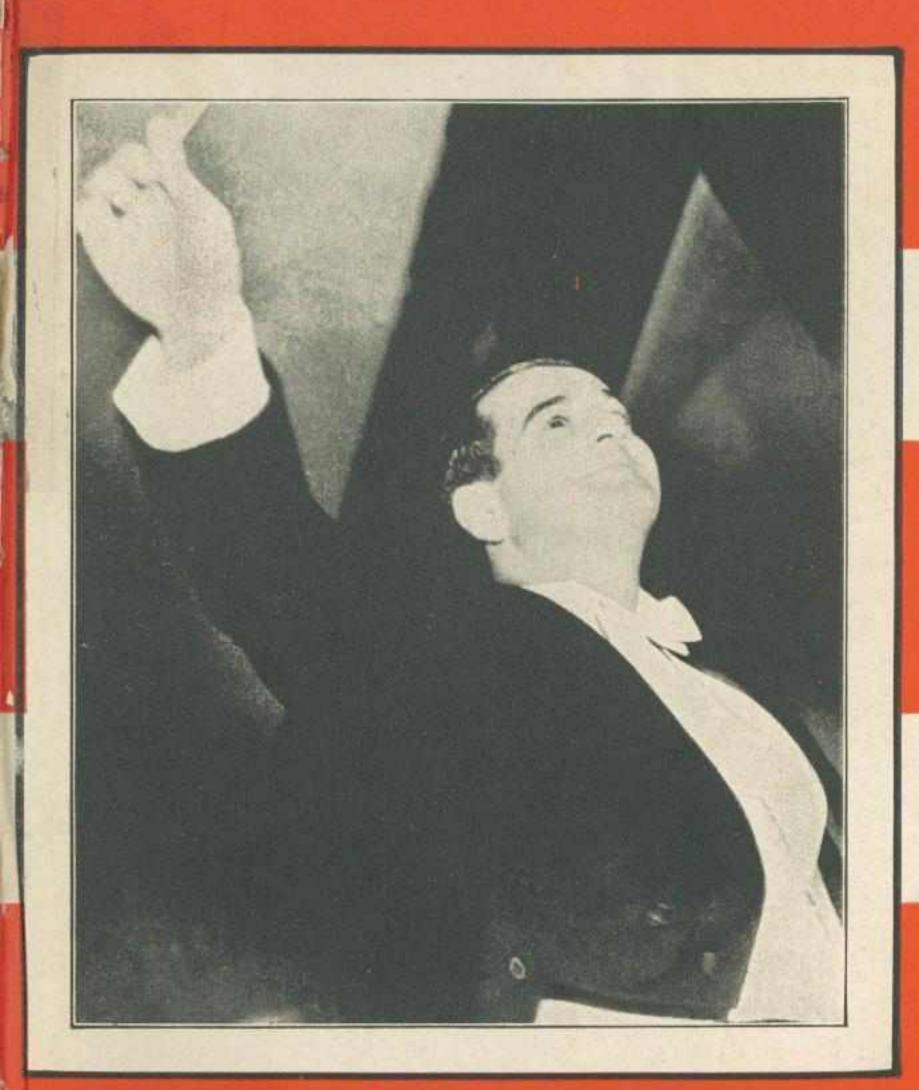


GENERAL NEWS

# MASH NOTES ARE BACK AGAIN





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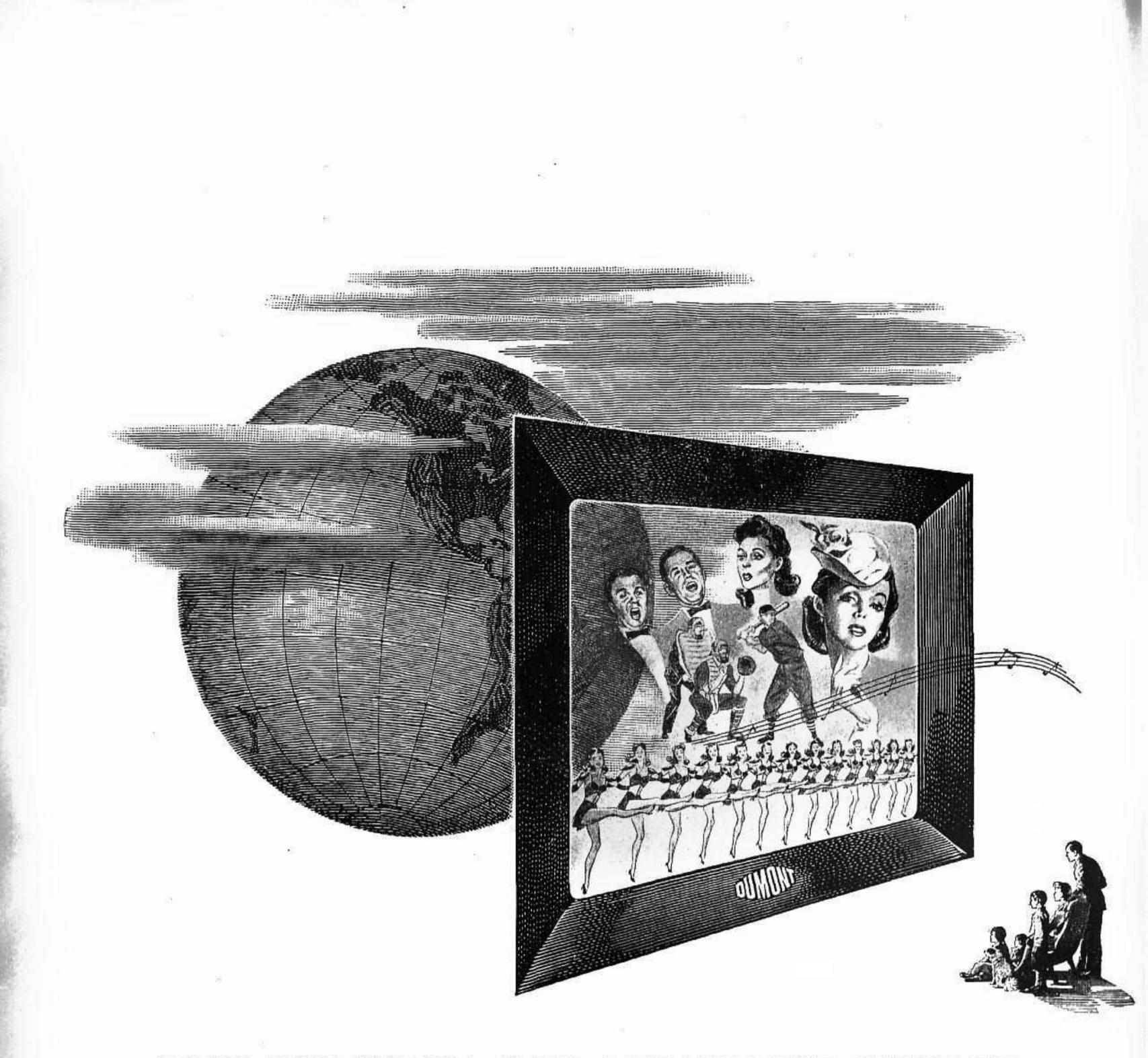
### RADIO

## Editors' Vote: - CBS, Thompson, **Ferris Do Top Press Jobs**

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Vth BOND DRIVE

# MAKE THE 5TH THE V-DRIVE



### THE BIGGEST WINDOW IN THE WORLD

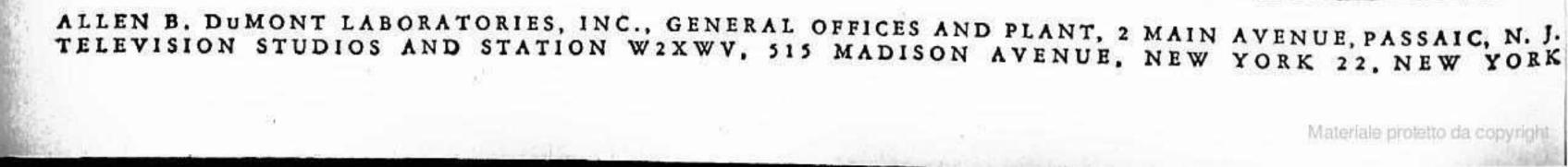
There's going to be a brand-new window in your home ... the most exciting window you've ever had. The screen on your television set.

Through that window, your vision will not be limited to the commonplace views your eyes know so well. The whole world will "come alive" with startling clarity right before your eyes. News, entertainment, the faces of the great, all the things you want to see as well as hear... As soon as peace permits, you'll want the best Television

Receiver you can buy. DuMont will build it ... very soon.

The device that made clear reception possible - the very heart of television-is the DuMont Cathode Ray Tube. The background in precision electronics that has produced scores of other DuMont firsts will also serve to make your DuMont Receiver a masterpiece. This means you will enjoy the truest, clearest kind of television reception through your DuMont Receiver Screen . . . the biggest window in the world!

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The World's Foremost Amusement Weekly

What-No NBC?

NEW YORK, June 10 .- It happened at the press party to kickoff Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new program, Screen Test, on Mutual. It was really quite a shindig.

Mutual gave the party in the WHN Building, with MGM paying the tab; the WINS ork pilot, Henry Sylvern, waving the baton. and CBS sound effects equipment providing the incidental noises.

### **U. S. Showbiz Gets Plug at Barcelona** Fair

BARCELONA, Spain, June 10 .- A description of American legit, pop and longhair music and dance, and the story of the movies is an important part of the American exhibit at Barcelona's delegates was one completely endorsing Sample Fair which opened last week. The fair is devoted to the encouragement of trade within Spain and between this country and the outside world.

### AFM Re-Elects Prexy Petrillo, **Other Officers**

#### Endorse Record Ban Fight

CHICAGO, June 10 .--- Marked by an almost complete absence of dispute and argument the 48th annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians closed tonight (10) after six days of sessions that brought little more than complete endorsement of the policies of the officials of the organization and approval of rulings made since the last convention two years ago.

All officers and elective delegates were re-elected, and most of the resolutions approved were endorsements of the reelected administration.

#### **Back Petrillo on Ban**

Chief among the more important resolutions approved by the more than 700 the policy and method of procedure followed by President James C. Petrillo in the dispute with record companies. (This is printed in full in another column.) Feeling ran high during the week, with The American exhibit was prepared by rumor quoted as saying the War Labor Board would uphold the original panel decision and call for an end to the socalled strike.

### Seek Time Change

WASHINGTON, June 10. - A movement to end War Time and return the country to Standard Time was launched in the Senate this week when Senator Wherry of Nebraska, introduced a measure to effect the changeover.

While show biz would be affected no more than other businesses, it would act to put broadcasts and theater curtains back an hour.

Senator Wherry, in introducing the bill, did not give his reasons for wanting War Time changed. It was referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

## Miami Relief Nixed by Army

MIAMI, June 10 .- Just as the nightspot boys were congratulating themselves that leading Miami Beach hostelries would be available for vacation tourists next winter, the beach moved back into the military picture on three fronts.

### Escape Via **Fan** Letters

Millions write to their "love" voices for release from manless boredom

ALAIN

NEW YORK, June 10 .- The mash note, radio's first indication to broadcasters that it was something more than a putterer's plaything or a technician's toy, is back again with a vengeance. 'The mails are sizzling.

What made Graham McNamee, Phillips Carlin, Norman Brokenshire and Tiny



Ruffner the names they were is fast becoming a major headache for announcers. Women seeking escape from war headlines and starved by the fact that husbands and sweethearts are away from home are instead saying sweet somethings by mail to the swoon-

some males they pluck out of the air. The escape and sex desire has always Army plans include a redistribution been there, but broadcasting with something to sell turned it into box-top mail very effectively in the past. Now, with little more than good will on the airwaves counter, any voice on any station gets plenty of mash mail, And only 5 per cent originates from the lunatic fringe, despite the fact that one disk jockey, Martin Block, of WNEW, is called by his secretary the "idiot's delight," because he gets about 12 letters a week from Creedmore State Hospital, (See MILLIONS IN LOVE on page 6)

the Overseas Branch of the OWI.

#### '44 Ice-Capades Ends in Blaze of \$\$\$ Glory

HOLLYWOO, June 10 .- Final performance of Ice-Capades of 1944 was given here this week, with take appreciable above last year. Show played here five weeks and grossed \$552,000 while last year's figure was \$336,000. Final week showed the largest take, with ice show getting \$104,000.

Total sales for the tour over the two million mark. Ice-Capades for 1945 is in rehearsal now for July opening in Seattle.

#### Hit at William Green

At the opening session, Petrillo ripped into William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, accusing him of putting his seal of approval on the War Labor Board, which Petrillo charges is anti-labor. The AFM prexy further denounced Green for failure to back the musicians' union in its recent strikes against stations WJJD, Chicago, and KSTP, St. Paul.

He flayed Green on two other scores: Refusing to stop the heads of interna-(See AFM Re-Elects Officers on page 20) Palm Beach to Miami Beach.

CBS, THOMPSON, FERRIS

station, similar to that now operated by the air corps, and will acquire 24 hotels for the purpose. So instead of being turned back for civilian use the hotels are to be held indefinitely by the War Department.

Army served notice that the municipal golf course at Miami Beach will be retained after expiration of the lease June 30.

Consideration is also being given to transfer of the Air Transport Command Caribbean Wing Headquarters from West

CIAA S. A. Corp. To Get Works **From Congress** 

## **Annual Flack Tabbing Repeats**

Editors know what they want and who gives it to them-they say so

#### By Lou Frankel

NEW YORK, June 10 .- For the seventh consecutive year the leading radio editors of the nation have selected the top publicists in the business. Voting, as usual, in The Billboard Annual Radio Publicity Survey, the scribes this



year awarded the ace accolades to the Columbia Broadcasting System, among the webs; J. Walter Thompson, in the adagency division, and Earle Ferris in the indie flack department.

Thus CBS continues its strangle hold on the top slot for the sixth

straight year. Only once, the very first

anywhere but in the win slot. Likewise. the Thompson Agency snapped back into top bracket. Last year this agency bowed to Young & Rubicam for the first time since the competition was begun. And Earle Ferris, also a persistent winner, made it six home runs, three consecutively, out of seven times at bat.

More editors voted this year, 118 in all, as compared to 65 last year. And, as usual, The Billboard combed the lists thoroly to make certain only working editors were exercising their franchises. One major addition to the editor list was the inclusion of foreign language dailies. Not until this year, when almost one third of the dailies nixed their radio departments, has the foreign press

become an important factor in the flack blz. The jabber papers, however, represented only a fraction of the increase,

Most of the increase is the direct result of editors wanting to go on record with their likes and dislikes in the hope of improving their burdens. All of which makes this, the seventh annual poll, probably the most important of all, especially since the top number of ballots filed in the survey was 125, and that was back in the lush days before man-power and newsprint shortages.

Another change from last year, albeit a minor change, was in the vote count. Last time out the survey, in the network division, was based on a count of five

(See Editors Give Credit on page 5)

WASHINGTON, June 10 .- Prencinradio, the elaborate radio organization created by the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs south of the border to seduce wayward banana republics away from the Axis, this week came in for a Congressional spanking.

The Russell Amendment, attached to the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, provides that "After July 1, 1944, no part of any appropriation shall be allotted or made available to any agency or instrumentality, including those created by executive order unless the Congress has appropriated money specifically for such agency or instrumentality or authorized the expenditure of funds by it."

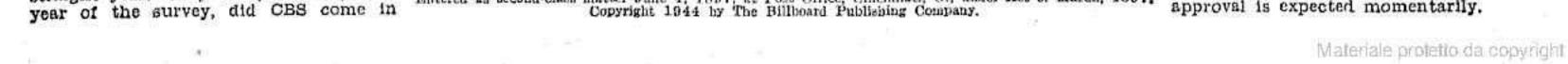
While the amendment affects 26 agencies and about 16 RFC subsidiaries, Prencinradio was singled out by the comp. troller general as one of the corporations which would either have to get a Congressional okay or else go out of business.

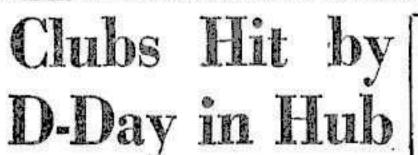
Up to now Prencinradio has been operating secretly with an under-the-table appropriation. The Russell Amendment will flush it out into the open and force CIAA to go to Congress and request a regular appropriation. Moreover, the existence of the agency must be approved by Congress.

Many of the agencies affected by the Russell Amendment were established by executive order, and their operating funds came from the emergency fund of the President. The House has already approved the amendment, and Senate approval is expected momentarily.

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The Billhoard, Main Office, 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati 1 Ohio, Subscription Rate: One year, \$7.50, Entered as second-class matter June 4, 1897, at Post Office, Cincinnati, O., under Act of March, 1897.





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### Legit holds up and pix suffer only a little --- summer spots also hit

BOSTON, June 10 .- D-Day hit amusement business and radio in Boston from several angles. Radio immediately went all-out in covering every phase of the biggest story yet, and did a pretty good job. It was expected that the public's hunger for news might keep every one glued to his radio. But it didn't work out that way.

Theater business here suffered very little. Legit theaters, probably because tickets are bought in advance, noted no changes from Monday to Tuesday, altho Wednesday business fell. Film houses did not fare quite so well, but even there, business did not take the expected drop. RKO-Boston, presenting the coast guard's Tars and Spars, found business better Tuesday and Wednesday than in many weeks.

It was the night clubs which took the licking. Only such places as had large parties booked did anywhere near a normal evening's business. Copley-Plaza and Fox and Hounds, were among those, Other clubs, except the jernts downtown, where some transient biz stopped in, were brutally hit. One couple was reported leaving an uptown club for a downtown theater-restaurant. Shortly after they left they phoned the manager of the first spot and, in a joking way, suggested he send some customers down. They were the only people in the place.

Already summer resort spots, hotels, camps, parks and the like, have experienced cancellations. During various conventions here in the spring, record business was predicted for this year. That was okay when the boys were training in England. Now, when they are fighting and maybe dying in France, people don't much feel like taking vacations at resorts. It may hurt country and shore spots badly. At any rate, reservations have come to a standstill and cancellations have begun. Wednesday business at the theaters was still good. Some of the clubs were doing a little better. But only the Copley-Plaza had anything like a good night.

### He's Only the Boss!

CINCINNATI, June 10,-Station WCKY advertised in all the local dailies several weeks ago, seeking requests from listeners who desired to be apprised of the invasion, should it come in the wee sma' hours of the morning when they might still be snoozing.

Came D-Day, and in the early hours of the morning the station, with the aid of the telephone company and use of all telephone booths at Hotel Gibson, notified 600 persons who had written requests for notification.

Hours later as the Program Director Robert Fleming, who cooked up the idea, was congratulating himself on a good job well done, in walked L. B. Wilson, WCKY owner and operator.

"Why doesn't somebody tell me these things?" asked Wilson, explaining that no one had notified him about the invasion.

### **CSI** Readying **Invasion** Cirk

NEW YORK, June 10.-USO-Camp Shows, after spending \$13,572,000 to entertain more than 50,000,000 service men and women with over 61,000 separate stage presentations, is getting ready to expand its activities with a move into the European continent as soon as Army Special Services gives it the green light. An "invasion pool" of reserve talent has been built up to fill the 33 mobile units that are to go in.

At the same time, CSI is investing velt. large dough in a newspaper campaign in 40 cities to appeal to pro and semi-pro performers to join the org. CSI explains the ad campaign by the fact that they story cash register for a half hour rally expect to be using a great many more sponsored by the motion picture industry entertainers than before the start of the and then dash off in trucks to eight bond



WASHINGTON, June 12. - Behind all the plans of showbiz in the Fifth War Bond drive is the unannounced intent to do twice what the Treasury Department has asked. From indie radio stations thruout the nation, to the War Activities Committee in New York, representing all branches of the theater, reports are beginning to trickle in indicating that millions of dollars in "E" Bonds have already been sold by jumping the opening day gun. A great deal of this is the credit side of "D-Day," which brought into all authorized issuing agents more small bond buyers per day than at any time with the exception of the opening of a new bond drive. In fact, althe no official Treasury sales figures were issued for the past week, a spokesman for the department indicated that at least half a billion rolled into "E" Bonds that was not expected. It was an "invasion windfall,"

#### New \$1-a-Year Welles

Orson Welles, newest \$1-a-year man of the Treasury, produced the show that opened the air bond drive with a fournetwork hour's program which started at 10 p.m. tonight. A great part of the program which was full of selling entertainment, as well as the "Civilian D-Day" appeal of President Franklin Delano Roose-

New York preview ceremonies of the past week saw detachments of the "Fighting Fifth" meet at a partially built fourinvasion-and they need them quickly, self-starting meetings in each of the five

fight in the Fifth. One of the heroes

#### June 17, 1944

### Sound Effect?

NEW YORK, June 10. - Problems of wartime housing and substitutes of something less than ultra-streamlined equipment came close to home to a hinterland station that recently moved into new studio quarters. Various inconveniences are being complained of by staff members, but the one that has the management worried is the plumbing.

Instead of super-noiseless, they discovered that the plumbing, notably in the ladies' room, makes a definite and recognizable sound that goes out over the air because of proximity to the studio. Faced by wartime priorities and related problems, no solution has yet been found, and sundry station artists, tearing their hair over the problem, have found no solution except locking the door.

Some station wit turned up the idea of selling intermittent spots to a manufacturer of plumbing supplies.

## **Bands** Blitzed By **D**-Day News

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Dean Hudson, at the Lincoln, really felt the blitz on D-Day. Skedded for three air shots Tuesday, 10:15-10:30 p.m., Mutual; 11:15-11:30, CBS, and 12-12:15, Mutual again, Hudson had all three air remotes erased because of news.

Besides Hudson, Eddy Howard, at Frank Dailey's Terrace Room in Newark, and Harold Stern, Essex House, both had. Mutual wires taken away because of the invasion news. Bands were given extra. wires later in the week to help make up.

Pic Replaces Hub Burly

#### Les Brown to Penn Hotel

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Les Brown gets a three-way build-up starting the first week in July. He opens at Hotel Pennsylvania here July 3 for 10 weeks, the day following his debut as Fitch Bandwagon summer attraction for 13 weeks via NBC. The same week Columbia is putting out new Brown disker, cut before the AFM ban.

### MARK WARNOW Legit and the Parade of Hits

DEST known as conductor of George Wash-D ington Hill's "Lucky Strike Hit Parade," Mark Warnow's macstroing goes back to the days when he musical-directed "Apple Blossoms" and an edition of "Ziegfeld Follies." In recent years he has devoted most of his time to radio, where in addition to the "LSHP" (on



which Warnow, incidentally, gets a great kick out of watching the kids swoon over Sinatra) he also handles the musical end of the "All-Timo Hit Parade," He has also been heard on such top permitted. radio shows as "We, the People"; "March of Time," John Charles Thomas's Westinghouse show and with Helen Hayes.

Around the music and radio business Warnow has quite a reputation for absent-mindedness. As often as not, he'll give cab drivers his phone number instead of his address, and he once discovered, at air time, that he had left his music at home. Result was that, for led the conductor, instead of vice-versa.

Warnow was born in Russla, where his father was a violinist. His brother is Raymond Scott who, of course, also carries on the family's musical traditions.

Last fall Warnow took a flier in legit when he brought in "What's Up?" a lavish musical , that just didn't make the top grade.

therefore the appeal now. Boroughs of New York. The five Boroughs



HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .-- The new Paramount musical, Out of this World. will feature five of the country's leading maestros. The Sam Coslow film will have in the cast Ray Noble, Henry King, Ted Fio Rito, Carmen Cavallaro and Joe Reichman. The baton wavers are all pianists and will do one number each in the film, using five planos.

(there will be heroes at most gatherings since the War Department wants the men who have served to meet the men who are buying the bonds) explained that "Something happens when you see your buddies' blood." What happened in this case was the death of 23 Germans . . . and 23 women in the crowd went right up and bought bonds.

This gathering was minus showbiz stars. They were held back to start the cash register ringing today, just as the invasion barge-showboat troupe which starts today its journey down Erle Canal has been held back so that its first day will show plenty of sales of those little slips of paper that bring in interest and at the same time help pay for the job that's being done overseas.

### Gen'l Motors Morale Shows at Standstill

DETROIT, June 10 .- General Motorssponsored morale shows for employees, of which several units have been sent on the road since the early days of tions are doing that. Every radio star war production, are temporarily at a standstill.

Possible plans for another unit in a few months are in the making, however.

In the past two years such shows have been built around a special morale picture produced by GM, with the use of elaborate shows of live talent. The units were sent on the road to every city where there are sizable GM plants, playing for employees and their families in auditoriums or theaters as local conditions

Robert Emerick, formerly in charge of this activity here, has been transferred to Atlanta as GM representative there, and the live shows are currently in charge of V. K. Proctor, with the picture end assigned to Harry Stahl.

### Lou Levy in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- Lou Levy, probably the first time on record, the ork general manager of Leeds Music Company is in town to push plugs for Is You Is or Is You Ain't? and I'll Remember April. Latter number was put out some years ago but ASCAP battle with networks killed it. Arthur Altman made the trip with Levy. He's the writer of All or Nothing at All. This is his first visit here.

#### WMCA \$ for \$

Typical of the top indie radio stations is WMCA, which announced last week that it would match dollar-for-dollar the bond purchases of its listeners. Ten stawho has done a 24-hour bond selling stint, Kate Smith, Eddie Canton, etc., is down to do a repeat, each with a special gimmick up a sleeve so that the total bonds sold in the Fourth will be topped in the Fifth.

Plans are also in the works to have the legit attractions on Broadway and on the road prove what this part of the entertainment biz can do. There is an unannounced competition between the attractions now on the Main Stem to prove that "There are bond hearts on the Gay White Way," which is once again gay and white . . . with light.

Just as showbiz is preparing to move in right behind the front lines in France in the form of USO-CSI units and Red Cross field directors, just so is showbiz backing the home-front drive for the dollars of America.

### From June to Late August

BOSTON, June 10 .- Globe Burly house here, one of the Hub's two (the other, old Howard) Hirst Circuit anchor houses, shutters tonight for the summer. Reopening is planned for late August, as in past seasons.

In the meantime sensational films such as Assassing of Youth (on marajuana) are being put on.



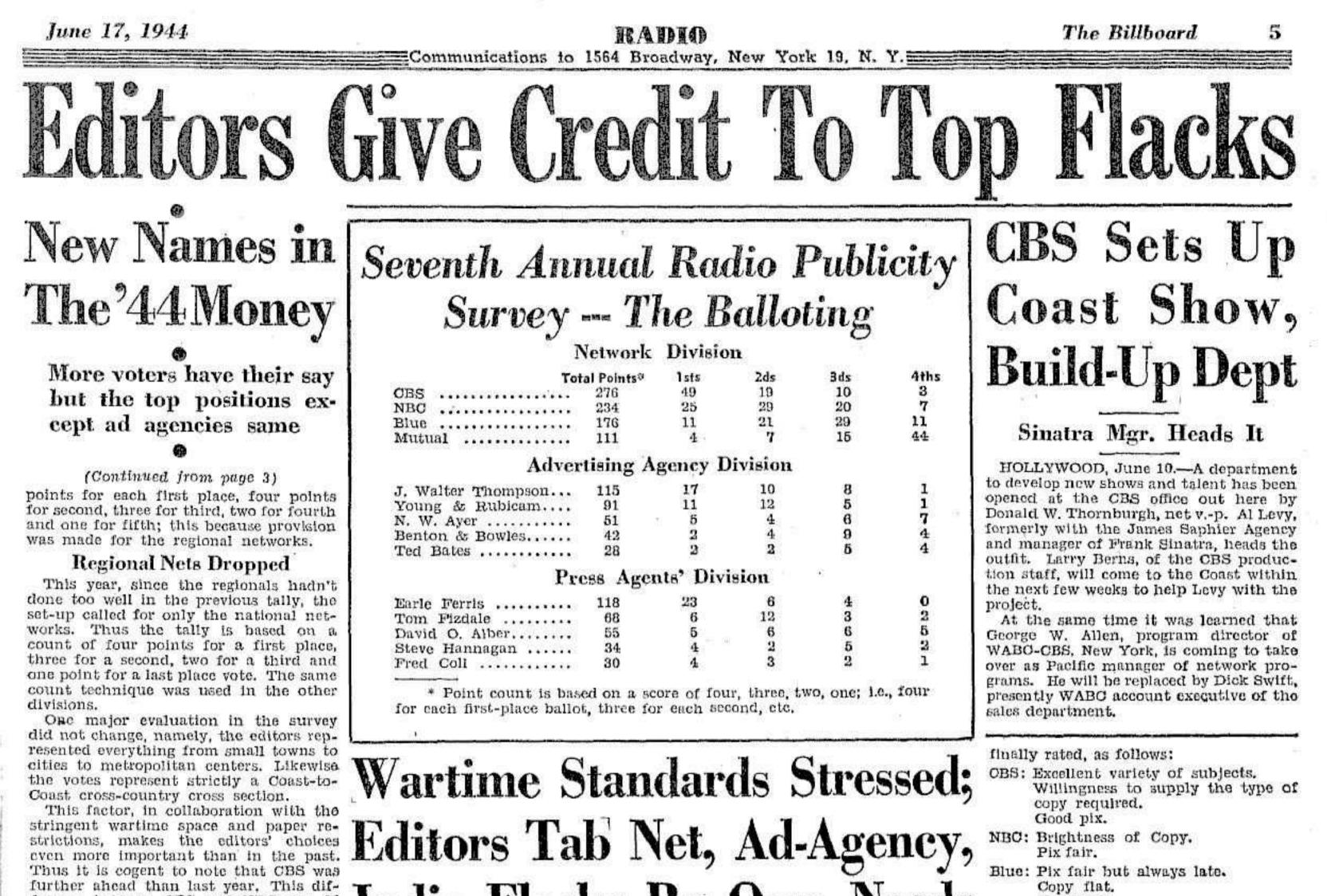
**Doesn't She Look Swell** With Her New INVISIBLE GLASSES-

Pin-up girls-and others who want to look their best-now wear CONTACT LENSES because they're invisible. And in many cases, such as near-sightedness, they give even better vision than regular glasses. Comfortable, unbreakable, economical. Worn by thousands, Ideal for men and women in public life. Come in for Free demonstration. Daily 9:30 to 5:30. Monday till 8:30. Easy payments.

DUNSHAW CO. 130 West 42d St., New York, N. Y. 1/2 Block from Times Square Wisconsin 7-4680 Also 17 Academy St., Newark, N. 1.







ference between CBS and NBC was 22 points last year; it's 42 this year.

Likewise, the Blue has been improving, This time it's only 58 points behind NBC, whereas last year it was 100 points behind the place position. In the same 12 months the Blue also pulled away from MBS; last year there was only a 13-point difference between third and fourth positions, this year the edge is 65 points.

#### Mutual Plagued

In all fairness it must be noted that Mutual is still plagued, in so far as publicity is concerned, by its old headache. Namely MBS, unlike the other webs, services only about 150 papers direct. Actually WOR, MBS outlet in New York, services papers along the Atlantic Coast, WGN covers the Midwest and Don Lee feeds the West Coast. Thus Mutual's press department exists, as an entity, only in the New York office and only in so far as a comparative handful of papers are concerned. Its modus operand i calls for the member stations to get the news from MBS flack headquarters and then re-disseminate. All of which puts the Mutual flacks at a competitive disadvantage. And, with the Blue and CBS continuing to pull ahead, the disadvantage becomes more of a handicap. In the ad-agency division, J. Walter Thompson made a phenomenal improvement. While Young & Rubicam

stood almost pat, 92 points last year and 91 this year, JWT jumped from 85 to 115. One prime reason for this improvement was undoubtedly the result of the JWT flack staff's trips into the field to meet and gab with the scribes.

#### Ad-Agency Competition Tough

The competition in the ad-agency bracket was tougher this year, Benton & Bowles, third last year, slipped down a notch this time even tho its point total went from 31 to 42. Big surprise was N. W. Ayer vaulting from sixth place with 22 points to the show spot with 51 points; the answer here seems to be Wauhilla La Hay, a personality gal with a prime publicity savvy.

Other changes in this category were Ted Bates, up from the ruck last year when it notched only eight points to hit fifth place, this time with a total of 28. And Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn slipped from fourth, with 30 points, to the also-ran field with a 12-point total. Here, it should be noted, the reason is attributable to the considerable navy recruiting work Bill Maloney, the BBD&O

## Indie Flacks By Own Needs

#### Coverage, Timing and Accuracy Big Considerations

editors who evaluated the public relations departments of the four nets, ad agencies and indie press agents this year efforts, which in the past has been a established wartime standards by which real squawk, raised its head only once to judge the effectiveness of broadcast space stealing. Complete coverage replaced tight writing as a requirement. Correctness generally was considered more important than colorful scribbling, half and one-column mats and cuts were more important than pix with sex appeal. A solid consideration was the timing of the material sent, with many editors giving first thought to the factor. The fact that some nets and p. a.'s used Western Union to get last-minute stuff to them stood high in the judgment of

NEW YORK, June 10 .- The over 100 the men thru whom the press agents must pass before they land in print.

> Lack of advertising to back publicity in the entire survey. Business being good in black and white this season, there was no reason generally for yelps, according to the radio editors. As a matter of fact, several of the Metropolitan newspapermen pointed out that their business offices were nixing radio advertising because of space limitations.

#### **One Detroit Tabulation**

One Detroit editor tabbed his reasons for voting for networks in the one, two, three, four position in which the webs

### Annual Radio Publicity Survey The Seven-Year Record

#### **Relative Standing of Nets, Advertising Agencies** and Press Agents

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No proofs. Mutual: Pix variety skimpy.

Copy from 1910.

This, of course, differed from the reasoning of many other editors, but it tips the extended consideration which was given to the votes in The Billboard's Seventh Annual Radio Publicity Survey.

Personalities, of course, did have a bearing on the voting, as several ballots for CBS, as Number 1, not only bore the chain's call letters but also placed the name of Ethel Kirsner, one of the members of the staff of George Crandall, Columbia's p. s., right up with the network designation.

#### Vote Reasons

Other editors voted as they did for the following quoted reasons:

"As far as the release content is concerned, CBS has a slight edge over NBC, the difference being the superiority of format and organization. As far as personal service to radio editors is concerned, CBS is far ahead of all others." (A Connecticut radio editor said that.)

"CBS advance program news nearly always is just that, while NBC and Blue releases, altho from Hollywood, are often too late to be of any value; OBS releases, incidentally, come from New York. CBS also shows more imagination in mat service, altho NBC 'cheese cake' is of the best." (A Canadian radio said that.)

"CBS and NBC are on a par in the writing and servicing of general material, but for some reason CBS is more on the alert in protecting the papers when it comes to last-minute news items and in tipping them off about news stories breaking on the premises. This is no reflection on NBC personnel, who are as able as CBS men. Rather it's because of the system or rather the red tape." (An Eastern metropolitan radio editor said that.)

From down South a radio editor tabbed his evaluation with: "CBS material is concise, fits requirements, is on time. NBC service is adequate but overdone in quantity. MBS service is also adequate, but pix are inferior. Blue apparently has no pic service."

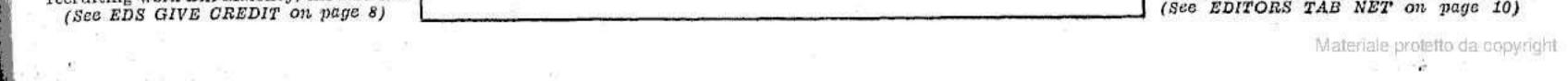
Another metropolitan radio editor ticked off his votes in the following manner:

NBC: Most comprehensive.

CBS: Most useful for my music department,

MBS: Carries interesting stories.

From the Pacific Northwest an editor placed Blue and NBC in a tie in his ap-



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## War Forces Up [ Mash Letters

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Nets and announcers working on finding new outlets for women who listen

(Continued from page 3) Mattewan and Rockland State Hospital for the Insane.

Ever since the war began and the tension of daily living increased, mash note production has been mounting. The writers aren't too choosey. They'll write to anyone who sounds good on the air even if it's only to ask him to pass the letter on to Nelson Eddy, as is happening in at least one case.

#### Nets Facing Problem

Several net execs are taking time out to discuss the problem with an eye to giving listeners something to do, even if there are no box tops available. The yen to write and other things is great.

And unless something is done, the law courts will be full of gals who imagine they've gotten together with their dream lovers. It's happened before. Another puts plenty of schmaltz into his ad-lib other night?" These women, Gilbert problem is the expense of hiring secretaries to handle the stuff and the limitations it imposes on disk jockeys who are afraid of encouraging some panting it got him. About 65 of his average female.

women (about three-fifths are between with me tonight. I want your arms enclose addresses and telephone numbers and want to arrange meetings, and those who come right out and say when their husbands will be away. Others, those with homicidal impulses, say that they will kill either themselves or the radio man if they don't get together. NBC's Ben Grauer received a letter several weeks ago from a mother of five daughters trying to sell the NBC announcer one or more of her offspring. "You should see my daughter in the WAC," she wrote, "She's a pip!" Another correspondent, soon after Grauer was interviewed, with pix, in the New York newspaper PM wrote in to say that since the Bobby Soxers have their Sinatra, why can't an educated, intelligent woman like herself have some one as intellectual as Grauer.

