations about commissions. Location owners who see these low prices on used phonographs take the attitude that operators get all their machines at those prices and hence should pay higher commissions to the location.

This is the point at which the situation seems to be pinching, that is, the selfish and unreasonable demands which locations make when they see the prices on used phonographs. This subject will be treated in a later editorial.

Advertisements

Manufacturers of phonographs have consistently from the beginning refrained from publishing prices on new phonographs. Their problem in this respect has been much simpler than that of the games manufacturers who have published prices in their advertising, even in the face of heavy criticism from operators all over the country. The games manufacturers started publishing prices when games were very low in price and quick volume was the thing. It is a much simpler business proposition to withhold prices on units that are high in price when it comes to trade-paper advertising.

Those who turn their memory back to 1933 and 1934 will remember how hot the subject of prices and selling to locations became in the games business. At that time *The Billboard* was even denounced publicly at the national convention as well as at local meetings. I took the position then, as I do now, that the games business was facing or soon would face much more serious troubles than the difficulties caused by prices appearing in the advertising. It is easy to see, of course, how much easier it would have been for the operator all the way thru if the practice of publishing prices had never become general. But the games people, from operators to manufacturers, now know that they had worse troubles than the matter of published prices.

In the light of experience, and with the high ethical standards in the music field, it ought to be possible to discuss the phonograph situation and come to reasonable agreements much sooner than in those days.

The advertisements now causing embarrassment to operators are those of used phonographs, the advertisements apparently being placed by distributors, jobbers or by large operators.

Trade-Ins

Everybody in the music business knows how the average distributor or jobber of phonographs has reached the stage where he must take in an old machine on practically every new machine he sells. Some of the manufacturers of phonographs have for some time recognized this condition and have definite plans made to meet the situation, which may or may not be announced.

There are other commercial developments in the phonograph field which may have a direct and important bearing on the used phonograph problem. It is not proper for a general publication to announce these things until the firms concerned make their own announcements, and then it becomes news. It is possible that commercial developments in the phonograph field may do more in a short while to improve the used phonograph situation, or to make it worse, than all the discussion and agreements could ever do.

As the situation stands today used phonographs are a definite and big problem in the music field. Firms or large operators who are advertising them have a burden on their hands that they want to get rid of. If they can't sell them thru the trade press they will sell them one way or another. Even the operator who complains about advertising prices, etc., today may six months from now be trying to unload used machines and would kick like the dickens if he couldn't advertise them as he desired.

There are reasons why no many firms advertise prices on their used phonographs or they would not be doing it. These things must be considered as a business problem and business never runs smoothly. Even if all prices were omitted from advertising of used phonographs many things would still remain to cause upsets here and there.

Gerber & Glass

As has been mentioned, it may be that the music trade because of its high ethical standards will voluntarily

agree to make adjustments to settle the matter of advertising prices on used phonographs. If a satisfactory solution is reached it will have to be a give-and-take proposition. That is, manufacturers, distributors, jobbers, operators and the trade press will have to make sacrifices if any good at all is to be accomplished. All phonograph manufacturers will have to face the used machine problem, as some have already faced it, and so on down the line. To ask the firms that have been advertising prices to suddenly cease, or to turn to direct mail circularizing to dispose of their used machines, is asking them to bear too much of the burden of an industry problem.

But the co-operative spirit may go a long way. As an example of what can be done, when this question came into the open, the distributing firm of Gerber & Glass (Chicago) emphatically stated their policy never to publish prices on used phonographs. They pointed to the fact that already this policy is in practice. Their advertising of used phonographs says, "Write for Prices." Everybody in the business knows, of course, that any location can "write for prices" or can get prices on any machines made (just as I frequently find out the wholesale prices of goods I buy in the stores), but if this example set by a distributor spreads and becomes general in the trade it will go a long way toward eliminating prices on used phonographs in advertising.

Arkansas Letter

Now let's consider some of the discussion on the subject. Here is a letter from the Arkansas music operators' association sent to *The Billboard*:

"The Arkansas Music Operators' Association in regular meeting on March 27 requested that I write to you and register the association's complaint that it works a great hardship on them to have *The Billboard* advertise so many second-hand phonographs for sale in which the reduced prices are given. When the question of percentage comes up with the location and the operator undertakes to defend himself by giving the cost of the phonograph he is too often confronted with the fact that the location can show him in *The Billboard* where the machine cost one-half or one-third of what he says his investment in the machine amounts to.

"They feel that *The Billboard* in advertising the sale of used phonographs should not give the price. There is really such hard feeling on the matter. I would appreciate an expression from you to read at the association's next meeting."

A similar letter was sent to manufacturers of phonographs, requesting them to use their influence with *The Billboard* "to discontinue giving prices when it advertises used phonographs for sale."

In consideration of this letter some brief statements can be made:

1—There are some very definite legal and business considerations for any publication to weigh before it undertakes to prevent advertisers from quoting prices in their advertising.

2—If *The Billboard* flatly refused to publish prices in paid advertising, other forms of advertising would be used that can be far more detrimental to the trade than the publishing of prices in our publication.

3—Operators who talk cost of machines to locations are very poor salesmen. There is only one reason for the operator and that is the service he gives to the location. Nothing can replace him on that point. If it is only a question of the cost of machines then locations should buy their own machines instead of dealing with an operator.

Operators of games and phonographs who talk the high cost of machines to locations are like the vending machine trade back in the golden days of 1929, which was always talking to locations about how vending machines would dispense human hands. The vending machine trade until this day is still suffering from that foolish talk, and will after all be being introduced to tax the machines out of existence. Everybody knows, of course, that vending machines cannot dispense human beings. But unwise sales talk back in 1929 did the damage.

My advice to operators in any field would be to steer as far as possible from discussions about the cost of machines. The cost of the machines doesn't

matter so much—it is the service which the operator gives that no location can duplicate at the price.

Manufacturers

Since phonograph manufacturers received letters from the Arkansas group some of the manufacturers have already communicated with us. The following letter is typical of those received:

"We are inclosing herewith copy of letter we have just received from the Arkansas Music Operators' Association Inc., and believe the point it brings out is well taken.

"After all, the location never invests anything to purchase and produce the music for its patrons. The operator is the one who makes all the investment changes the records, etc. We feel the locations where phonographs are operated are fortunate in having music produced for them at a profit to themselves. Every other expense in running the taverns is an expense which must be stood 100 per cent by the location, such as rent, light, water, heat, food and beverages. On the other hand, the operator supplies them with music at no charge; in fact, pays them a profit for doing it.

"Music in the tavern is about as necessary as any of the above listed expenses.

"The operators in Arkansas are complaining because your magazine is taken by so many of these locations. Manufacturers when advertising never print the list price and we feel it would be a good policy to stop printing the selling price of new or old machines which exposes their price to location owners. This is wrong to our way of thinking.

"After careful thought, we would like to hear your decision."

The above letter calls attention to what the operator does for the location which will be the basis of a future editorial on the subject. After all, every operator knows there are many location owners who are as greedy as the devil and there begins the argument about commissions which is the painful issue that every operator must face almost every day of his life. If all location owners were the type of business men they are supposed to be they would thank the operator for his service as well as gladly give him the standard commission for such service.