### - Editorial-Here's Radio's FCC Opportunity

There is at the present time a vacancy on the FCC. There is also, since the resignation of T. A. M. Craven, no minority spokesman on the FCC. Likewise, with the resignation of Commissioner Craven, there is no industry-wise industry spokesman on the FCC.

This would seem to be as good a time as any for the industry to bestir itself, find itself a spokesman, and see what can be done about getting him appointed to the FCC. Instead of sitting on their collective haunches wondering whom the White House is going to appoint and then cussing if the appointee is not to their liking, the radiomen might try coming up with their own candidate for a change. There is no doubt but that the President would lend an ear if enough radiomen spoke up for an industry representative on the FCQ and particularly if most of them spoke up for the same man. The technique of speaking up is simple, i. e., wire the White House or contact your congressman or notify the NAB.

Love With Voices

The big problem will be in deciding, if you agree with the over-all idea, upon who should represent the industry. The Billboard's only suggestion is that the spokesman should be someone experienced in radio and radio's problems and at the same time no one identified with any one of the several camps within the business.

Offhand, three names have been mentioned, Neville Miller, ex-prexy of the NAB; Fred Weber, ex-general manager of MBS, and Ed Klauber, ex-v.-p. of CBS. All of them know the business, all of them are known to the business, and all of them will be surprised by this editorial, as none of them has been approached.

What do you think?

And why don't you do something about it?

patter and the result is a file cabinet says, are suffering from delusions and full of sizzlers. Gilbert tries to encour- may become dangerous if they decide age straight fan mail, so now look what that he is the father of their children. 5,000 letters a week come from women The letters come in from middle-aged who say, for instance: "I wish you were 35 and 50), boby soxers, a few older around me. I want you to hold me say they are coming fantastic distances women and a few more eligible. They tight." Or others who write things like to meet him on some street corner. They range in content from those who merely this: "You are the sweetest, dearest stipulate that if he intends to be there, say that they love the voice; to those who honey in the world. I love you. Come he should play one disk, or say one to me tonight. My favorite dish is fresh thing, and if he won't be there, to play ham and green peas. What is yours?" another record or say something else. One woman, from Connecticut, like After a while, Gilbert explains, these free-lancing as a quiz emsee, says that Martin Block's gal keeps telling Gilbert letters mount to a point where he can't that he always comes to her town and say or do anything on the air without why doesn't he stop in during the day lousing himself up some way. He, like when her husband is away. This same most of the others, protects himself from case tells him that they should get mar- suits by keeping letters on file so he can ried so that she can protect him from prove that he has never had anything to the curse of drink. Gilbert doesn't drink do with the women. and has never been in her town,

Reaching way up thru New England and part of Canada, WHN pulls in a prize collection of nuts for Gilbert. And the worst are the women who write to

## Strip Show OK **On Don Lee Net**

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- Trial for strip shows on KHJ-Don Lee has worked out, with another airer being added to the pair already being broadcast. New show will be The Merry Moons of San Fernando Valley. Other two are The Amazing Jennifer Logan and Midland. U. S. A.

Web first tried strip shows a month and a half ago. Before that they devoted morning hours to musical shows. Public reaction wasn't up to par, so network officials decided to try and capture some of the Hooperatings that are chalked up to daytime listeners of strip shows.

New airer, The Merry Moons of San Fernando Valley, will feature Stu Wilson and Norma Young, long-time employees of Don Lee. Wilson had the Rise and Shine airer for 10 years, and Miss Young has been home economics expert for eight years.

ters from a lady who says: ". . . Meet me on the patio and we can dance on moonbeams . . . I love you . . . Your voice is like the sound of the angels. . . ." She also includes another nicely addressed stamped envelope so that he can forward the letters to Nelson Eddy.

Another of the Blue staffers, Jack Mc-Carthy, claims that his mash mail comes in cycles after special broadcasts. If he's on a sweet music show, 25 or more love letters and invitations will pop up, other times there will be one or two in the average week's mail of 50 or 50. His worst problem is that of women who come up to him personally after a broadcast. That's why many net announcers

#### Love for "Smilin' Jack"

Martin Block, who conducts the tremendously popular Make Believe Ballroom over the New York indie, WNEW, schmaltzes it up plenty. And about 5 per cent of his mail gets salted away in his sexy file. Twelve inmates of nut houses write him regularly, but the topper is one long-time correspondent. This Connecticut matron, a rather good-looking blonde, has been madly in love with him for several years. There are, however, three things that stand in her way. They are: (1) her husband, (2) her fouryear-old son, and (3) the fact that she is also madly in love with Smilin' Jack.

". . . Do men ever feel as emotionally frustrated as women? . . . Come to me moves opposite Jack Benny on the Sun- Baker might continue as warbler during anytime after 5 p.m., 11/30/1943 . . . " "You know how much I love you, radio circulated to the effect that General Lionel Barrymore show, Mayor of the friend . . . my husband will be gone Foods made the move deliberately to get Town, moves into a new spot as summer from Saturday to Monday . . ." ". . . your dear sweat radio voice . . . phone number enclosed . . ."

fans who warn him to have a cop to protect himself because he has played a fore he signed with his new sponsor. Crosby disk and vice versa. One man sends in vile letters every time he plays something by either of the Dorsey want a cross? You'll get one, and I don't for Eddie Cantor, mean a Red Cross, the next time you play Dorsey music. You are digging and gaining some this fall. Dinah Shore from Friday to Sunday airing here inyour grave with Dorsey records."

#### Arms Around Gilbert

Dick Gilbert, the WHN disk jockey

His worst problem is the gals who write and say: "Why don't you come

#### **Browning's Moonbeams**

Doug Browning, Blue staffer, has been back next week? Didn't you enjoy the getting a series of impassioned love let-

**Coast Shows Shifting** Both For Fall and Summer; Some Hot Weather Subs To Stay

#### NBC and CBS "Trading" Key Shows

HOLLYWOOD, June 12 .- Radio pic- Ruggles and Cass Daley. ture here is undergoing reshuffling both Kenny Baker will be featured on the summer and fall with many old stand- Blue Ribbon Town while Groucho Marx bys getting a general switching around vacations. Paul Warwick, of Warwick Some samples from Block letters: on the schedule. Most notable switch & Legler, is in town to get the show will be the Kate Smith airer which underway. There is possibility that day night slot. There have been rumors the fall session when Marx returns. The even with Benny for leaving their spon- sub for the Lux Theater using first half sorship after 10 years. This was denied hour of the time. Last 30 minutes will by spokesman for Ruthrauff & Ryan, be taken by an unnamed show sponsored Block gets plenty of mail from Sinatra who claimed that no feud existed and by Lockheed Aircraft. No replacement

Walter Bunker, formerly Benny producer, left this week for New York where he may take over the reins on the Allan ules will be widespread at NBC also. Old brothers. The mildest sample: "Do you Young show, which is the summer sub standby, Those We Love, shifts to CBS,

moves from CBS to NBC and Corliss stead of New York. The John Charles Archer takes over the time formerly oc- Thomas show will go off for the summer cupied by the thrush. Maxwell House July 23 to August 13. Lee Sweetland re-Iced Coffee Time jumps to CBS from places from here. Gracie Fields takes who sings along with his records, also NBC. Summer airer will feature Charlie

been definitely set. Comics wind up this whole thing lost its humor. week to return August 15.

moving from Sunday to Friday. All Time Both CBS and NBC are losing shows Hit Parade takes a new spot, jumping

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run as soon as they make their network identification.

Fred Uttal, well-known announcer now he doesn't get so many because quizzes attract a more intelligent type of mail. However, when an Albany newspaper did a spread on announcers' ideas of the perfect female and his pic was used, offers poured in.

#### "John Charles" Marvin

Tony Marvin, OBS staffer, tells about the woman who said that since she was in love with John Charles Thomas, she supposes that she must be in love with him. The latest word on that one was her offer to marry him once she got rid of her husband (who doesn't understand her) and-once Marvin came up and paid off the mortgage on her house. Warren Sweeny, also of CBS, doesn't worry about his mash mail-gives it to his wife to answer. Several web air salesmen do that-if they have diplomatic fuxaus,

WQXR, New York indie that specializes in high-brow music, gets some pips, The best of the lot is a letter from a very intellectual gal who tells Allen Ward that . . . "Your voice is my potent aphrodisiac. . . ."

Jerry Lawrence, WMCA, New York, disk jockey, tries to keep the mash mail to a minimum by telling his audiences about his wife and child, but he still recounts the tale of a society girl who came into the station one night under the influence of beverage, laid down on the floor and wouldn't go away until he had spoken to her. He has another who informs him that she listens to his show while reclining, in the nude, on a bear rug in front of a fire place. She adds that he should come up and see her sometime.

' Mash mail from women is bad but when one radio man kept getting very passionate mail from another man, a that Benny knew of the switch even be- for the Burns and Allen show has yet very sweet man, out in Chicago, the

> The entire situation, according to ra-Shake-up in summer and fall sched- dio execs, is funny as hell but there is plenty of danger involved. And it all goes to prove once again just how vulnerable radio is to any fan antics.

> > Net biggies are set to do something to protect themselves, but, meanwhile it's up to the staffers. The war has produced some queer neuroses but the queerest, altho most logical, is the escapist. The "escape" must be harnessed, and that's radio's job today.



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## No C.E.H. for FDR Prayer

NEW YORK, June 10.—All interviewing was suspended by radio analysts, C. E. Hooper, Inc., during President Roosevelt's talk during which he led the nation in prayer Tuesday night (6). The secondfront broadcast was considered by the company to be outside its province.

CAB continued its regularly skedded interviews during part of the split-hour the President consumed. The pulse of New York had no interviews skedded.

## No Plugs

MINNEAPOLIS, June 10.—Of all the Twin Cities radio stations, KSTP-NBC remains the rugged individualist as always.

Telephone calls to WCCO are answered: "This is CBS-WCCO."

At WLOL the answer is: "WLOL-Mutual."

Greeting at WTCN is: "Blue Network-WTCN."

But at the NBC outlet it's merely: "KSTP."

#### Radio Writers Nominate Slate for July Election

CHICAGO, June 10.—Candidates for officers and council members of the Midwest region of the Radio Writers' Guild were named at a Guild meeting Tuesday (6) and the election will be held at the July meeting. Pauline Hopkins was renominated for vice-president and Sid Gerson for treasurer. Nikki Kaye, renominated for secretary, was unable to accept because of radio commitments and Ruth Moenck was chosen instead.

Nominated for members of the council (eight to be selected) were David DeKoven, Bob Schwartz, David Peitz, Richard Durham, Beulah Carney, Ruth Walliser, Bernard Howard, Bessle Jaffey and Ann Hunter.

### It's All Hughes

ST. LOUIS, June 10. — You really can't blame Rush Hughes. The guy's got good reason for passing out the cigars and being so proud.

After all, his Hooperating is 13.0, damn good for a daytime disk jockey. And, when 500 people in St. Louis were asked to name six local radio personalities, 252 put Rush at the top of the list.

# WGR New Blue Buffalo Outlet Strengthens Web in Upstate N.Y.

More Power on Better Frequency enables Blue to deliver Nation's 14<sup>th</sup> City and Surrounding Area...Adding 164,000 MORE Families to present Daytime Coverage ...Station will do standout promotion.

On June 1, Station WGR (5,000 watts day—1,000 watts night on 550 kc) became the network's new outlet in Buffalo. This shift to a station with greater power and better frequency enables The Blue to cover 87,000 more radio homes nighttime—and 164,000 more daytime.

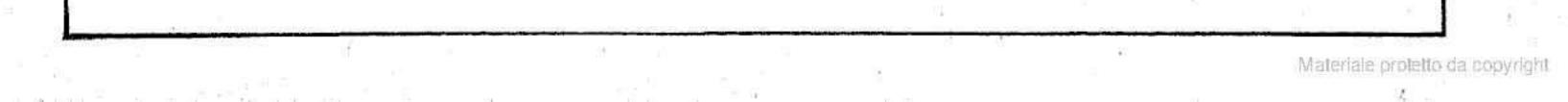
This is particularly important to adver-

tisers because it means that from now on The Blue will give even stronger coverage for advertisers in upstate New York.

WGR is launching a comprehensive campaign on its new affiliation with The Blue — to swing the audiences over and in addition will continue to promote Blue sponsored shows with unusual aggressiveness.

The Blue Network

AMERICAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.



## COMMERCIAL IMPACT COMPILATION

(Presenting the "First Twenty-Five" Nighttime and "First Ten" Daytime Programs in Order of Their Sponsor Identification-Based Upon Hooperating of May 30)

#### NIGHTTIME

PROGRAM	SPONSOR IDENTIFI- CATION	PRODUCT IDENTIFI- CATION	Identifi- cation Wrong Product Correct Sponsor	Wrong Sponsor Correct Product Identifi- cation	DON'T KNOW	AGENCY	SPONSOR	HET	Hooper- ating
RADIO THEATER	90.6	90.2	0.4	0.7	8.7	J. Walter Thompson	Lever Bros. (Lux)	CBS	18.2
YOUR HIT PARADE	85.0	84.4	0.6	3.1	11.9	Foote, Cone	American Tobacco	CBS	12.2
WALTER WINCHELL	84.3	84.3	0 <del>000</del>	2.5	13.2	Lennen & Mitchell	Jergens	Blue	17.5
FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY	84.0	84.0		2.2	13.8	NL&B	Johnson	NBC	25.5
TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT	83.3	83.3	-	1.7	15.0	Biow	Eversharp	CBS	19.2
BOB HOPE	79.5	79.2	0.3	3.7	16.8	F, C & B	Pepsodent	NBC	27.0
THANKS TO THE YANKS	79.0	79.0	1	4.2	16.8	Esty	Camels	CBS	7.6
CHARLIE McCARTHY	76.2	76.0	0.2	4.2	19.6	Thompson	Standard Brands	NBC	19.3
FITCH BANDWAGON	75.7		•	•		Ramsay	Fitch	NBC	11.5
FRANK MORGAN- FANNY BRICE	74.8	74.3	0.5	5.0	20.2	Benton & Bowles	General Foods	NBC	16.0
BURNS AND ALLEN	73.6	*	•			Young & Rubicam	Lever	CBS	12.6
KAY KYSER	73.4	72.9	0.5	3.9	22.7	F, C & B	American Tobacco	NBC	17.0
BLONDIE	71.5	71.5	-	3.0	25.5	Esty	Camels	CBS	14.3
BING CROSBY	70.7	70.0	0.7	1.7	27.6	Thompson	Kraft	NBC	18.0
GINNY SIMMS	70.7	70.7	-	3.5	25.8	Biow	Philip Morris	NBC	9.8
KAY KYSER (2d half hour)	70.6	70.6	<u>1944</u>	4.8	24.6	F, C & B	American Tobacco	NBC	17.8
RED SKELTON	69.9	69.9	-	3.7	26.4	R. M. Seeds	survey of the local division of the local di	NBC	32.8
JACK BENNY	69.5	*	•			Y&R	General Foods	NBC	17.8
FRED WARING	69.4	69.4		3.4	27.2	Newell Emmett	Chesterfield	NBC	7.9
JOAN DAVIS WITH JACK HALEY	68.1	•	•		*	McKee & Albright	Sealtest	NBC	19.9
SCREEN GUILD	67.9	67.9	-	2.6	29.5	Biow	Lady Esther face powder		19.1
KATE SMITH	67.9				1 *	Y&R	General Foods	CBS	11.0
LONE RANGER	67.0	61.7	5.3	4.5	28.5	DF&S .	Gen'al Mills -Cheerioates	Contraction A. Contraction	.5.3
YOUR ALL TIME HIT PARADE	66.6	66.6	-	2.4	31.0	F, C & B	American Tobacco	NBC	7.8
BLIND DATE	65.0	63.6	1.4	2.8	32,2	Esty	Lehn & Fink	Blue	7.0

#### Eds Give Credit To Top Flacks

#### (Continued from page 5) flack, has been doing for his agency which handles this account.

In the indie flack department, Earle Ferris is still head and heels over his competitors, at least in so far as the editors are concerned, and they are the ones that count. The difference between Ferris and Fizdale still is about the same. 45 points last year, 50 this year. Reasons for the difference are moot, but generally Ferris gets credit for a better organization.

#### Alber Nudging Fizdale

This year Dave Alber, altho still in third place, came up to breathe on the Fizdale neck-from a 62-point spread last year to only 13 points this time. And the Steve Hannagan crew, probably because of stiff headaches, slipped back. They're still in fourth place but whereas they were only six notches behind Alber last year, this time at the barrier they came in 21 points behind.

Blg surprise among the free-lance publicists is Fred Coll who jumped from a 10-point total last year to 30 points, fifth place, and only four notches behind Steve Hannagan, this time out. Considering that Coll is a one-man outfit, handles only the Vox Pop and Ellery Queen shows-he had Wide Horizons but generally concentrates on the aforementioned duo-and it would seem that his, Coll's, savvy and experience are paying dividends. One other reason for Coll's jump, according to the editors, is his wartime tailored copy. Another gaif this flack uses is the envelopes carrying his copy. Example: On the outside of his envelopes, in big black type, he lists the Vox Pop show, where its playing-it airs from army camps mostly-when and what time it airs. Result: A sizable increase in the number of highlight listings for Vox Pop.

There is more to this seventh annual publicity survey. But there is also the newsprint shortage to be considered. So next week The Billboard will present the editors' preferences and additional data.

#### DAYTIME

El.

MA PERKINS (NBC)	76.5	70.6	5.9	3.5	20.0	D, F & S	P&G	NBC	6.5
AUNT JENNY	76.1	73.5	2.6	7.1	16.8	Ruthrauff & Ryan	Lever Bros. (Spry)	CBS	4.7
BIG SISTER	72.2	70.4	1.8	5.7	22.1	R&R	Lever (Rinso)	CBS	6.6
BREAKFAST AT SARDI'S (Kellogg)	71.2		•			Kenyon & Eckhardt	Kellogg	Blue	5.7
KATE SMITH SPEAKS	71.0	*		•		Y&R	Gen'al Foods (Grape Nuts,	CBS	6.8
MA PERKINS	68.7	62.7	6.0	6.2	25.1	D, F & S	P&G ·	CBS	6.9
JACK ARMSTRONG	68.6	68.6	-	3.8	27.6	Knox Reeves	Gen'al Mills (Wheaties)	Blue	3.6
HYMNS OF ALL CHURCHES	65.6	8.0	57.6	4.8	29.6	D, F & S	Gen'al Mills (Softasilk)	NBC	4.2
BREAKFAST CLUB	64.4	59.0	5.4	10.0	25.6	JWT	Swift Meat Prods.	Blue	4.1
SONGS BY MORTON DOWNEY	62.4	62.4	-	2.0	35.6	D'Arcy	Coca-Cola	Blue	2.5

### COAST SHOWS SHIFT

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over for the summer for Chase and Sanborn. No replacement for the Bob Crosby show has been set. Hal (Gildersleeve) Peary goes off the air June 25 with no sub named. Standard Symphony Hour will be replaced by Hollywood Bowl Concert July 16 to September 10. Dick Haymes takes over the summer spot for Ronald Colman's Everything for the Boys. There is possibility that Colman will not return to the air in the fall unless certain program changes can be effected to his satisfaction.

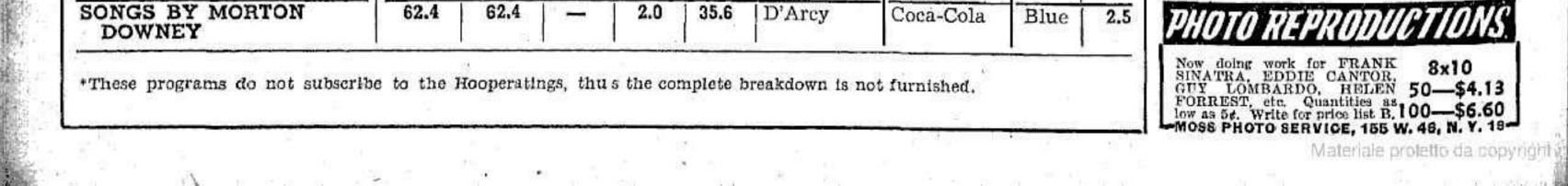
The Fibber McGee show will bow off the air June 20 to be replaced by Charlotte Greenwood in Life With Charlotte. Red Skelton time will be taken by Hildegarde's Raleigh Room, airing from New York. Harry Savoy replaces Abbott and Costello for Camel.

Phil Harris takes over the Kay Kyser band for the summer sub of Musical College. Kraft Music Hall will continue thruout the summer but without Bing Crosby. Sub for the groaner has not been named. The Bob Burns show will be replaced by Charlie Chan from New York. Spot formerly occupied by Maxwell House on NBC will be filled by sustainer.

Sub for Joan Davis-Jack Haley show will be Village Store with Edward Everett Horton airing from here. Amos 'n' Andy replacement will be Boston Blackie with Chester Morris.

It was learned on good authority that the Johnny Mercer Song Shop, originally scheduled for summer sub for the Fred Waring show, will remain permanently in the spot.

Only one definite sub was announced from the Blue network. Duffy's Tavern will be replaced by Ransom Sherman's Nitwit Court July 4. Al Pearce, Life of Riley, Joe E. Brown and Horace Heidt, continue thru the summer.



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### WEEI Spieling Course Paying Off In Jobs

BOSTON, June 10 .- With the graduation of eight men from the fourth class of its announcers' school, WEEI (CBS) has climaxed a year of successful operation of a training program unique in the annals of radio.

A year ago, with the idea of relieving the acute talent shortage in radio, Harold Fellows, WEEI general manager, inaugurated with little fanfare a series of auditions to select a group of 10 to go thru the first course. A study program was set up under the direction of Arthur Edes, former WEEI program director, now affiliated with Emerson College. Executives from WEEI staff were chosen to give lectures on various phases of radio operation which would be helpful to announcers.

More than a thousand auditioned in the first group and as many were heard in the subsequent trials. All told, more than 3,000 from every walk of life have applied: A symphony manager, mailmen, clergymen, clerks, salesmen, musicians, machinists and newspaper reporters. In training them for future employment as announcers, WEEI attached no strings to them. No tuition was charged either.

Of the 40 men who received training, 18 accepted jobs. Two later left to work in war plants. Six are now with CBS, one is with WEEI, another worked for the station and has since left. NBC got four of the men, two went to Mutual, two to the Blue Network and two to indie stations. Ten of the total declined to take jobs.

### Editorial Another Radio Tribute

Another tribute to and another proof of radio's tremendous power and effectiveness is the following editorial reprinted from The St. Louis Post-Dispatch following St. Louis's stations' efforts to help the community during the St. Louis transit strike.

"A remarkable demonstration of radio's usefulness to the community was given yesterday in the streetcar and bus strike. Thousands of homes got their first word of the surprise tle-up thru early-morning broadcasts; workers were thus enabled to make arrangements for reaching their places of employment. In the afternoon radio stations put the city hall conference on the air, and this unprecedented broadcast permitted listeners to follow the discussion almost as if they were present. Thruout the day and night frequent bulletins told the public of developments.

"Radio is contributing materially to both the convenience and the information of the St. Louis area during one of its most trying periods."

#### FOUR-WAY PICK-UP

NEW YORK, June 10 .-- Cliff (Ukelele Ike) Edwards makes his Blue bow June 26 with a fivetimes-a-week 15-minute slot at 12 noon. . . . The Glenn Miller Modernaires have been signed to the Harry Savoy summer replacement for Abbott and Costello. . . . Show starts June 15. . . . Bill Fitler, ex-WNLC, New London (Conn.) announcer, has moved to the NBC staff. . . . Milton Warren, ex-WLIB, Brooklyn, replaces him at WNLC... Adventures of the Thin Man shifts, June 16, from a Sunday, 10:30 p.m. CBS seg, to the NBC Friday 8:30 p.m. slot. . . . It gets a web of 127 stations. . . . Ed Sobol and Paul Alley have joined the NBC video staff to handle live and film shows respectively. . . . The Blue Network's Athletic Association has canceled its annual outing in order that its members may concentrate on war tasks.

tion, and Miss Carr will be heard on "This I Believe" on WBBM-CBS. . . . Gene Baker, emsee, and Carolyn Gilbert, vocalist-pianist, have been added to the cast of the new "Roy Shield and Company" program on NBC. Miss Gilbert also is joining the cast of "Musicana" on NBC and is heard in her own quarter-hour program four times a week. . . . Campbell Arnoux, general manager, and John W. New, commercial manager of WTAR, Norfolk, were business visitors at the office of A. W. (Sen) Kaney, NBC stations' relations manager.

PHILADELPHIA, June 10 .---Floyd Ryel, of Baltimore, and Paul Phillips, of Waterbury, Conn., join WCAU announcers. . . . Weldon Melick, formerly on the editorial staff of Liberty, added to the creative staff of the Clements ad agency. . . . Alice Wolfson is first gal engineer to operate the controls of WCAM at neighboring Camden, N. J. . . . Muralo Company renews its twice-weekly participations for its Mural Tone powder paint on Ruth Welles's Women's Show on KYW. . . . Paul Froelich, until recently with N. W. Ayer Agency here for 13 years, has joined up with Gray & Rogers, and Raymond A. Sholl Jr., formerly with the local SKF war plant sales promotion department, goes with the John Falkner Arndt Agency. . . . Charles McKee, medically discharged from the army and formerly with WEST, Easton, Pa., joins the WHAT announcers to handle the all-night record stint.

### RADIO 9 AFRA-WMAL Stalemated **On Com. Fees** Union Objects to NAB in Case

WASHINGTON, June 10 .- The fee-payment row between WMAL, Blue outlet here, and AFRA is still stalemated, even after AFRA's special meeting yesterday to consider the problem, but some settlement is expected from the WLB within a few days.

Whole dispute hinges around AFRA's and the annuncers' request that special fees be paid commercial staff announcers in addition to their salaries. They asked that they be paid for all commercials on their shows, whether the announcer was specifically selected or not. The station has contended that it is willing to raise salaries but that it would not consent to salary plus fee in cases where the sponsor did not specifically ask for the announcer.

J. Gunnar Back (WTOP-CBS) prexy of AFRA's Washington local, took exception to the comments made by NAB President J. Harold Ryan in a statement he wrote to the WLB after being given a free hand by his board of directors. Ryan made clear the NAB's opposition to the principle of fee assignment because they feel it may destroy management's control over its staffs. Back said:

"If, as stated in the press, the NAB statement was filed with the WLB, it was in direct violation of the rules and regulalations of the WLB. The two parties . . . have a full hearing . . . before a decision is made . . . Mr. Ryan . . . raises a familiar . . . bogey heard whenever announcers move toward the only goal that gives them economic security.

### Columbia Pix, **NBC Plan Two-Way Promotion**

HOLLYWOOD, June 10.-Plan worked out between Ralph Staub, Columbia producer of Screen Snapshots, and Sheldon Hickox Jr, will start rolling July 15. First to be skedded will be Staub's Seeing Hollywood With Two G. I. Joes, which features the NBC show, People are Funny.

Web is giving free air time to Columbia's Staub in return for NBC personallties and shows in the shorts. Later releases will feature Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen, Bob Burns, Joan Davis, Hal (Gildersleeve) Peary, Spike Jones and Ginny Simms.

As far as can be learned this is the first time that such a tle-up between screen and radio has been effected. If plan proves successful other webs and studios may launch similar campaigns.

#### **P&G Buys Another Strip**

HOLLYWOOD, June 12 .- New strip show featuring Cliff Arquette hits the Blue network July 3, under the Procter & Gamble banner, according to Benton & Bowles ad agency. New airer will be comedy format built around run-down hotel full of strange characters which Arquette inherits from a forgotten uncle. New show will not affect Arquette's Point Sublime.

AFPLE BLOSSOWS IN THE BAIN the parts LANG-WORTH 言語:語:音: and other Transcription Companies use this 3x5 VISUAL record of song hits of over 100 publishers, plus old favorites. Includes lead sheets and lyrics of chorus. Samples free. NEV TIINF

Leland Stowe, war correspondent, starts a series of sponsored news commentaries on the Blue starting July 22. . . . Sponsor for the once-aweek shot is the National Board of Fire Underwriters. . . . WTAG's Bob Martin has joined the WOR-Mutual announcing staff, replacing OWIbound Allen Franklin. . . . Arturo Toscanni will have complete charge of 16 concerts by NBC Symphony ork next season. . . . Previous system of having the maestro share podium with Leopold Stokowski has been abandoned and Stokowski's contract has not been renewed. . . . Milton Berle's "Let Yourself Go" moves the 10:30 to 11 p.m. Blue slot July 4. . . . Allan Meltzer, ex-CBS and Warner's flack, opening his own publicity office. Phil Miles leaves Dave Alber for the new Meltzer flackery.

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CHICAGO, June 10 .- Arch Brolley, chief engineer of WBKB, B&K television station here, addressed meeting of Chi Radio Writers' Guild June 6. . . . Karl Sutphin, formerly with WLS sales promotion department, has been named assistant to Mike Huber, sales promotion manager of Blue's Central Division. Frank Oakley has been put in charge of Blue's Central Division graphic art department.... Clifton Utley, radio commentator and director of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, took part in America's Town Meeting of the Air broadcast from Minneapolis on Blue June 8. . . . Howard Malcolm, former spieler in Spokane, new WBBM announcer. . . . Daughter of Harry Gilman, radio director for Erwin Wasey here, has role in New York cast of Follow the Boys. . . . Mike Romano has returned to NBC's Road of Life serial after period in hospital.

Frances Frater, on a year's leave from the Sacramento (Calif.) Junior College to study radio education, has been named assistant to Judith Waller, NBC public service director, during the third annual NBC-NU Summer Radio Institute, . . . While Johnnie Neblett is vacationing, his broadcasting duties will be taken over by Jack Brickhouse, Hal Lansing and Angeline Orr. Brickhouse will fill in on "Get Acquainted,

Roger W. Clipp, WFIL prexy, serving the War Loan Drive as public relations chief; Jack Steck, station flack, on the assist. . . . James McMillin, of WORC, Worcester, Mass., added to the WIBG announcing corps. . . . Mark Gregory quits KYW announcing staff to become news commentator for WJR, Detroit. . . . Wilson Steamship Line latest of the summer amusement enterprises to use radio, spotting a spot campaign on KYW via John Falkner Arndt Agency. . . . Gulf Oil placing the Jerry Wayne waxes on WFIL for its Gulfspray. . . . Esso News Reporter, on KYW, chalks up its 300,000th broadcast.

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .--- When Jack Benny hits the air October 8 his Coast repeat broadcast will not be aired by Mutual as it was last year. Live show will air from here at 4 p.m., with repeat scheduled for 9:30 to 10. As NBC prohibits use of transcriptions on network, individual stations up and down the Coast will take live show off the air using wax at the repeat time.

King Cole is guesting on Al Jarvis's "Downbeat Derby" this week. . . . Bill Goodwin does the spieling on the Gracie Fields show, the replacement for Edgar Bergen. . . . Tom Hanlon had to withdraw from a film role at PRC in "Bluebeard," due to 24-hour duty at CBS as a result of invasion. . . Virginia Sale (Mrs. Emmett, of "Those We Love") had the cast at her house for a barbecue following last week's airing. . . . Andy Russell takes the

"The assigned commercial fee principle has been in effect in Washington in one station for over two years and it has not, as Ryan feels, handed over station control to either announcers or the sponsors."

Even the WMAL agrees with Ryan in his theory about station control, and has mentioned it as part of its arguments, the station freely admits that the chief cause of its opposition to assigned commercial fees is the fact that it will cost more money.

FCC Deals Out Unexpected Cards To CBS and KFAB

WASHINGTON, June 10. - FCC this week dissented on and set for hearing the application of CBS and KFAB, Lincoln, Neb., for okay of recent stock and wave length shuffle covering KFAB and WBT, Charlotte, N. C., both CBS outlets; latter is also owned by CBS. At same time FCC left KFAB in the soup by okaying its shift from 780 on the dial, thus leaving station without a wave lenth to bargain with until the WBT deal is approved.

It sounds complicated and it is. Story starts with fact that KFAB and WBBM, Chicago outlet for CBS, are on 780. To clear its Windy City outlet as a fulltimer CBS bought a number of hours per day on KFAB. Here things stood for some years.

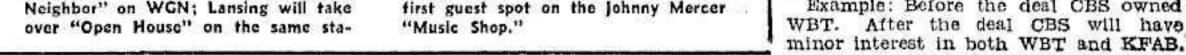
Recently the Lincoln station execs made CBS a proposition. They would buy into WBT, CBS would buy into KFAB, KFAB would shift from 780 to 1110 alongside WBT, WBBM would be in the clear. As eventually concluded CBS sold 55 per cent of WBT to KFAB execs, took that dough and bought 45 per cent of KFAB.

Now the FCC has frowned on everything except KFAB's petition to move from 780. Until the matter is settled the Lincoln outlet has no future.

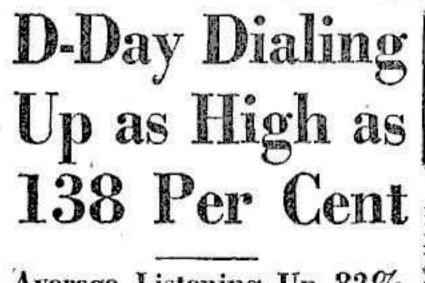
Nothing official has been said about why the FCC fluffed the deal. However, it is presumed in trade circles that the government agency feels CBS, under this deal, is actually expanding and not retracting its control of and interest in stations.

Example: Before the deal CBS owned









#### Average Listening Up 82%

NEW YORK, June 10.-Listening audiences on June 6, first day of the invasion, were more than double their normal size for most hours of the day and 82 per cent above the average day's audience in a full day, according to a survey made by C. E. Hooper,

May 2, first Tuesday of the preceeding month, was selected as a "normal" day on which to base the 14-hour, nationwide survey. In 10 of the 14 hours, audiences were more than 100 per cent greater and the highest total, 138 per cent, was hit during the two-hour period between 4 and 6 p.m.

On the same day and the following one, Wednesday (7), CBS and Hooper made a survey of listener opinion in the New York Metropolitan area to find out if WABC should take off its regular programs and carry nothing but news or continue its regular shows with bulletin break-ins.

On Tuesday, slightly more than half of those queried said "War news only." Wednesday the "war news only" total had decreased to less than one third of the votes.

### A Little Comedy **Confusion** on **Radios "D-Day"**

HOLLYWOOD, June 10. - Confusion that resulted from inability to check with other comedy shows was given as reason for the George Burns-Gracie Allen airer following set script on "D-Day" instead of going serious. This view was taken by spokesman for Young & Rubicam Agency, who stated that they had been unable to check with sponsor at the last minute as to program policy. They dropped straight commercials but left in sponsor reference during show. Even the Bob Hope and Fibber McGee shows dropped their comedy routines for the night, no undue comment was noted as to the Burns and Allen stand. Agency claimed it had no authority from sponsor to alter show so effected a compromise by ditching the obvious plugs.

## Nets Sell "D-Day" Coverage In Ads in New York Dailies

NEW YORK, June 12 .- The trade watched with deepest interest last week, the result of the invasion news pool, designed to cover nets in all eventualities, which had been agreed upon several months ago. The agreement stipulated that all news, features and specials would be made available to all webs so that the greatest story in all history would be communicated to the public as thoroly as possible. The idea, as developed, aimed to make public service the keynote of D-Day news. Disposition and handling of the available-to-all coverage was to be left to the discretion of each web. From a program point of view it worked like a charm. The advertisements printed in the two columns below reflect, according to the trade, another facet of the plan's final fruition.

NEC

(A full page in The New York Daily News, Friday, June 9, 1944) WEAF'S FIRST

INVASION FLASH HEARD AT 12:41

New York Set Its Dials at 660 To Follow NBC Reporting of the Biggest News Storles of the War

(These headlines, covering over half the page, were followed by a text which said, in part: "The invasion is on. . . . WEAF confidently undertakes the most important assignment in its history. . . . NBC's impressive line-up of commentators and reporters will daily provide WEAF listeners with a constant flow of " interpretive, factual, background and material from every corner of the globe. . . . Whatever turn the war takes, you can rely on WEAF for speedy, accurate and analytical coverage . . . keep your dial to 660 for the latest, and most complete information-the latest developments-the news as it happens!" Also included in the ad was a quarter-page of pix of NBC reporters and commentators.)

#### CBS

(In The New York Sunday News, June 11, 1944)

WABC-880 (key station, Columbia network), extended a vote of thanks to other networks (WJZ: Blue--WOR: Mutual-WEAF: Red) for joining us in the great "RADIO POOL FOR INVASION."

This emergency pooling of the keenly competitive foreign staffs of all networks and their joint use of Trans-Atlantic radio channels have enabled all four, networks to perform the greatest public service in the history of radio broadcasting. Surely the hour of America's greatest trial in this war, perhaps the supreme trial of her men and guns, is a proper time to put aside self-acclaim and personal advantage.