The Solution

So it is plain that any solution of the problem of publishing prices on used phonographs calls for co-operation and some sacrifices and reasonableness on the part of locations, operators, distributors, manufacturers and ourselves alike.

Houston Music Ops Hold Big Social

HOUSTON, April 9.—March social meeting of the Music Operators' Association of Houston was held March 17 in the Buckhorn Tavern, guest barroom of Southern Brewery, of Houston. Barbecue beef, bread and all the trimmings and plenty of good old beer (treat, of course, of Southern Brewery) put the fellows in a genial mood and a really sociable evening was enjoyed.

Preston Hopper, a former music operator and association member and now employed by Southern Brewery, was host to the music men.

Guest speaker was Joseph (Joe) King, the first gubernatorial candidate to pay his filing fee. King was at one time advance agent for Sells-Floto Circus, later an operator in Harris County and at present owns one of the best known night clubs in this section. His speech was well received.

RECORDS REVIEWED

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tractive, giving the melody a likable rhythmic lift, for *My Heart Is Taking Lessons, Lost and Found, Russ Columbo, You Call It Madness* and *John Peel (I)*, an English folksong skillfully knitted in a swing pattern. The "stop and go" style of *FRANK DAILEY* is only mill-can stuff, the mediocre orchestrations of *I Love To Whistle, An Old Street Rat, Red Trumper and In Bed With Stubbed Feet* masking to an extent some of the capabilities that seem to lie latent in the new combo.

Operators! Read This

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WURLITZER 412 10.50

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SEEBURG SYMPHONOLA, Model A (Red or Green) 85.00

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SEEBURG SYMPHONOLA, Model A (Equipped with Human and Gull) 90.00

SEEBURG SYMPHONOLA, Model B 100.00

SEEBURG SYMPHONOLA, Model C (Equipped with Human and Gull) 115.00

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Praise and Orders For Seeburg Phonos

CHICAGO, April 6.—Echoes of the praise given the new Seeburg Symphonolas, the Concert Grand, Regal, and Gem, at the Coin Machine Show three months ago still reverberate in daily communications to the J. P. Seeburg Corporation plant. And those communications are additional orders for these new phonographs. The comments about the new Seeburg Symphonolas at the time of the show concerned themselves mainly with the beauty and further improvements on these automatic phonographs.

Today these same columnists declare that the brilliant lighting and coloring of these new Symphonolas has proved its great power of attraction. These operators report that this Seeburg complete colored cabinet illumination has helped them attain new profits and new locations in a blaze of glory.

Other features incorporated on these Symphonolas by the Seeburg engineers are the high fidelity compensated bass amplification, the triple tone flow and the new conveniently placed instrument panel that permits each patron to make his selection, then insert his coin, more easily. The Seeburg record preference meter gives operators an accurate check on the popularity of every record in his machines, thus enabling

him to operate these machines at maximum efficiency and profit. It is these two factors—efficient and profitable operation—which have constantly been borne in mind by the J. P. Seeburg Corporation in producing such outstanding phonographs as Seeburg Symphonolas are acknowledged to be.

New Orleans

E. M. Oertlie, Brunswick, Vocalian sales supervisor for the Southeastern territory, reports heavy sales of all types of modern recordings. Swing, race and ballad records sales continue to climb to new peaks. Oertlie reported before leaving Monday for a swing thru four states, East Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

We understand that South Dixon, well-known Tennessee phonograph distributor and operator, is marketing a new finite grill front for music machines this week.

Lon Bagnall, Tallahassee music operator, traveled west this past week and was last seen in conference with F. A. Blalock and Bill Fletcher over at Pensacola. Fletcher is Marianna operator.

Burner Perkins, head of the Southeast Music Co., Birmingham, stopped over for a short time in Mobile and other South Alabama points this week on a business trip. Perkins shows his usual

The Week's Best Records

Selected by The Billboard From the Latest Recordings Released

That phonograph operators may be more selective in buying records The Billboard presents this special feature. Each week's popular dance and race records are heard, but only those with greatest play potentialities are listed.

SWEET MUSIC

HORACE HEIDT
Brunswick 8096

Who Are We To Say? and Shadows on the Moon (two of the softer tunes from The Girl of the Golden West, with vocal interludes predominating).

JIMMY DORSEY
Decca 1724

At a Perfume Counter and Love Walked In (Jimmy is foremost a swingeroo. But just like his brother Tommy, can dish it out just as smoothly and sweetly).

BERT BLOCK
Vocalion 4006

Just Let Me Look at You and You Couldn't Be Cuter (the two sellable songs from Joy of Living in the distinctive bell music style that's sellable).

RUSS MORGAN
Brunswick 8101

It's Easier Said Than Done and Jezebel (that Morgan manner is mighty nice when lights are low).

SWING MUSIC

TOMMY DORSEY
Victor 25813

Comin' Thru the Rye (Tommy never goes sentimental on the Scotch ballads), I Never Knew (one of the oldies dressed in that dandy Dorsey style of sweet swing).

JAN SAVITT
Bluebird 7493

The Week-End of a Private Secretary (Carlotta Dale sings it swell, 'bout those Havana cruises while Savitt syncopation makes you shuffle, Stopt! And Reconsider (a Larry Clinton compo set to the Savitt shuffle style).

CHICK WEBB
Decca 1716

If Dreams Come True (in Benny Goodman swingeroo with Ella Fitzgerald for good measure), Squeeze Me (strictly sock stuff in slower tempo for this standard song).

VOCAL

INK SPOTS
Decca 1731

Don't Let Old Age Creep Upon You and Yes—Suh! (a network favorite, this Harlemese foursome (four voices and a guitar hit their tonals harder than the Mills Brothers).

BOB HOWARD
Decca 1721

There Ain't Gonna Be No Doggone Afterwhile and Baby, And It Must Be Love (before you know it, you're gonna have another Fats Waller for your phone). They give him the right songs to sing and he can sing 'em. Plays plenty piano with a great guitar picking his way thru for that extra added.

FRANK CRUMIT
Decca 1729

Nettie Is the Nit-Wit of the Networks (if they like the hillbilly twang to the novelty tunes, they'll like this one), Sissy (the tune is gaining favor, but only the old folks will like the way he sings it).

RACE

THE YAS YAS
GIRL
Vocalion 04013

My Independent Man (the Negro blues 'bout her sweet man), He May Be Your Man (but he comes to see the Yas Yas girl after hours).

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pep and looks for a big spring and summer season in the State as the steel industry reaches new operation highs for some time.

A. C. Denny, radio and music house, has expanded its St. Charles street store by double with opening of adjoining place this week.

Maggio and Baldano, who are in their own right wonderful musicians, this week purchased 10 new Wurlitzers to expand their phonograph operations in the Crescent City. C. P. Parsons, Pinquimine operator of Wurlitzers, also came into town to take on a few more machines in preparation for the warm season. A. J. Plauche, Covington, went back home with several more photographs while Richard Dallas, New Orleans op, also added to his line.