(CBS then goes on to explain that . . This is a deep and sincere public bow to our colleagues in radio's 'invasion pool' abroad-grand teamwork . . . standing watch in the CBS newsroom . . . you marveled and took off your hat to the way in which the four networks were working together." The net went on to say that it is proud of ita own men but bowed deeply to the teamwork of the other webs. It mentioned in several places names of reporters of other nets like George [Blue] Hicks, Larry [Mutual] Meier and Merril [NBC] Muller.)

#### . . . And part of the pool deal said that there was to be no individual promo-

### **Editors Tab Net**, Ad-Agency, Indie PA's by Own Needs

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preclation because of their fairly com. plete service. "Their stuff," he note, "arrives on time, and last-minute corrections are wired."

CBS-West Coast, the same editor stresses, could be better on late corrections, and that's why he rated it in the second slot.

NBC received the vote of another Southern editor because of its one and two-column cuts. "News stories," so the vote stated, "are well written, interesting and usable. CBS runs a close second for the same reasons. MBS is good but there isn't enough variety, but presentation of the stuff is as inviting as NBC and CBS."

An Iowa editor attaches a mash note to her rating of the nets by saying: "I think the network press departments do a darned good job-Columbia is so complete it almost awes me."

#### **Reasons for Ad-Agency Votes**

Many of the agencies were given the nod for the same reasons that the chains were, but many were given votes for supplementing what the networks were doing. "Hannagan, Thompson and Young & Rubleam send a lot of material, mostly too long, but it includes a lot of stuff I wouldn't get otherwise," is the way one Texas columnist explains his voting. He mixed up his flacks and his agencies but what he meant was very clear.

Another reporting editor explained his votes in terms of the men and women who served him at agencies. He credited Jim O'Bryon and Mike Boscia (Mike is back at CBS now) for Young & Rublcam's job, Benson Inge and Myra Miller for the job that Ted Bates was doing for him, and Wick Crider for the Thompson job. "They deliver what I want when I want it," is the way this editor explained his preference for these agencies. Many editors crediting Thompson as the only agency worth voting for stated: "Only Thompson seems to have our name on its mailing list, altho special releases do come from other agencies from time to time." From Rhode Island came agency evaluation that explained itself as based upon "the honest effort among the four 15 percenters to provide interesting column material together with the things

NBC Plans To Say It With Baseball

NEW YORK, June 12 .- The usual summer party of NBC this year seems set to take the form of a baseball game between the trade-press editors and the publicity department of the network. According to advices at hand, the game will take place at no less a stadium than Mr. Rupert's Yankee spot in the Bronx. Differences of opinion seem to have eliminated FCC Chairman Fly and NBC's Niles Trammell as possible umpires and so "racing fans" McCarthy looks set to get the nod if he promises to follow the horsehide as well as he sees the horses.

NBC's team will be captained by Philadelphia Jack McKay and a 19th hole between each inning is assured. Dinner will be paid for by the losers at Toots Shor's, with the losers destined to be NBC no matter how big a team it fields.

Trade press nixed offers for broadcasting rights since without the protection of their desks and wastepaper baskets they never can be too assured of what will happen. The game of the century will take place, naturally, during the week of Independence Day.

#### Sinatra Goes to Hospital-This Time To Sing for G.I.'s

HOLLYWOOD, June 10.-Frank Sinatra makes his first pitch for the army when he takes his show to Birmingham Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., for this week's broadcast.

This marks the only time since being on the Coast that the swooner has not

tion of an individual nature on the story.

### Invasion Troops GrayG.M.KOIL; Get Broadcasting Feltis at KFAB Via BBC, N. A. Webs OMAHA, June 10 .- Gordan Gray, of

LONDON, June 10 .- The BBC, in cooperation with the North American webs, has already begun broadcasts of special programs to invasion troops in France. The set-up, called by General Eisenhower's spokesman "A truly Inter-Allied effort in broadcasting," provides for a joint operation by official radio personnel of the United States, Britain and Canada, using BBC studios to shortwave the shows across the Channel to Franco.

HOLLYWOOD, June 10. - Art Baker takes over the emsee spot on NBC's A Song Is Born when the show hits its second 13-week cycle on June 12. Songs picked by audience will still be picked up and published by Broadcast Music, Inc.

Kansas City, Mo., has been named general manager of KOIL, Omaha, and that they wanted printed." KFOR, Lincoln, Neb., by Charles T. Stuart, president of Central States Broadcasting Corporation and Corn Beit Broadcasting Corporation, new owners of the station.

Hugh Feitls, who has been general manager of KOIL, KFOR and KFAB, the last named also in Lincoln, would devote all his time as general manager of KFAB. KOIL and KFOR were separated from KFAB and bought by the Stuart interests for \$300,000 following an FCC ruling that no radio station owner may own more than one station serving the same primary area. Gray has been for 13 years division manager of the Katz Agency, radio station representatives at Kansas Clty.

### Invasion Crackerbarrel

NEW YORK, June 10 .- The invision has produced enough radio anecdotes to fill several luncheon speakers' story bags for generations to come. Here are a few of them:

Up at WMCA, New York, the newsroom boys started an invasion date pool six months ago. Of all the guesses, the best was that made by Johannes Steel, commentator. His guess: June 6, 1944.

Down in Washington, the NBC news staff decided to run a rehearsal of the invasion as they expected it would come off. The rehearsal was recorded May 9. One of the bulletins they used read like this: London-Supreme Allied Headquarters announced today that American and British troops have made landings on the French coast-almost the identical wording of communique No. 1 announcing the actual invasion.

In New York, Kate Smith was asked on Tuesday to announce, after nine minutes of her afternoon CBS show, that they were being switched to London. Neither she nor her manager, Ted Collins, made any answer to the request. Assuming that silence meant consent, the newsroom stood by---while Miss Smith talked for her entire 15 minutes.

Newsmen rushed to their posts in a variety of garments and a fantastic variety of conveyances. One of the best was the NBC engineer who came to his station like one of the Valkerie, pajamas flyingastride a milk wagon.

Listeners to WTAG called the station Tuesday to ask why their favorite soap operas were not on the air.

"There's an invasion going on you know," they were told. "We know," was the reply before they abruptly hung up.

#### JWT's "Least" Duplication

A Midwest newspaperman who picked J. Walter Thompson as the only agency worth tabbing, credited JWTs job as "most complete, with least duplication of network releases." This lack of duplication was the major reason given by edtors for voting for their ad-agency publicity department favorites. Reading the same copy twice is what hurts these days, when it comes to giving credit where credit isn't due.

Canadian editors voted for J. Walter Thompson because, to quote one contributor to the survey, "They send us more specific material on programs than other sources."

In the flack division many voted for the Ferris office because apparently his was the only office from which they received regular material. Others received votes because they were sending "program release material instead of just 'puffs.' "

One editor who went all-out for Ferris put his reasons right on the line with: "Ferris, by far, gives most complete coverage as far as actual news, side lights, gossip, etc., is concerned. Like 'manna from heaven' to a columnist."

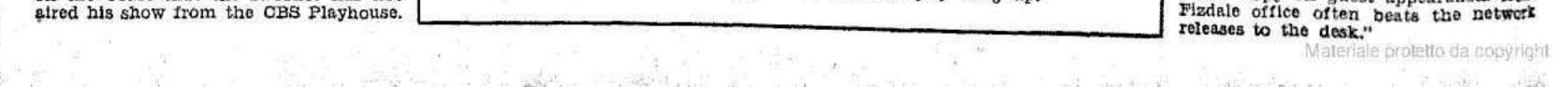
#### Flowers for Flacks

Bouquets for the other flacks who rated in the awards ran the gamut from "Fred Coll has only a few accounts but he handles them well" to "Alber valuable for tips, arranges interviews promptly."

Several editors pointed out that the voted for the flacks that they did because of the fact that they were given exclusive material and they could depend upon them. This was said time and time again about Ferris, Albers and Fizdale.

Hannagan was rated for his "lots d material-mostly good," "plenty of material on tap when wanted" and his "going service without pressing."

Fizdale was mitted several times because "copy on guest appearances from



#### The Billboard

RADIO-TELEVISION 11

### TELEVISION REVIEWS

#### **DuMont Television**

Reviewed Wednesday (7), 8:15-9:45 p.m. Style-Drama, film, songs, news. Sustaining on WABD (New York).

DuMont segs show a flair for innovation and a certain attempt to master the medium rather than have it master them. Wednesday's show was no exception, but it suffered, not from a plethora of technical errors or production faults, but rather from comparison with pix.

First half-hour shot was a dramatized recruiting poster for the WAC, called Penny Keeps Her Head. Material for the show was taken from WAC files and whipped into a fair script by the staff of Charles Storm ad agency. It had some pace, some interest, and was well acted by Sgt. Eloise Sidle, Pvt. Alyce Nickles, John McQuade, Bill Charles, Marie Kenny, Robert Warren, George Foster and Buddy Pepper.

The major fault in the presentation was the entirely stationary camera which didn't move a single, solltary inch during the whole half-hour show. It may be that DuMont and Storm want to borrow from the legit stage with the idea of a single-camera angle as a video reproduction of the theater audlence's immobility, but they should remember that in legit the actors move around the stage. That movement is impossible with present-day tele cameras unable to get effective long shots without loss of detail.

One new idea introed Wednesday was the use of WAC posters flashed on the screen, with a musical background to cover up scene changes. The changes themselves took very little time principally because there was very little scenery. Off-camera prompting, here evident in several places, is still an unsolved problem which can possibly be alleviated by placing scripts on blackboards. It will be a tough job, but it will work.

#### **CBS** Television

Reviewed Thursday (8), 8-10 p.m. Style-Quiz, pianologue and film. Sustaining on WCBW (New York).

Several things were proven during this scanning-not the least of which was the fact that a good up-to-the-minute film doesn't have to lose a thing from being televised. CBS aired The Negro Soldier to open the evening's looking in-and less than 1 per cent of the pic was lost by being sent thru the air. Of course there were many more close-ups in this documentary presentation than there are in a straight entertainment presentation. The rapid flow of camera movement from face to face, from pulpit to congregation, helped the sound track. It proved the claim of engineers who contend that since it's possible to conpossible to use for live shows, film must fact these new sources are available now but only for war work.

with Vera Massey. Here CBS started cooking with gas. It realized for the first time that a girl has to be glamourized. It used baby spots plus the regular floods to give Miss Massey a bit of crosslighting at the piano. The cameramen, Howard Hays and Phil Bretz, contrived to keep her in focus at all times-well nearly all times. Once or twice, when Miss Massey looked down her nose, her face foreshortened and became a geometric instead of something alive. Boom mike work was best while she was seated at the plano singing, and sound came thru as good if not better than other FM broadcasting. There was some sputtering while she was moving, but not much. Miss Massey is telegenic beyond a doubt. She has a voice, too, which counts when a performer is supposed to sing. She didn't even go sour when she did her talking to her absent sweetheart's picture-which is something, The set looked like a home, and if there didn't seem to be any reason why she moved off the piano stool on to the floor next to the armchair where her sweetle used to slt-well there doesn't have to be too much logic in a song picture.

## **RKO's Ralph Austrian Tells** Tele Meet That Theater Will Slap Air Video Around

#### Blue's Ed Kobak Has a Few Answers

ture business, in the person of Ralph B. television. Speaking at the Radio Ex- at home. ecutives' Club's Television Seminar, the RKO exec bluntly as much as told the assembled radio execs and video novitiates "not to knock themselves out worrying about the commercial future of television; that the motion picture theater operator the tele people, tried to do.".

Backbone of Austrian's hair-raiser was centrate more light on film than it's his insistence that the exhibitor was a showminded and showwise gent in a be the answer until new sources of light business that coined a potful of dough are developed post-war. As a matter of every month; that the exhibitor would protect his theater investment by going out and buying video rights to special The pic was followed by a pianologue events, buy also the best video talent, for exclusive showing in movie theaters.

> What the RKO exec didn't tell the television seminar was that his firm had just organized the RKO Television Corporation to produce video programs, that his speech was a perfect promotion piece for this new firm. Another thing Austrian

Salt Lake Stations **Readying Tele Plans;** Also in Sked FM SALT LAKE CITY. June 10 .- Station KUTA (Blue) this week applied for a commercial television permit from the FCC. The Blue's 5,000-watter is the first station locally to apply for a commercial permit, and according to Frank Carmen, president and manager, is ready to go prosecution if they tried to do everything as soon as equipment is released. an experimental video permit, as well as for an FM channel. KDYL has an ace films to get people to stop watching their enough FM sets to inaugurate that serv- movies. ice. The third major Salt Lake City station, KSL, a 50-kilowatter, has not applied for a television permit. Affiliated with CBS, the station, according to execs, is waiting for the development of an ultra high-frequency band, permitting the broadcasting of color before completing video plans. It has, however, set its engineering staff to studying video problems in the rugged mountain territory, and is ready to go when the construction permits are in order.

NEW YORK, June 10 .- The motion pic- did not tell his audience was how the exhibitor was going to sell tele shows in Austrian, video exec of RKO Pix, this competition with the free video enterweek tried to scare the bejabbers out of tainment that the customer would get

#### **Exhibs No Paragons**

Nor did he explain how the exhibitors, especially the indie and nabe operators who are now the bane of the major pic producer promotioneers, were going to suddenly become paragons of programing and promotion. Nor did he explain what lead him to believe that the radio people who would lead the progression into television would scare so easily, especially since some of them had heard many of Mr. Austrian's pet theories expounded by itinerant legit promoters at least 10 years ago.

Much of what the RKOman did not explain Mr. Ed Kobak, Blue web exec. did explain. Thus Kobak countered Austrian's remark about the exhibitor having 11 million seats in his theaters by mentioning that radio has 120 million armchairs in the living rooms of the nation.

Kobak also pointed out that a radio advertiser, Gillette, now has the world series and All-Star Baseball Games sewed up, would presumably keep it sewed up for video. Likewise NBC now has a television deal with Madison Square Garden, Adams Hats has the out-of-town fights cinched for airing, Gillette has the Mike Jacobs fights for broadcasting; that all of . them would protect their video futures.

#### Maybe Monopoly?

Following the live drama, DuMont presented two films. The first, a signal corps pic, called We're in the Army Now, continued the WAC theme and vividly demonstrated the long road video has to travel until it reaches the level of the movies. The other film was an old Mack Sennett short, with Bing Crosby, called Blue of the Night.

Closing 30 minutes of the seg was Lever Bros.' soap commercial with music and news. The method of flashing thoughts on the screen to illustrate Lifebouy's efficiency is good. It works something like this: Gal walks in with a guy. She sings songs while he gets the eye from another gal. Thoughts over second girl's head say: "He's nice. I like him." She gets close to the guy and discovers: "He has B. O." Guy gets the idea, goes out for a Lifebouy shower and comes back to the arms of both women.

Sam Cuff's news shot was good, altho fewer views of the map (camera was trained on it for 10 long minutes), and a completely white pointer against the which scanned the entire group looked dark background would help. There is, of course, much to be said for the allmap technique. It does improve the not even editors could look that bad. commentary by allowing the speaker to look at his notes all the time.

Marty Schrader.

## Dep't Stores **Tele Seminar**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- A video seminar for a group of department and specialty store execs, which will teach them how tele advertising will help their biz. is being prepared by Irwin Shane, director of the Television Workshop, at the request of Arkwright, Inc., a retailers' syndicate representative.

It's said that the department store men are looking ahead for a medium that will either replace or 'supplement black and white advertising, and that the intra-store use of the medium has real selling ability.

#### Hildegarde Replaces Skelton; Eddie Mayehoff MC on Band

a new series Tuesday (13) titled Raleigh club. Announcer will be Tom Shirley for NBC and knows at least as much as

Wherever You Are, the name of this sequence, was an object lesson to all workers in the video medium. It doesn't have to be bad, Credit Gilbert Seldes and Tony Miner for this contribution to visual air programing.

What followed was not so hot. It was another quiz session. This time workers on Cue, consumer theatrical publication, made a go at it and like all other "authorities" made fools of themselves. However, that's neither here nor there. What is important is that the far shots like a family pic out of 1900, and the near shots were so badly lighted that Most of the questions were mental teasers rather than visual. One, however, the attempted identification of stars thru photographic negatives of their pictures, was good. What CBS missed was actually scanning the negatives as they would have scanned slides so that they'd go the full face of the cathode tube width on home receivers. This would have required two negatives, of course, but it would have brought the looker into the presentation, a vital factor if anyone willing to pick up the tab, sponvideo is to become anywhere near as personal as broadcasting.

What's basically wrong with the CBS quiz sessions is that the quiz master, Ben Feiner, is no telegenic "Doctor I. Q." No quiz can be any better than the ques- Ralph B. Austrian, as exec v.-p.; Maltion thrower, and Ben seems often thrown by the questions instead of throwing them. Besides he'd never lure a dame to the receiver and that's important, too. Kojo Martin.

(Red) Collyer, announcer.

CHICAGO, June 10. - Replacing the rently appearing on Broadway in Early thing the film parent has to offer, (3) Red Skelton show, Hildegarde debuts in to Bed and at the Blue Angel night Tom Hutchinson was tele program chief

## **RKO** in Video With Both Feet

NEW YORK, June 10.-Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corporation, film producers, this week got around to telling the trade what the trade already new; namely, that RKO was going into the video production biz. The new corporation, RKO-Television, will produce for sor, exhibitor or operator.

Set-up has N. Peter Rathvon, RKO prez, as chairman of the board of RKO-Television Corporation. Other RKO-Tele execs are Frederic Ullman Jr., as prez; colm Kingsberg, now RKO treasurer, as RKO-Tele v.-p.; Tom Hutchinson, as top producer, and Arthur Will, now talent and casting exec for RKO pix, doubling over in the same chore for the video subsidiary.

The organization figures to be a porettes. Hildegarde will be assisted by tent influence in the future of video Harry Sosnik's orchestra and Clayton program productions as (1) Ullman, now prexy of Pathe News, is a specialist in Replacing Hildegarde on the Beat the producing film shorts, (2) the RKO tie-Band show is Eddle Maychoff, actor, cur- up gives the new firm entry to every-

The Blue web exec, no easy mark when it comes to thinking on his feet and making his points, also mentioned that the exhibitors might be open to monopoly Ralph Austrian figured they might and Station KDYL has already applied for should do. Finally Kobak noted that television would probably sell time to the in FM via a deal for franchises on video sets at home and instead go to the

> The inference here was clear. After years of selling radio has finally gotten pic people to where they are now sponsoring radio program designed to do just that, get audience to leave their sets and go buy admission to see the movies.

It was a good session, just about the best so far, and should bring a capacity audience for the next meet of the seminar. But someone should tell the film boys that radio men are no slouches when it comes to showbiz savvy; also that radio men do not scare easily.

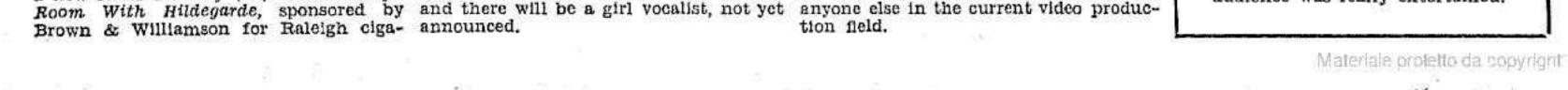
Someone might also have reminded Mr. Austrian of the days not so long ago when his powerful exhibitors were passing resolutions threatening to boycott film stars that appeared on radio programs. Likewise he might have been reminded of how some of his husky and high-brow exhibitors have likewise been running up with somewhat similar resolutions about television.

But, of course, no one did. After all Mr. Austrian was radio and television's guest at this seminar.

### **Tele Strip Show**

PHILADELPHIA, June 10 .--Philco Television demonstration last week for Poor Richard Club of ad men treated them to what was virtually a strip-tease routine. The first televised offering to come over presented a pretty girl showing how to paint on stockings as a plug for Elizabeth Arden.

The Franklin Institute, housing the exhibit, heard some whistling and cat-calls in the best traditional burly manner. Ad boys would have whooped it up more but the commentator for the leg display was quite good with the double entendre gags, so the audience was really entertained.



School Students Label-Wise

June 17, 1944

## Indies Win Beachheads

### Label popularity building of newcomers to record field shown by BB poll

NEW YORK, June 10 .- A comparatively new record company is crowding the Big Three! Hot jazz and collectors' disks are powerful label-popularity builders! At least a



few of the small indie platter makers have established beachheads on the record front! These are some of the facts revealed by The Billboard's First Annual Poll of High School Music Preferences. Coming about two

years after the AFM

ban on records, and approximately six months after some of the companies made their peace with Petrillo, the poll takes on far greater significance than it could have in normal circumstances. The key question in the record division of the poll asked the bobby-soxers to identify the record labels with which they were familiar. High schools, representing a healthy cross-section of the nation's pre-college kids, answers the question. Every single one identified RCA's two labels, Victor and Bluebird, and the Decca label. Counting the total reportings as 100 per cent, the percentage of identification of all labels tabbed is listed in an accompanying box. This shows that, following the first-place tie between the three mentioned, second place was tied up between the two Columbia Recording Corporation labels, Columbia and Okeh. Only a few of the student groups failed to mention these two tags which earned a perfect identification rating.

### The Billboard First Annual Poll Of **High School Music Preferences IDENTIFICATION RATINGS OF RECORD LABELS**

OF THE 400 high schools polled, a representative cross-section chose to answer the question: "Which record labels can you identify?" The figure in the right-hand column indicates the percentage of those schools which identified each of the respective labels.

See accompanying story for complete analysis and details.)

RATING	G LABEL	PERCENTAGE   R	ATING LABEL	PERCENTAGE
1.	Bluebird	Second Construction of the second	2. Harmonia	26%
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			4. De Luxe	23%
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3.	Capitol	89%		
4.	Brunswick	81% ] 1	6. Feature	19%
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6.	Commodore	49% 1	8. Asch	15%
7.	Apollo Keynote	··· 41% ]	9. Premier	14%
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## Lou Martin Ork **To Asbury Park**

To leave Leon & Eddie's after nine years-adding sidemen to band

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Lou Martin, who almost went with the lease at Leon & Eddic's (he's been there for nine years), has decided to call it quits. He's reforming his ork, building it to 11 aidemen plus a canary, and striking out on his own way from 52d Street.

He opens for the summer at Rainbow Inn, Asbury Park, N. J. In the fall he expects to go into either one of two Philly hotels or a local hotel.

In addition to his ork work, Martin has also branched out into the music publishing biz forming the Lou Martia Publishing Company, His first two numbers, already in print, are Rainbow Island and What Are You Gonna Do With all Your Money. A third one, also a Martin original, Pin-Up Girl, will be published in the immediate future.



#### Has Ban Hit Hard?

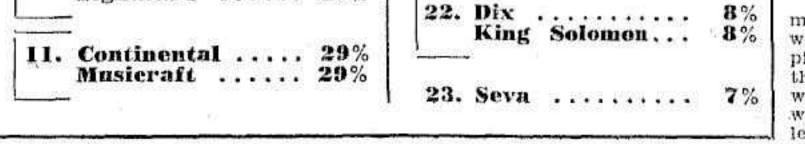
With first and second places copped by the Big Three disk makers, it would seem, at first glance, that the Petrillo nix-ukase hasn't had too serious an effect on the leadership picture. It would also seem that Decca's edge in being able to turn out new disks since last November (when they signed with Petrillo), while Victor and Columbia have not yet been able to cut new sides, hasn't resulted in Decca's pushing out ahead of the Camden and Bridgeport outfits. A great deal of the edge may have been nullified, of course, by the Victor, Columbia, Bluebird and Okeh re-issues and releases of disks cut in the month preceding the ban's effective date.

And the leadership picture appears to

Jockeys Again!

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Two record companies, which have thus far released only one record each, won 19 per cent and 8 per cent identification ratings in The Billboard's First Annual Poll of High School Music Preferences. They were WOR Recording Studio's Feature and Dix, owned by Dick Gilbert. Answer to students' familiarity with labels in both cases is the disk jockey plugging they got. WOR, naturally, was able to get Steve Ellis and other Mutual station platter spinners to promote the feature disk, Jan Garber's Long Ago and Far Away, backed by Once Too Often. Similarly, WHN Disk Jockey Gilbert gave his own waxing many a ride. Earlier section of poll showed radio to be media thru which most students heard records. Jukes and home phonos ran neck and neck for second place.



be headed for a change, at least in that another platter plant is apparently on its way to joining the top trio. This is' Capitol, the label of the Coast outfit similarly titled, Eighty-nine per cent of the bobby-soxers said they were familiar with the Capitol label. In business since June, 1942 (a little less than two months before the AEM said "no more records"), the Hollywood cutfit started out on the right foot and, ban or no ban, has been stepping forward ever since. Among its first batch of releases was Ella Mae Morse's Cow-Cow Boogie, which went a long way in putting the label and the singer on the map. Thru the band and up to November, 1943, when they again got an AFM okay, the Coast diskers kept enough good disks in the jukes, on record programs and in the homes to keep the label moving. Since November they've been pushing out hits and nearhits steadily. Johnny Mercer's G. I. Jive, Ella Mae Morse's Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet, Jo Stafford's Long Ago and Far Away and Andy Russell's Amor are all doing very well.

#### It's Know How

Answer to Capitol progress is fairly simple. The gents running it have the know-how. Firm is owned by Buddy DeSylva, Johnny Mercer and Glenn Wallichs. DeSylva, presently a producer on the Paramount lot, has showbiz savvy, talent and production contacts and much moola. Mercer, of course, is the top songsmith and singer and also has plenty talent and other contacts. Wallichs, whose Radio City Music Shop has long been one of Hollywood's most successful sheet and record retail establishments, knows disk merchandising cold. Mercer, it is said, picks all the talent and tunes to be recorded. He pays practically no attention to name value, as witness Ella Mae Morse and Jo Stafford (she started to record for Capitol with the Pied Pipers), who were relatively unknown when they cut their first Cap disks and are now at least headed toward namedom. Mercer's formula is one on which all diskers try to follow, often with uneven results: happy mating

of artists and song. Wallichs, since the beginning, has been hopping around the country setting up distributorships as rapidly as possible. Company now has set-ups in New York, Chicago, Hollywood, Dallas and Atlanta. Covering the country with five wholesalers is not the ideal set-up, but Capitol plans to set new ones up as rapidly as it can, and so far has obviously done all right with the limited structure.

#### Solid Promotion

Without spending a fortune for it, the outfit has done a solid job with promotion. Keystone of exploitation is The Capitol, house organ published about once a month. As house organs go, this is a newsy, chatty music-and-record big sheet, with Capitol plugs worked in lighty but effectively. Typical of hep slant of the sheet is a regular feature called Meet the Jockey, in which one disk (See HIGH SCHOOL WISE on page 63)

### **Hi-School Polka**

Aside from the Beer Barrel. around which everybody, young and old, was polkaing some years back, it hasn't been generally assumed that high-school kids care about polkas. Maybe they don't, but as high as 29 per cent of them said they were familiar with the Continental, Standard and other record labels which have been devoting a large part of their output to polkas. This was revealed in the disk label identification rating section of The Billboard's First Annual Poll of High School Music Preferences. Both polka pressers have recently been pushing non-polka diskings. Continental is making a drive on its Swoon Song and Wolf Song while Standard has re-issued Get a Move On, Cowboy and Tend to Your Knitting, novelty waxing.

man rehearsed a large unit in town last week for his stint in the Walt Disney pic re shorthair music. Goodman is the only band signed by Dianey so far, with latter waiting to see how B. G. works out before going ahead with other leaders. So far, no name on pic has been released.

Sidemen who sat in with Goodman were Mack McMickle, Charlle Shavers, Billy Butterfield, Vernon Brown, Hymie Sherzer, Ben Webster, Arthur Rollini, Ernie Caceras, Sid Weiss, Julie Rubin, Cozy Cole, Teddy Wilson and Alan Russe.

Weiss was contractor for date.

### **James Big Standout** In Band-Pull in N.Y.

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Despite the 30 per cent tax, Harry James's band. current at the Hotel Astor Roof, is turning 'em away as in past years. Spot is doing by far best biz in town, with reservations pouring in days in advance.

Hotel employees at the elevators are told to tell those going to the roof garden that there's little chance of getting a table if no reservation. Astor seats 850, and James is reported totaling over 1,000 covers a night.

Other places around about: Boyd Rasburn at Commodore; Tony Pastor at the New Yorker; Glen Gray at the Pennsylvania; Dean Hudson at the Lincoln, and Lawrence Welk at the Edison are doing fair to middlin' biz, with only week-ends showing anything exceptional in payce attendance.

### **Goodman Sextet** Album Is Planned

NEW YORK, June 10 .--- Columbia is preparing a Benny Goodman sextet album retailing at \$2.50 for four records. It is to be released July 15. Disks are oldies, first put on sale quite a while back. They feature Georgie Auld, Count Basie, Fletcher Henderson, Cootle Williams and Johnny Guarnieri and have sold as jazz classics in the individual release series.

B. G. traveled to Columbia's plant in Bridgeport, Conn., to pick out the records he wanted in the album.



## Labor Board Slaps Back at **RCA and CBS**

#### **Urges** Collective Bargaining

WASHINGTON, June 10 .--- The National War Labor Board came back at RCA-Victor and the Columbia Broadcasting System for complaints at what the companies called an unprecedented delay in the national board giving a decision on the dispute between the record and transcription companies and the American Federation of Musicians.

On Wednesday (8) RCA and CBS filed a protest with the War Labor Board in Washington, in the form of a telegram which received lengthy coverage in the press. "We know of no other case in which the board permitted the suspension of work for so long," the wire said, indicating that the matter had been before the Labor Board for 10 months.

Acting Chairman George W. Taylor's letter to the companies accused them of knowing that a decision could be expected at an early date and said that their telegram was construed as "pressure of the most unwarranted kind."

The letter pointed out that the case had been before the courts and also before the subcommittee of the Senate before the companies turned to the Labor Board. "The Senate subcommittee recommended collective bargaining," the letter said, adding that the board assumed jurisdiction at the urging of the companies and against the objections of the union. "Nevertheless," the letter continued, "two of the three companies which signed your telgram refrained from entering the case until after the other companies in the

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for five shorts for Paramount. . . . Dean Hudson will play for New York Box, that city. Stage Door Canteen on reopening June 20. . . Al Celley leaving Bob Chester to become road manager for Duke Ellington. . . . June Styne and Sammy Cahn signed by MGM to write more numbers for Sinatra's Anchors Aweigh.

#### Nydorf in Hospital

Mike Nydorf, General Amusement vicepresident, is recuping in French Hospital from a minor operation. Nydorf recently got an honorable discharge from the army. . . . AFM exec board makes it final in matter of \$1,250 fine against Eugene Goosens, Cincy Symph conductor, confirming fine and suspension for three months assessed by Cincinnati local,

. . . Leopold Stokowski does not get a renewal of his NBC co-conductors contract for next season. Toscanini will baton 16 concerts. Guests will conduct others in NBC series.

Songwriters' League's national secretary, John N. Lenz, is a candidate for Michigan State Legislature from Detroit. He's a Democrat. . . . Chuck Gordon is back at Wagner's Ballroom, Philly, for the summer. . . . Hal Grayson asks musicians to have army discharges when they call to audition for jobs in his ork. . . . Former Sunny Dunham road manager, Jerry Lester, new plugger for Campbell-Porgle pub in Hollywood,

Donna Lee, 16-year-old soprano, signed by RKO to long-term contract. . . . William Steinberg engaged to conduct San Francisco Opera Company in series of French, German and Italian operas. He batoned the New Rochelle (N. Y.) High School band this week at the request of student-daughter Sylvia.

#### Satchmo Busy

Louis Armstrong and ork checked into Republic for "Atlantic City" role. Armstrong will double between the Trianon, Southgate, and the valley lot. . . . Tiny Wolf replaces Tommy Ryan as leader of the Blue Barron band when the outfit moves into Bill Green's Casino, Pittsburgh, June 23 for four weeks.

Boyd Raeburn to be musical director five-year run at the Club De Lisa, Chicago, has been booked into the Band

> AFM exec board upheld Billie Rogers-Woody Herman contract nixing. The herd's former featured trumpeter can continue leading her own unit..., Freddy Slack inked for four-week stint at Hollywood's Slapsy Maxie's. . . . Pearl S. Spector, former CBS secretary, now in South Pacific with Red Cross, is lyric author of "America the Free" published by her jather, Nathan L. Spector, who wrote the music. . . . Harms will publish "To Keep My Love Alive" and "You Always Love the Same Girl," both from new edition of "Connecticut Yankee."

#### 17-Year-Old Leader

Seventeen-year-old Johnny Phillips is moving his band into Philly's Met Ballroom. . . . Clarence Fuhrman has added Helen Behre Braun, gal fiddler, to his Philadelphia hand. . . . George Olsen ork from Stevens, Chicago, to Peabody, Memphis. . . . Del Courtney now at Lake Club, Springfield, Ill. . . . Donna Dale, Fred Waring thrush, doing theater dates. . . . Al Trace has just waxed his 85th Lang-Worth transcription. . . Roy Jacobs new contact man for American Academy of Music, pubs.

Philly songwriters Wallace Henderson and Billy James have given Mills "Yankee Bugle Call." . . . Organists' Guild sponsors contest for anthem by American or Canadian composer for \$100 offered by H. W. Gray Company. Chicago singing teachers sponsoring similar offer for song for one voice and plano, W. W. Kimball paying the hundred.

#### Three-Hour Enlistment

Trumpeter Wally Kline, with Spike Jones, claims a record-in the army and out in three hours-asthma. . . . Ellis McClintock ork at Toronto Casa Loma. Trumpeter McClintock has 14-piece jump outfit. . . . Ovando and His Pan American Music back for second summer at Babette's Atlantic City supper club. . . . We Need Roosevelt is the title of a new song by Philly writers Frank Capana and Samuel Slater. . . New York's Mayor La Guardia is planning a circult of cities that will use municipal opera. productions that start in New York City Center. . . Former Jack Teagarden planist Rex Drago (now army T/4) got top honors for band he leads in competition between army units at Camp Bragg. Other winner was headed by Sgt. Frank Hanshaw, former manager of Bob Byrne's band,

## **AFM**Convention **Backs** Petrillo In Record Ban

#### **Vote of Approval Given**

CHICAGO, June 10 .--- Every session of the 48th annual convention of the AFM has been concerned with the question of mechanical music and the recording controversy. Speakers have all advocated a continuance of the record ban.

Officers and the executive board were given a vote of approval in a resolution introduced by J. K. Wallace, president of Local 47, Los Angeles. The resolution passed unanimously reads:

"No member of the AFM shall take employment or become employed in the making and manufacturing of records and transcriptions upon terms and conditions different from those prescribed in the Decca contract or in the 'Four Employer Contract,' and the officers of the AFM hereby stand instructed to refrain from entering into any contracts or agreements with any person, company or employer who seeks the services of any musician in the making of records and transcriptions unless such person, company or employer enters into a written agreement with the Federation embodying the same terms and conditions now included in the 'Decca' contract and the 'Four Employer Contract,' and the convention ratifies and confirms all acts of the officers and the executive board of the Federation heretofore taken on the subject referred to in this resolution."

**802 Must Take Back** Member Expelled on '42 Kick-Back Charge NEW YORK, June 10.-Bernie Schmidt, formerly contractor at a New York theater for AFM Local Union 802, must be reinstated as a member of the local, according to a decision by Justice Benvenga, of the New York Supreme Court. The declsion was rendered Thursday (7). and ended a protracted legal fight.

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case had entered into contracts with the union, thereby settling their dispute.

"You know that the signatories to your telegrams are the only companies which have thus far failed to settle their differences with the union by collective bargaining. You also know that the board, like the Senate subcommittee, has thruout this case been of the opinion that collective bargaining was the method best suited to dispose of this controversy, and that the recent effort by the board to provide the parties with a fair and equitabel basis for collective bargaining which would preserve the principles for both sides for which they have vigorously contended."

### **Dorso - Squires** New Middlebrow **Booking Office**

NEW YORK, June 10. - Dick Dorso, head of Century Artists, Ltd., has announced the formation of a subsidiary, Century Concerts, Ltd., with Harry D. Squires as president. Squires severed his connection with the William Morris Agency to join Dorso. The announcement says he will extend his concert activities to include Phil Spitalny, Edwin Franko Goldman, Eileen Farrell, Sigmund Spacth and others. Included in City. the list announced also is the soloist and choregrapher of the ballet, Fancy Free, Jerome Robbins, and a concertized version of Earl Robinson's A Lonesome Train, which was done by Norman Corwin on CBS. A Lyn Murray chorus and orchestra is planned for the latter.

#### Andrews Sisters Concerts

Among early activities announced for Squires and Century Concerts is the initial venture on the concert platform of the Andrews Sisters. A tour is skedded for August, with a piano duo and incidental instrumentalists in support. Ralph Singer, who handled Sigmund Romberg's concert tour for Squires, has come to Century Concerts from the Morris Agency.

Another addition to the Dorso organization in New York is Marty Melcher, personal rep of the Andrews Sisters.

Ray Bradshaw, fiddling leader of Orville Knapp-type band, has Bob Peterman as vocalist.... Bob Chester signed another year's contract with his warbler Betty Bradley. . . . Jimmy Dale and ork signed by Central Booking Office, Chicago.