Phono Advertising

(From Advertising Age)

To convert 300,000 coin-operated phonograph machines located throughout the country into an effective advertising medium is the aim of the newly organized National Phonograph Network, which plans to record commercial plugs between musical numbers of regular phonograph records and to distribute them free to machine operators, it was revealed here today.

The company announced that it will build dance-band programs along radio lines, using well-known bands and artists. It will restrict the commercial message to 25 words per record.

Charge for Service

According to Forrest Johnston, executive vice-president, the new service will afford an effective entertainment medium to sponsors unable to use the radio. "Liquor particularly would benefit," he said. "Liquor is not allowed on the air, but it will be allowed on our records. Phonographs in bar and tap (See PHONO ADVERTISING next page)

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ON PHONOGRAPH
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"That first dozen worn-out needles with the dollar bill I send you was the best investment I ever made. Whatever your method is it sure is perfect. The needles you recommended are the best and the best good as any new needles we have. I believe you have done a great service to all phonograph operators. Certainly we are going to save plenty of money this year. Find enclosed 4 more dozen for immediate re-pointing. You can tell the cocky world for me you are developing the biggest money-saving idea for music box operators."

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Eddie Ginsburg En Route to Chicago

CHICAGO, April 9.—Morrie Ginsburg, Atlas Novelty Co. executive, reports that his brother, Eddie, is on his way here from Miami. "Eddie was slightly delayed in starting on his proposed month's vacation here in Chicago," Morrie stated. "We are very sorry that he was delayed, but, paradoxically, we're happy because of it, since this delay was due to business—good business."

"We're happy that operators throughout

Florida, Georgia, Alabama and other Southern States realize the benefits of operating dependable equipment, and each day sees an increased number of those operators in the Atlas fold. They appreciate the fact that we carry a complete stock of all types of equipment that is ready for momentary operation and long-time trouble-free profitable operation. Too, they appreciate the speedy delivery service which Atlas renders them," he stated.

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WHILE SAMUEL G. COHEN, head of Atlanta Coin Machine Exchange, Atlanta, signs the order for a carload of Orchestropes (left to right) J. C. Hunter, sales manager; P. W. Giga, general manager, and J. F. Battif, Atlanta district manager of Copehart, Inc., look on.

Gay Time Bringing Demands to Genco

CHICAGO, April 9.—"There's an old saying that April showers bring forth May flowers," says Meyer Gensburg, head of Genco, Inc. "But it seems the only kind of April showers in the air these days are the showers of daily orders for our new high score novelty game, Gay Time. This 'April shower' conclusively proves our belief that Gay Time will bring forth not only May profits but April profits as well for operators."

Explaining the play principle of Gay Time, Gensburg continued, "The main part of the playing field is composed of three holes at the center. As a ball rolls over the No. 1 skill switch at the top right or lower center of the field it advances the ball in the No. 1 hole to the next lower hole and at the same time adds 1,000 points to the players' total score. If a ball is in the No. 2 and No. 3 hole at the same time the one in No. 2 advances to No. 3 and simultaneously adds 1,000 points to the score. The ball in the No. 3 hole is forced out onto the playing field where it may hit bumper springs, thereby increasing the total score."

"The same exciting action takes place when a ball passes over the No. 2 switch at the top left of the brilliant playing field except that only the No. 2 and No. 3 balls in the center lane are advanced. One of the biggest features is the adjustable contact within the back-rack. It is this contact which helps make Gay Time a game adaptable to any location in any territory, for with it the operator may start the vector counter to register awards at any score from 8,000 to 11,000 points."

"Gay Time combines the two greatest pin-game playing ideas ever created—the bumper spring and the kicker progressive scoring system. It is these two factors which operators declare will help this game set new sales and profit records for novelty games," Gensburg concluded.

Swing Breaking Records, Say Execs

CHICAGO, April 9.—"This past week saw two new records made here in Chicago," claim officials of the Chicago Coin Machine Mfg. Co. "One record was the unusually heavy snowstorm coming in April, when most overcoats have already gone to keep last year's mothballs company. The other record is the one for orders for our new novelty game, Swing."

"Swing's rise to popularity is phenomenal in view of the fact it has been on the market for just one week," they continued. "We are forced to offer consumers an apology for being unable to fill all the orders which swamped us for this new coin game sensation. Remarkable about this avalanche of orders is the fact that in addition to

arriving by mail and by wire, many of them came by phone—and long distance at that. This demand for Swing is one of the greatest in Chicago Coin history, and we believe one of the greatest in the coin machine industry."

"Swing has a galaxy of outstanding features," claim these officials. "It is a high-score novelty bumper game. Its beautiful backboard is aglow with a novel light-up action seldom seen in this type of game. Brilliant with coloring and appeal is the new-type playing field incorporated on Swing. On the playing field are the two-way 600-plus or 1,000-point swing gates which appeal tremendously to players. Enhancing the appeal even further are the 1,000-plus 600-point tunnels and the 14 foot sized bumper springs. New to novelty coin games is the added appeal of additional points for a player by the outburst if the 'Swing' light is lighted," they concluded.

PHONO ADVERTISING

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rooms will give liquor interests an effective point-of-purchase medium."

Mr. Johnston said that commitments have already been received from cigarette, liquor and candy manufacturers. National Phonograph claims to have contracts with operators of 150,000 machines for the new commercial service. Advertisers would be charged 30 cents per recorded program and could secure "controlled circulation" in territories desired.

While the plan is in an "organization state," it appeared today that two main hurdles will have to be passed before the idea can become a reality: first, copyright releases on musical compositions, and, second, the ok of the American Federation of Musicians. The copyright angle appeared the less troublesome of the two, as Harry Fox, general manager of Music Publishers' Association, told Advertising Age that his association was prepared to issue experimental performing rights to National Phonograph. Based on 500 pressings, the fee would be \$25. Mr. Fox said, with a graduated scale for additional pressings.

Union Opposes Project

The musicians' union has been in co-operative, however. It has long felt that phonograph machines in public places were responsible for much jobless employment among local musicians, and Joseph Weber, union president, indicated that he would not permit any musician to record for the newly formed company. Disputing the union stand, Mr. Johnston claims that effective operation of his medium would greatly increase union employment and he indicated his intention of carrying the matter to the union executive board.

PHONO MANUFACTURER

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even some of the gloom dispensers to see just what would happen."

Here is the news story (from The New York Times):

"Active consumer response featured the opening of the sale yesterday by Hearn Department Stores, Inc., held as part of its 'Consumer Campaign to Lower Prices.' Officials said the business done at the 14th street, Bronx and Newark stores was the largest for a single spring day in many years."

"Large crowds were on hand before the stores were opened and customer attendance continued heavy throughout the day. At the 14th street store sales activity was particularly brisk on the main and lower floors, with men's shirts, hose, men's clothing, toilet goods and women's apparel and accessories receiving the bulk of the attention."

"A delegation of women consumer shoppers was permitted to inspect the merchandise values before the store doors were opened. Their report was commendatory, store officials said."

Meanwhile trade association shoppers also canvassed the merchandise offerings. For the National Coat and Suit Industry Recovery Board a spokesman said, 'Point nothing destructive of the price situation.' The National Authority for the Ladies' Handbag Industry reported values 'accurately represented.' The Millions Stabilization Commission noted 'reasonable values, with mark-up very small.'

"Leonard Ginsberg, president and general manager of Hearn's, expressing the hope that other retailers 'would join in the drive to increase employment thru the stimulation of lower prices on consumer buying,' said two stores, one in Rochester and another in Buffalo, had advised him they were 'following Hearn's example.'

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New England

BOSTON, April 9.—R. E. Estes, manager of the Maine Automatic Service, of Rockland, Me., held a pre-formal opening of his new showrooms and office at 111 Talbot Avenue recently with the dedication of his new Happy Landing Cocktail Bar.

Formal opening, according to Estes, is scheduled tentatively some time between the middle of April to May 1, depending on the weather.

Operators from inland cities report drifts of snow from three to eight feet high still blocking the roads.

Leading Maine operators who participated in the informal open house included H. G. Guite, Waterville; Frank Howe, Wells; Kenneth Fogg, Lincoln; Joe Glazier, Bangor; Fred Papola, Waterville.

Pin tables and other novelty games are going like hot cakes in Maine and other upper New England States since the law clamped down on payouts. George J. Young, district manager for Rock-Ola, in his fortnightly junkets throughout New England, sizes up the situation as extremely favorable. It has necessitated J. V. Fitzpatrick, of the company bearing his name at Bridgeport and Boston, to make more frequent trips to Boston with loads of pin tables to take care of Young's orders, it is reported. While Fitzpatrick was en route to Boston with a load of 10 machines last week George J. Scarfo, manager of Fitzpatrick in Boston, had already sold seven. Scarfo also reports novelty games are moving unusually fast.

Al Levine, of the Ranel, Inc., engineering department, in town for several days and journeyed with Ben Palastant, of Supreme Vending Co., into the hinterlands to instruct operators how to serve U-Pop-It machines and how to make more profits. Three-day junket was accomplished by automobile—Ben's new car.

From certain people in coin machine trade, Betty Lakin, of the Trimount Coin Machine Co., received these expressions on her recent birthday: "Orchids, congratulations, best wishes to Miss Betty Lakin, leading lady of the Trimount Folies. Many happy returns of the day and long life to you."

Barney and Louis Blatt, of the Atlas Coin Machine Co., were on hand for the marriage of Jack Swartz, brother of Phil Swartz, Seeburg operator. Nuptials took place in Dorchester Manor Sunday, March 20.

Detroit

DETROIT, April 9.—Michigan Automatic Billiards Co., State distributor for Snookerette, has opened offices here in the David Stott Building. Game itself, incidentally, is a Michigan product being made in Saginaw, one-time center of the lumber industry. Larry Metz is president of the Michigan firm. Reynolds St. Ongs, local operator, has already several Snookerette tables in operation and is fast acquiring the name of "Smoky Snookerette" among his location owners, it is reported.

M. F. Stewart, district manager of Automatic Musical Instruments Distributing Co., is devoting the majority of his time to looking after company interests in the Texas territory. In the meantime the Detroit territory is being taken care of by Hessman.

Harry Sparage Sr., head of Economy Novelty Trading Co., is confined to his home with severe injuries sustained in an automobile accident last Saturday.

Small son of Saul E. Gordon, manager of the Four-in-One Manufacturing Co., was taken seriously ill early this week.

"The automobile business is the barometer of conditions in Detroit," maintains Horace V. Barber, of the Wolverine Vending Co. "When the automobile plants are going strong coin machine men prosper too. Right now, however, we're hanging on like everyone else and showing no signs of quitting."

London

LONDON, April 9.—It is now possible to analyze the Amusement Trades Exhibition held February 14-17. For first time coin machine interests were pooled with those of general show business. Several machine exhibitors said they felt happier in more homely atmosphere of Royal Hotel, where previous coin machine expositions were held, but realized that bigger and properly equipped exhibition hall was essential for combined show.

British manufacturers with machines suitable for seaside and arcades almost without exception reported good business, but many operators expressed disappointment at lack of anything particularly novel in tables from United States. Best seller of all numerically was postcard vendor made by Bryan, of Kegworth, Derby. This operates on suction principle and Bryan booked orders for complete output up to end of year.

Good fellowship has been keynote of previous coin machine shows, but at this one strained feelings were evident between two manufacturers of multi-play rotaries, one who claimed patent rights serving writ on the other. Without taking sides, your correspondent feels this would have been better done before show. This was also opinion of many others. Competition between exhibitors of various types of music devices was overdone, to annoyance of others. Steps will no doubt be taken to



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prevent this in future years.

Two competitions were staged by exhibitors. One was on Bang-a-Door shooting machine; winner of handsome cup given by George Booth was Skegness operator. Coin Amusement Machine Supply, Ltd., agents in Britain for Genco, gave beautiful doll to holder of lucky draw ticket. Show was given good publicity in national daily and evening newspapers. It is officially announced that registrations totaled 2,221. Sellers of merchandise for both machines and fairground games all reported smashing business.

Cheery personality of L. V. Hodgson was missed at the show, but America had another merry representative in Harry Hoppe, of Exhibit Supply.

Only two machine firms exhibited at British Industries Fair—Brecknell, Munro & Rogers (1928), Ltd., and Harpers, of Croydon. Former showed straight vendors, ticket-issuing and change-giving machines; latter vendors.

Weather conditions being right this should be record year for seaside operators. Hundreds of thousands of people will be having paid vacations for first time.

Western Novelties Co. of London, now

agent for Gottlieb, has acquired extensive warehouse accommodation opposite showroom. This will facilitate moving of large stocks.

Still more and more sportlands open in London. Position is that in some districts saturation point has been passed and places hitherto good now report business as quiet. Maybe beginning of seaside operating will ease situation.

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Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 9.—A late snow on April 1, along with unusually cold weather which kept the folks indoors and around their loafing spots, registered up higher coin machine receipts than had been enjoyed for several weeks. All of which the operators were thankful for.

A large number of new games are showing up in this town. This is very noticeable during the past 30 days. Counter games of several types are now decking the many counters, and the brilliantly lighted phonographs are everywhere.

A Stokes, hustling operator from Tyler, Tex., was shuffling along coin machine street a few days ago. He carried a bunch of new games back into the Tyler section.

That dapper op from Borger, Tex., dropped off a rattle last week and after looking over the Mills Big Races gathered up a load of 'em and went back to the oil city.

When operators from Chickasha come to town they come in gangs. The following Chickasha ops were seen on coin machine row a few days ago: George Ward, L. G. Powers, J. G. McClusky and Wade Hurt. The boys were shopping for new machines.

Joe Glahn, Mills Novelty Co., was a recent Oklahoma City visitor.

W. W. Woolen, general sales manager for Buckley Mfg. Co., hobnobbing with Oklahoma City operators and boasting his Flashing Ivories and Track Odds. Everyone down this way likes Bill, as he is usually called.

Jim Boyle, they say, can handle two long-distance telephone calls at one time. . . . L. G. Gilbert, ops around Ponca City, seen at Harold Miller's place now and then. . . . Mrs. Lena Beard is the new member of the Boyle Amusement staff. . . . Bob Toma, Mangum, drops down to the big town to look 'em over—we mean the new games. . . . E. E. Landfield, of Harlich Mfg. Co., making the distribs. . . . Ben Hutchins, Lawton, stocking new games for big summer fun.