#### Behind the Scene Boys

P. A. Eddie Jaffee reported to have lost \$3,000 in Dream With Music. Maybe he should have stood in bed. . . . Pee Wee Monte back as Harry James manager. Dave Hyltone probably will resume roadman duties. James's p. a. Henry Rogers and missus return to Coast.

Milt Ebbins, Count Basie personal manager, rented a place at Malibu Beach-without a phone. . . . Glenn Dolberg in Hollywood as field rep for BMI. Was with KFI-KECA. . . . Gus McCarthy, vet trade paper man, succeeds Hal Halley as p. a. for Hollywood Palladium.

#### Barg to Robbins

Erwin Barg, formerly manager of Miller Music, Chicago, now heads Jack Robbins Chicago office. . . . Phil Miller new manager at Miller. . . . Dick Abbott and ork are at the President Hotel, Kansas

Carl Sands, formerly arranger for Criff Williams ork at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo., rounding out 40th week and skedded to continue till Labor Day. . . . Henri Gendron, who re- . cently fronted his own cocktail unit, is now appearing with his new 15-piece ork at the Boulevard Room, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

Carlton Hauck, 12 weeks at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, now at the Chase Hotel, St. Louis, also inked for the Colony and Surf Club, New York, June 30. . . . Jay McShann and his jump band did three jubilee overseas broadcasts before leaving for Hollywood. . . . Ada Leonard has added several fem musicians to her group. . . . Allan Kane and ork, after a five-year absence from Chicago, have been inked into the Tavern Room of Blsmarck Hotel, Chi, starting June 16. . . .

#### **BMI Production Head Quits**

Joe Ross, with BMI since its inception, has resigned as head of production staff. He joins Robbins Music June 19. . . . Ernest Werner, former Columbia Records researcher and more recently with Robbins, joins Muzak for music-in-industry department duties.

Jimmy Dorsey cut four sides for Decca in Hollywood last week after cleaning up his MGM stint. . . Universal is using 56-piece ork for music in "Bowery to Broadway."

Main Street Songs, new BMI outlet for Bob Miller songs, have just pubbed Ain't You a Little Bit Sorry?, by Marion Aldrich, A. Dahle and Johnny Whitney. . . . Barry Wood signed for a date next year at Roxy, New York. . . r Ad agency gave Fred Waring silver platter on sign-off Chesterfield series. Band threw party for the boss after last show Friday (9). . . . Johnny Long is auditioning male vocalists in New Orleans. Gene Williams due for uniform in August.

Carl Fischer is lawing Norcross over Norcross Red, White and Blue Book for inclusion of song, Nothing'll Stop the Air Corps Now, pubbed by Fischer. . . fab with Ralph Peer, publisher of Galindo's songs. . . . Artie Weiner, now piano player with Lou Martin at Leon & there when Martin leaves to form a new band.

#### Mason Sisters Join Stern

Mason Sisters have joined Harold Stern at the Essex House. . . . Song, Paper Doll, still in the courts, with claimant Red Saunders, who has just finished a (See MUSIC GRAPEVINE on page 17)

Schmidt was charged with collecting a kick-back from a musician in Mag. 1942, and when tried by 802, was fined \$1,000 and expelled from the union.

The court decision invalidates the expulsion on the grounds that the trial was not conducted under the rules for such trials as laid down in the by-laws of the local, and that consequently the fine and dismissal from the union should be set aside as illegal under the rules of the union.

No opposition to reinstatement of Schmidt is expected from 802 officials, but there was no comment on the possibility of a second trial on the old charges. The opinion of the court said: "The evidence in my opinion, shows a violation of Article IV, Section 1, of the by-laws," but it did not approve of the failure of the complaining musician to sign the complaint.

A second trial will largely hinge on the willingness of the complainant to appear and to go thru the formalities required by the union by-laws.

## Welk Waxes for Decca and World

NEW YORK, June 10.-Lawrence Welk is taking full advantage of his current stay at the Hotel Edison's Green Room. Last week he waxed 15 numbers for World Broadcasting, most of them cur-Pedro Galindo, writer of Te Quiero, has rent popular tunes. These will be used left Hollywood for Mexico City after con- in World Library Transcription Service, but some of them may be lifted by Decca for disk release.

In addition, Welk cut four sides for Eddie's, New York, will take over the ork Decca, two of them polkas for which he is widely known. Jayne Walton and Bobby Beers did vocals in several numbers, and a new male trio formed from members of the band assisted with Up, Up, Up.

> An album of polkas by Welk is being considered. Leader has made a number of them previously.



#### THE STAND ON

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

**Mickey Alpert** (Reviewed at Hurricane Restaurant, New York)

**MRST** appearance on Broadway of Mickey Alpert, long a Boston standby, is marked by a band of little distinction. with leader's affable fronting the long suit. Band just moved over from Belmont Plaza, Eastside spot, to take over spot for Duke Ellington who, tho skedded for entire summer, moved out because of the drop in biz due to the 30 per cent tax. Lesser cost of Alpert's 12-piece combo, as compared to Ellington's large band, will help in face of decreased number of payces.

Band, altho small in personnel compared to larger units now in vogue, makes adequate music for dancing. Instrumentation is three brass, four sax and three rhythm, and gal vocalist, Carol Horton. Music for the most part is done straight, little special arrangements, and perhaps that's not a bad idea, for payees can always recognize the tune. There's no loud brass, rambling saxes or wild in-the-groove ensemble playing.

Alpert's kidding personality is the draw, and his reputation, altho not very well known around New York as yet, will be boosted by his Main Stem appearance. Gal, a pretty chick, did It Had to Be You and G. I. Jive when caught, and has plenty on the ball. Paul Secon.

#### **Red Norvo**

(Reviewed at Hickory House, New York) DED NORVO crew, which has been at In the 52d Street spot for almost two months, numbers six, and never stints during the evening on subtle, yet shoulder-shakin' jazz.

Hickory avoids the nitery tax because there are no vocalists and no dancing, with band making with notes from within a circular bar located in center of room. Boys play from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. and keep barflys plenty happy. Norvo is playing plenty of vibes when soloing and giving others good lift background on their singles. He has Dan Negri on piano, Aaron Sachs on clarinet, Reino Palmeri on electric guitar, Clyde Lombard on bass and Ed Dell on drums, and sentet makes the sparks fly when hitting on all cylinders. They do ballad tunes well, maintaining a high level of jazz all evening. Added color tone is gained by grouping Norvo with clarinet and electric guitar for jump opening, one better than the last, generating exthen building into full ensemble, then citement to the last note. Instrumensoloing, then back to original trio.

#### **Eddie Stone**

(Reviewed at Trianon Ballroom, Chicago) CDDIE STONE, who made his big-time L band-leading debut at the Aragon Ballroom here eight weeks ago and is now playing an alternate date at the Trianon, is another sideman who switched over to baton wielding. This personable chap makes a good front. He has a solid musical background, having been with Isham Jones for 15 years, and with Freddy Martin for five.

His hand has the same style of Isham Jones, even to the point of leading off with that leader's famed theme, You're Just a Dream Come True. Set-up is four violins, bass, drums plano, three reeds and three brass. Smooth arrangements in relaxed tempo are the band's forte but crew is equally adept at swinging out subdued jump melodies. Stone has stayed away from hot blaring music by concentrating on the violin section, with the reeds and brass furnishing the soft rhythmic backing. Highlights of his numbers display the distinctive leadoff of the four strings-Stone and his three gal violinists-giving an organ ef-

fect background on all take-offs. Library includes pop tunes, danceable classic melodies, Latin American numbers and original novelties, Stone also comes in for many vocals. His voice has personality and quality that fits in with the band's smooth style. Harriet Pollins and Al Reeves also sing. Miss Pollins does pop tunes, while Reeves concentrates mostly on Latin American numbers. Both singers have fine voices.

For a newly organized band, this group has plenty on the ball. Audience reaction is good and they have already become favorites at both spots here.

Jack Baker.

#### Lew Geay New Band

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- Lew Geay and his new 17-piece band, with Jean Taylor and Danny Lee in the vocal department, open June 13 at Zucca's Terrace, Hermosa Beach, Calif. Band will KMTR and KFOX. General Amusement will handle the new crew.

#### **Buddy Rich to MCA**

HOLLYWOOD, June 10.-Buddy Rich will go under the MCA banner for bandfronting purposes when he winds up his stint as drummer with the Tommy Dorsey crew, an agency spokesman stated this week. However, there are no defiair twice nightly, 30 minutes each over nite plans for formation of the new ork. as Rich will remain with Dorsey Indefinitely.



doing 10 choruses on Man I Love, each

### Sonny Dunham to Palladium

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Sonny Dunstill one of the best musicians around, ham, current at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, goes into the Los Angeles Palladium July 25, fulfilling an option calling for band's services when Dunham played the spot two years ago. He was supposed to fill it last year, but bookings never coincided with Palladium's openings, so option had to be filled this year. Dunham is in for six weeks, getting \$750 per more than last time he appeared at the place.

talists with him are all good, and to-Norvo scintillates thruout, for example gether the band puts on a top-flight show.

# By "TRUMMIE" YOUNG

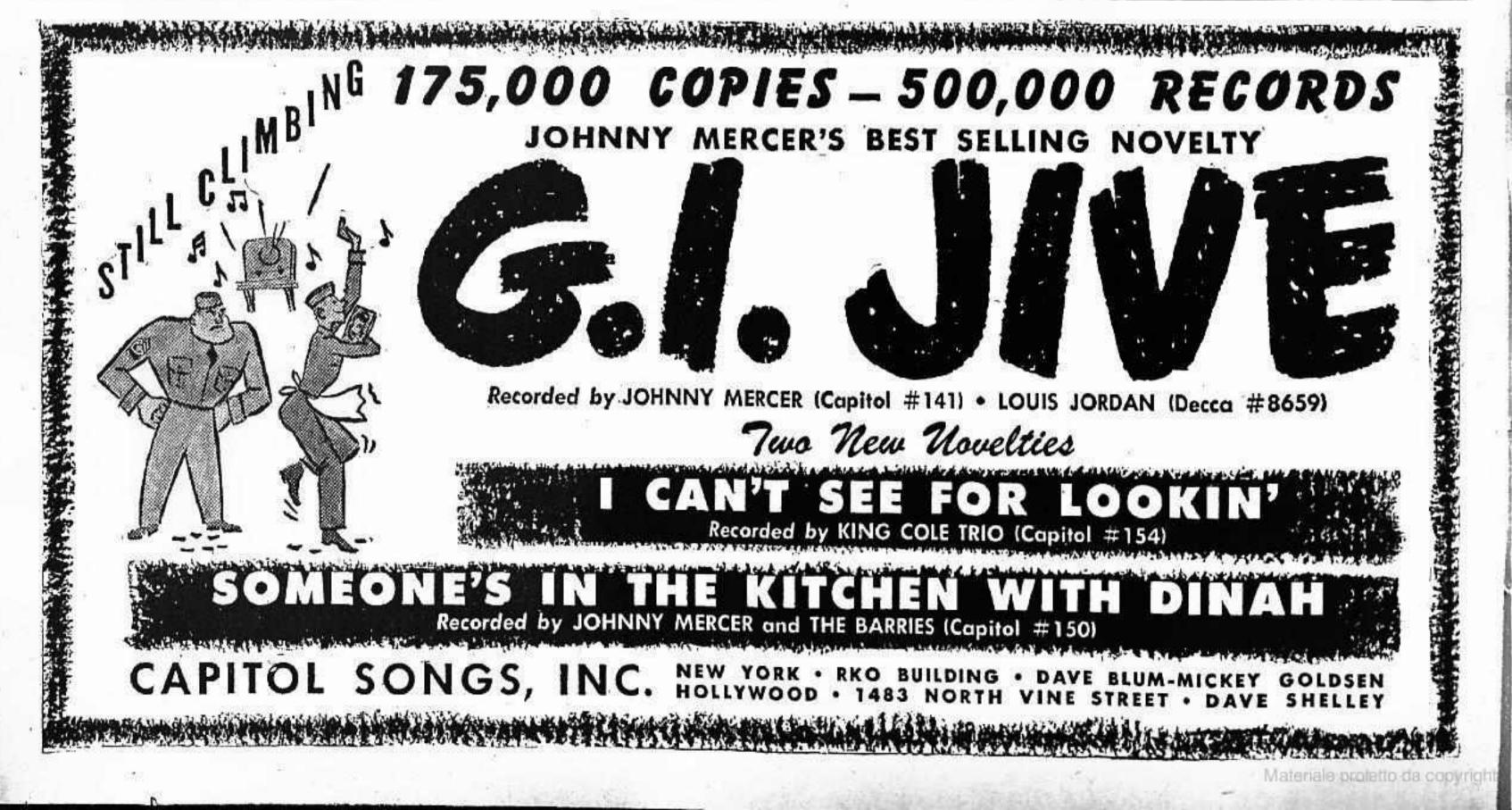
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### SONGS WITH MOST RADIO PLUGS

The following are the leading songs on the basis of the largest number of network pluga (from New York outlets WJZ, WEAF, WABC and WOR) for the past week. Posi-tion in the list is no indication of a song's "most played" status, since all songs are listed alphabetically.

Compilation is based upon data supplied by Accurate Reporting Service, with plugs per tune omitted by The Billboard. (M) Song in legit musical. (F) Song in film musical. CULTURE TO

TITLE	PUBLISHER
A Fellow on a Furlough (F)	Block
Amor (F)	Melody Lane
Anchors Aweigh	Robbins
And So Little Time	Lincoln
Apple Blossoms in the Rain (F)	Southern
Army Air Corps	Fischer
Don't Sweetheart Me	Advanced
Goodnight, Wherever You Are	Shapiro-Bernstein
Holiday for Strings	Bregman-Vocco-Conn
How Blue the Night (F)	Robbins
How Many Hearts Have You Broken?	Advanced
I Love You (M)	Chappell
I'll Be Seeing You	Williamson
I'll Get By (F)	Berlin
It Could Happen To You (F)	Famous
It Had To Be You (F)	Remick
It's Love, Love, Love	Santly-Joy
Kentucky	BMI
Long Ago (And Far Away) (F)	Crawford
Look for the Silver Lining (M)	T. B. Harms
Louise (F)	Paramount
Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet (F)	Feist
Nobody Else But You	
Poinciana	
Pretty Kitty Blue Eyes	
San Fernando Valley	Morris
Some Day I'll Meet You Again (F)	Witmark
Swinging on a Star (F)	Burke-Van Heusen
Take It Easy (F)	Santly-Joy
Time Alone Will Tell (F)	Bregman-Vocco-Conn
Time Waits for No One (F)	
Too Much in Love (F)	Barion

### Lucky Strike HIT PARADE CBS, Safurday, June 10, 9-9:45 p.m. EWT.

### BEST SELLING SHEET MUSIC

This compilation is based upon weekly reports received from leading sheet music jobbers and dealers in important sheet distribution centers in the United States. (See sources below.) (M) Song in legit musical. (F) Song in film musical.

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Wk.	This Wk.
1	1. Long Ago (And Far Away) (F)Crawford
2	2. I'll Be Seeing YouWilliamson
3	3. I'll Get By (F)Berlin
7	4. Goodnight, Wherever You AreShapiro-Bernstein
237485	5. San Fernando Valley
8	6. Amor (F)Melody Lane
	7. I Love You (M) Chappell
6	8. Swinging on a Star (F)Burke-Van Heusen
	10. It Had To Be You (F) Remick
	11. G. I. Jive
	12. Some Day I'll Meet You Again (F)Witmark
	13. Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet (F)Feist
	14. Time Waits for No One (F)Remick
-	15. Time Alone Will Tell (F)Bregman-Vocco-Conn

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I'll Got By (F)	Berlin 3	з	3	3
Goodnight, Wherever You Are	Shapiro-Bernstein 4	5	6	4
San Fernando Valley	Morris 7	4	5	5
Amor (F) -	Melody Lane 5	6	10	7
Love You (M)	Chappell11	7	4	9
Swinging on a Star (F)	Burke-Van Heusen . 9	9	7	6
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### "HARLEM" HIT PARADE

Following list of most popular records in Harlem is based on sales reports from the

1. Long Ago (And Far Away) (F)Crawford
2. I'll Be Seeing You
3. I'll Get By (F)Berlin
4. San Fernando Valley
5. Goodnight, Wherever You AreShapiro-Bernstein
6. I Love You (M)Chappell
7. Amor (F)
8. It's Love, Love, Love
9. Swinging on a Star (F)Burke-Van Heusen
And the Following Extras: Lady Be Good, Chicago, There's a
Tayern in the Town, Alexander's Ragtime Band.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL BEST SELLING RETAIL RECORD SOURCES: Atlanta: Cox Prescription Shop. Beverly Hills, Calif .: Martindales's. Birmingham: Norien's Radio Shop; Louis Pizitz Dry Goods Co. Boston: The Melody Shop, Bridgeport, Conn.: Gilman Music Store; Howland Dry Goods Co.; Whiting Radio Service. Butte, Mont.: Dreibelbis Music Co. Chicago: Goldblatt Brothers; Hudson-Ross; Lyon & Healy; Marshall Field; Sears-Roebuck & Co.; Wurltzer's. Cincinnati: Song Bhop; Steinberg's, Inc.; Willis Music Co.; Wurlitzer's. Denver: Century Music Shop; The May Company; Charles E. Wells Music Co. Des Moines: Davidson Record Co.; Des Moines Music House. Fort Worth, Tex.: Kemble Bros.' Furniture Co. Hollywood: Music Shop; Music City; Hollywood House of Music. Jacksonville, Fla.: Butler's Record Shop. Los Angeles: The May Company, Louisville: Stewart Dry Goods Co. Miami: Richard's Store Co.; Burdine, Inc. Milwaukee: J. B. Bradford's Music House; Morton Lines Co.; Broadway House of Music. Newark, N. J.: G. & R. Record Shop; Radio Shop of Newark. New Orleans: Louis Grunewald Co., Inc. New York City: Center Music Store; Liberty Music Shop; Gaiety Music Shop; Rabson's Music Shop; R. H. Macy & Co.; Abraham & Strauss, Inc.; Broadway Melody Shop. Philadelphia: Downtown Record Shop; Alex A. Gettlin; Highpoint Record Shop. Pittsburgh: Volkwein Bros., Inc. Portland, Ore.; Meier & Frank Co. Raleigh, N. C.: C. H. Stephenson Music Co.; Joseph E. Thiem Co. Richmond, Va.: Gary's Record Shop; Walter D. Moses & Co.; Corley Record Co. St.Louis: Acolian Co. St. Paul, Minn.: Mayflower Novelty Co. Salt Lake City: Z. C. M. I. Gramaphone Shop. San Antonio: Alamo Piano Co. Washington, D. C.: George's Radio Co. Westwood, Calif.: Music Shop.

## **Much Music Entertainment** At AFM Convention in Chi

CHICAGO, June 10 .- The Chicago local set an all-time high in entertainment of delegates to the AFM's 48th annual conclave. The reps from the 700-odd locals laid wagers as to what city would snag the 1945 get-together and the responsibility of trying to match Local 10's hospitality.

Prexy James C. Petrillo outdid himself for the visitors to his home local with much music (all paid for at union scale), groaning tables of food and ever-flowing beer,

There was a two-hour concert by the Chicago Symphony, conducted by Desire DeFauw. Marian Anderson sang with the group. Concerts of from one to two hours were given by Dyett's Concert Band composed of Negro members of Local 208, Chicago subsidiary group, un-

der the baton of Capt. Walter Dyett; the Women's Symphony Ork, with Jerzy Bojanowski as conductor and Grace Moore as soloist; Cavallo's Symphony Band, with Peter A. Cavallo wielding the stick, and the Board of Trade American Legion Band, under direction of Armin F. Hand.

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Every night there was a show and dance featuring a local ork, and Friday night Local 208 was host to the convention at the new Club De Lisa, where a show and jam session kept the delegates out till the wee hours.

Invasion news caused cancellation of an outing at the Hawthorne Race Track Tuesday, but reps and their wives filled the Erlanger Theater that night to see Oklahoma. The house had been bought out for the occasion, as was the Harris

Songs for "Swing Hostess" HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- Songs for the Martha Tilton starrer, Swing Hostess, have been set by Producer Sigmund Neufeld. Numbers cleffed by Jay Livingston, Ray Evans and Lewis Bellin include I'll Eat My Hat, Let's Capture This Moment, Say It With Love, Highway Polka, Got an Invitation and Music to My Ears.

Livingston and Evans have worked together as a team before but this is the first time that Bellin has collaborated with them.

Theater Thursday night, where Kiss and Tell is holding forth.

the Women's Symphony Ork played while delegates consumed all the champagne they could hold.

leading race music stores. (See sources below.) POSITION Last This Wk. Wk. 1. Straighten Up and Fly G. I. Jive ..... Louis Jordan ..... Decca 8659 2. 3 3. Cherry Red Blues .... Cootie Williams ........ Hit 7084 4. My Little Brown Book. Duke Ellington .... Victor 20-1584 5. I Can't See for Lookin'. King Cole Trio ..... Capitol 154 7. When My Man Comes Home ...... Buddy Johnson ..... Decca 8655 8. Someone ...... Duke Ellington .... Victor 20-1584 9. Till Then ...... Mills Brothers ..... Decca 18599 10. Is You Is or Is You Ain't (F) ..... Louis Jordan ..... Decca 8659

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SHEET MUSIC BEST SELLER SOURCES: Atlanta: Cable Piano Co. Boston: H. N. Homeyer & Co. Chicago: Carl Fischer, Inc.; Gamble Hinged Music Co.; A. C. McClurg. Cincinnati: Song Shop; Willis Music Co. Denver: Charles E. Wells Music Co. Los Angeles: Morse M. Preeman, Inc. New York City: Music Dealers' Service, Inc.; Ashley Music Supply Co.; Myrex Music Corp.; Carl Fischer, Inc.; Music Sales Corp. Phoenix, Ariz.: J. J. Newberry, Co. Pittsburgh: Volkwein Brothers, Inc. Portland, Ore.: Irving Sklare Music Co., care Main & Frank Co. San Antonio. Southers, Music Co., care Meier & Frank Co. San Antonio: Southern Music Co. San Francisco: Pacific Coast Music Jobbers. St. Louis: St. Louis Music Supply Co.

HARLEM HIT PARADE SOURCES: Rainbow Music Shop, Harvard Radio Shop, Lehman Music Company, Harlem De Luxe Music Store, Ray's Music Shop, Frank's Melody Music Shop, Davega-City Radio, Inc., New York; Richards Music Shop, Bernard Record Shop, Brooklyn; Groove Record Shop, Melody Lane Music Com-pany, Metropolitan Music Shop, Wright Music Shop, Chicago; Klayman's Music Shop, Cincinnati; Smith's Record Shop, Atlanta; Radio Shop of Newark, Newark, N. J.

### Three Writers To Turn Out Leeds and Jack Mills Split Tunes From Pic "Sensations of 1945"

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- The entire musical score of Sensations of 1945, film starring Eleanor Powell, will be published, with Leeds Music Company and Jack Mills, Inc., dividing the tunes. Leeds will put out two numbers from the picture that are done by Cab Calloway and ork, Mr. Hepster's Dictionary and Wake Up, Man, You're Slippin'.

Mills will publish the tunes played by Woody Herman's band in the picture, which include One Love; No, Never; Kiss Serenade, Circus in the Sky, Divine Lady. Sensations and Spin, Little Pinball.

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- Billy Mac-Free food was available at all times, Donald, former band leader and now a and at the Wednesday (7) night banquet booker with Frederick Bros., has turned out a new tune written in collaboration with Jeanne Dunn. Title is You Belong To Me. They will publish themselves.



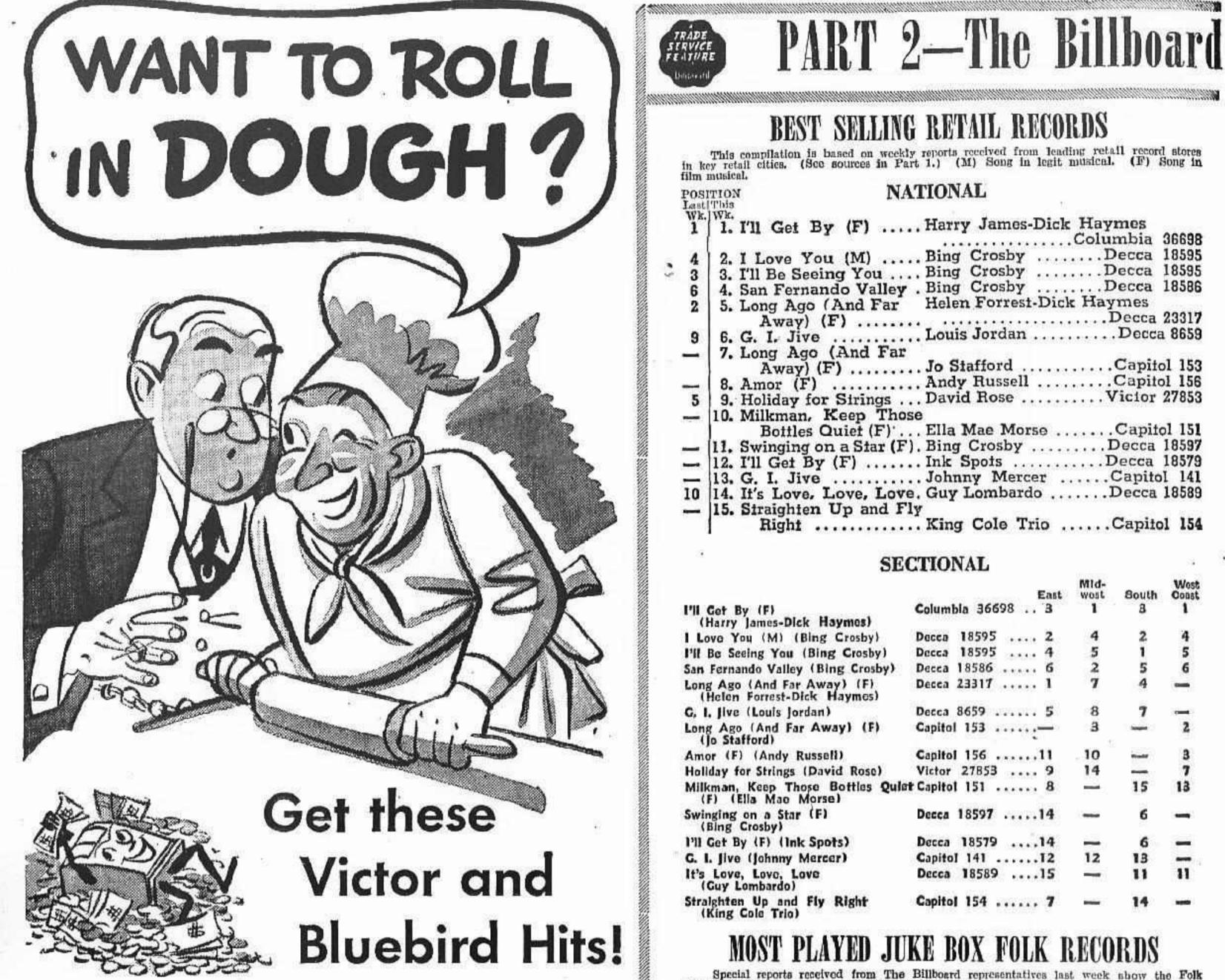
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t's Love, Love, Love (Guy Lombardo)	Decca 1858915	-	11	
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### MOST PLAYED JUKE BOX FOLK RECORDS

Special reports received from The Billboard representatives last week show the Folk records listed below are currently the most popular Folk records on automatic phonographs through the nation. These reports stem from all the country's leading operating centers and are averaged together. POSITION

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3	3. Soldier's Last Letter Ernest Tubb Decca 6098
	4. Yesterday's Tears Ernest Tubb Decca 6098
3	5. Rosalita Al Dexter Okeh 6708
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2000	5. Look Who's Talkin' Ted Daffan Okeh 6719
	5. I'm Thinking Tonight
	of My Blue Eyes Gene Autry Okeh 6648
-	5. She Broke My Heart in
_	Three Places Hoosier Hot Shots Decca 4442
	Three Places Hoosier Hot Shots Decca 444

### **ADVANCE BOOKINGS**

BOB BERKEY: Standwood, Ia., June 20; Des Moines, 21; Fairfield, Ia., 23; Chicago, 26. TINY BRADSHAW: Atlanta, June 29, BILLY ECKSTINE: Fort Lauderdale, Fla., June 21; Lakeland, Fla., 22; Tampa, 23. AL DONAHUE: Galveston, Tex., June 14 (6 troit, June 30-July 6. weeks). DUKE ELLINGTON: Queensway Ballroom, Toronto, June 15-24. ERSKINE HAWKINS: Philadelphia, June 23. RAY HERBECK: Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, June 23 (4 weeks). TINY HILL: Claridge Hotel, Memphis, June 27 (4 weeks). INA RAY HUTTON: Orpheum Theater, Omaha, June 30-July 6. BUDDY JOHNSON: Roanoke, Va., June 20; Fairmont, W. Va., 21; Wheeling, W. Va., 22; Pittsburgh, 23. LOUIS JORDAN: Bakersfield, Calif., June 29; Fresno, Calif., 30.

AL KAVELIN: Club Lido, Wichlta, Kan., June 17-25.

STAN KENTON: Lakeside Park, Denver, June 23-July 6.

ADA LEONARD: Downtown Theater, De-

LUCKY MILLINDER: Apollo Theater, New York, June 23-29.

WILL OSBORNE: Southern Mansions, Indianapolis, June 25.

TONY De PARDO: Forest Park Highlands, St. Louis, June 18 (indefinite).

GEORGE PAXTON: Frolics Club, Miami, June 27-July 17.

DON REDMAN: Bluefield, N. C., June 18; Columiba, N. C., 19; Greensboro, N. C., 20.

TED FIO RITO: Great Bend, Kan., June 27; Norman, Okla., 29; Tulsa, Okla., 30, LUIS RUSSELL: Oklahoma City, June 23, EDDIE SHAFFER: Trocodero, Evansville, Ind.,

June 23 (4 weeks). RAY WHITLEY: Mission Beach Ballroom,



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Music Popularity Chart Week Ending June 8, 1944

### **MOST PLAYED JUKE BOX RECORDS**

#### **Going Strong**

Reports received from The Billboard representatives and based on information given by leading juke box operators last week show the records listed below are currently receiving by leading juke box operators has week show the records listed below are currently receiving the most play on automatic phonographs through the nation. These reports stem from the country's leading operating centers and are averaged together. Thus only records that are distributed nationally will show up in the guide. Figures in parentheses indicate number of weeks record has been Going Strong. Listed under the title of each most played record are the other available recordings of this number.

- bor, Hit 7079; Kitty Carlisle, Decca 23320)
- 2. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY (13)-Bing Crosby (John Scott Trotter Ork)
  - (The Four King Sisters, Bluebird 30-0824; Johnny Mercer, Capitol 150; Johnny Long, Decca 4437; Jan Garber, Hit 7079)
- 3. I LOVE YOU (9)—Bing Crosby (John Scott Trotter Ork) .....Decca 18595 (Enric Madriguera, Hit 7077; Jo Stafford, Capitol 153; Perry Como, Victor 20-1569; Jan Garber, Feature 1001; Wilbur Evans, Decca 23337)
- 4. LONG AGO (AND FAR AWAY) (7)-Helen Forrest-Dick Haymes (Camarata Ork) ..... (Perry Como, Victor 20-1569; lo Stafford, Capitol 153; The Three Suns, Hit 7085; Guy Lombardo, Decca 18602; Jan Garber, Feature 1002)
- 5. IT'S LOVE, LOVE, LOVE (13)-Guy Lombardo (Skip Nelson and Lombardo Trio) ..... Decca 18589 (The Four King Sisters, Bluebird 30-0822; Jan Garber, Hit 7078)
- 6. I'LL BE SEEING YOU (8)-Bing Crosby (John Scott Trotter Ork). Decca 18595 (Tommy Dorsey-Frank Sinatra, Victor 20-1574; Louis Prima, Hit 7082; Hildegarde, Decca 23291)
- 7. DON'T SWEETHEART ME (11)-Lawrence Welk (Wayne Marsh)..Decca 4434 (Blue Barron's Ork, Hit 7080; Tex Grande, DeLuxe 5005
- 8. G. I. JIVE (7)—Louis Jordan ......Decca 8659 (Johnny Mercer, Capitol 141)
- 9. MILKMAN, KEEP THOSE BOTTLES QUIET (5)-Ella Mae Morse (Dick Wal-
- 10. YOU ALWAYS HURT THE ONE YOU LOVE (3)-Mills Brothers. Decca 18599 IT'S LOVE, LOVE, LOVE (10)-The Four King Sisters.. Bluebird 30-0822 (See No. 5)
- 11. SWINGING ON A STAR (4)-Bing Crosby (John Scott Trotter Ork) LONG AGO (AND FAR AWAY) (6)-Perry Como ......Victor 20-1569 (See No. 4)
- 12. BESAME MUCHO (21)-Jimmy Dorsey (Bob Eberly and Kitty Kallen) ..... Decca 18574 (Abe Lyman, Hit 7072; Andy Russell, Capitol 149; Phil Brito, Musicraft 15017; Phil Hanna, Decca 4432)
  - I'LL GET BY (6)-Ink Spots ..... Decca 18579 (Sec No. 1)
- 13. GOODNIGHT, WHEREVER YOU ARE (2)-Russ Morgan Decca 18598
- MUSIC 17 ANOTHER GREAT NEW RECORD BY AVIER CUGAT COL. 36718 AMOR' NO TE IMPORTE SABER (Let Me Love You Tonight)

(Blue Barron's Ork, Hit 7081; Mary Martin, Decca 23340) 14. TESS'S TORCH SONG (4)—Ella Mae Morse (Dick Walters Ork)Capitol 151 (Cootie Williams, Hit 7075; Fred Waring, Decca 18592)	Sh I
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BEHIND THOSE SWINGING DOORS—Spike Jones and His City Slickers (Omaha)	AV-S
SHE BROKE MY HEART IN THREE PLACES-Hoosier Hot Shots Decca 4442 (Des Moines)	Pois
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?-Dick Haymes (Emil New-	1.1.1
man Ork) Decca 18604 (St. Louis)	

#### MUSIC GRAPEVINE

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heirs of composer arguing over split of royalties, Marks Music has deposited dough with court for heirs to scrap over. . . . Saxer Elbert (Skippy) Williams, of Bob Chester's band, waited for draft board to catch up with him. They did in Philly Wednesday (7). . . . Lots of bands being used in War Loan drive, an example being small town of Poughkcepsie, N. Y., where four bands march from corners of town on big day of drive.

#### Gloria Jean's Parents To Pay

New York Supreme Court Friday (9) awarded \$5,000 to former ork leader WIIliam Lustig in suit against parents of film star Gloria Jean (Schoonover), for breach of exclusive management contract. Action against Universal pix discontinued. . . . Lester Santly, of Santly-Joy, and Manie Sacks, of Columbia Records, back from Coast,

Larry Adler leaves Palmer House Empire Room June 28, going to Hollywood for two pictures; then overseas with Jack Benny USO group. Rumor had Adler anxious to leave hotel week ahead of time and offering telephone number sums for release but nobody would talk, and Adler seems likely to stay out his contract.

Will Osborne and ork are due in Hollywood for Abbott & Costello film, and July 1 date at Aragon Ballroom, Ocean Park. . . . Jeno Bartal celebrating eight years at Hotel Lexington. . . . Bob Crosby has signed for male lead in Universal's pic, My Baby Loves Music.

Several big name band leaders helping Billy Eckstine launch his new band by Ionding arrangements. Dixxle Gillespie / among outstanding colored musicians sitting in on rehearsals. . . . Charlie Spivak praised by United Seamen for personal appearances at Seamon's Contor. . . . Reshuffling of offices in band and combo section of William Morris office, New York, leaves everybody happy but telephone men, who had to shift instruments.

# **BUDDY CLARK**

Private in the U.S. Army sings . . . 8 of the bestremembered tunes from World War I

col. 36701 SMILES. DEAR OLD PAL OF MINE

col. 36702 K-K-K-KATY THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL

tol. 36703 MY BUDDY KEEP THE HOME-FIRES BURNING

COL 36704 THAT OLD GANG OF MINE JUST A BABY'S PRAYER AT TWILIGHT

These records are contained in the new Columbia album set C-99 REMEMBER.