Fisher Brown, distributor out in the Southwest, reports that a real go-getter, Frank Baker, Baker Novelty Co., Quin-

MEN & MACHINES

ton, Okla., recently bought 50 Rock-Ola phonographs.

From Cyprus

"To the Editor: We are seriously interested in the distribution of coin-operated amusement machines and sportland equipment which has not been introduced yet in this Island. I would kindly request on our behalf that manufacturers of such lines will send us as soon as possible their details on latest machines, lowest net export prices for goods packed and delivered c.i.f. Cyprus, we will appreciate your service."—M. B. Nicola, Cyprus.

If anyone wishes to contact this firm in Cyprus we will be glad to furnish name and address.

SIGNING OFF: "Signing off, at least temporarily, with this contribution." That is the brief note from Theodore Wolfram, who for some time has been sending us news of the French coin machine trade. His note was written about the B. S. City of Newport News and he is now back in the U. S. A. His note didn't say whether he was leaving Paris—and the mademoiselles—behind while he could, or what. We hope to soon have a short item in this issue from Charles M. Chambers, who may report coin machine doings in France.

Coinographs

By the Coinographer



ROY CONRAD

At Monticello, Ind., is Sportsman's Cafe, of which Roy Conrad is the genial host. Conrad has made a wide reputation as a successful operator of coin machines, in which are included games and various types of machines.

But in sketching coinography it is much easier and often more interesting to consider the sphere in which a man is doing something out of the ordinary. It is here that Conrad has extended his influence afar and made many friends in the coin machine trade and out of it. When he makes friends outside the industry, of course, it is a certainty that the new acquaintance will come to know and understand the coin machine business better. He will vote for the industry instead of against it.

Sportsman's Cafe has become a hangout and stopping place for coinmen who even go out of their way to enjoy the atmosphere and also the steaks, chicken and fish dinners served there. Not alone coinmen, but connoisseurs of good food, celebrities and business men from far and wide drop in. They know they will get the best in food and hospitality.

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Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Unusual success with the sale of coin-operated phonographs is reported here by Rue F. Mason and Tim Crummett, heads of the Central Distributing Co., on Linwood Boulevard. Since March 1 two carloads of the new Wurlitzer Model 24 have been received. And of the 80 units shipped here, more than 40 have been sold. Crummett and Mason believe the latest model Wurlitzers are the outstanding phonograph on the market today and they plan to push their sale throughout the spring and summer months. Central also reports success with the Bang-a-Deer rifle machine, for which Mason and Crummett are distributors here.

Because of increases in the number of men of the United Amusement Co.'s Skill Ball unit production has been speeded up by Carl F. Hoelzel, president. "Skill Ball is proving to be one of the steadiest money makers in the field," Hoelzel said today. "Many of them have been in the same location here for six months and are still making money from enthusiastic players. Profits from the machine are amazing operators wherever they are used."

Kansas City's 900 curb-parking meters are bringing in a revenue of \$3,500 to \$4,000 monthly on an average, according to Maurice Carey, city treasurer. Nickels go into the general revenue fund and the city receives every coin used by operators now that the machines have been purchased in full from the Dual Meter Co. in Oklahoma City. Carey said only a small part of the returns is used for maintenance and he appeared well pleased with the manner in which they are solving the city's downtown traffic problems.

Ever notice a small advertisement in the Billboard lauding the advantages of the Kay-See Vendor? It's been running three years, virtually uninterrupted, for the Central Distributing Company here. Rue F. Mason today said that the advertisement has pulled more revenue and sales than "ads" used in all other mediums combined, and he added that it's still doing a wonderful job. Mason also said many of his inquiries come from Canada, proving that the Billboard covers the field completely.

Compliments for Legal Bulletin

The new Legal News bulletin was mailed recently to the trade. The former bulletin was started in March, 1935, and discontinued that same year. The new bulletin started with March, 1936, and is intended as a confidential news service to the trade. It is being mailed to a list of about 1,000 names, including associations, distributors, jobbers, etc. We regret that the cost makes it prohibitive to mail it to our entire list of operators. To operators, we suggest that you read the bulletin at your association headquarters or at your distributor's office.

Now here are two complimentary letters, which is the reason for this item after all:

Very Constructive

"To the Editor: The Billboard's new Legal News Service is a very constructive and helpful contribution to the coin game industry. I compliment you on its inauguration.—Ray Becker, J. H. Keeney & Co., Chicago."

Will Co-Operate

"To the Editor: We are tax counsel for a great number of the manufacturers of coin-operated devices and were vitally interested when handed a copy of your Legal News Service for the month of March, 1938.

"We believe that this service is excellently constructed and would appreciate it greatly if you would furnish us with the back copies of said service and place our name on your mailing list for future service. May I at this time take occasion to assure you of our desire to co-operate with you at all times.—H. W. B., Chicago." (Full address upon request.)

Seeks Lower Tax On Penny Venders

To the Editor: "I have tried to get the license on penny vending machines reduced in this State from \$4 a year to \$1, but the Senator whom I asked to introduce the bill said he talked to the committee and they were opposed to any reduction. It would have a tendency to reduce employment, according to their views, he said. Of course this is a crazy idea, as the very opposite is true.

"I would appreciate it if you could suggest some action or material which I can use to show them this fact.—W. L. Mississippi.



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Coinography

By The Coinographer

It was nine years ago, during the period which future history text books will describe as "the peak of America's most prosperous era," that Carl F. Hoelzel made his first entrance into the coin machine field. Today he is well known as president of the United Amusement Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Back in 1929 Hoelzel became distributor in Kansas City for the Bally and Rock-Ola line of machines and business increased so consistently he found it necessary to rent one storeroom after another until he had four different rooms. "Machines sometimes were stacked to the ceiling," Hoelzel remembers, "but

someday we could always find what we wanted in one of the four buildings."

Down thru the years business continued to increase and now Hoelzel's United Co. is located in its own building covering more than 10,000 square feet of floor space. As distributor for Bally, Rock-Ola, Pace, Exhibit Supply, H. C. Evans, Goetze, and other large companies, Hoelzel has become known in the Middle West not only as a manufacturer of his own original coin-operated games, but as a distributor of other products as well.

Hoelzel often is kidded, he admits, for his "many sales and small profits." But he gets back at the wisecracks by saying "we often lose money but make it back in the long run."

Next August, he reports, he plans to wipe his books clean and list all bills as paid so operators who have been in debt two or three years, as many have, can walk in the new United addition, now almost completed, without being bothered about the old account. A dance will be held to celebrate.

Hoelzel has another distinctive, originally designed machine under cover, it is said, which has been in the experimental stage a year. One of these days he'll launch it into the national field. But until he does, he's keeping details a secret.

N. J. Assn. Decides Legality of Games

NEWARK, N. J., April 9.—The United Operators' group here, which is really an outgrowth of the New Jersey Amusement Board of Trade, has set up a system of passing the legality of new games which is definite proof that the men in this business are out to clean up operating conditions in this business wherever they can.