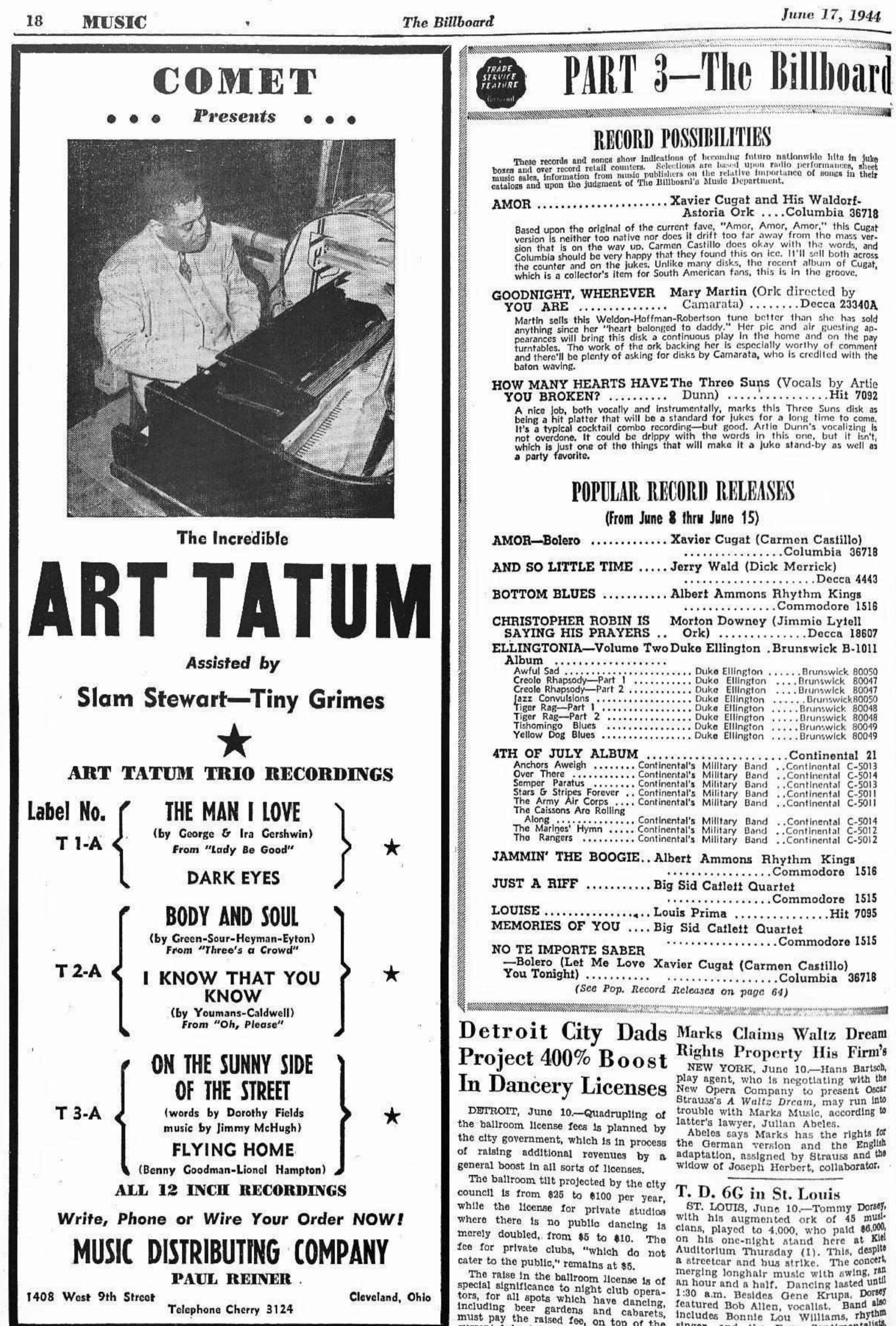
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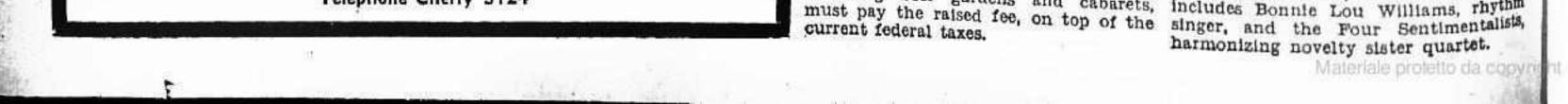


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Anchors Aweigh Continental's Military Band Continental C-5013
Over There Continental's Military Band Continental C-5014
Semper Paratus Continental's Military Band Continental C-5013
Stars & Stripes Forever Continental's Military Band Continental C-501
The Army Air Corps Continental's Military Band Continental C-5011
The Caissons Are Rolling
Along
The Marines' Hymn Continental's Military Band Continental C-5012
The Rangers Continental's Military Band Continental C-5012
JAMMIN' THE BOOGIE. Albert Ammons Rhythm Kings
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JUST A RIFF Big Sid Catlett Quartet
Commodore 1515
LOUISE
MEMORIES OF YOU Big Sid Catlett Quartet
NO TE IMPORTE SABER
-Bolero (Let Me Love Xavier Cugat (Carmen Castillo)
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You Tonight)
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#### MUSIC 19



### **POPULAR RECORD REVIEWS** By M. H. Orodenker

#### EARL WARREN (Savoy)

"Tush"-FT. "Empty Hearted"-FT; VC.

Considering all the rumpus stirred up by the waxing works over this re-cording session, it won't take long for the record sellers to soon realize that the spinning of these sides is the Count Basie band, but without the Count. Considering how closely identified the alto sax blowing and balladeering of Earl Warren has been identified with the Basie band, it won't take much to make such sales talk convincing. For the many, Basie fans hungering for a current impression on wax of their favorite music makers, these sides are highly ap-petizing. Herein the Savoy label scores a real scoop and does much to attract the diskophiles to its banner. Dickey Wells's "Tush" is a fast jump opus made all the more exciting by the terrific power and drive packed in those Basie brasses. The boys bring on the powerhouse for the starting stanza, Dickey Wells taking the trombone slides for the second canto, Lester Young's tenor sax strik-ing out the third lap, with the ensemble coming on like jive busters for the last chorus that rings in a Basie-styled Steinway artist for the bridge bars. Earl Warren has his inning on the mated side with his own torch ballad, "Empty Hearted," taking it at a moderately slow tempo and featuring both his alto sax and his romancy word slinging. The music box fans will catch on to both of these sides in a real hurry, and both sides should encounter little opposition in attracting the buffalo heads, Considering all the rumpus stirred up by the waxing works over this re-

and both sides should encounter little opposition in attracting the buffalo heads, particularly among the younger set with "Tush." "Empty Hearted" will undoubtedly make its strongest bid at the race locations, where both sides are a definite must for the music boxes.

#### WALTER THOMAS (Beacon-Celebrity)

"Broke But Happy"-FT. "Blues on the Delta"-FT.

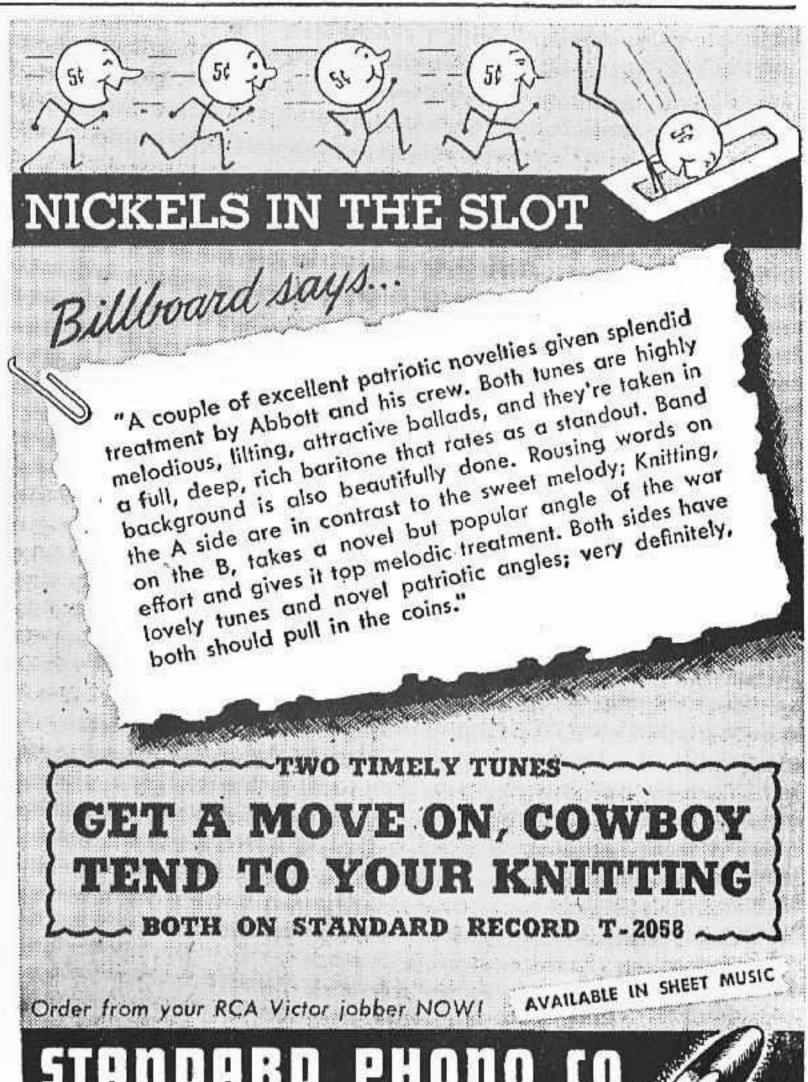
With the introduction of a new Celebrity label, the Beacon waxworka strikes out in earnest in field of "le jazz hot." For its initial attempt to woo the diskophiles devoted to the modern jazz and swing, it makes an auspicious bow with tenor sax star Walter Thomas and his Jump Cats. With Ben Webster and Bud Johnson joining with Thomas to make it a team of three tenor saxers, the Jump Cats include Emmett Berry's stellar trumpet bugling, Clyde Hart's stylish Steinway massages, with Cozy Cole at the drums and Oscar Pettiford walking the bass to give the setting the solid rhythm foundation. For "Broke But Happy," a breezy and jumpy riff opus, the three tenors and trumpet lead the way, with flashes of pianology and alto sax interloping. No wild back-room stuff, the boys keeping close to the score, and when given the solo lead make the most of their passages. "Blues on the Delta," a slow blues, gives Webster more of an opportunity to display his soft tenor sax sorcery. Thomas takes composer credits for both opuses. composer credits for both opuses.

Without blowing off the roof of the machine, "Broke But Happy" makes for an infectious jump dish to bring delight to the music box fans.

#### JOHNNY GUARNIERI (Savoy)

"Basie English"-FT. "Exercise in Swing"-FT.

First attracting attention as a solid kitten when he held down the key-board seat with Benny Goodman's gang, Johnny Guarnieri has been doing yeoman duty as a sideman with various groups on the recording clambakes in recent months. In taking top billing for himself for the first time, Johnny comes thru with flying colors for his facile fingering of the black and whites. With Cozy Cole at the drums beating off the tempo, sparked by Billy Taylor at the bass and Dexter Hall on guitar, Guarnieri shares the solo choruses with Hank D'Amico's clarinet, Lester Young's tenor sax and Billy Butterfield's trumpet. In all, it lives up to the All-Star nomenclature tagging the label. "Basie English" is Johnny's own impression, and an excellent one, of the well-known Count of the keyboard. "Exercise in Swing," also taken at a fast jump tempo, also gives the star instrumentalists a chance to blow off steam with their hot horns, with Guarnieri taking the start and finish cantos. Both sides represent a jam session on wax that really jells and gives the hot jazz fans something to really rave about. about. The music box fans, particularly those devoted to the jump and jive opuses, will find their kicks in "Basie English," with the title going a long way in attracting attention to the strip.



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### FOLK RECORD REVIEWS (Hillbilly, Race, Cowboy Songs, Spirituals) By M. H. Orodenker

#### **REV. UTAH SMITH (Regis)**

"I Want Two Wings"-V. "God's Mighty Hand"-V.

It's a rare occasion when the spinning wax can capture the spirit and ex-citement of the Holy-Roller congregation. The Regis label about does that with Rev. Utah Smith and his congregation of hand-clapping and spiritual shouting followers. Thru it all a guitar plunker maintains a rhythmic beat and even an-swers the Reverend's preachments with a heated chord or a hot lick. A small group joins the Reverend in song, with Reverend Smith himself being the husky and gutteral gospel shouter.. "I Want Two Wings" is a call for the sinners to the promised land, while "God's Mighty Hand" finds the Reverend admonishing the flock for their living in evil ways.

## GI Contact Man Plugs Nurse Corps

NEW YORK, June 10 .-- War Department is pushing The Song of the Army Nurse, written by Pvt. Hy Zarat and Lou feld and Domenico Savino. Singer, by putting Pvt. Al Galico, former contact man for Leeds, at work on a country-wide plugging campaign. Galico is now in New York lining up spots, and is soon to head for Chicago and the Coast.

One tune is the official anthem of the Army Nurse Corps, and is intended to message to public re the nurses. Leeds is publishing, with dough going to service outfit.

#### **Robbins's Son Conducts**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Jack Robbins's son, Marshall (Buddy) Robbins, 17, made his Carnegie Hall debut as a conductor Tune in N. Y.-Chi yesterday, leading the Goldman band thru some of his dad's band arrangements about to be released. Occasion was a clinic to examine potential band material. Other conductors were Charles Cooke, Bert Shefter, William Schoen-

Young Robbins is an Eastman Music School undergrad.

### Una Mae Carlisle To Wax

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Joe Davis, of Beacon Records, has signed Una Mae Carlisle for Beacon waxings. Gal did help recruiting and bringing home the eight sides recently. Two of the tunes were by Miss Carlisle, 'Taint Yours and (written with Bonnie Young) Without You, Baby. Davis Music Company publishes Yours.

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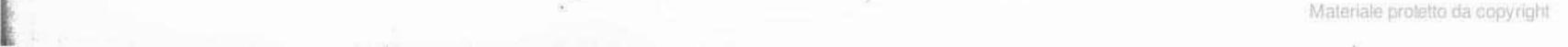


#### Candullo at Flagler, Miami

MIAMI, June 10.-Art Childers and Shag Daye, who operate Flagler Garden, into the Claridge Hotel, Memphis, June have dropped name bands for the sum- 23, for four weeks. He's handled by mer. Joe Candullo and ork, at the Latin Central Booking Office, with Freddie Wil-Quarter here last winter, now hand out liamson, formerly with Frederick Bros., Flagler jive.

Hill to Claridge, Memphis

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Tiny Hill goes handling the band personally.



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Peace, Harmony MarkConvention

#### Delegates endorse record ban fight and urge continuance to bitter end

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tional unions from promising their membership's votes to a political party, and (2) for standing by while labor leaders convicted of bribe taking went to jail and the bribers went scot free.

"Let's start right now and clean up the racketeering as it should be done. If you do away with the crooked employers then they will not be able to deal with crooked labor leaders," Petrillo said. He went on to demand that "Mr. Green use all the power and money of the AFL to see that the employers also are convicted when they connive with the labor leaders of the AFL."

#### Approve F. D. R.

Delegates had come prepared to go on record as supporting President Roosevelt for a fourth term, but after Petrillo's statement that "Nobody is going to deliver the vote of the American Federation

of Musicians but the AFM itself," original resolution was changed. Thursday, when the matter came up, the There was heated argument against its convention argued for almost two hours continuance and disagreement as to on the Roosevelt endorsement and finally future action. By Thursday morning, decided to approve FDR's record and hope however, the dissenters had been brought for a continuance of his policies.

This was about the only time any very serious debate occurred, and here, even, both sides were practically in agreement.

The heat of the Petrillo blast against Green caused widespread belief that he might introduce a resolution to withdraw from the AFL. That idea was discarded when Petrillo, off-the-record, talked of how best to change the WLB. The board is unfavorable to labor because, he contended, the four public members vote with industry, throwing the balance of power against labor.

#### **On With Record Fight**

AFM attorney Padway talked for almost two hours Wednesday, taking the history of the record controversy step by step. The speeches were defined as priming the membership for defeat and instilling the old fighting spirit which must be maintained if Petrillo is to prolong the ban as he says he will do. The opinion was that he has the backing of his membership, which will approve carrying on the fight even to the Supreme Court.

Between Petrillo's Monday speech and

International Executive Board, AFM, will settle on 1945 convention city some time next week.



the Padway's talk on Wednesday, delegates On discussed the ban almost exclusively. around and when nominations for AFM prexy came up no candidate was offered to run against Petrillo.

#### **Re-Elect Officers**

Petrillo was unopposed for re-election, as was Charles L. Bagley, vice-president, and Leo Cluesmann, secretary.

Thomas F. Gamble had Moses E. Wright Jr., running against him on the slate for treasurer but left the newcomer far behind in the final stretch. Chauncey A. Weaver, Des Moines; J. W. Parks, secretary Local 147, Dallas; Oscar F. Hild, prez Local 1, Cincinnati, and Herman D. Konin, Portland, Ore., retained their international executive board seats, but had four opposing candidates to beat. George V. Clancy, president Local 5, Detroit, and Jacob Rosenberg, Local 802, New York prexy, were high men on the opposition, but failed to pull enough votes to unseat the members who have served during the past year.

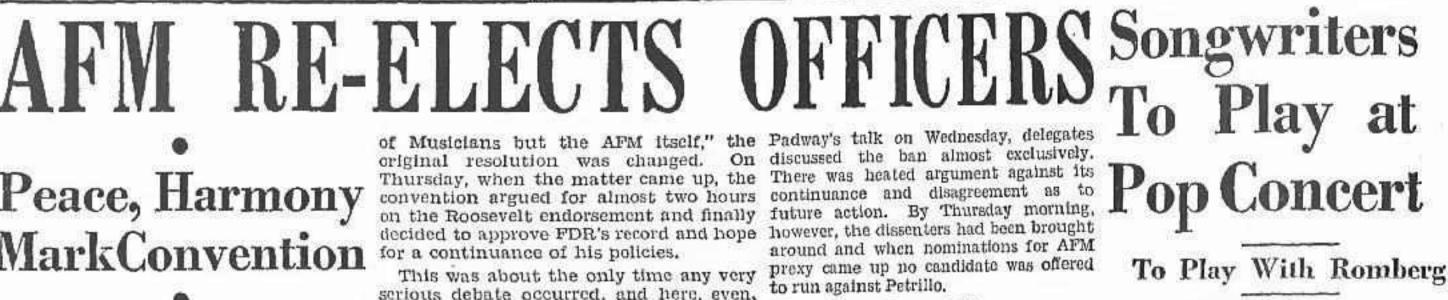
Walter M. Murdock was elected to again serve on the IEE, representing the Canadian Brotherhood.

Delegates of the convention of the American Federation of Labor are Charles L. Bagley, Stanley Ballard, Vincent Castronova and Roy W. Singer. They were victors in a field of 10 candidates.

Total registration ran to 716, believed to be a high figure for the organization.

#### Eliminate Conditional Membership

Possibly the most basic change in AFM regulations was in the elimination of the conditional membership classification. (See AFM Re-Elects Officers on page 30)



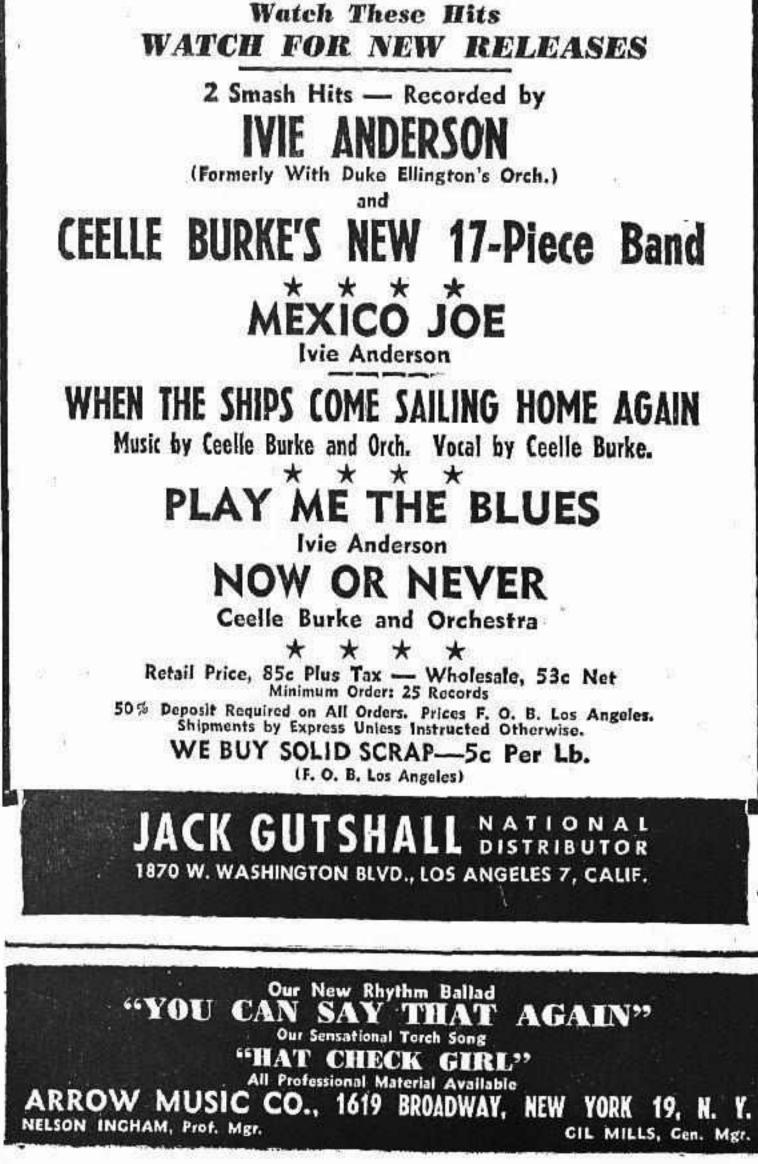
PHILADELPHIA, June 10 .- A pop concert unique in the history of the outdoor Robin Hood Dell and American music generally, is skedded for Thursday Evening, August 3. At least 20 writers of America's songs will participate as piano and vocal soloists in their own numbers, with Composer Sigmund Romberg as conductor and master of ceremonies.

The concert, featured as a Salute to the American Song Composer, will present Harry Armstrong, Stanley Adams, Peter DeRose, Charles Tobias, Herman Hufield, "Luckey" Roberts, Harry Tierney, Mabel Wayne, Milton Drake, Al Hoffman, Jerry Livingston, Dorothy Fields, Alex Kramer, Nat Simon, Sammy Stept, Ray Henderson, John Whitney and Abel Baer. Others are expected to join the linc-up later. All are writers of songs for Tin Pan Alley consumption.

Inviting the public to "come and hear the men who write your hit parado songs," Romberg is responsible for the idea and organization of the concert, with the co-operation of David Hocker, manager, and directors of the Dell, and of the Songwriters' Protective Association, of which Romberg is president.

Most of the composers have been represented many times on the Hit Parade. For the Dell concert their numbers are to be set forth in arrangements specially prepared for the symphony orchestra of 90 musicians.

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### **Bud Clark Album of** World War I Songs

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 10,-Columbia Recording Company is making shipments June 15 of a Remember alburn of songs of the first World War. Vocals are by Buddy Clark, with Hammond organ accompaniment. The records originally sold for 75 cents each; the al-bum of four will retail at \$2.50.

Numbers include Smiles, Keep the Home Fires Burning and That Old Gang of Mine.

#### Benny Ribble's Band To Rice Hotel, Houston

DES MOINES, June 10 .- Latest band to create a ripple in the Midwest is that of Benny Ribble, formerly with Frankie Masters, Joe Reichman, Benny Strong and Terry Shand, and more recently with Uncle Sam. Ribble received an honorable medical discharge from the army.

Ribble is now completing a five-week engagement at Dave Fidler's Club 100, and will open soon at the Empire Room, Rice Hotel, Houston. The Club 100 is the first engagement for the seven-piece band, rated as one of the smoothest and best combos to play there. Ribble is adding Jay Whittington, of Atlanta, singer and violin player, for the Texas engagement, and plans building the combo up for Eastern engagements, MCA is booking the group.

### **Irving Berlin Arranges**

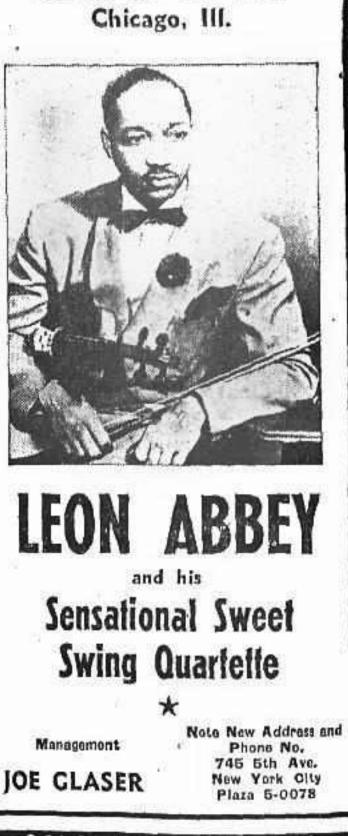
Pay-Ups for Employees NEW YORK, June 10 .- Ten employees at Irving Berlin, Inc., received wage increases last week under General Order 31 issued by the Wage Stabilization Board.

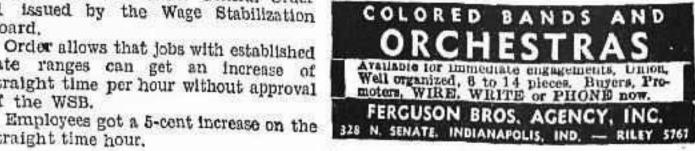
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BIG BUCKS IN BORSHT BELT

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Songs on Plugs

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Ben Yost is taking six of his lads and putting them on horses. The unit, plus Yost, will open at the Narragansett Race Track June 19 and work nights on a one-anight basis. Group will dash out (if the horses don't get other ideas) and give out with vocals. Following this job unit will play other fairs for the summer.

### **Mort Infield Chi EMA Prexy**

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Mort Infield, booker connected with the David P. O'Malley office here, was re-elected president of the Entertainment Managers' Association at its annual meeting Thursday (8).

Others elected were James A. Roberts, first vice-president; Thomas Burchell, second vice-prexy, and Lyman E. Gross Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Members of the board of trustees elected were David P. O'Malley, Sam J. Levy, Paul Marr, Richard C. Hoffman and Phil Tyrell.

Plans for the association's annual golf tournament were discussed at the meetthe tournament and annual get-together party early in July. Members of the trade and acts will be invited to attend.

### New Fight Vs. **Club Tax May Come in Fall**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- By the end of the month the much-discussed 30 per cent night club tax will be history. Its place will be taken by a 20 per cent rate -but indications have already developed that part of the industry, at least, will begin a battle in the fall to remove the tax entirely or cut it further.

The strategy devised by proponents of a tax cut worked this week. An amendment-to lower the tax to 20 per cent and exampt servicemen from paymentwas attached last week in the Senate to the big debt limitations bill. The amended bill then went to a House-Senate conference committee, which last Monday (5) reported on the measure favorably but knocked out the service exemption.

On Tuesday (6) the Senate, by woice vote, again accepted the tax cut and the measure went to the House. The following day, despite furious attacks by several representatives-including Robert L. Doughton, who declared that the "Senate took an underhold on the House" in the matter-the bill went thru by a vote of 170 to 54.

The legislation then went to the White House, where President Roosevelt signed ing and an agreement reached to hold it today. The cut goes into effect July 1.

#### **Mixed But Cheerful**

with mixed feelings but there was a general tendency to be cheerful about it. Despite the general optimism there was no perceptible spurt in talent buying during the week, however.

### Motor City Stahled

DETROIT, June 10.—There is a surplus of local showmen answering to the name of Harry Stahland none of them is related, a check-up discloses.

No. 1 is superintendent of Eastwood Park, and president of the Michigan Showmen's Association.

No. 2 is a tenor vocalist.

No. 3 is in charge of motion picture activity for employees at General Motors.

## 5 A.M. Show For Via Lago

CHICAGO, June 10 .- The new Via Lago, nabe nitery here, to combat the slump in business suffered by the cafe spots here, has introduced a special swing-shift and breakfast-show policy, held every Monday at 5 a.m.

Spot puts on its complete floorshow, featuring Al Reynolds, singing emsee; Dorothy Duval, accordionist; Jean Gill, dancer, and a line of girls who do specialty dance routines and singing numbers. As an added attraction a summer fashion revue is produced, with gals from other night spots acting as models. A complete wardrobe is donated to the gal who receives the greatest number of votes.

Business during this special show is heavy enough to cut into a good slice of the overhead, as the spot has become

# **Prices Jump;** Acts Bicycle

Lush period for acts working mountain mansions and prices jump for summer

NEW YORK, June 10.-If the acts playing niteries are hit hard the boys working the borscht belt can't complain. For them the season promises to be like winning the daily double at Belmont. From the having-a-wonderful-time places in the Berkshires to the pot cheese and cream spots in the Catskills things are booming and the lads who can talk it up get their share of the loot.

There are a number of reasons to explain this lush period for acts working the mountains this year. Among them is the fact that good talent is scarce, so it comes high, a condition which affects vaude houses also.

One of the beet soup boys who practically started the circuit said that last year he could buy a fair act for a 10week season and pay it \$400. This year the same act won't even listen to a season rate. He gets \$175 for one show and dashes off to the next place to pick up another \$175. "Last year I bought an act for the day if I couldn't get it for the season. This year I buy time. And come hell and high water, there are no encores. If he comes on at 10 he goes off in say 15

### AGVA-H'seshoe Pact Next Week

NEW YORK, June 10 .- The Diamond Horseshoe, lone big Broadway holdout on written contractual relations with AGVA. will be signed to a pact next week, according to Dave Fox, head of the New York local.

Contract, which has been negotiated in last two weeks, will establish "Class A" terms, says Fox. Billy Rose, operator of the spot, recently set his John Hancock to an AGVA contract for his touring unit, Post-War Preview.

### **Buffalo Nabe Houses Try One-Night Vaude**

BUFFALO, June 10.-Vaudeville in this territory is once more getting the nod from the smaller and nabe houses, and this may well indicate a renewed interest locally in live entertainment for theaters.

The Basil chain has started experimenting with two houses, the Genesee and the Jefferson, and may soon expand the vaude policy to its 14 houses in and around this city and in Niagara Falls, N. Y. Policy 50 far calls for vaude once weekly, one evening performance, using five standard acts. The Genesee (capacity, 1,500) started off with a bang May 31 and will continue vaude every Wednesday, while the Jefferson (capacity, 1,200) is featuring the same acts Tuesday evenings. A regular circuit may be established in time. Ray S. Kneeland, Buffalo, is talent agent for Basil.

The Kneeland office reports another season of shows (four acts) for the D.&C. Boat Line for Sunday cruises on Lake Erie. This will be the third season for Kneeland. The Canadian Showboat, competitive venture in the past, is not using shows this season.

#### **Borsht Belter to Opera**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Bernie West, ex-Borsht Belt comic and recently a fixture at the Ruban Bleu, is graduating into the longhair division. He's going to the St. Louis Municipal Opera Company for the summer.

Meanwhile, evidence accumulated that the summer-since all that could be done has been done-the matter will be taken up again in the fall.

Matt Shelvey, national head of AGVA, yesterday (9) said that a fight will be made for a further reduction. Noah L. Braunstein, attorney for the Cafe Owners' Guild of New York, declared that there is enough sentiment in Congress to permit a battle for a second cut to be made later on.

And out in Chicago, at the AFM convention, the law committee adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a three-man group to go to Washington "for the purpose of obtaining relief from the unjust and discriminatory provisions of the cabaret tax."

### Joe Moss's 400 Club To Fold

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Joe Moss's 400 Club is skedded to fold in the near future, it was learned today. Spot had intended to shutter this week but postponed it to satisfy contractual agreeparties which called for a show.

#### a mecca for other night club entertainers seeking fun after closing hours, who are also responsible for attracting a good crowd of swing shifters and early morning risers. Prices for drinks are while the situation is probably okay for not increased and a no-cover or minimum policy prevails only during the special show.

### **D-Day Not Too** on Biz Harsh

NEW YORK, June 10 .- D-Day didn't do too much damage to vaudefilm and night club biz here, according to trade spokesmen, altho The Billboard's check of theater grosses shows a general decline Dennis W. Delaney, collector of internal for the week in all but two houses.

The night of D-Day was admittedly an off-night for the cash register in general, but both club operators and theater managers maintain that biz snapped back to the usual levels of recent weeks in the days that followed.

HOLLYWOOD, June 10. - Invasion news has not materially affected nitery biz in this area, a survey revealed this week. Most of the top niteries are giving customers the latest bulletins as they ments made with two or three banquet come over the air, Film grosses are reported to be off.

## Agents Endanger Franchise Cutting Acts Below April 1

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Agents who permit their acts to accept salary cuts under a figure received as of April 1 will be brought up on charges for a revocation of franchise, according to Hymie Goldstein, president of the Associated Agents of America.

This move was voted at a meeting of bag, explained Goldstein. the 3A's Monday (5) to counter a plan by nitery ops.

number of clubs plan to absorb 10 per cent, passing on the remainder to customers. But operators don't intend to absorb the 10 per cent, said Goldstein, who claim they already have decided to

pass it on to the acts, walters and kitchen help.

So far as the waiters and kitchen help are concerned, their unions will protect them. But acts are more vulnerable and unless agents step in and refuse to permit their people to accept cuts, performers may find themselves holding the

A good agent, he added, will not let which, Goldstein said; was in the making his act work in a place for less than he got before April 1. If he does he will not When the tax is cut to 20 per cent a only injure the act but will also collect each time a significant news report arsmaller commissions.

"I'm not interested in night club owners. I'm concerned with the acts and seeing that no chiseling goes on," said Goldstein.

minutes. These guys don't milk for ap-(See Borsht Belt Bucks on page 27)

Hub Club Tax Take Up to \$165,000

BOSTON, June 10 .- Altho the 30 per cent slug has shuttered several Boston niteries, or forced others to dispense with all entertainment excepting purely instrumental music, tax collections for May are nearly double April of this year, and more than double those of May. 1943.

According to an announcement by revenue for the district of Massachusetts, the 30 per cent levy on cabarets brought \$165,543 for the month just ended. In April, under the 5 per cent tax, the figure was \$86,939, and in May, 1943 the 5 per cent tax brought \$70,570.

#### Besser for Durant at Roxy

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Booking conflict involving Jack Durant will result in Joe Besser, film comic, making an unsought appearance at the Roxy July 2.

Besser came to town this week to vacation until August 5, when he is due back on the Coast for film work. However, this week Roxy management and Durant discovered that comic was due to fill an engagement at the Florentine Gardens, Los Angeles, at the time when he was supposed to go into the Stem. house.

Besser's presence provided an answer, and when he agreed to forego his leisure, Durant was released for later appearance. MCA handled matter.

#### Stay Away in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.-Invasion day saw theatergoers staying away from playhouses here in droves. Golden Gate reported attendance at Tuesday's matinee and night shows the leanest in some months.

At all-night theaters shows were halted rived and was repeated thru loud-speak. ers. Audiences were restless and unbelieving at first. No demonstrations were staged, however, as the programs were halted.

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#### Golden Room, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

### NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

Talent policy: Show and dance bands, floorshows at 12. Duarte Atalaya, managing director; Gilberto Pereira da Silva, publicity; M. E. Stuckart, artistic director; Ferry, headwaiter. Prices: 30-50 cruzeiros, minimum (a cruzeiro is approximately 5 cents).

This room which shuttered along with the gaming rooms when the decree law prohibiting gambling for a two-month stretch each year became effective in the local area reopened following a facelifting job.

With stage alterations allowing for greater scenic display and lighting, Producer Stuckart has concentrated on production as the main part of the current spread.

The floorshow consists of three production numbers stagged Illusion, Romance and Love, plus Malu Gatica, fem thrush. Rachel and Tarriba, dance duo, failed to open due to transportation difficulties.

Visually the layout is excellent. Costuming, production backgrounds and the lighting are of A-1 caliber. Talents heading the production numbers are standard as individual turns, but buried into these numbers with so little to do are merely also-rans. They just don't jell as spotted and got little reward for their efforts.

Chelo Flores, Mexican thrush in on repeat date, does nicely with the one tune alloted her in opening the Love number. Silvio Caldas, Brazilian singer, heads the Romance portion. His small contribution is the warbling of the intro for a fox-hunting routine and parading in a natty hunt outfit.

Malu Gatica, tall brunette, has a fair set of pipes with dramatic quality. Sang three torchy tunes. Her best, Man I Love, drew a fair hand.

Leda Yuqui, ballerina of the Municipal ballet, spotted twice, gives a fine account of herself in the brief but wellexecuted toe routines.

The Simon Bountman band plays for

### Leon & Eddie's, New York

Talent policy: Floorshows at 8, 10, 12 and 2. Dancing, continuous. Owneroperators: Leon Enken and Eddie Davis; publicity, Dorothy Gulman, Prices: \$3.50-\$4 minimum.

Long ago spot inaugurated a show policy and has never deviated from it. Current show which teed off Wednesday (7) follows the same pattern. Opener is a hoofer; closer is Eddie Davis.

In new show the No. 1 slot goes to Joan Summers, who does a fair to middling tap routine. Beat is clean, but so light it can hardly be heard. On looks the gal is better than average and her abbreviated costume shows her good figure off to advantage.

Part of the singing chores are handled by Wendy Bishop, a cute blond canary who sells nicely on jump tunes. Doesn't do well with ballads. Best number was a sock, San Fernando Valley. Her ending in latter number, however, seemed pointless. Took the last few bars on a high note and stretched them way out. Gal won a nice hand.

Cordova Trio open with a bolero number distinguished for the precision the gals showed. Segue into a standard flamenco with the usual castanets and heel poundings.

Sherry Britton, holdover, comes next in a production number, with the Ruth Lane (10) line backing her while she warbles Pin-Up Girl. Miss Britton has a figure which she shows later in her strip number announced for some reason as a "modern dance." If her voice didn't get more experience, for a musical. She top applause her peeling satisfied the docsn't belong here. customers.

John Thompson, the new emsee, merely acts as a traffic cop for the acts. In the voice department he shows a strong set of pipes which go over well in a room always so full of noise, Opened with Strike Up the Band and closed with an old beer weeper, Sunshine of Your (See LEON & EDDIE'S on page 25)

### 51 Club, New York

Talent policy: Floorshows and dance bands at 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Owners: Pat Harrington and Frank Hyers; operator, Lee Meyers; publicity, Eddie Jaffe. Prices: \$2.50 minimum.

If the spot put on a show every night like it did for the opener (7) it would have to get the cops to keep the mobs away. But every night won't find the place full of names who seemed to be only too willing to go on after a short pitch.

Entertainment policy here runs to humor, the heavy handed kind which doesn't seem to care who it hurts so long as it gets a laugh. With Harrington and Hyers sending gags across in ping-pong style, not only is the room in an uproar but any performer on the bill is in for a tough ride.

Iva Withers, lyrlo soprano, new here, came on toward the end. She opened with an Oklahoma medley to a fair hand. But gal's looks and selling ability earned her an encore. She came back, but after her first few bars the comics started in hot and heavy. Number, we later learned, was dedicated to her husband, part of the D-Day force in the army, and her brother who is believed a Nazi war prisoner. The gal took it for a while and tried to sing over them. Finally she broke, tried again, burst into tears and dashed off. Sure, it got laughs so the two comics were probably well pleased with themselves. But disregarding this incident Miss Withers is a natural for either a smart room, and given a little

Others on the bill are June North, heel and toe artist who drew a fair mitt. Anita Chandler, canary, who does okay on pop stuff, but with so much heckling going on she could barely be heard.

In the mob on opening night was a GI announced as George M. Cohan Jr. who came on to do a medley of his dad's tunes. Got a terrific hand. Next came George Rector, famed restaurateur, who reminisced about the days when George M. Cohan and he were on Broadway. Then J. Fred Coots, songwriter and exvaude performer, was pulled out. He sang and played about a half dozen of his own hits. Guy did a sensational job and the crowd wouldn't let him off. If he wanted to do a vaude tour right now he'd be good enough to rate with the best. For a finisher he did his Yokohama which just about wrapped it up. Next on was William Gaxton, of pic and musical comedy field, who gave out with You Do Something to Me. Then Nancy Donovan, who did a fine Mother Machree, followed by Kay Lorraine, of the networks, who sold Summertime. Benny Martini (5) play for the show. Jack Bland and Growler work between shows. Bill Smith.

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#### Hotel Nicollet, Minnesota Terrace, Minneapolis

Talent policy: Dance band and floorshows at 8:30 and 12. Management: Neil Messick; room manager, James Hickman; publicity, Sally Delany.

Dorothy Lewis and her ice show have come back to the Nicollet Terrace for the fifth consecutive year, and in their world preem, "Glamour-icing ' the music of George Gershwin, Miss Lewis and the cast are better than ever.

Last year's production was built around the music of Tschalkowsky, this year's offering uses the Gershwin tunes to interpret the 1920-'30 period. Arrangements, centering around the Rhapsody in Blue, are by Harry Brent. Costumes by Madame Berthe.

As in the past, Miss Lewis is supported by two male stars and a four-girl line. Men are George Arnold and Art Leary, the latter a local find, making his home. town debut, who bids fair to become one of the nation's top performers on blades. The girls are Ruth Heinz, Mitzl Dexter, JoAnn Axtell and Harriette Kenny.

The 25-minute production gets under way with an impressive collection of jazz steps to the tune of Lady Be Good. The men come on for some fast spins, jumps and sit-spins to big hand.

Miss Lewis's appearance on the ice, met by uproarious applause, is to the Rhapsody as she and Arnold go thru some intricate one-legged back spins, twirls and sit-spins. The chorus comes back on for a spectacular scarf dance winding up in the ensemble "cracking the whip."

Miss Lewis's next appearance, also to the Rhapsody, comprises one-legged sitspins, climaxed by a mid-air somersault which had the audience gasping.

With the chorus attired in Harlemese costumes, the men in zoot-suits and Miss Lewis dressed as Bess of Porgy and Bess, finale goes off to It Ain't Necessarily So. Applause is deafening.

Arranger Brent has done a remarkable job in weaving in the Gershwin tunes. Perry Martin's ork, which this week started on its second consecutive year at the Nicollet, handles the ice show music excellently. Martin warbles Embraceable You during one of the numbers. Lewis show booked in for six weeks. Jack Weinberg.

the show, alternating with Claude Austin crew for dancing. Biz excellent. James C. MacLean.

EARLE THEATER BLDG.



**JOLLY JOYCE** 

## **No Floorshows At Boston Ritz**

BOSTON, June 10 .- The Ritz Roof again this year will have only dining and dancing without floorshows. Until last season, spot, the swanklest place in town, had always presented the most chic and original entertainment. But unofficial comments are that the same gross can be done without entertainment and at a weekly saving of at least \$1,800.

Dine and dance policy was inaugurated for the summer of '43, with a name band playing to marked success. The same policy will be in effect this summer, with Guy Ormandy's crew (local outfit) on the stand.

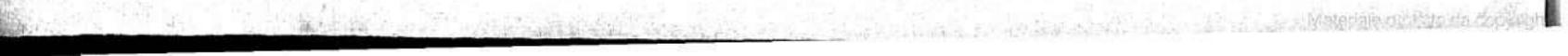
### **Childs Sets School Dates**

CINCINNATI, June 10 .- Solly Childs, unit show producer, who for the last year and a half had produced units for army camps in Texas, in a business trip here last week revealed that he now heads the Gulf Coast School Assemblies, which supplies talent for schools and colleges thruout the Southern States. He is making his headquarters at his home in Pine Prairie, La. Thomas L. Rich, formerly of the Three Revelers, is general manager of the new enterprise, Childs said.

#### **Montreal Gayety To Close**

MONTREAL, June 10.-Gayety Theater is in its last week of stageshows. It will close for remodeling and will re-light in August on a policy of legit stock. Allen Gilbert is producing.





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### VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

### State, New York

(Reviewed Thursday Afternoon, June 8)

To go with its picture, Cover Girl, the State has concocted a pretty good bill at the Chicago Theater this year. Headthis week, using standard acts. Tho pacing is a bit off and stronger comedy would help, customers liked what they saw and brought a couple turns back for encores.

Jim Wong's troupe of Chinese acrobats (5) open with their sensational contortions, balances, stands, juggling and tumbling. Group works with such consummate ease that its exceptional repertoire of tricks seems like duck soup. Appreclative stub-holders responded with intermittent hands and a strong one at the close.

Bob Howard, Negro plano-pounder, recently of Early to Bed, didn't have to coax too hard to win applause for his Melancholy Baby, Frivolous Sal and player-piano stints. The guy's infectious smile and bubbling style of work go over easily. Crowd called him back twice for more.

also pulled strong palm-beating for their well-known ballroom terpery. Their Begin the Beguine routine won them even a better hand, and pair had to bow off.

Lee Davis, comic doubling as emsee, follows for an individual stance. Early gags on intros were just passable, but with their fast stepping. Boys start at a for solo spot Davis does better, altho stuff is a bit on the blue side. Also does nicely with a couple of patter songs and rates a fair crop of laughs and hands.

Closer is Borrah Minevitch's Rascals. Mob of harmonica players do very well on such items as Tea for Two and Sleeper Jump, and should do more playing and less horsing around. Group includes a midget with a nance style of working and a fat boy, both of whom are overly used for comedy. At times pair really pull laughs, such as in their jitterbug bit, but only at times. Act, however, earns a big hand and finishes with the show more of sparkle and glamour. a bow-off. Biz good when caught. Paul Ross.

### Chicago, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, June 9)

This is one of the finest bills presented lining is Harry Richman, who is making his first theater appearance in this town in six years; Dave Apollon is the added attraction, with Son and Sonny supporting.

Sock of the bill is Richman, who holds the spotlight with his intimate song styling and dynamic personality. His smooth way in putting over his songs offers a refreshing change. Numbers are really sold. Scored heavily with If I Knew Suzie, My Man, April Showers and Some of These Days. Begged off after a hilarious imitation of Frank Sinatra which had the bobby soxers calling for more,

Dave Apollon wowed with his comical antics, dialog and musical arrangements of Begin the Beguine and Hawaiian Chant. His hilarious build-up of his Filipino boys created a laugh panic which subsided only when one of the Mary Raye and Naldi, in the No. 3 slot, lads dished out a vocal. Routine is the same as he did when appearing at the Oriental Theater here four months ago. Would do well to change his musical repertoire when appearing in the same town on such close dates.

Son and Sonny, sepia dancers, thrilled tremendous pace, going thru their fast whirls, toe-tapping stints, slide-skating and somersault splits with lighting speed. Son's difficult toe-tapping strikes a new high. His remarkable control in dancing across the stage, doing a double threat tap on one toe, brought down the house for a heavy round of applause. Lou Breese's musical numbers are well presented, with Marshall Gill, who recently left George Olsen's ork, vocalizing I'll Get By and Long Ago and Far Away.

Chicago Theater's dancing girls appear in two brilliant productions, which give Opening show played to a packed house plus a good lobby holdout. Pic, Going Jack Baker. My Way.

#### **Orpheum**, Los Angeles

(Reviewed Tuesday Afternoon, June 6)

Sherrill Corwin could use a bigger marquee this week what with all the talent on the show that merits large lettering. Lena Horne, MGM singing star, takes top billing but she's by no means the attraction. Jimmie Lanceford and orchestra bring in the crowds and it's Lunceford and his boys who break up the show. Joe Thomas, Sinclair and Leroy and the Four Step Brothers round out the bang-up show. Crowded house for the opener found lines in the upstairs lobbies and outside waiting to get in. Six shows for the opening day, with the number likely to stay that way, except Saturday and Sunday.

Lunceford is on deck with eight brass, five reed and four rhythm. His emseeing is far above the average for a band leader. Maestro gets the show rolling with Design for Jivin'. A hot sax in the hands of Kirkland Bradford is a breadwinner, and he's spotted on Alone Together. A swell arrangement of Holiday for Strings with the Lunceford treatment is a rafter-shaker. Unusual is the featuring of a bass player, but Charles Parkan lives up to good build-up on Phoney. Bradford's sax, Russell Green's trumpet and Edwin Wicox's plano get the light on Blues in the Night, with the sidemen dropping their instruments for Glee Club work. Number is still A-1 and brings down the house. Earl Caruthers bary saxes a hot chorus on Wham, and zims out the vocals.

Joe Thomas, in deuce spot, takes on a new tune The Goon Comes On, doing it up brown in a combination sax and vocal try. The Four Step Brothers, still smart dancers, follow with their fast and classy stepping. Start off with good tapping and end with Harlemish stepping and splits. It's a fast-moving show, and Sinclair and LeRoy keep it bouncing with their trumpet, heated in Sinclair's hands. Leroy's hot stepping and banter adds up to top results.

Lena Horne closes the show and it's a tough assignment. The One I Love Belongs to Some One Else is a warm-up, goes out to a top hand. with Good for Nothing Joe, stymieing. brings a good response. I'll Get By is the wind-up. Dynamic Miss Horne sells songs at a top figure. However, her smooth voice isn't too well suited to the rug-cutting, Jiving set-up such as Lunceford gives out. Silent Partner is the pic.

### Follow-Up Reviews

RUBAN BLEU, NEW YORK: Julius Monk is still indulging his taste for harpists, but this time he's picked a good one. Gal, a Negro, is billed as La Villa and shows signs of an excellent musical education. Handles the strings with authority on light items such as Intermezzo, then goes into a double-time Long Ago and swing-time Swance River. Also does a series of blues bits and sings a spiritual. Jive stuff is neatly handled, and with spirit. Voice is okay, too. Gal sells and pulled two encores when caught last week. Should do well in the smaller bistros.

Billie Holiday, noted blues thrush, is doing her stuff here now. Warbler is as handsome as ever and in top form. East Side mob went heavily for her Yesterdays, a rambling blues and a couple pop tunes. For third encore, singer delivered her piece de resistance, Strange Fruit, which by now she has mellowed into a magnificent offering. Biz okay when caught. Paul Ross.

ST. REGIS ROOF, NEW YORK: Society spot now purveying the talents of G. Ray Terrell, suave magic act. Prestidigitator's assured manner and panto style makes turn a solid click in this room.

Opens with conventional bit of the endless burning cigarettes, then the stunt of the disappearing and appearing ping-pong balls. From there the act starts into high with a piece of cocktailshaker business involving the tablesquatters. Gimmick winds up with magus pouring different-colored liquids from the container.

Clincher is an adroitly-handled stint of "baking a cake" out of pieces of paper, matches, milk, salt and so on, and it all concludes with Terrell producing a pair of rabbits in his cake pan. Laughs build steadily, and at finish act

D'Angelo and Vanya, ballroom team,

#### **Oriental**, Chicago

#### (Reviewed Friday Afternoon, June 9)

Beatrice Kay, steals the show with a continuous round of novelties, vocal selections and ear-pleasing, toe-tapping melodies. This well-balanced group of versatile entertainers gives the bill 75 minutes of fast-paced variety. Joy strikes out with a sharp jive number followed by a musical cocktail, featuring each sideman playing a different tune all in harmony. Novelty bits are Down By the Old Mill Stream, and Alice, Where Art Thou Going?, emphasized by comical hand gestures, and a zany fan dance, which draws plenty of laughs. Vocals are dished out by Elaine Glynne, an eyefilling titian with a good pair of pipes. Tiny Brooks, who gives out with the comic numbers; Harry De Praw, who handles the ballads, and Schnozz Dunn, jive numbers. Dunn also comes back with a clever trumpet solo in which he uses a hand puppet likeness of Dopey, the Walt Disney character, for the fin-

over a year ago. However, she scored

and Allen. Act has plenty of variety blindfolded. Team makes a nice appear-J. B.

#### Olympia, Miami

Jimmy Joy and his ork, headlined with (Reviewed Wednesday Afternoon, June 7)

Manager Al Weiss Jr., comes up with one of the best-balanced layouts in a long time, and the customers go strong for it.

Mack and Desmond, swell hoofers and jive artists, offer a snappy terp bit, with a wacky piano number thrown in. Audience eats 'em up.

Boots and Saddles, a pair of canines worked by Bert Rose, prove adept at figures and numerous other tricks. A nice hand for this one.

ging, singing and burlesquing magicians,

Moro and Yaconelli prove show-

L. T. Berliner.

will cover houses in the Midwest.

Sam Abbott.

### **Duke To Play Apollo**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- For the first time in three-four years Duke Ellington will play the Apollo, Harlem vaude house, this fall. Date is tentatively set for early November.

Deed I Do is dug out of the catalog and held over. Reviewed in The Billboard, issue of May 13. Paul Ross.

> LA CONGA, NEW YORK: On a recent trip to Mexico Jack Harris, proprietor of this Broadway Spanish-atmosphere club, lined up a group of performers for appearances here. Last Wednesday night (7) he produced one, Chela Campos, billed as the "sweetheart of the air" down there.

> Gal is definitely worth bringing north, and customers thought so, too, according strong hands and holding her for three encores. Chirper possesses a clear and cultured voice which she uses expertly

(See Follow-Up Review on page 25)



#### BAND-VAUDE GROSSES 24

June 17, 1944

## Only Two New York Houses Show Ups in D - Day Week

of poor pics plus invasion news kept box offices from overworking last week. The Music Hall and Roxy were the only two houses on the Stem to come thru with better than previous week's takes.

Radio City Music Hall (6.200 seats; house average, \$100,000), for the fourth week with Don Cossack Chorus, Carlton Emmy, George Young, Marie Grimaldi and White Cliffs, climbed to \$109,000 from previous week's \$103,000. First week brought \$98,000, second week \$101,000.

Roxy (6,000 seats; house average, \$75,000) registered with \$75,000 for the opening week with Eddle Garr, Berry Brothers, Barry Wood and Eve of St. Mark. Last week of previous bill brought \$50,400.

Paramount (3,664 seats; house average, \$75,000) for fifth week took \$74,000 with Charlie Spivak's ork, Wesson Brothers, Tip, Tap and Toe and Going My Way. First week's figure was \$102,000 second week \$85,000 and third week \$90,000.

Capitol (4,627 seats; house average,

### **Chi Heat Wave Burns Grosses**

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Grosses in both vaude-pic houses here took a drop last week, with the seven-day heat wave being responsible for the decrease.

The Chicago (4,000), in its third week holdover of Gil Lamb, Ray Eberle and the pic, Standing Room Only, went away below its weekly average, hitting a low \$39,000 for the week. This week's bill opened to a strong house, with Harry Richman headlining and Dave Apollon billed as the added attraction, plus Bing Crosby's latest pic, Going My Way. Show is skedded for a four-week run and is one of the strongest vaude-pic bills presented at this house in some time. The Oriental (3,200), which has been holding its own, slipped back to only a fair \$27,000, with Del Courtney, Pansy the Horse, and Buster Shaver, with Olive and George. Current show, starring Beatrice Kaye and Jimmy Joy and ork, opened well, and house should do better than average for the week.

NEW YORK, June 10 .- A combination \$55,000), for first week with new pic, Tender Comrade, and Phil Spitalny's ork held over, figure came to \$30,500. Last week of same stage bill with old pic brought \$52,400.

> Strand (2,779 seats; house average, \$45,000) for the second week of Cab Calloway's ork and Make Your Own Bed slipped to \$36,000 as against opener of \$43,000.

> Loew's State (3,500 seats; house average, \$25,000) counted \$25,500 for Harry Savoy, Jane Kean, Chinese Revue and Tampico as against \$29,000 for previous week. Current bill preemed Thursday (8) has Borrah Minevitch Rascals, Raye and Naldi, Lee Davis, Bob Howard, Jim Wong and Cover Girl.

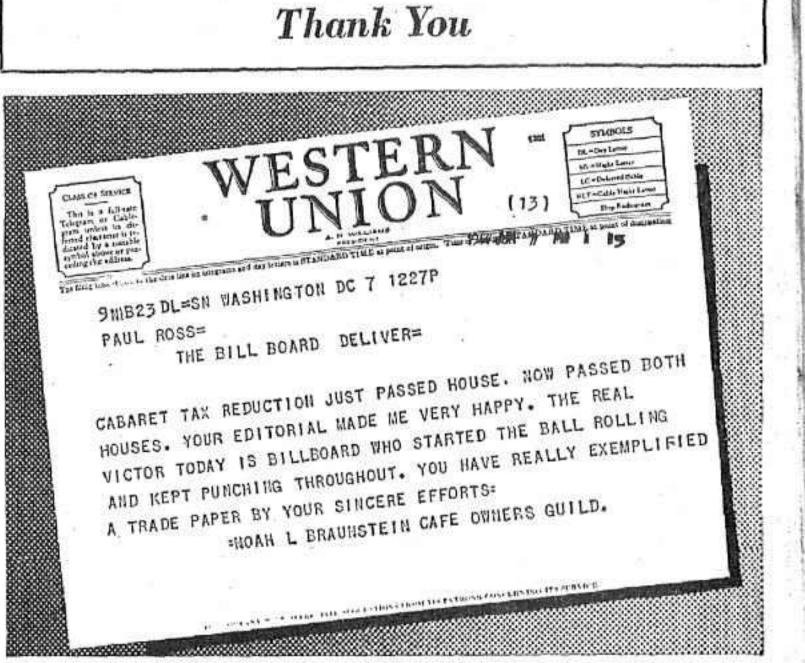
### **Tars-Spars 30G In Boston Heat**

BOSTON, June 10 .-- Coast guard's Tars and Spars not only got a fine press at opening at the RKO-Boston, June 1, but also did as fine a hot-weather business as could be expected. Finished a week (7) with \$30,000. Flicker was Pardon My Rhythm.

Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe Revue, with Johnny Burke, Frank and Jean Hubert, Ken Whitmer featured, opened weak Thursday (8). Bobby Sherwood ork, screen star Margo and Anne Rooney skedded for June 15.

Invasion Crabs Philly Biz; Earle Dips to Weak \$18,000

PHILADELPHIA, June 10.-Invasion day took its toll of biz at local amusement temples, and the Earle Theater (seating capacity, 3,000; house average, \$20,000) dipped to \$18,000 for week ended SON set for Paper Mill Playhouse. . . Thursday (8) after getting the week off GENE KING arranging shows for the to a promising start. Chester's band sharing the spotlight with the Gay '90s Revue. Betty Bradley and David Allyn, out of the band, and Linda Moody, extra added, rounded out the bill. Screen showed Seven Days Ashore.



### IN SHORT

#### New York:

ARTIE DANN leaves for the Coast to make pix; due July 1.... JUNE TAYLOR opens at Loew's State June 29. . . . BUCK AND BUBBLES current in Atlantic City. . . . THE TOPPERS holdover for the rest of summer at Atlantis, Coney Island.

JUDY SARGENT new hoofer at Louise's Monte Carlo. . . GIL JOHN. show at the Chez Parce, Chicago. . . . Merchant Seamen's Canteen which moves Marquee held much promise, with Bob to 48th Street. . . . BETTY LEE HUNT is MCA's new drum thumper.... DENNY DANNY O'NEIL, singing star, added to BECKNER due at Loew's State June 22. ... SHEA AND RAYMOND join the new Copacabana show June 16. . . . HENRY Johnson, tapster, also at the same spot. HUTSON is the new manager of the Henry Hudson Hotel. . . . DARO AND CORDA start at the Mayfair, Boston, June 14. . . MARQUITA RIVERA to spend next two weeks with USO. . . . JERRY WAYNE set for the Capitol this NORE DANIELS, singer, is rounding out summer. . . . ANN LESTER at Boston Mayfair until June 28 opens at Loew's State July 13. . . . EUNICE HEALY into the Copa June 16. BORRAH MINEVITCH RASCALS with Johnny at the Golden Gate, San Fran-. cisco, till end of June. . . RENE AND RUSSELL at Radio City Music Hall June 22. . . . EDDIE SMITH will shortly have an addition to his family. . . . WILLIE HOWARD set for guest shot on the Hildegarde program. . . . BENNY FIELDS opens at Loew's State June 28. ... JERRY KRUEGER starts at William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, June 19. . . . KEN DAVIDSON and John Scott (ex-Skating Vanities) at the Capitol, Washington, July 6, at Loew's State July 13. . . . THREE WELLS and Hector's Pals, Bobby Sherwood and Eddie Rochester go into the Riverside, Milwaukee, July 23. JERRY LESTER set for the Roxy July 5. . . . WINIK AND MAY into the Bal Taberin, San Francisco, for 10 weeks starting July 5. . . . CUBAN DIAMONDS to work in RKO's Pan Americana. . . . PAL BRANDEAUX, former Copa producer, set for pic musical as dance director. ... SHERLEY DENNIS now in Star Time. Paul Small's show on Coast. . . . ELLA LOGAN at Roxy, July 12, on same bill with Duke Ellington ork.... MARGARET THELAN, Lucille Kirova, Tommy Dowd, Cesar and Rosita all in new Trade Winds (Washington) show. DOLORES DUPONT current at St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans. . . . FRAN-CITA touring the South on the Kemp Circuit. . . ANNE BARRETT, Betty Johnston, Lorraine Vernon, Wanda Ward on USO. . . . BOB EASTON, Arabella, Joe Lieber offshore for USO. . . . RENEE MELBA and Betty Lou soon to go offshore. . . . CAPY BARA BOYS current Club Royal, Detroit. . . . GAUDSMITH BROTHERS open at Steel Pier, Atlantic City, July 2.

#### Chicago:

JACK MARSHALL, who recently closed at the Rio Cabana, Chicago, has been booked into the Baker Hotel, Dallas. . . . JACKSON AND NEDRA, dancers, are appearing at the Casino, Quincy, Ill. . . . COLUMBUS AND CARROLL, ballroom team and Jacqueline Hurley, contortionist, are skedded for Edgewater Beach, Chicago, starting July 14.

GUY CHERNEY has been added to the FRANCES FAYE and Elmo Tanner have been inked for the Oriental Theater June 23. . . . THE ALBINS, comedy act, heldover to July 15 at the College Inn. . . . new show at Rio Cabana, Chicago. . . . ROSITA AND DENO, dancers, and Isabel PADDY CLIFF, singer, currently at the Chez Parce. . . . RUBY RING, acrostylist, at the Latin Quarter, Chicago. . . . TED SMITH is the new gagster at the Brown Derby, Chicago. . . . ELEAher fifth year at the Silver Cloud. . . . MAURICE ROCCO, planist, has been inked in for the Chez Paree starting July 6. . . . THE FOUR ILLUSIONS, pantocomics, have opened at the Pan-American Room. . . . HELEN SUMNER is playing the plano at Ralph Jansen's Ivanhoe Chicago.

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Woody Herman Ork, Revue Racks Solid 18G in Balto

BALTIMORE, June 10 .- Despite news of the invasion, which resulted in virtually empty houses on D-Day, Hippodrome Theater grossed a good \$18,200 week ended June 7, with bill headlined by Woody Herman and orchestra plus his own revue featuring Frances Wayne, Chubby Jackson, Joe Phillips, the Wood Choppers and Dave Tough. Extras were Lyn Shirley and Hal Sherman.

Pic, Gangway for Tomorrow.

#### "Gay '90s Revue" Pulls Neat \$21,000 at L. A. Orpheum

LOS ANGELES, June 10.-Opening Decoration Day to a full house Gay '90s Revue pulled a neat \$21,000 at the Orpheum Theater here for week ended Monday (5).

Revue included Corrine, Quinn and LaVarr, Memory Lane Trio, Della Ray, Suzetta Carzell, Mary Morris, Harry Smirl, Blanche Lytell, Pa and Ma O'Hagen, and Tom Barrett.

Pic, Jamboree. House seats 2,200 and charges 98 cents tops with tax.

### 21G at Golden Gate, S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10 .- Golden Gate's gross for week ended Tuesday. June 6, was around \$21,000. On the stage bill were Ina Ray Hutton and her orchestra, Marion Daniels, Kim Loo Sisters, Joe De Rita and company and the Six Willys. Pic, Ladies of Washington.

#### **Busse 18G in Indianapolis**

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10 .- Circle Theater grossed a fair \$18,000 with Henry Busse and orchestra and the Harmonica Rascals week ended June 1.

Pic, You Can't . Ration Love. (2,600 seats.)

Here and There:

MYRTLE DUNEDIN, daughter of Jimmy Dunedin, retired trouper, winding up two weeks at the Primrose Country Club, Newport, Ky., with her unicycle juggling turn, after which Barnes & Carruthers picks her up for a string of outdoor engagements. . . , YEOMAN 3/C LEON VALDEZ, assisted by his wife and partner, Peggy, is producing shows for the navy base at Shoemaker, Calif., and presenting them at other bases and hospitals along the West Coast. Valdez and Peggy also contribute their dance specialties to the shows.



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#### NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE



### ROUTES

### Acts • Units • Attractions

Explanation of Symbols: a-auditorium; b-ballroom; c-cafe; cb-cabaret; cc-country club; cl-cocktail lounge; h-hotel; nc-night club; p-amusement park; ro-roadhouse; re-restaurant; t-theater; NYC-New York City; Phila-Philadelphia; Chi-Chicago.

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

Albins, The (Sherman) Chi, h. Aimce Sisters (Carman) Phila, t. Andre, Stella (Octjen's) NYC, rc. Apollon, Dave (Chicago) Chi, t. Arnaut Bros, (Lookout House) Covington, Ky.,

Austin, Virginia (Capitol) Washington, t.

Baird, Jean (Russo's Lounge Cafe) NYC, nc. Baldwin & Bristol (Riverview) Pennsville, N. J., p. Ballard & Rae (Lookout House) Covington,

Ky., nc.

Barton & Brady (Clover) Fort Worth, Tex., 5-24.

Beck, Danny (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., cc. Bergen, Jerry (Club 18) NYC, nc.

Bernard, George & Gene (Albee) Cincinnati, t. Berry Bros. (Roxy) NYC, t.

Blanchard, Jeri (Club 18) NYC, nc.

Blakstone, Nan (30 Club) Pocatello, Idaho, nc.



Cabin Boys (Airliner Show Lounge) Chi, nc. Calgary Bros. (Vogue Room) Cleveland, h. Campos, Chela (La Conga) NYC, nc. Carlisle, Charlie (Bowery) Detroit, nc. Carlton & Juliette (Clover) Fort Worth, Tex., 12-24, nc. Carter, Roy (Swing Club) NYO, nc.

Hadley, Helen (Casino-on-the-Park) NYC, h. Haviland, Hal (State) Greenwood, S. C., 14; (Modjeska) Augusta, Ga., 15-17; (Victory) Charleston, S. C., 19-20, t. Hayes, Bruce (Taft Grill) NYC, h. Heathen, Boyd (Hipp) Baltimore, t. Herbert, Jack (Jefferson) St. Louis, h. Higgins, Peter (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., Holiday, Billie (Ruban Bleu) NYC, nc. Hovart, June (Club 78) NYC, nc. Howard, Eddle (Court Sq.) Springfield, Mass.,

15-18, t. Howard, Bob (State) NYC, t. Howard, June (Starlight Roof) NYC, h.

Hudson, Dean (Blue Room) NYC, h.

Illusions, Four (LaSalle) Chi, h. Imaginators, The (Sherman) Chi, h. Inclan, Marion (Cafe Pierre) NYO, h.

Jagger, Kenny (Sportsman Olub) Indianapolis, Jaroff, Serge (Music Hall) NYC, t.

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Jean, Jack & Judy (Palace) Oleveland, t. Johnson, Isabell (Rio Cabana) Chi, nc. Johnson, James (Pied Piper) NYC, nc.

Karson's, Maria, Musicales (Plains) Cheyenne, Wyo., h. Kaye, Beatrice (Oriental) Chi, t. Kerr, Jack (No. 1 Bar) NYC, h. King, Carol (Earle) Washington, t. Knight, Evelyn (Blue Angel) NYC, nc. Kramer's, Henry, Midgets (Faust) Peoria, Ill., 12-25, nc.

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Radio Aces (Roxy) NYC, t. Rand, Sally (Showboat) Cleveland, re.

Ray & Pedro (Oriental) Chi, t. Raye, Mary, & Naldi (State) NYC, t. Raymond, Ed (Polack Circus) San Diego, Calif., 13-22. Raymond, Mack (Palisades Park Casino)

Palisade, N. J., nc.

Richards, Bill (Broadway Bar) Bay City, Mich., 5-17, nc.

Richey, Jean (Earl Carroll Theater) Holly-wood re.

Richman, Harry (Chicago) Chi. t. Rigoletto Bros. (Carman) Phila, t.

Ring, Ruby (Latin Quarter) Chi, nc.

Ritter, Eileen (Earle) Washington, t.

Roberto & Aidila (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, nc.

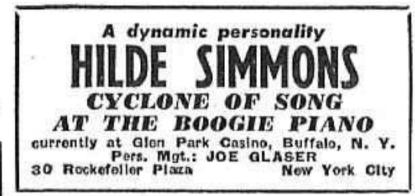
Roberts, Don (Jack Tars') Hot Springs, Ark., nc.

Rollini, Kurt (Albee) Cincinnati, t.

Rooney, Ed & Jenny (Harlacker's Circus) Gardner, Mass.; Providence 19-24. Rose's, Billy, Diamond Horseshoe (RKO-Boston) Boston, t. Revue

Rosita & Deno (Rio Cabana) Chi, nc. Roy, Don (Seelbach) Louisville, h.

Salerno, Lawrence (Famous Door) Chi, nc. Sargent, Judy (Vienna Cafe) NYC, re. Semon, Primrose (Madison) Baltimore, nc.



Sharon, Nita (Esquire) Norfolk, Va., nc. Sheri, Jean (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., cc. Sherman, Hal (Circle) Indianapolis, t. Shirley, Lyn (Circle) Indianapolis, t. Siemon, Hank (Hipp) Baltimore 15-21, t. Simpson, Carl & Faith (Last Frontier) Las No Tax Dinners at Stevens Vegas, Nev., h.

Smith, Ted (Brown Derby) Chi, cl. Son & Sonny (Chicago) Chi, t. Soo, Jack (Chin's) Cleveland, nc. Sumner, Helen (Ivanhoe) Chi, re. Suns, Three (Piccadilly) NYC, h. Sylvia & Christian (Latin Quarter) NYC, no.

Tatum, Art (Three Deuces) NYO, nc. Taylors, Five (Edgewater Beach) Chl. h. Terrell, G. Ray (St. Regis Roof) NYC, h. Tip, Tap & Toe (Paramount) NYC, t. Tweedy Bros. & Cindy (Ace of Clubs) Steubenville, O., nc.

## **Biz Is Jumpin'** In Rio Niteries

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 10 .--- Night life is running in high with the return of floorshows to the four casinos in the local area. The grill rooms, where the shows are presented, shuttered along with the casinos gambling rooms when the decree-law closing down on all gambling for two months each year became effective in the Federal District.

The Copacabana's Golden Room, the Urca, Atlantico and Icarai, latter across the bay in Niterol, all have reopened during May.

Business has been terrific, with table reservations exhausted far in advance, and the ropes up over week-ends.

Producers have gone in heavily for production numbers as a feature of their shows, usually incorporating the talent into these numbers. All spots have local lines, ranging in number from 10 to the Urca's 36.

The costly Casino Quintandinha, which teed off February 12, found the going tough, due primarily to transportation problems. Spot is situated in the mountains near Petropolis, about one hour's drive from Rio. With limited transportation to and from the casino and the rationing of gas, biz went into a nosedive. Spot has since discontinued its full-week show policy and is now offering floorshows week-ends only.

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Stevens Hotel is the latest spot to eliminate the tax during the dinner shows here. Dinners served in the Boulevard Room between 6 and 10 will be tax free, with Henri Gendron and his augmented ork furnishing the dinner music. After 10 the spot will feature entertainment and dancing. with Gendron playing for both sessions.

#### FOLLOW-UP REVIEW (Continued from page 23)

Carrasco, Ramon (El Chico) NYC, nc. Carroll's, Earl, Vanities (Golden Gate) San Francisco, t.

Claytons, The (Oriental) Chi, t. Chords, The (Trocadero) Reno, Nev., nc. Condos Bros. (Latin Quarter) Chi, nc. Cordyn & Sawyer (Hipp) Baltimore, t. Cortez, Florez (Te Pee) Miami, nc. Cossack, Don, Co. (Music Hall) NYC, t. Crane, Phil & Mildred (Roosevelt) New Orleans, h.

Cross, Chris (Earle) Washington, t.

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D'Arcy, Ethel (Steel Pier) Galveston, Tex., 15-27.

Dale, Diana (Swing Club) NYC, nc. Dana & Kaplan (Carman) Phila, t. Darcy, Frank (Ferdinands) NYC, nc. Darrow, Chick (McGouhs) NYC, nc. Davis, Lee (State) NYC, t. De Croff, Ann (Astor) Montreal, nc.

De Marcos, The (Mayfair Room) Chi, h. DeMay & Moore (Leon & Eddie's) NYO, nc. DeSimone, Cheena (Grand Terrace Casino) Detroit, nc.

Dolgoff, Lew (City Dump) NYC, nc. Dodge, Nancy Lee (Armando's) NYC, nc.

Dombey, Ken (Puritas Springs Park Rink)

Cleveland, p. Dodd, Mary Jane (5100 Club) Chi, nc.

Donia, Frankie (Highway Casino) Westport,

Mass., nc. Drake, Robt., & Little Jeane (Cave) Van-couver, B. C., 12-24, nc.

D'Rey, Phil (Brown Derby) Chi, nc. Duffy, Kathryn, Dancers (Beverly Hills) New-port, Ky., cc.

Easley, Bert (Bismarck) Chi, h. Emmy, Carlton (Music Hall) NYC, t.

Fassler, Fred (Vienna Cafe) NYC, re. Fields, Herbie (Downbeat) NYC, nc. Fisher's, Bob, Flyers: Bennington, Vt. Fitzgibbon, Lew (Carman) Phila, t. Foo, Loowa (Swing Club) NYO, nc. Ford, Patricia (Chateau) Cleveland, nc.

Fostaire (Esquire) Norfolk, Va., nc. Francis, Leo (Fontaine Ferry) Louisville, p. Franklin, Edith (Aquarium) NYC, re. French, Eleanor (Camelia House) Chi, h. Fuller, Bob (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.

Galante & Leonard (Wm. Penn) Pittsburgh, h. Gallus, John (Biltmore) Los Angeles, h. Garcias, The (Albee) Cincinnati, t. Garr, Eddle (Roxy) NYO, t

Garretson, Marjorie (Bimbo's 365 Club) San Francisco until June 29.

Gay Nightles Revue (Michigan) Detroit, t. Gaynor & Ross (Earle) Washington, t. Gilbert, Flo (Boardwalk) Keansburg, N. J., nc. Gleason, Jackie (Copacabana) NYC, nc. Glover & LaMae (Ansley) Atlanta, h. Gold, Marty (Hurricane) NYC, nc. Grandfather's Follies (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.