The manner in which this group is

working is simply that of examining new games which jobbers and distributors bring in and informing the members of the association of those games which prove harmful if allowed to run. Members then refrain from purchasing these games or any others that may be against the laws of the licensing commission. Members are also quick to report spots where non-members are operating the wrong type of equipment. Warning is first sent to the non-members suggesting that he comply with regulations which the organization set up. If he fails to comply associations men have a talk with the location owner. If this fails they turn the matter over to the proper authorities. Men here are making every effort to keep operating conditions on a high plane. They feel that while things are moving along smoothly nothing should be done to upset the apple cart.

Big Demand for Richards Chutes

CHICAGO, April 9.—According to reports from officials of the Richards Manufacturing Co., the past few weeks has seen a tremendous spurt of activity in the sale of the well-known R-M chutes. These officials say, "At this particular time of the year there is usually an increase in sales to a certain extent, for there is more coin-operated equipment on locations."

"The increase this year is outstanding however, and we feel that a good part of it is due to the fact operators are the assurance of greater collections and earnings that the protective features of R-M coin chutes give them. These operators say not only are they assured of protected earnings with R-M chutes, but their beauty serves as a major attraction to the equipment where they operate," they concluded.



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Reserve Popularity Puzzle to Experts

CHICAGO, April 9.—"While the Bally factory hums with double-shift seven-day-week activity, the cause of it all, the Bally Reserve game, has got the coin machine experts scratching their heads," according to Ray Moloney, president of Bally Mfg. Co.

"What puzzles the experts," Moloney declared, "is the fact that Bally Reserve actually violates the 'No. 1 Must' of the game designers' code—and yet the game is a sensational success. I refer, of course, to the time-honored belief that a game must provide frequent winners to insure continuous repeat play. This rule is no doubt a sound one, yet the spectacular success of Bally Reserve proves that we cannot be too hide-bound about rules."

"Of course, we have a precedent for the success of Bally Reserve in the nation-wide popularity of movie Bank Night, where often several weeks elapse before a winner occurs," Moloney said. "Naturally the interval between Bally Reserve winners is not a matter of weeks or even days, but the principle is the same. The 'reserve' steadily builds up, starting at 20 free games. The more people play the game the bigger the 'reserve' gets—up to a 200 free-game top—and the winner takes all. To the puzzled experts I might say that even Bally Reserve proves that frequent winners is correct game psychology. For in the case of Bally Reserve every game comes so close to a winner that repeat play is stimulated just as surely as by actual winners. When you miss 150 to 200 free games by one little old bumper you get just as big a kick and just as strong an urge to play some more as you do when you actually win two free games."

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Venders No Easy Road to Riches

DETROIT, April 9.—A warning against get-rich-quick schemes in the coin machine field was sounded last week by Saul E. Gordon, co-manager of the Four-in-One Mfg. Co. Referring especially to venders, Gordon pointed out that the psychology of some types of operators can seriously damage the business, because they come to "expect something for nothing."

"The vending machine business is not easy money," he said. "Easy money always carries an unfavorable reaction along with it somewhere. In the end it turns out to be hard money after all."

"Venders are a legitimate investment that cannot be beat. The legitimate type of operator who is willing to put a little serious effort into his work will find that it is a very profitable business."

"We have met some pin game operators who have had difficulty in adjusting their attitude toward the venders. They are accustomed to fast returns—and they do not at first realize that the slower returns of venders are more substantial in the long run. The necessary adjustment to a probably more businesslike type of operation must first be made."

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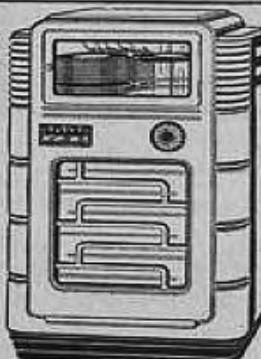
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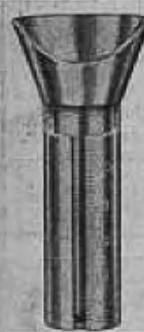
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Easter

The religious spirit which attaches to the Easter season will lead members of the coin-operated machine industry, or whatever faith they may be, to give thought to sentiments of brotherhood and charity for any and all unfortunates.

Real Handicaps

A number of business and fraternal organizations show an interest in people with physical handicaps as their special charity. For example the Lions' clubs in many States extend aid to crippled children so that they may have the attention of expert orthopedic surgeons, etc. The following is a report on how great is the opportunity to give charitable aid to persons with physical handicaps:

Half a million Americans are permanently disabled, so seriously as to be incapable of self-support or to attend school, and more than 2,000,000 others have suffered crippling injuries or diseases which have left them handicapped for life, the Public Health Service announced recently.

Altogether, on the basis of a national health survey made in 1935-36, two out of every 100 persons have experienced permanent "orthopedic impairments," according to a bulletin reporting the conclusions of the study.

Seventy per cent of all crippled persons are men, of whom 1,400,000 are of working age, between 15 and 64. Nine out of every 100 men over 65 are burdened with such "impairments," as compared with five of every 100 women in the same age group.

The high disability rate for males is attributed to the greater physical activity of men and boys.

Under permanent orthopedic impairment were listed 120,000 boys and 90,000 girls, while almost 1,900,000 adolescents and adults between the ages of 15 and 64 and 500,000 older persons were handicapped to some extent.

At least 175,000 persons are permanently crippled as a result of infantile paralysis, it said.

Permanent orthopedic impairments were found almost three times as often among persons on relief as among per-

sons not on relief.

"Before we moved into our present quarters," they stated, "this site was a branch post office of the government. When we first moved in we had ample space to store our machines and so devoted a large space for this purpose and used only a small amount of room for our repair department. Now that repair and service problems are becoming more important every day we have found it necessary to lease another 1,000 square feet of floor space as well as add three more mechanics to our highly trained staff. With these improvements we now can give ops faster and better service than ever before."



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sons in families with incomes of \$3,000 and more.

Old and Young

The New York Fund organization announced recently that in New York City the broadest fields for charity are those agencies that care for the aged and the very young. The survey covered more than 600 private health and welfare agencies in the city. On a smaller scale the same proportions would probably apply to other cities.

The study showed there were 143 organizations engaged in providing care, including day nurseries and homes for dependent children, and 67 institutions for the care of the aged. Of the 4,502 professional social workers in the service of private agencies here 1,000 devote their full time to work with children and aged persons.

The fund, organized to seek \$10,000,000 from business establishments and their employees to supplement agency finances, starting in May, disclosed that 268 new members had joined its sponsoring committee, increasing the total to 1,573.

The recent publicity in newspapers given to winners of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes Grand National served to bring that form of raising funds for charity into the public mind again. Fourteen of the 16 tickets held on the winner were said to have been held by people in the United States. In Chicago a winner of one prize happened to be a blind man, which fact was given considerable publicity and served to bring the idea of charity closer home.

Unemployment

When Joseph P. Kennedy recently went to London as U. S. ambassador among his first comments for publication was that unemployment seemed to be the most dangerous thing in both England and the United States. It seemed to think unemployment in both countries is even more serious than the immediate prospect of a general European war.

The ambassador asserted that unless the United States and Great Britain were able to solve their economic problems "nothing else will matter much."