Grant, Rosalie (Vienna Cafe) NYC, re. Gray, Gilda (Famous Door) Chi, nc. Green, Al (Club Zebra) NYC, nc. Grimaldi, Marie (Music Hall) NYC, t. Gross, Jackie (Brass Rail) Lawrence, Mass., nc.

LaBato, Paddy (Chez Parce) Denver, nc. Lane, Francis (Casino-on-the-Park) NYC, h. LaVilla (Three Deuces) NYC, nc. LaZellas, Aerial (Curley's) Minneapolis 17-24, Leopoldi, Herman (Vienna Cafe) NYC, re.



Lester & Irmajean (Gloria) Columbus, O., no. Lindsay's, Earl, Lovely Ladies (Capitol) Wash-ington, t. Little, Kay (Palisades Park Casino) Palisade,

N. J., nc. Little Sisters, Three (Hipp) Baltimore, t.

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Mack, Al (Chin's) Cleveland, no. Mage & Karr (Palace) Cleveland, t; (Down-

town) Detroit 16-22, t. Martin, Betty (Glen Island Casino) NYC, nc. Martin, Teddy (Latin Quarter) NYC, nc.

Matthey, Nicholas (Blue Angel) NYC, nc. Maude, Jerry (Boardwalk) Keansburg, N. J.,

nc. Maxwell, Bette (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, nc.

Midnight Zombie Jamboree (Orpheum) Fergus Falls, Minn., 15; (Gilles) Wahpeton, N. D., 16; (Moorhead) Moorhead, Minn., 17; (Pill-ager) Valley City, N. D., 19, t.

Minevitch Rascals (State) NYC, t. Ming Toy, Princess (Hawall) Albany, N. Y., nc.

Montrose & Pearl (Ball) Miami 12-24, nc. Mosier, Gladys (Cafe Madison) NYC, h. Murphy, Rose (Blue Angel) NYC, nc. Myler, Marvelle (Rio Cabana) Chi, nc. Myrus (Cotillion Room) NYC, h.

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Nagel, Joan (Radio Franks) NYC, h. Nikolal, Nikki (Radio Franks) NYC, h. Novellos, The (Oriental) Chi 16-22, t.

O'Nell, Danny (Rio Cabana) Chi, nc. O'Neill Sisters (Carman) Phila, t. Orrica, Don (Club Zebra) NYC, nc. O'Toole, Ollie (Palace) Cleveland, t. Overman, Wally: Chicago 12-17.

Page, Joe, & Nona (Tivoli) Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, until Sept. 23, t. Palmer, Penny (Radio Franks) NYC, h. Parker, Jack (Downbeat) NYC, nc. Pickford, Murry (Versallie) Montreal, nc. Pitchmen, The (Hipp) Baltimore, t.

Ulmer, Jack (Cow Shed) Cleveland, nc.

Viera, Manuel (Hipp) Baltimore, t. Vincent, Larry (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.

Wain, Bea (Earle) Phila, t. Wallace Puppets (Riverside) Milwaukee, t. Walsh, Conny (19th Hole) NYC, nc. Warren, Annette (Carter) Oleveland, nc. Water Follies (Ball Park) San Diego, Calif.,

14-20; (Gillmore Stadium) Los Angeles 22-July 12. Waters, Ethel (Rio Cabana) Chi, nc.

Wesson Bros. (Paramount) NYC, t. Wheeler, Bert, & Co. (Earle) Phila, t.

White's, George, Scandals (Stanley) Pittsburgh, t.

Wilds, Three (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.

Wilkens, Charlie & Tommie (Palace) Rock-ford, Ill., t. Winchell, Paul (Copacabana) NYO, nc.

Wong, Jim, Troupe (State) NYC, t. Wood, Barry (Roxy) NYC, t.

Wood, Jane (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., nc.

Woodle & Betty (Chase) St. Louis, h. Worth, Coley (Capitol) Washington, t.

Wynter & Angeline (Pierre) NYC, h.

Yeo, Mary Jane (New Yorker Terrace) NYC, h. Young, George (Music Hall) NYO, t.



Carnival on Ice (Netherland Plaza Hotel) Cincinnati.

Francy's, Dorothy, Ice Time (Adolphus Hotel) Dallas.

Ice Follies (Winterland) San Francisco. Lamb-Yocum Ice Parade (Ben Franklin Hotel) Phila.

#### Donna Daye Debut as Single

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Donna Daye, recently the chirper of the Fred Waring ork, will follow in the footsteps of Helen Forrest, Helen O'Connell and other exband canaries by stepping out for herself as a single. Gal breaks in at the Hippodrome, Baltimore, on June 22.

on Spanish songs and such established pops as Amor, Amor, Amor and Besame Mucho. Opened a little coldly, probably due to first-night nervousness, but by the time she reached the encore stage she had 'em yelling. Warbler has much class. When she gets used to selling to American audiences she should go very well in good spots.

Other new act on the bill is Marileo Echols, blond tapster. Gal looks good, has lovely gams and uses them effectively. Dance repertoire is varied and touched up with flashy work. Hoofer purveys well and wrings good hands.

To relieve Machito's Rumba Kings ork, Harris has brought in a new band, Mario's (6), led by Paulito Gallindo. New outfit is one of hottest and most authentic Latin-American groups heard in these parts for some time, and Gallindo deserves special praise for his vocalizing. Between this band and Machito's, La Conga probably has more good Latin music on tap than any spot in the vicinity.

Heldover acts include Betty Reilly, singing guitarist, and Horacio and Hilda, rumba dancers, both reviewed in The Billboard Issue of June 3, and Servandos Diaz trio, reviewed April 8. P. R.

#### LEON & EDDIE'S

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Smile. Latter had the customers coming in on the chorus.

Comedy load is carried by DeMay and Moore who start with a straight ballroom routine and switch rapidly into a comic knockabout turn. On one bit gal grabs and hangs on to overhead girder while partner pretends to look around for her. Bit won good laughs.

Eddie Davis and his by now standard blue stuff closes the show. Line has a few more lookers than the previous one. Routines are simple and don't call for any talent. Lou Martin's ork does a clean job of show cutting.

Biz good when caught. Bill Smith.



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## Lines and Floorshow Units Coast Combos Cull Extra Coin To Be Produced by Zucker From Club Dates, War Plants

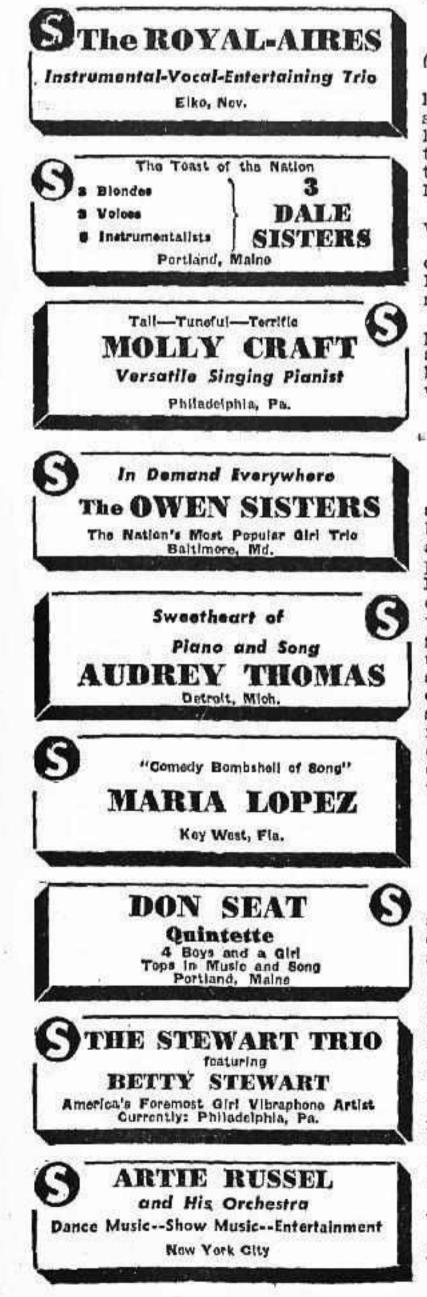
NEW YORK, June 10. - Stanford jather's Follies, Fun for Your Money and ness of producing lines and floorshow units for use in night clubs.

Earl Lindsay, former producer for the Shuberts, will join the Zucker office in three-four weeks to turn out such items. is expanding his staff. Jack Miles, trom-Lindsay has a package of his own, Earl Lindsay's Victory Revue, which has been playing vaude houses thru the winter. The lines and units he will produce for the Zucker office will not work in theaters-at least present plans don't call for it. Zucker himself has a small package, Beauty on Parade, which has been working clubs.

While agent will not put himself on record as believing that there is a trend to packaged shows in niteries, he feels that the success of such units as Grand- mulling a daytime airshow to be called

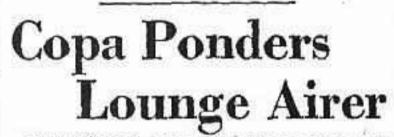


The Original One Man Band VINCE "Blue" MONDI The World's Smallest Orchestra "Soundles"



Zucker, local lounge agent and specialist Funzafire indicates major possibilities in in "corn bands," is going into the busi- the field which, for the most part, have not been exploited. Hence his decision to produce parcels and his engagement of Lindsay for the purpose.

Along with bringing in Lindsay, Zucker bonist with Guy Lombardo for 11 years, joined the outfit June 1 to handle bands. Office recently moved to larger quarters.



NEW YORK, June 10 .- Monte Proser is Cocktails at the Copa.

Tentative plan is to pull lines from the main room, when Shep Field's ork comes in, to the upstairs lounge. Fields will go on the air (Mutual) three nights a week. The lounge show is also to go on three times a week but is tentatively skedded for about 3 p.m.

Lounge show will have performers from the downstairs room, unknowns who are supposedly on the way up and a cocktail combo, latter still undecided.



#### The Carrollians

(Reviewed at Club Zanzibar, New York)

This four-piece Irv Carroll combo relieves on the stand. Fred Steele, tenor sax, conducts and adds considerable with his vocalizing. Ben Grauer, trumpet, takes a number of melodies in competent fashion. Irving Preisler, plano, and Matt Mason, drums, complete.

are garnering a nice bit of cash in this 11:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Spike Jones and area by playing one-shots on radio, in His City Slickers are set to play the data war plants and at club dances and pri- on June 21. GAC has also booked menvate parties. Development of these ing sessions at Pasadena Junior Collega fields is such that agencies have sprung up which make bookings of this type the bulk of their business.

Probably the leader in the field is the new Art Whiting Agency. Whiting got into the booking business by way of a small combo which played casual dates. He still gets together five or six pieces and plays for a country club, war plant dance or picture studio dance and party. With Whiting are Jack Riley, who whips together anything from a trio to a large band, such as he had at the Aragon Ballroom recently; Freddy Large with five or six pieces and King Gulon with the same-sized outfit. Bookings include war plants, and the firm has had bands play for bowling leagues.

Lou Dorn, local agent, handled Lockheed Aircraft shows for two years. Policy has been changed recently, with Dorn scouting other plants. For the defense workers' lunch periods from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and 8 to 8:30, Dorn has supplied the Dude Swingsters, a three-plece to play Masonic get-togethers as well as bership features. private parties.

Aviation, this firm has booked Tiny spots along the "lane" stretch.

HOLLYWOOD, June 10 .- Small combos Brown for 30-minute lunch periods at and at UCLA.

Individual members of small comba are given a chance to get together (and make money) on the Orson Welles show over Station KNX. In this group are included Zutty Singleton, Bud Scott, Barney Bigard, Buster Wilson and Ed Garland dispensing original New Orleans Jazz.

New Cocktail Spot **Opens in Kansas City** 

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 10 .- The new Colony, 1106, this city's newest cockial lounge and restaurant, made its debut last week despite wartime priorities, liquor shortages and ration points.

Spot, which is housed in a four-story building, is located on Melody Lane, a four-block stretch which now includes 15 dining and drinking spots, 10 of which are featuring entertainment. Lounge, group; Bernie Halpert, four; Earl Bod- which is situated on the first floor, was lander, three, and Don Gutherie, three. built at he cost of \$50,000 and plans are Lockheed audiences number 2,000 at each now being made to convert the second show. Dorn has also sent small combos floor into a swank dining room with mem-

Vie Colin and His Chicagoans, trie, and GAC has spotted the King Cole Trio Jean Jamerson, piano, have been inked on Hollywood Showcase over Station in by the McConkey Orchestra Company KNX several times. At North American here, which is booking one half of the



East: TWO BEES AND A HONEY bow in Philadelphia at Lou's Germantown Bar. . . . MARJORIE HYAMS, with the Serenaders and Patty Travers and Her Silver Tones, share the stand at Atlantic City's Chateau Renault. . . . FOUR GINGER-SNAPS back in Philadelphia at the College Inn. . . . TED OLIVER FOUR open next week for the summer at Philadelphia's Shangri-La, ... JACK McGOWAN TRIO set to summer at Rainbow Cafe, Wildwood, N. J. . . BETTY ROYCE brings her plano noveltles to Philadelphia's Tahiti Bar. . . . THE THREE HITS. with Kay Dorner at the plano, alternating with Lillian Bowman's planistics, bow at the Wonder Bar, Brooklawn, N. J. ADRIAN ROLLINI TRIO heads the new Place Bar. DuMond's Philadelphia.

Unit kept dance floor filled. Tempo was excellent when caught.

Using Carroll's arrangements this recently formed group sounded as if it had been working together for many, many moons.

Steele's stand manner is good, and his personality should build a following among dancers. Grauer is personable but had a little trouble finding the mike when viewed. Larry Nixon.

#### Sandy Sanderford

(Reviewed at the Aquarium, New York)

Bill Smith.

#### Chet Roble

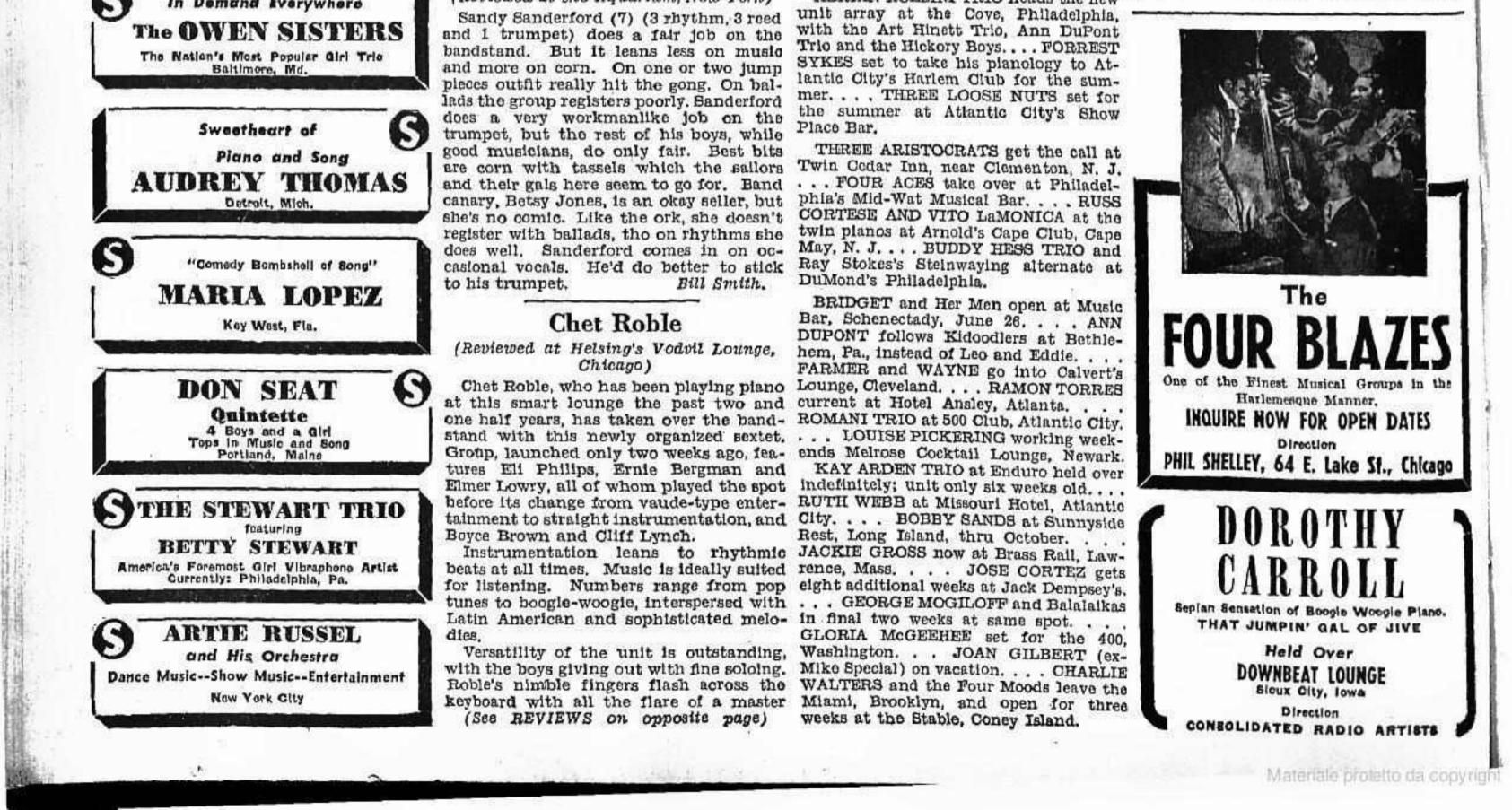
Chicago)

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#### West Coast:

JIMMY WAKELY and His Oklahoma Cowboys at Hoot Gibson's Painted Post in Studio City, Calif. Charlie and Margle Linville, violinists, recently joined. Outfit featuring Jimmy Pruitt, blind plankt ... AL IVERA at the Pago Pago in Portland, Ore. . . . SHADRACH BOYS held over at the Back Stage, San Francisco, by the new owners. . . . ILLINOIS JACK, former Cab Calloway tenor sax man, now with his own five-piece group at the Blue Moon, Tucson, Ariz., after closing at the Silver Slipper, San Diego.

ART PERRY and His Western Sweethearts (five gals and a man) at the Showboat in San Diego. . . . POISON GARD-(See OFF THE CUFF on opposite page)



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## **Economic Law Plus Tax** Add to Lounge Woes

NEW YORK, June 10 .- The law of Johnny-come-latelies found the going supply and demand is something cocktail units are learning about todaythe hard way.

For where a small band working a lounge a couple of months ago wouldn't budge out of New York for less than, say, \$600 plus rooms and transportation. the same outfit today has a tough time getting \$400 with no rooms.

Fact that this is so is proven by unanimous agreement among top cocktall lounge agents here, that prices of acts have toppled. Percenters, until two weeks ago, maintained that prices were not affected-except for singers, generally, who were a drug on the market. Now estimates of price-drop range from average of 15 per cent to as high as 50.

Situation was brought to a head by the 30 per cent tax, but basically the Cave, San Diego. tax merely hurried the climax, it didn't cause it. The cause itself was brought about by the same law of supply and demand which for a time worked to the advantage of the performers. With money as free as water, particularly in defense centers, spot after spot tried to cash in on this lush trade by adding lounge units.

What units were around got more money than they ever dreamed of. This prosperity attracted other sidemen who formed units and went to work.

Then the old economic law of supply and demand began working the other way. There were too many units and not enough spots to put them in. Name combos could still get a price, but the

#### **REVIEWS**

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tougher.

Then came the tax, and the fat was in the fire.

#### OFF THE CUFF

(Continued from opposite page) NER TRIO held over at Randinl's, Los Angeles. . . . GLADYS PALMER at the Rhythm Club, Los Angeles. . . . EARL COLBERT TRIO and Cora Eddy get holdover notices at George's in Glendale. . . . BEN LIGHT returning to the LaJolla Beach and Tennis Club, LaJolla, Calif. ... THE CHORDS returning by popular demand to the Cloud Room, Portland.

LUCKY COOK and orchestra get an indefinite holdover at Club Laurene, Los Angeles. . . . DAN STEWER TRIO opened at the Golda Lee, El Monte, Calif. ... AL MONAZI stays over with his orchestra at the Club New Yorker, Portland. . . . 'IINY BROWN a holdover at the Pirate's

#### Midwest:

BOYCE BROWN, saxophonist, who formerly headed his own unit, has joined the Chet Roble combo; currently appearing at Helsing's Vodvil Lounge, Chicago. . . . MARIA KARSON'S MUSICALS (4), rounding out a year's run at the Plains Hotel, Cheyenne, Wyo., recently played a fourth engagement at the Veterans' Hospital there.

CABIN BOYS (3) have been booked in to the Airliner, Chicago, for a three months' run. . . . DON ROBERTS, organlet, who drew another holdover at Jack Tars, Hot Springs, is planning to add a singer to his act.

OZZIE OSBORNE (4) currently at Club Silhouette, Chicago. . . . GAIL HALL is playing the plano at Martin's 71st Street Lounge, Chicago. . . . BOB REEMS (4) has been inked in as the alternating band at Helsing's Vodvil Lounge, Chicago. . . . AL (STUMPY) RUSSELL, formerly of Slim, Stemp and Stumpy, and Jean Morgan, opened at the Club Lido, South Bend, Ind. . . . VALERIE DAVIS, piano, is appearing at the Guard House, Alexandria, La. . . . PRINCESS WHITE CLOUD, organist, is at the same spot. JEAN WILLIAMS, piano-singing, can be heard at the Glass Lounge, Tampa. . . . LEON ABBEY AND QUARTET are at the Cabin in the Sky, Chicago. . . . CLARA HOELSCHER provides the organ music at Club Morocco, Chicago. . . . CRYSTAL TUNESTERS debut at the Crystal Tap, Chicago. . . . JUMPS OF JIVE (4) held over at the Sky Club, Chicago. RICHARD HOYLMAN, plano, now in his 17th week at the T & T Club, Momence, Ill., held over for an indefinite run. . . . THE SHORELINERS (4) have been inked in for the Preview, Chicago, starting July 3. . . . DOROTHY CAR-ROLL, piano, held over at the Downbeat Show Lounge, Sloux City, Ia. . . . NINA RENALDO (5) has opened at the Lakotas, Milwaukee. . . . Three more cocktail combos in the CRA stable: Bob Sylvester (4), Ben Olender and His Notables and Hortense Doram, organist, who signed seven-year personal management con-

## Ship Slip

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Four years ago Anita Martell, English juggling act, was set to come to the U.S., but the war prevented it. On July 3 she opens at the Statler, Boston-thru a shipping accident.

It happened like this: In 1942 she went to South Africa to make vaude appearances, then traveled to Australia for more of the same. Three months ago she boarded a ship for England, but the vessel was forced to go to the U.S. instead. Now Miss Martell has been given a one-year visa and is ready to go to work.

Not far behind are the Nevelle, Tamarack, Flagler, Morningside and a score of others.

Situation among the Berkshire spots is a little different. Places are further apart, so making more than two jumps a night isn't easy. But in these places they don't go in for a top name talent. Yet they, too, have to pay a lot more for acts.

But if the situation for the performers sounds like pie in the sky it's far from that for musicians. Up to Decoration Day musikers were just as hard to get as acts. Prices didn't mean a thing. Scale, according to one agent, just didn't exist. It was a black market. And if you wanted a couple of boys to beat it out you had to \$60 for sidemen were simply laughed off. structure about four years ago. In one case, the agent said, he got a band only after agreeing to give the ork leader's wife and child free room and board for the season. Then came the debacle.

#### The College Boys

competition. But the cabaret tax was deal. what hurt. For band after band was let out of shuttered niteries and right away largely upon the federal club tax. began hunting for a borscht job.

#### Bill "Scandals," 2d 28G At Downtown,

DETROIT, June 10 .- George White's Scandals, second attraction to play the Downtown Theater (2,800 seats; house average, \$23,000) since its reopening by Howard Hughes, drew \$28,000, dropping about \$20,000 under the figure set the week before by Tommy Dorsey.

Latter figure, however, was a once-inlifetime happenstance, resulting from a combination of the first stageshow to play town in some time, extensive billing of the reopening of the Downtown in an exceptional campaign, and the lure of Dorsey for the teen-age crowd. Picture with the George White show was Jamborce.

Xavier Cugat, who had a record run at the Statler Terrace Room here a couple of seasons ago, is in as the current attraction, and expected to go slightly over the Scandal mark.

### **New Combine Runs** Det. Parkside Bldg.

DETROIT, June 10. - The Parkside Recreation Building, operated by Erving Moss, is being taken over by a new group which includes Sanford Adler, Irving Dworman, George Seyburn and Henry pay. Offerings of \$75 for the leader and Alpert. Adler was the builder of the

The Parkside Cocktail Lounge, now operating on a continuous entertainment policy, and the Parkside Theater will remain under the same managers, Del Barlow and Ben Wachnansky.

The Bombay Room, swank second-floor College boys came in and took over. night spot, which has been closed some Latter situation is nothing new and good months, and the two-floor bowling alleys orks don't even consider the rah-rah boys in the building are all included in the

Fate of the Bombay Room depends



salesman. Altho he is noted for his hot piano renditions, his concertos, however, win the plaudits. Boyce Brown, sax, who formerly fronted a unit at the preview here, dishes out with technique that draws solid mitting. His tonal qualities and fast fingering fit in with the rhythmic bass pounding by Ernie' Bergman and Elmer Lowry's soft guitar strains. Cliff Lynch also comes in for a good hand with his skin-beating, as does Eli Philips, who doubles on the tenor sax and clarinet.

Robie's new unit is definitely slated to go places. The music is danceable and



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Bands which had turned down \$75 a West and Lexing week came back and offered to work for \$50. Added to this local plethora of out--of-work bands came outfits from out of town, even Canada, who, hearing of the easy dough in the borscht belt, came in to collect.

dough.

## Start Vaude Tour

NEW YORK, June 10 .--- West and Lexing, the burly comics who have been Those orks which have gotten their jobs hailed in recent months as possible sucbefore Decoration Day and signed for the cessors to Abbott and Costello, will be season are okay. Those which held out seen in Midwest vaude houses beginning for better dough are now out on a limb. June 23. Burleskers will play a six-week But the acts are still in demand. They tour with the Ozzie Nelson ork; Lindsey, ask for and can get almost any kind of LaVerne and Betty, and Harris and Shore. Route opens at the Orphcum in Omaha.



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### Subway Cirk Down to Two For Leventhal

#### Other Houses Only Booked

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Despite contrary reports and rumors, the Subway Circuit, as personalized by Jules Leventhal, has shrunk this year to two theaters, the Windsor, Bronx, and the Flatbush, Brooklyn. Originally it was planned to service Eddie Gould's Queensboro Theater in Elmhurst, Long Island, with Leventhal summer attractions, but currently this hook-up is out and Gould is going it on his own.

As far as out-of-town set-ups are concerned, such as Atlantic City and Philly, which have been mentioned as potential summer outlets, J. L.'s office advises that these are strictly status quo, and if and when they come to fulfillment it is likely to be on a straight booking arrangement.

#### Current J. L. Notion

The current notion in the Leventhal noggin seems to be to present picked shows at the two local theaters, and if they do outstanding biz, and he controls the touring rights, ship them forthwith on a hinterland trek. The Subway Circuit has opened the switch to the open road.

In any event this is precisely what has happened in the case of Early To Bed. It takes financial guts to pop a Stem musical direct from Broadway into a \$1.50-top admish bracket, even with an upsy to \$2 on Saturdays (plus tax, of course). Such things have a way of going off in an impresario's pan. However, J. L. seems to have hit a jackpot with this one. Bed led off with a week at the Flatbush May 23 to a b.-o. sockful of \$17,148. It followed thru the next week at the slightly smaller Windsor for a take of almost 15G. It had 'em hanging from the roof trees. Brooklyn stanza to gather in the stray been married all along and topped-off customers previously missed. As of Tuesday (6) opener repeat looked promising, shortly be in the market for a bassinet, with a \$500 advance already in the till. too. So, come Monday (19), Bed hits the trail to open for a seven-day stand at the isn't enough fun in it to go around over Shubert, New Haven, Conn. Follows a split week divided between Hartford and typical Nugentian line comes crackling Bridgeport, Conn., and then the show moves on to Philly. Later dates are not tervals between are far longer than they set yet but the eventual goal is Chi. There is no reason why Bed shouldn't do good road biz. There have been some cast changes, but not a few of the Stem principals have stuck with the show, and the chorus has remained substantially intact. Of course, the turntable and traveler effect are out, but the original production has been effectively adapted to traveling conditions, and allin-all it is a solid customer-buy at the scale. The new gals, Ruth Webb, who understudied the top role originally; Ann Parker, Mildred Fenton and Virginia Bolen do a thoroly capable job. Joseph Macauley continues in his old spot as El Magnifico, and Bob Howard is as helpful as ever. James Starbuck has taken over the juve chore to give it a decided lift, and Mervyn Nelson's clowning is a particularly bright spot. Young Mildred Fenton also rates a special nod. She sells personality, and while not long on voice puts over Get Away Young Man number for a solid sock. Traveling edition of Bed is all right. Bob Francis.

### BROADWAY OPENING

#### THAT OLD DEVIL (Opened Monday, June 5, 1944) THE PLAYHOUSE

A comedy by J. C. Nugent. Staged by the au-thor. Setting by Paul Morrison. Costumes supervised by Johnnie Johnstone, Company manager, Allen Atwater, Stage manager, Matthew Smith, Press representatives, John Peter Toohey and Maurice Turet. Presented by Lodewick Vroom,

John Woodruff......Matt Briggs Lila Merrill.....Agnes Doyle Martha Blair.....Luella Gear Mrs. Woodruff......Ruth Gates Mrs. Blime...... McGuire Mrs. Robinson.....Mary Dickson Jerry Swift ..... Michael Ames

Possibly the land-office business still enjoyed by Kiss and Tell and Three's a Family inspired J. C. Nugent to endow the Stem with another experiment in gynecology. At any rate, he evidently decided that the Broadway stage could stand another pregnant lady or two and That Old Devil is the result. Unfortunately, neither the matters which concern the Nugent p.1.'s or the ladies themselves are as amusing as they ought to be. Devil is a thinly spread, pedestrian little comedy-and the best thing about it is that it brings "J. C." back to a Broadway stage.

The background of the Nugent frolic is a small Connecticut town, populated with gossipy wives who are bored with their husbands. Rotund, middle-aged Jim Blair is the most ignored of the lot. It suddenly develops that a refugee lass, who has been guesting with various of the pairs, is in an interesting condition. Jim is accused and takes the rap in order to cover up for the gal and her young lover who is being pushed around by the neighbors. The result is that Jim overnight becomes the apple of the female eye and thoroly enjoys it. That is, he enjoys it, until the young lad responsible gets himself locked up by an irate stuffedshirt and is likely to lose his chance at an air corps commission. However, Jim manages to straighten out all the kinks. The proprieties are saved by the an-This week it returned for another nouncement that the youngsters have by Jim's discovery that Mrs. Jim will The trouble with Devil is that there three acts. Every once in so often a across for a solid chuckle. But the inshould be. "J. C." has written a part for himself that gives him a chance to empty the bag of all his endearing and canny tricks. Vet master of timing and instinctively ingratiating as he is, Devil is just too much of a load. It is far too much for the rest of a highly competent lot of players. Most of the time they

are left at the mercy of windy lines which set neither character nor pace.

Luella Gear, who has a comic trick or two up each sleeve herself, hasn't any too much to do as the wife. However, she manages to sharpen the role to a point far better than it deserves. Matt Briggs is forced to exaggerate another unctuous, blustering role incredibly in order to hold it faintly in the chuckle groove, Michael Ames and Agnes Doyle make a conventionally pleasant pair of young lovers. Ruth Gates contribs one of the few really amusing scenes with a seduction interval with "J. C." and Ruth Gilbert is one of the Stem's pertest comedy maids.

"J. C." has directed as well as authored his play and not too successfully. There is, in fact, little that's likely to be successful about Devil. It is likely to melt away even in an air-cooled house.

Bob Francis.



#### (Opened Monday, June 5, 1944) WILBUR THEATER, BOSTON

A comedy by A. B. Shiffrin. Staged by Eugene 5. Bryden. Settings by Paul Morrison. General manager, Robert Lovee. Press representatives, Leo Freedman, June Greenwall. Stage manager, Robert Champlain. Presented

by Charles Stewart and Martin Coodman,
Sam Wilson
MaryMary Sargent
PaulaJune Wilson
LucyRosemary Rice
Larry Draper
Robert LewisStanley Bell
FloJoann Dolan
HoagyBert Freed
Nick Hardy
Shortylesse Cimberg
Sally



BOSTON, June 10 .- Every legit theater man in town was scared stiff that D-Day would ruin his business. All were some. what taken aback on finding that Tuesday night's biz was no worse than Monday, and that audiences were large in some cases on Wednesday. They finally reached an explanation: The invasion was so long expected, and the news broke so early in the day, that people were ready by nightfall to visit theaters.

At the Colonial Three's a Family is still holding its own in the vicinity of \$8,500 a week, with at least another frame to go.

Love on Leave at the Wilbur was roundly lambasted by the press. But considering all things, the business is not bad. Rather sensational subject seems to draw customers to the tune of about \$9,000 for the first stanza. One to go, with New York opening skedded at the Hudson June 20.

Tuesday night was okay for For Keeps at the Plymouth because the ILGW bought the house. But biz unaccountably dropped badly on Wednesday. Final week looks like \$9,200.

Cambridge Summer Theater had the biggest opening night, Monday (5), and week in five years. Last year's opening performance was \$195; this week's, \$314. Gross for the frame fine at \$2,700. Preem of A Goose for the Gander, starring Gloria Swanson and Ralph Forbes, June 19, selling fast enough to look clean before opening.



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### **Pix Taking Legit Oldies; U. A. Starts Trend With Mabel**

HOLLYWOOD, June 10. - Former Broadway productions of vintage age are being modernized and built into screen plays for United Artists release. Other studios have been shelling out the heavy dough for current hits, but United Artists is relying on the oldies to get the ticket buyers into theaters. Edward Small started the trend with Up In Mabel's Room which is proving a heavy grosser at the box office. He has acquired film rights to Are You a Mason? and Twin Beds. Former will get new tag of When the Cat's Away.

Former Katharine Cornell hit, Dishonored Lady, will be filmed by Hunt Stromberg. Sol Lesser will soon produce Civilian Clothes on his fall schedule. In addition to the current Broadway production, Three Is a Family, Jules Levy has already filmed The Hairy Ape, which will be released soon.

Dr. Granam		new
Mrs. Lewis	Eleanor Gor	don
A Policema	Roderick May	/beo

Love On Leave just about reaches an all-time high in stale jokes (and plays) about juvenile delinquency. Recently Pick-Up Girl treated the problem seriously and with dramatic force. F. Hugh Herbert's For Keeps laughs at its subject matter. But Love on Leave leers at teen-age chippies and tosses vulgarity after them.

This is an enervating business and needs few words. Love is simply the puerile story of a 15 year old who, in company with a brittle floozy, ducks her parents to spend a night with two pickup sailors. While her parents frantically search for her, the honest sailor she draws discovers her age and takes her home. There she hysterically throws charges at him. However, the girl's parents realize the situation and the lad is quickly exonerated. She still complains of a stomach ache and its takes the family doctor to set things right.

This is another example of theatrical confusion. The author could have written an hilarious farce about two sailors on a binge. Or he could have produced a serious study about teen-age girls gone wrong thru no real fault of their own. But he has spoiled his comedy by trying to be serious. And he has cluttered up a potentially serious play with facile situations, shoudy dramatics and uncalled for dirty jokes.

There are the conventional cheap admonishments to girls to "keep your fingers crossed, and your legs, too, and you'll be okay," and plays upon the sailor's gag about "a girl in every port" and vice versa. When his invention runs thin the author even drags in a few malapropisms. Meybe Mr. Shiffrin thought he could make serious material palatable by introducing comedy. He succeeds only in making it distasteful.

In the acting department, Love has very little to offer. But the poor actors have little to work with, for the characters are cardboard dolls, anyway. Rosemary Rice is pretty and fresh, tho needlessly jittery as the young hopeful gone wrong. The best promise among the players is shown by Bert Freed as a tough extroverted sailor, who shows signs of a rough-and-ready comic. Paul Morrison's settings are adequate.

The final comment is supplied by the audience which, in this case, roared as Lester Cowan will produce Tomorrow the Love were the funniest thing of the

PROVIDENCE, June 10 .--- Associated Theaters closed its film policy at the Playhouse here Tuesday (6) and will open June 19 with legit summer stock. Manager Herbert Coppellman nixes big names, management deciding to spend dough instead on play royalties. Claudia will be opening bill, Guest in the House, Fair and Warmer and Arsenic and Old Lace also mentioned. Julie Haydon, Jean Cagney will guest in several bills. Players signed include Jean Platt, Stanley Smith, Lynn Masters and Norman Shey. Harry Mehaffey will direct, and Gene Stuckman is stage manager.

Sara Stamm, operating Newport's Casino Theater for her second season, skeds house's opening also for Monday (19) with Mrs. January and Mr. X. Grace McTarnaham and William Webber will have lead roles, with Therese Quadri, ex-New York cast, also featured. Arthur Sircom stages. Thomas Barry will be his assistant; Herbert Kenwith, stage manager.