We must get some permanent economic solution for unemployed security for workers and other fundamentals which have gone wrong."

AMUSEMENT, CONVENIENCE, EMPLOYMENT, CHARITY. These are four golden words that express the worthy ideals which the coin-operated machine industry instills into its members thru the regular educational campaign conducted by the Coin Chute League.

The National Tuberculosis Association is making a special effort to send annual tubercular tests for school children. Uppermost in the program of the association is the fact that of the 20 million people in this country who die of tuberculosis every day in the year, 15 of them are between the ages of 15 and 25.

Visit South America

CHICAGO, April 9.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wood left March 26 to spend a vacation of two weeks in South America. Mr. Wood is Chicago division manager of the National Candy Co. The vending machine trade knows the Chicago office as the Pac Confection Factory, makers of small confections for use in bulk vending machines.

Good wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wood for a well deserved vacation.

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CARL HOELZEL, of United Amusement Co., Kansas City, Mo., plays the quarter side on Bally Mfg. Co.'s new Double Bell, while Jim Buckley, Bally general sales manager, takes the nickel side.

Western Releases Scoring With Ops

CHICAGO, April 9.—Jimmy Johnson, head of Western Equipment & Supply Co., reports the tremendous success operators are enjoying with their latest contribution to the coin machine industry—Cigarettes. "Cigarettes," says Jimmy, "is outstanding in many ways, the most important being the exceptionally high profits it is reported to have earned on locations throughout the country. Operators claim it's the type of game that players go wild over. Because Cigarettes is a counter game, it offers operators an outstanding opportunity for placing on locations where lack of space has hindered coin game operation in the past. While Cigarettes is 'burning up' the road to greater profits, our two latest 1-ball payoffs, Grand Derby and Hey Day, are doing their best to rival the top money earners of all time. Grand Derby is a single coin play machine featuring roll-over switches, live-pockets, rebound springs and a novel light-up backmark, while Hey Day's added profit feature of 6 coin multiple play, plus its cheat-proof qualities, has made it a favorite of operators since the day it was introduced.

"With orders constantly arriving for all these Western winners, we look for one of the biggest spring businesses we ever had," he concluded.

Ops Keeping Better Records, Is Report

NEW YORK, April 9.—According to observations of Charley Pleischman, of Baltimore Salesbook Co., coin machine operators throughout the country are keeping better records of their collections than they used to keep. "Not only are they using the system I introduced some years back," he reports, "but many of the men have developed new improvements on this basic method.

"We have been wide awake, however," he went on, "and have adapted these improvements to our record books. For instance, the books we are marketing at this time bear imprints of the firm on the collection sheet, which the men report are of great help to them and their locations."

Glickman Collects Again in Sweeps

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—For the second time in succession Cy Glickman, of the Steppin' Sam Co., was a winner in the Irish Sweepstakes. For the second time, too, his prize was the same—\$500 as a consolation award. Right now he reports he believes his scoring twice in successive years is something of a record.

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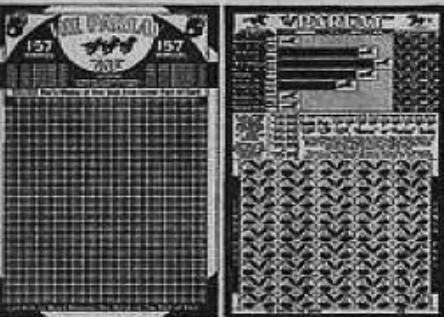
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Pennsylvania News

On March 8, 1938, there was formed at Harrisburg, Pa., a State association of amusement machine operators of Pennsylvania. This organization was planned by representatives of the trade throughout the State due to the legal and economic difficulties presently being encountered.

Most of the machines operated by the interested group are pinball games. There has arisen a certain amount of legal intrusion upon the peaceful conduct of the business. In certain sections of the State the police and law-enforcement officials have arbitrarily and without lawful cause seized or ordered down all such machines under the unjustified tag of "gambling."

In other sections of the State injurious and discriminatory taxes have been levied upon the machines or incomes derived therefrom. Confiscatory taxes have in many cases penalized honest and law-abiding citizens in the furtherance of an entirely legitimate and honest trade.

In still other sections of the State several independent, avaricious and racketeering individuals have set up and conducted games purely for gambling purposes. The presence of these individuals and their illegal machines have in some instances cast a bad reputation upon all automatic machines, with the belief that they are operated by the same group.

The State association was formed to place the business upon a high plane of honest, legal and co-operative activity. An individual operator or small group carried no weight to combat any of the evils facing the business. By banding together into a strong, well-knit unit co-operative efforts of some value may be exercised wherever needed to safeguard the welfare and honest continuation of the trade.

These machines are legal. They are amusing and entertaining and the public wants them, as evidenced by their continual popularity. This association

must educate local police bodies on the legality of the machines. The association must and can secure equitable rulings from tax departments or throw its collective weight into securing more equitable and reasonable legislation. Beyond that the association must seek out the petty gambler, racketeer who is ruining the reputation of the business. He or they must be forced out. The public must be made to realize that a legitimate business being operated and illegitimate being forced out.

In addition to State matters this association will be in favorable position to contact and secure co-operation of other State or local units to meet difficulties that may be faced in the future.

The formation of this association is most laudable. Its membership is rapidly expanding and will in time take all persons interested in this field, provides security and aid to the individual as well as strength and prestige to the group.

Corresponding offices are maintained at 915 Franklin Trust Building, Philadelphia, Pa., with Harry H. Wexell as corresponding secretary.

Hoffman Appoints Oriole News Hawk

BALTIMORE, April 9.—Oriole Co. Machine Co. reports the appointment of Bernard Hoffman as news gatherer for its organization. According to Mr. Ross, who heads the organization, he has been a great many requests from members of their own organization Washington, Pittsburgh and Buffalo news of what's going on in their local offices. To supply this need, Mr. Hoffman has been deputized to cover department for this purpose.

At the same time, Ross stated, Mr. Hoffman will act as liaison man between the trade and the firm and will bring to all the customers of Oriole and its activities.

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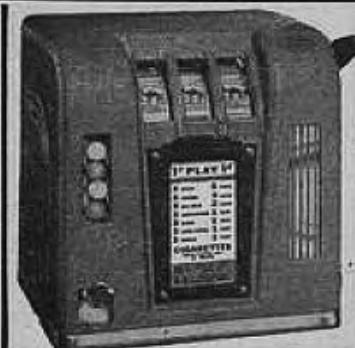
NEW YORK, April 9.—For many years the center of Mike Munves' interests has been arcade equipment, it is reported. With the arcade business springing to life all over the nation, he states he's right on the job again handing out helpful tips to arcade ops.

"One of the best ways for arcade men to increase their take," he maintains, "is to take advantage of the new arcade equipment that has been developed in the past year and sprinkle these new games amid the old ones. The expense of this move is more than offset by the added interest patrons show and by the increased profits these machines will bring. Dyed-in-the-wool arcade fans are used to seeing the usual machines," he concluded, "so when they see a device that's brand-new it excites their curiosity and they start shooting coin after coin into the chute to see just how and why it works."

Hurviches Stage Big Pep Drive

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 9.—Down in the heart of the South here Max and Harry Hurvich, of the Birmingham Vending Co., report they are all set to launch a big pep drive in behalf of their Imperial coin-operated billiard tables. "We believe this machine of ours is the outstanding legal piece of equipment on the market," they stated. Not only does it assure ops of a steady income but it satisfies authorities who demand legal equipment.

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Eastern Presents New Charm Setter

NEWARK, N. J., April 9.—Frank Hart, of Eastern Machine Exchange, reports that the new device he is marketing known as a charm setter has been found to be of great help to bulk vending machine ops. "Formerly," he stated, "ops who used charms to add a bit of flash to their machines found it a difficult task to get correct display of these charms in the machine. They used everything from pencils to bits of wood to get them close up against the glass."

"With our new forklike device," he continued, "ops can place the charms in the difficult spots—places where no finger will reach. In a jiffy charms can be spotted at any point in front of the machine. The fact that this charm setter of ours fills a long-existent need can be seen by the daily batch of inquiries we are receiving for this device. So as long as charms are used in vending it looks like we'll have a big demand for this item," Hart concluded.

ern Coin Machine Co. reports a climbing demand for cash salesboards in the New Orleans area. He has just placed an order for several hundred more boards.

The Bell Distributing Co. reports sale of several of the new Triplet money changer Dixie Belle to operators in the interior of the State and in and around New Orleans. Ben Neubauer, of Mandeville, was a buyer of several units the past week. The company is also in receipt of a sample number of the Jennings' Racing Club table game.

O. D. Jennings, head of the company of that name, was a visitor here this week, calling on operators and manufacturers and renewing many old acquaintances. Mr. Jennings resides not far miles north of the city on a beautiful farm in South Mississippi, where he is seen some of the finest looking men in the country.

The Valloft and Dreux, Inc., chain of retail tobacco and laundry stores, are increasing their supply of cigarette punch boards. The company is one of the largest chains in the city and reports that cigarette board and machine dealers are helping to maintain a steady turnover in the Big Four brands of cigarettes. They have a large window display of boards at their offices on Polk street.

Sam Gentilich, of the Dixie Coin Machine Co., returned over the weekend from a visit to Dallas, where he spent time conferring with Ed Lynch, head of Electro Ball Co.

J. M. Kratzke, Southern territory manager for Stewart-McGuire, vending machine manufacturers, was in town this week and reports very good demand for machines. He is reported to have made arrangements for regular representation in New Orleans before returning to Oklahoma City, where he met Jack Rose, returning to the South after a long stay in New York City.

New Orleans

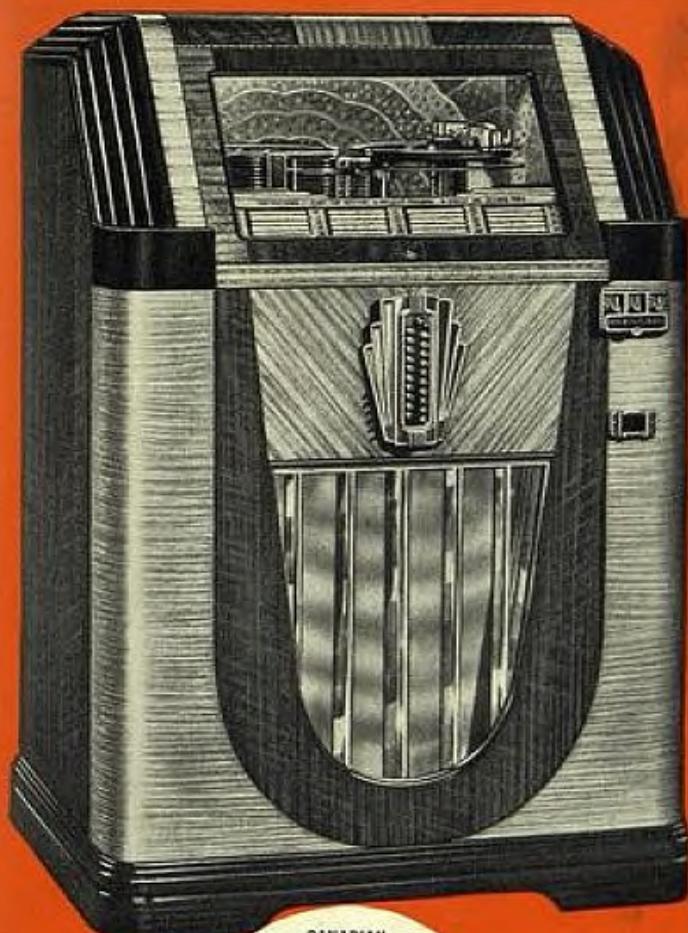
NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—Advertising the home product is a growing fad among claw machine operators of Louisiana these days. It is not uncommon to see claw machines on location in these parts filled with rice instead of the usual green or red candies. One large operator who is using the Louisiana grain exclusively these days says that rice is considerably less expensive and can be more easily handled for merchandise covering in the machines. (Note: Besides, if your location is near starvation, the rice will always come in handy as nourishing food.)

The Gretchen counter game, Ginger, is getting a good play in this State and the distributor in New Orleans recently increased his standing order.

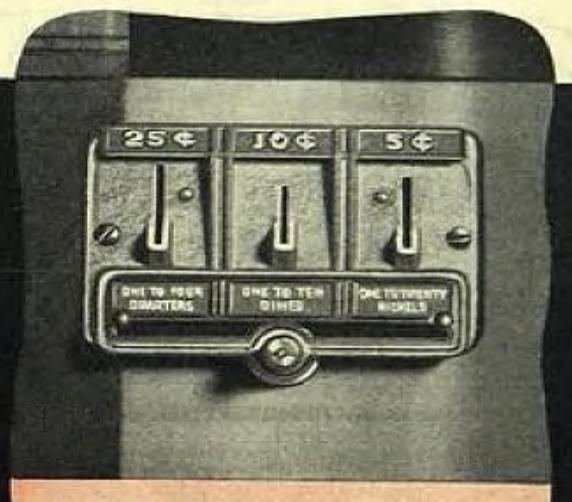
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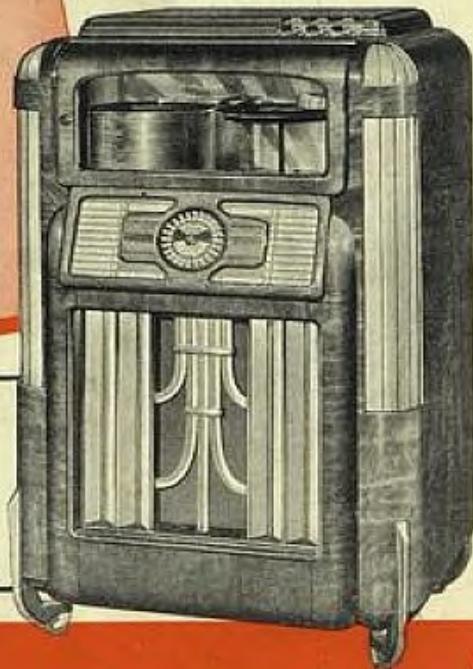
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