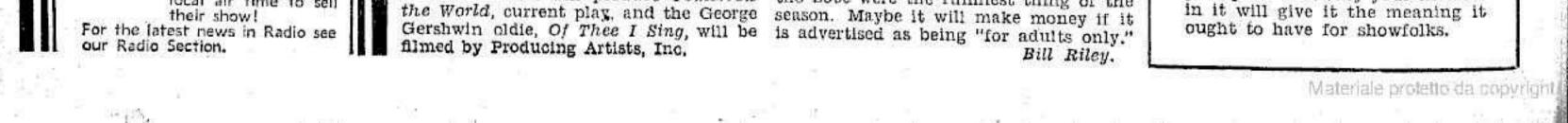
#### **Equity Elects Councillors**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Results of Tuesday (6) balloting for council members at the 31st meeting of Actors' Equity were announced Wednesday (7). Ten members were elected to the council for the full term of five years. They are Patricia Collinge, Philip Merivale, Donald Cameron, Alexander Clark, Frank Wilson, Jose Ferrer, Frederic Tozere, Kathryn Givency, Harvey Stephens and E. John Kennedy.

### Seven Days Added

NEW YORK, June 10 .-- Difficultles in getting ballots into the hands of eligible voters who have left town have made it advisable to extend the voting period for the Donaldson Awards to June 16. All ballots mailed to the Reuben H. Donnelly Corporation on or before that date will be honored.

However, The Billboard urges you not to delay in filing your vote so that tabulators may not be swamped in a last-minute tally. Give the tellers a break and take five minutes off to make out your ballot. Remember, it's your poll. And only your interest in it will give it the meaning it



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# Chi Legit Tops 10-Year High

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Chicago legit scored another high on its 1943-'44 season, topping the 10-year record established by the '42-'43 span by about 14 per cent. Nine legit houses played a total of nearly 280 weeks against 239 for the previous season. This does not include the summer runs of two holdovers from 1942-Maid in the Ozarks. which ran for 62 weeks, and Good Night, Ladics, which was still going strong at the completion of 100 weeks. In all there were 32 shows presented. One closed after the first night, a couple lasted a week and the remainder ran anywhere from 2 to 23 weeks. The take was far ahead of anything in recent years.

When the season opened Maid in the Ozarks was still going along at the Great Northern and it continued, with a gradually tapering attendance, until November 20. Unexpected Honeymoon moved in and, like its predecessor, was roundly panned, but it ran along at a fair clip for 16 weeks. Then the lessee of the Great Northern ditched shoddy shows and brought in Uncle Harry, which the crix acclaimed as the best show in town. Latter has now been drawing big for five weeks and appears set for a long stay.

Good Night, Ladics ended its 100 weeks at the Blackstone March 11 and the house was dark until March 27 when Blossom Time came in for six big weeks. Season wound up with Katherine Dunham's Tropical Revue for three weeks of excellent business. The Erlanger led off last September 6 for two weeks with Jane Eyre. House was dark until Student Prince came in for its ninth engagement since 1925 and had four good weeks. A fair three weeks with Without Love followed, then came Oklahoma on November 15 to score turnaways for the balance of the season. It's sold out months ahead and no doubt will remain the balance of the year. The Selwyn did excellent business with Doughgirls for three weeks, Dark Eyes for six and Tomorrow the World for 23 weeks with an average take of around \$15,000 a stanza. Its present tenant, Rebecca, is rounding out its seventh good week and will remain Indefinitely, Kiss and Tell started the season for the Harris and is still going, with no signs of slipping.

#### Dramas Opened Perfs. Angel Street (Golden) .. 12- 5, '41

1,061 Arsenic and Old Lace... 1-10, '41 1,437 (Hudson)

Jules Leventhal will neither confirm nor deny the report that "Arsenic" will step into his Subway Circuit via an opening at the Flatbush Theater, Brooklyn, after close of Stem run Saturday (17).

Chicken Every Sunday. . 4- 5, '44 77 (Plymouth)

G.I. performance skedded for Camp Meade, Md., June 2, with other Sunday treks to army camps to follow thruout the summer. Sidney Blackmer will be narrator on WJZ (Blue) Bond Program Monday (12).

Decision (Ambassador) .. 2- 2, '44 152 Has been hit like some others. Running on a week-to-week sked and getting by at around 7G's. Cast to be tested at 20th Century studio Tuesday (13) for pic version. Pic will be made in Astoria, using local high school for background.

Doughgirls, The.....12-30, '42 612 (Lyceum)

Biz pick up, with take bettering previous week by an estimated \$1,500. Soft-ballers took over "Pick-Up Girl"-"Wallflower" combo Friday (8) at 7 to 6.

#### acobowsky and the

- Colonel (Martin Beck) . 3-14, '44 104 Oscar Karlweiss is a feature of Theater of All Nations "Free Ports" program at Town Hall Saturday (10), Annabella will be sketched by Waldo Pierce at Bonwit Teller 5th War Loan Rally Tuesday (13). She will auction sketch to the highest bond bidder.
- Kiss and Tell (Biltmore). 3-17, '43 524 Cast changes about set. George Abbott viewed show Saturday (3) and approved. New lobby pics shot Friday (9). The Shuberts will back Robert Keith's production of Owen Davis's "Dr. Hilliard's Patient," which is definitely skedded for late July rehearsal.
- Life With Father.....11- 8, '39 1,931 (Empire)
- Biz off; \$10,500 week's take, as

### BROADWAY SHOWLOG Performance Thru June 10

Opened

Perfs.

#### Ramshackle Inn (Royale) 1- 5, '44

- 185 Cast to St. Albans Rehabilitation Hospital Monday (12), to give complete show. Special set built by servicemen.
- Searching Wind, The ... 4-12, '44 70 (Fulton)

Still continues capacity biz.

That Old Devil ..... 6- 5, '44 8 (Playhouse)

Crix gave it a zero mark. No: Lewis Nichols (Times), Herrick Brown (Sun), Louis Kronenberger (PM), Wilella Waldorf (Post), Robert Coleman (Mirror), Howard Barnes (Herald-Tribune), Robert Garland (Journal-American), John Chapman (News), Burton Rascoe (World Telegram). Going is hard, but management reports continuation for at least another week.

Three's a Family..... 5- 5, '43 465

(Belasco) Erratum: "Closed Friday, June 2," printed in "Showlog" June 10, belonged under caption, "A Strange Play." Apoligiest Sunday (4), Edith Gresham left New York troupe to take over Aunt Irma assignment in Boston company. She succeeded Margaret Irving. Jean Bellows has stepped into vacated Gresham spot, moving up from her Western Union girl bit. W. U. G. is now doubled by Honey MacKenzie, who also does the off-stage baby cries. Ruth MacArthur has been signed for the role formerly played by Dorothy Gilchrist, who has left the troupe. Fay Bainter and Helen Broderick will have the leads in "Family" pic version.

Tomorrow the World... 4-14, '43 487 (Barrymore)

Ruth Matteson took over fem lead Monday (5).

Two Mrs. Carrolls, The. 8- 3, '43 360 (Booth)

Six weeks' lay-off for vacation starts July 1. Elizabeth Bergner to Vermont with husband, Paul Czinner. Victor Jory to coast. Probably will not re-turn to show when it reopens August 18. Will come back to do another show in the fall. No replacement set for him as yet. Czinner and Robert Reud admitted Tuesday (6) that Warners have bid \$225,000 for pic rights to the Martin Vale drama.

#### Opened Perfs.

fighting debut, he knocked out Jimmy DI Augustine in one minute of the first round. Gertrude Niesen is mulling over a choice of three fat radio offers. Dan Shapiro, Milton Pascal and Phil Charig combining on a book called "How To Write a Song,"

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Helen Goes To Troy ..... 4-24, '44 56 (Alvin)

William Horne sang numbers from show on WAC air program, "The Mark on the Map," over WINS, Monday (5). New Opera Company has acquired rights to "Merry Widow." Will open with Broadway cast and Jan Kiepura and Wilma in the leads on July 3 at The San Francisco Opera House. After a three-week S. F. stand, troupe will play Hollywood Bowl and then tour.

Mexican Hayride..... 1-28, '44 155 (Winter Garden)

June Havoc to Washington for Bond Rally on White House lawn Saturday (10). George Givot entertains at the New York Newspaper Guild's annual "Page One Ball" Saturday (10). Wilbur Evans to Park East Hospital for minor operation Wednesday (7). Back in show in about 10 days. Bob Tavis is subbing for him. Rehearsals for "Cath-arine Was Great" began Tuesday (6), with Roy Hargrave directing. Paul Leysac, Ray Bourbon, Karl Bensen, Phillip Carey Jones and Jack Burke have been signed. Dolly Tree will do the costumes and Howard Bay the sets. All signs point to Shubert as probable Stom home for show.

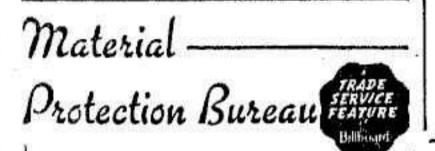
- Oklahoma! (St. James), 3-31, '43 51 Celeste Holm in Hollywood and has 513 Celeste Holm in Hollywood and has started tests for one of top roles in 20th Century's "Bandwagon." Betty Jane Watson, Harry Stockwell and Murvyn Vye guest at Dutch Treat Club Tuesday (13). Will do numbers from show. Stockwell also booked for air-guest shot on "Broadway Matinee" Wednesday (14). Reggie Hammer-stein has been made supervisor of both New York and Chi companies. New York and Chi companies.
- One Touch of Venus ... 10- 7, '43 287 (46th St.)

Ben Cutler emseed War Bond Rally sponsored by Greater New York high school students Tuesday (6). John

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#### Studebaker Seven

The Studebaker housed a total of seven attractions. The Army Play by Play led off for three big weeks, then followed The Corn Is Green, good, four weeks; Blithe Spirit, poor, two weeks; Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, two okeh weeks; The Patriots, four satisfactory weeks; (See CHI'S 10-YEAR HIGH on page 31)



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\$11,507 for previous stanza. ainst Nydia Westman returned from Coast troupe Friday (9), for immediate rehearsals with Arthur Margetson. Pair will take over lead chores Monday (19). Howard Lindsay and Dorothy Stickney will play thru to finish on that date.

- Othello (Shubert) .... 10-19, '43 272 James Monks out since Monday (5) with strep throat. Eugene Stuckman has been filling in Cassio assignment. Oliver Cliff joins company Monday (12). Uta Hagen and Joseph Ferrer co-starred on WAC radio show, "The Mark on the Map," Monday (5), over WINS.
- Over 21 (Music Box) ... 1- 3, '44 187 Troupe's soft-ball leaguers knocked over "Follow the Cirls" sluggers to the tune of 6 to 2 Friday (8). Harvey Stephens elected to Equity Council Tuesday (6).
- Pick-Up Girl (48th St.) .. 5- 3, '44 Stem talk has Doro Merande leaving troup for a vacation Saturday (24). Brann Nossen has been signed to understudy William Harrigan. Marvin Forde on "Seahound" (Blue) Tuesday (6) thru Thursday (8).

#### Voice of the Turtle, The. 12- 8, '43 317 (Morosco)

Wallflower (Cort)..... 1-26, '44 1: Jessie Long, general manager, has been 159 bedded since Tuesday (6) with a torn muscle, souvenir of tussle with "Follow the Girls" ball-tossers, Jimmie Mc-Mahon is another casualty, sporting two cracked ribs, but has managed to play every night. To make it worse, "Gals" team won, 14 to 11.

#### Musicals

Carmen Jones..... 12- 2, '43 221 (Broadway)

B.-O. reports up since tix have been topped at three bucks plus tax. Audrey Graham back in cast Wednesday (7). after illness. Billy Rose has signed Bert Lahr for "Seven Lively Arts." Norman Bel Geddes will do the sets.

Dream With Music.... 5-18, '44 28 (Majestic)

Closed Saturday, June 10. Follow the Girls ..... 4- 8, '44 73 (Century)

Val Valintinoff proved he can use his hands as well as his feet Monday (5),

at Jamaica Arena. Making his box-



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

Able's Irish Rose (Ford) Baltimore.

Abie's Irish Rose (Auditorium) Oakland, Calif., 14; (Union H. S. Aud.) Salinas 15; (Junior College Aud.) Ventura 17. Connecticut Yankee (Studebaker) Chi. Dunham, Katherine (Blackstone) Chi. Good Night Ladies (Cass) Detroit. Janie (Geary) San Francisco. Kiss and Tell (Harris) Chi. Kiss and Tell (His Majesty's) Montreal. Let's Face It (Forrest) Phila. Life With Father (Strand) Vancouver, B. C., 14-16; (Royal Victoria) Victoria 17 Love On Leave (Wilbur) Boston. Oklahoma (Erlanger) Chi. Rebecca (Selwyn) Chi. Three's a Family (Colonial) Boston. Tomorrow the World (Metropolitan) Seattle. Pobacco Road (National) Washington.

#### 'Rebecca' and Dunham Revue here. may be temporarily switched to other Shutter Pending Fall Relights

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Two shows end their runs here to relight in the fall. Rebecca winds up at the Selwyn tonight, and Katherine Dunham will store her Tropical Revue after next Saturday (17) and will reopen at Milwaukee September

Boles joined up with 5th War Bond Military Patrol, sponsored by pic industry, Friday (9). Jeeped thru Qucens with stop-offs to intro war heroes and plug for bond sales. Ruth Bond on WJZ (Blue) "Blind Date" Monday (12). Random House preems a new book of short stories by S. J. Perlman Monday (12). Title: "Crazy Like a Fox." Rumors have Sono Osato quitting troupe within the next month. World pic rights have been finally cleared. Cheryl Crawford and John Wildbery are negotiating with a couple of indies on a sale. One offer of a flat \$500.000 reported, with another on a percentage basis.

Ziegfeld Follies, The ... 4- 1, '43 505 (Imperial)

Leon Palmer replaces Sammy Steen in the male line Monday (12). Hattie Ralton has been signed to understudy Sue Ryan. She replaces Nina Olivette,

#### REVIVALS

New Moon ..... 5-17, '44 29 Run is extended to Saturday (17). May continue longer. City Center biggies still mulling over selection of next attraction.

### Valley Players Set To **Open With "Claudia"**

BOSTON, June 10 .- The Valley Players who open their third season at Mountain Park Casino, Holyoke, June 27, with Claudia.

This year a 10-week season is planned with performances Tuesday thru Sunday evenings. Subsequent bills include Personal Appearance, Blind Alley, Hay Fever, Charlie's Aunt. Resident company in- , cludes Elaine Ellis, Helen Wagner, Grace Briscomb, Beatrice Newport, Jean Guild, Claudine Shannon, Gaylord Mason, Bertram Tanswell, W. James Bedell, Stephen Elliott, Alfred Paschall, Kenneth Andrew,

15. Revue played to only fair business

Following announcement of the Rebecca closing, a quick booking of Let's Face It was made, the musical coming in Tuesday (13).

Rose Marie, first of a series of operettas to be staged at the Civic Opera House, opened Friday (9), with an advance sale of \$14,000.

## **Dows Open Legit** HartfordTheater

NEW YORK, June 10,-Joining the trend among vaude and night club figures toward operations in the legitimate theater field, Al and Belle Dow, Broadway agents, will go legit June 18 with the opening of the Dow Theater, Hartford, Conn.

House, formerly known as the Proven-Picture Theater and confined to pix, has been remodeled to the tune of \$50,000. according to the Dow office. It will present the road company of Blithe Spirit for an opener and will follow with Canada Lee in Native Son. Should the supply of touring legiters run out, house policies.

The Dows themselves will run theater bearing their name. Couple also have an interest in the Shubert-operated Shubert Theater in New Haven.



#### GENERAL NEWS 30

Burlesque Notes By Uno

SALLY KEITH, July, closes 42 weeks at the Crawford House, Boston; skedded to return Labor Day for another 42. . . . WALTER OWENS, now seven years a producer at the Liberty, San Francisco, where the comics are Virg Downard and Bert Barry, with Owens doubling; straights are Frank O'Rourke and Wayne Kirk; fem principals are Grace Carlos, Betty McNeal, Val DeVal, Princess Red Fawn, Dolly Lee, Irene Cornell, Avis O'Day, Kitty Campbell and Doris Darling.

CHARLES DANIELS, treasurer of the Grand, St. Louis, left for his home in Allentown, Pa. . . . PVT. A. V. RAFTI, former candy concessionaire, back after 15 months in New Guinea, is convalescing in Ward D-6-5, Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., and would like to hear from friends. . . . PHIL WAGNER and Milt Hamilton open this month in Paramount Lodge, Greenfield Park, N. Y., on the borscht circuit. . . . SID NADELL and Eddle Yudel, ditto at Upper Dale Country Club, Ferndale, N. Y.

Beach, opened at the Kelly's Stable nitery. . .. EDDIE KAPLAN and Dick Dana return to the Steel Pier, Atlantic City, for the summer, . . . E. K. FERNANDEZ, burly theater operator in Honolulu, is now in San Francisco, lining up new people to support George B. Hill and Lee Ford in Hits and Bits of 1944.

MARGIE HART bedded a bad throat. . . . RAY LEROY and Arline Rappee wound up three months of engagement June 1 and slated for a return in Sep-" tember at the Follies, Los Angeles, where others who closed are Sid Ansley and Maurice Cash; new are Rosen and Binder, Billy Foster and Bert Saunders; held over are Leon DeVoe and Tommy Allison; also Natalie Cartier, producer. . . . FORD THEATRICAL AGENCY of Boston booked Tommy Levene, Freddy Lewis, Wally Sharples, 12 chorines and five vaude acts for the reopening June 29 of the eighth consecutive season of stock burly at Nipmuc Park, Boston, where the policy is six days a week with two shows nightly; agency also opened (June 4) another of their own clubs, the Tin Pan Alley in Boston with Roy Eldridge. . . . DOROTHY MILLER, chorine and graduated strip, shifted from the Grand, St. Louis, to other Midwest burly houses playing summer stock.

### **AFM Re-Elects** Officers in Chi

(Continued from page 20) Up to now, instrumentalists could apply for partial affiliation with the AFM when they resided in a section of the country not under the jurisdiction of any local. This so-called neutral territory has been years ago worked with his brother, Danabolished. A hitherto unannounced redistribution and expansion of local jurisdiction has been put into effect by the spare moments entertaining servicemen international executive board so that the AFM now has 100 per cent coverage of the country.

The international executive board will continue in session after the delegates have gone home to consider many problems passed along by the convention.

#### 100G for Press Agent

of overcoming adverse publicity. Montreal Local 406 introduced a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$100,000 a third week at the nursing home. . . . run film policy, eliminating matine year for this purpose.

Baltimore Local 40 also introduced a resolution calling for a public relations counsel. The board will study both resolutions and may act upon them.

A proposal that the AFM attempt to GINGER WAYNE, back from Miami have a tax placed on juke boxes in line with the tax on live entertainment in cabarets, and a suggestion that a new form of contract be drawn up for longhair musicians' use, are other problems the board will have before it.

> Careful study of television is indicated in a resolution from the Montreal local. The local (406) advocated that a committee be appointed to collaborate with Petrillo and the board to study, legislate and enact laws regarding television. Delegates representing the resolution argued that "Television is no more the dream of an inventor but has become a reality and is on the eve of being widely commercialized."

"Television, if properly controlled," they contended, "could be of great benefit MAX TERHUNE, magic-vent, turned picto musicians, but if not regulated may have the same nefarious effect on the Monogram Western flicker with Ken livelihood of musicians as 'talkies'."

Magic By Bill Sachs

GOTTHINK - A - DRINK" HOFFMAN has joined the cast of Slap Happy, mu-

sical revue breaking in at the Forrest Theater, Philadelphia, prior to a Broadway run. . . BOB DENNING, who a few tini, and now with the Gien L. Martin Aircraft Company, Baltimore, puts in his at the various camps and canteens in the territory, and lining up programs for the Martin Y. G. W., CIO Local 738. . . . RALSTON THE MAGICIAN has just concluded an extended theater tour, his 26th the unit in New Orleans this week. . . . a stock 12-girl line and house ork. WILLIAM C. TURTLE, "the snappy magician," opened June 8 with the Arthur Bros.' Circus Side Show in Seattle. . . . LIEUT. R. KIRK ALLAN, who formerly trouped under the label of Kalan, mentalist, writes from "Somewhere in New Guinea" under date of May 24: "Still keeping my hand in as theatrical officer of Special Services here. Magic is the favorite entertainment in the jungles of the Southwest Pacific. I've had the pleasure of routing quite a number of magi thru this territory in recent months, among them Poogie-Poogie, Len O. Gunn, Gordon Alexander, Mystle Craig and Bill Baird. Surely would appreciate letters from the gang." His address is Lieut. R. K. Allen, O-1308746, APO 928, care Postmaster, San Francisco. . .

June 17, 1944

### U. S. Agencies Rush 40G Cooling System For Norfolk Center NORFOLK, June 10 .- This city's glant

new combination auditorium-arena-theater, built under wartime difficulties and operated for the duration by the USO. is turning out to be a liability instead of the asset it should be, at least until midsummer, when an air-cooling system may be in operation.

The building, erected by the city and the federal government at a cost of over \$1,100,000, has no cooling system because of wartime construction restrictions.

Retrenchment by W. S. Wilder, owner year in magic, to spend the summer at of the Wilder Theater chain and openhis Mystic Lodge on Lake Nipmuc, Men- tor of the Center Theater end of the don, Mass. . . . JOE SCOTT has been building, last week brought to a head forced to drop his magicking for his a situation which has been developing Chief among these will be the matter navy confreres while he recuperates at for the last month. With biz steadily the U. S. Naval Air Station Hospital at falling away, Wilder discontinued stage-Lambert Field, St. Louis. He's in his shows and switched to a straight first-TOM OSBORNE, Philly magicker, left a performances. Since the theater was USO tour last week to rush to his home opened in January, under a contract bewhen his son, James, was stricken with tween the USO and Wilder, stage-screen lobar pneumonia. With the lad showing policy had been followed, with stage presimprovement, Osborne expects to rejoin entations including four vaude acts and

#### Longhairs Hit, Too

Situation in the arena-auditorium end of the building is just as bad. USO has been presenting headline concert attractions, radio shows and athletic spectacles, but recent hot weather forced performent and audiences at San Carlo Opera productions of Aida and Carmen, Jeanette MacDonald's recital and other events to take a terrific beating.

Both city and federal authorities realize, however, the importance of the building to service and civilian recreation. A report just issued shows that nearly half a million officers and enlisted men and women, outside of dvillans, attended events staged there in the first six months of operation,

Consequently, the War Production ture player, recently completed another Board and the Federal Works Agency have agreed on installation of a \$40,000 system for circulating water-washed and cooled air, and plans for the work are being rushed. But there is every indication that even with all haste it will be at least midsummer before the system is in operation.

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#### **Goosens Session Exciting**

CHICAGO, June 10 .- When hope had been given up for a War Labor Board decision on the recording ban before convention adjournment and after a tedious session on resolutions, delegates were becoming restless. An hour and a half before the conclave broke up, however, reps took part in what they term the in February, has just concluded a stand most exciting part of the get-together, at "Think-a-Drink" Hoffman's Valley cinnati Symphony Ork, and four side- soon for San Francisco, from whence men took their case of fines and suspen- he'll work right on up the Coast. Speaksions to the convention floor for mem- ing of the engagement for Hoffman, bership action. Group had lost an ap- Sharpe says: "Quite a novelty to be playpeal from the decision of Local 1, Cin- ing for a brother magician but we got

AFM executive board last week. of conduct detrimental to the local hadn't seen in 20 years. He's well estabunion and the national org and with lished here and has helped me a lot with interfering with negotiations for a new the local agents. Have had some great contract with the Symphony Association. times, too, with the local gang and Bill from Local 1 for three months. The and has had some beautiful stuff made other men's fines ranged from \$100 to for my act." . . . JACK HERBERT, who time.

affairs,

used only 27 of his 30 minutes. The delegates finally permitted him to finish out his half hour and granted Hild the same additional time.

called a meeting with the Symphony Asexecutive board conviction.

Maynard and Eddie Dean. It's slated for early release. Terhune recently concluded two weeks at the Last Frontler Club, Las Vegas, Neb., where he appeared during the well-known Helldorado Days Celebration.

DOB SHARPE, who has been working ▶ in and out of Los Angeles since late Eugene Goosens, conductor of the Cin- Lodge in North Hollywood and heads cinanti, when they appeared before the along well together and I think I'll be doing a return for him soon. Met my The musicians had been found guilty old friend, Harold Alberto, whom I Goosens was fined \$2,500 and suspended Larsen. Latter has been a fine friend \$750 and they were suspended for a like has been held over a third week at Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, closes there According to federation law, there is Thursday (15) to move on to Shreveport. no further appeal from an executive La., for a stand at the Washington board decision. But the Cincinnati men Yource Hotel, opening June 21. . . asked permission to bring in a lawyer LENORE WALTON, after a visit with her to present their case to the convention brother in Cincinnati and a week's work at large for rehearing. A convention in the area for Ruth Best, Cincy booker, precedent was set when the attorney opened June 5 at the Nixon Cafe, Pittsspoke in behalf of the convicted mem- burgh. . . . ARTHUR SCHALEK, Montbers, but AFM biggles felt the hearing real magic enthusiast, lists the followa wise move. The press already had ing mystics as playing the Canadian their decision and they decided an open metropolis these days: Leon Maguise at hearing would be a good example of the the Air Force House; Paul Rosini at the org's democratic way of conducting its Tic-Toc Cabaret; Ber-Mar, mentalist, in his second week at the Normandie Roof Thirty minutes each were alloted to of the Mount Royal Hotel, and Dell Oscar Hild, Local 1 prexy, and the O'Dell playing the final week of the sea-Goosens group attorney. It was agreed son at the Gayety Theater. . . . Mcthat neither would have a rebuttal. DONALD BIRCH recently played a spe-When Hild completed his explanation cial engagement at the U.S. Naval Air of the case, the barrister demanded an- Technical Training Center, Norman, other three minutes, claiming he had Okla., to one of the largest audiences ever assembled for a station activity-nearly 5,000 Bluejackets, Waves and their guests, Making the jump from Dallas, Birch played the date at his own expense. The After the convention heard that engagement, however, was the signal for Goosens et. al., had taken the laws of a reunion of magi in the Oklahoma neck the union into their own hands and of the woods. Mr. and Mrs. Birch (Mabel Sperry) were guests of Lieut. (j. g.) C. H. sociation on wage and contract negotia- Talbot, member of the Pacific Coast Astions and agreed to cut 10 men out of sociation of Magicians from the Norththe ork, the seps voted to uphold the west; Lieut. Hugh Riley (Riley's Misguided Mysterics), who came up from

#### Two More Join Bert Gervis

CHICAGO, June 10.-Bert Gervis, local agent, stepped out last week and enlarged his booking department by adding Gene Detzen, discharged from the merchant marine, and Karleen Nelson, formerly of Central Booking Office here. Office will move to larger quarters in the same building and specialize in booking of bands, cocktail combos and single attractions.

New members were formerly associated with Gervis in the Chicago office of Stan Zucker, agent.

#### Kittie Davis Sells Bonds

MIAMI, June 10 .- Kitty Davis, who has sold \$800,000 in War Bonds to date, announces another free dinner and allstar show to each purchaser of a \$1,000 bond, and has set her goal at \$1,000,000. The dinner date is Monday (12).

the army air base at Ardmore, Okla., and Emmett (Baffling) Barbee, millionaire magician from Oklahoma City.





AUSTIN-Mrs. Joanna R., 91, veteran actress who started her film career in 1913 with the old Edison Company, in Los Angeles June 4. Services at Pierce Bros.' Hollywood chapel, with cremation following. Survived by her son, Frank, Los Angeles.

BELKNAP -- William L., chairman of the board of the Belknap Manufacturing Company, makers of brass valves and former circus performer, in Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital, June 7, after a long illness. He was a trapeze performer with the Barnum & Bailey Circus and is credited with having created the "living statue" act, now a fixed spectacle in the circus repertory. In 1884 he went on tour with a trapeze act billed as the Lavina Brothers. He retired from the circus in 1889 and in 1893 became president of the brass manufacturing firm. Survived by his widow, a son, a daughter and a sister.

BROWN-Mrs. Ignatius, mother of Nacio Herb Brown, composer, in Los Angeles June 2. In addition to her son she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Mulford; three grandchildren, Nacio Herb Brown Jr., Nicholas Nacio Brown and Nancy Ann Mulford, and a sister, Mrs. Rose E. Pickarts. Services at the Pierce Bros.' Chapel, with interment in Inglewood (Calif.) Cemetery.

BROWN-W, W., fair worker and former partner of the late Ed Arnheim, recently. Survived by his widow and daughter, Billie, Rosemead, Callf.

BURBANK-Claude, brother of Mrs. Mabel Fish, of Marshall, Mich., former operator of cookhouses and concessions on the Pollie Shows, at his home in Battle Creek, Mich., April 16. Survived by his widow and several brothers and sisters. Interment in Hicks, Mich., April 20.

BURKLEY-Harry V., 46, general manager of the Paul Spor Theatrical Enterprises, Toledo, in that city June 2. He formerly played in summer stock in the Middle West. Survived by his daughter, Dorothy McGuire, stage and screen star, who played in Claudia, Broadway show. Services and interment in Omaha.

CARROLL-Francis J., motion picture director, producer and actor, June 5 in

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#### THE FINAL CURTAIN

Los Angeles. Carroll's first venture into Celebration in Cheyenne. He directed Mae Marsh in Polly of the Circus, and E. K. Lincoln in Freedom of the World. tures, he produced Scarlet West, starring Cemetery, Los Angeles.

OHRISTENSEN-Lars Peter, 70, for 50 years dance instructor and band leader, at his home in Salt Lake City June 3. He was well known in the Rocky Mountain area as ballroom dancer, band leader, musician and ballet instructor. He danced for 12 consecutive seasons at Saltair Beach and seven seasons in old Knutsford Hotel, Salt Lake City. He also organized and toured the U.S. and England with newsboy's band for several seasons. In late years he supervised music department of city schools and led national guard band. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Lotta Stevens Christensen, and a daughter, Mrs. Lotta Elizabeth Cannon.

CUNNINGHAM - Arthur, comic opera barltone, at his home in San Francisco June 3. Born in Montreal, he was sent to England to prepare for oratorio and the concert stage, but he soon found a place for himself in the opera field and devoted all his time to that line of endeavor, appearing with various opera companies in London. He came to America in the early '90s with an opera company headed by Dennis O'Sullivan in Dr. Stanford's romantic Irish opera, Shamus O'Brien. During his career, he supported Anna Held, Frances Wilson, Fritzi Scheff, Lillian Russell, and spent many seasons with De Wolf Hopper in a repertoire of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. He was featured by Arthur Hammerstein in the original production of Rose Marie and by the Shuberts in My Maryland. He was leading baritone the family plot at Lodi, Calif. owner of the Strand Theater, Sussex, N. C. N. B., suddenly May 26. He also had been and daughter. Archie Dunlap and sister of Mrs. Ervin garet, and two daughters. Tuttle, of Portsmouth, N. H., at her home there May 31. troit. Survived by his widow and four viser, all of Los Angeles. children.

GRIMES-Jack, 51, of Cole Bros.' Cirthe motion picture business was as an cus press department, June 7 in Detroit owner of a string of theaters from of a heart attack. He was found dead in 1900-'10. Later, as an independent pro- his berth' on a train going into Detroit ducer, he screened the first Frontier and was identified by cards on his person. His Showmen's League membership card was among them and Secretary Joseph L. Streibich, of the League, was One of the first to make five-reel pic- notified by the Detroit coroner. He and J. D. Newman, Cole general agent, got Clara Bow. Interment in Holy Cross in touch with the coroner and the public administrator there and arranged for care of the body, which was sent to Chicago. Grimes had been well known for many years in the publicity field. He was born in Ireland and came to the States more than 25 years ago with the fighter, Luther McCarthy, locating first at Calgary, Alta. Later he became a resident of the West Coast. During his career he was agent for many theatrical shows and motion pictures. He spent several seasons as publicity man for the Al G. Barnes Circus, a season with Hennies Bros.' Shows and for the past two years had been with Cole Bros. He was well known by newspapermen and showmen thruout the country. As far as is known he has no relatives here and only distant relatives in Ireland. Remains were sent to Chicago June 9 to the Sbarboro Funeral Parlor, where services were held June 13 with burial in Showmen's Rest.

> GRING-J. Luke, 56, theater manager for 30 years, June 1 in Johnston-Willis Hospital, Richmond, Va., following an operation. He started in Reading, Pa., where he was a ploneer theater manager, operating houses for various circuits in Eastern Pennsylvania, including the Warner Bros.' houses in Philadelphia. Last January he went to Richmond as district manager for the Berlo Vending Company. Survived by his widow, Cathcrine, and a son, David. Services and interment in Reading, Pa., June 5.

HARRISON-Mrs. Pearl, mother of Frank Harrison, owner of the Tower Amusement Company, West Columbia, with the Tivoli Opera Company of San S. C.; at the Baptist Hospital Columbia, Francisco from 1901 to 1906, and is best S. C., May 30. She had been with John remembered on the West Coast by his H. Marks Shows, Johnny J. Jones Exporendition of My Own United States in sition, Kaus Shows, Cetlin & Wilson Julian Edwards's spectacular American Shows and Mighty Sheesley Midway. opera. When Johnny Comes Marching Survived by her husband, Richard Har-Home. Survived by his widow, Lillian rison; two daughters, Mrs. Louise H. Raymond Cunningham. Masonic serv- Karcher, Morrison, N. J., and Mrs. Mary ices in San Francisco, with interment in H. Weakley, Martinsburg, W. Va.; a son, Frank; 12 sisters and a brother. Inter-DANSON-Colin, 63, manager and part ment in Oakland Cemetery, Charlotte, HILL-William F. (Jack O'Brady), 42, owner-manager of the Opera House, former trainmaster of S. W. Bundage Springhill, N. S., for a number of years, Shows, Beckmann & Gerety and Dod-He had been located at Sussex 18 years son's World's Fair Shows in Miami May and had been in theater business 44 6 following a heart attack. He was a years. Surviving are his widow, two sons cab driver in Miami and Miami Beach, Fla., where he was known there as DUNLAP-Mrs. Mary E. 74, wife of "Irish." Survived by his widow, Mar-HIX-John, 36, synclicate cartoonist, in Newberry, Mich., May 28. Services creator of Strange As It Seems, June 6 from Beaulieu Funeral Home, Newberry, at his home in Los Angeles, following a with interment in Forest Home Cemetery heart attack. Hix, who has been in failing health for the past four years, FLAYER-Solomon P., 50, former De- was born in Huntsville, Ala., and began troit theater owner, suddenly June 1. his newspaper career as a carrier on The Ada, and four sisters. He operated the Plaza and Wolverine Greenville (S. C.) News. At the age of theaters, Detroit, and the Orion Theater, 18 he became staff cartoonist on The Lake Orion, Mich., about 20 years ago Washington Herald and in 1927 conand owned the President (formerly Ideal) ceived the idea for his Strange as It Theater, Detroit, at the time of his Seems cartoon. Survived by his mother, death. He was the uncle of David E. Mrs. Viola Hix; a sister, Mrs. Jane Starr, Flayer, owner of the Amo Theater, De- and a brother, Ernest, his business ad-KELLY-Lieut. James F., member of FURMAN-Edward, 41, salesman for the Jimmie Lynch's Death Dodgers, out-Station WBBM, Chicago, June 3 of a door thrill troupe, before entering the heart attack. Survived by his widow, service, May 6 in Corsica, Italy, when the former Martha McFee, night club an airplane in which he was making a routine test crashed, according to his GAINES-Al, 44, owner of El Chico sister, Mrs. Dee K. Mason, Philadelphia. McNALLY-James Edward, 68, who repast two-and-a-half years, was killed at tired in May, 1943, as executive superin-Belle Glade, Fla., June 6 when the air- tendent of Madison Square Garden, New plane he was piloting crashed in landing. York, after 45 years service, at Queens He moved from Boston about 10 years General Hospital, Jamaica Queens, N.Y., ago. He was associated with his brother, June 4. He had been in charge at the old building on Madison Square as well Beach three years ago. Survived by an- as the Eighth Avenue one and was reother brother, Benny, who operates the sponsible for the variety of events that are Vanderbilt Hotel and the Pago Pago staged in the Garden. Survived by his Room at Miami Beach. Other survivors widow, a daughter and a sister. Services are his widow and mother. Remains were in St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church, New York, with interment in GRIFFITH-Arch B., performer and St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hackensack, N. J. MITCHELL --- Mrs. Langdon Elwyn shows since he was 16 years of age, May (Marion Lea), 63, former actress and widow of Langdon Elwyn Mitchell, playwright and poet, in Doctors Hospital, New York, June 7, after a brief illness. She made her stage debut in 1882 at the

Haymarket Theater in London as Audrey in As You Like It, and later appeared with Lily Langtry Janet Church, Cyril Maude and Stephen Phillips. Together with Elizabeth Robins, she produced Ibsen's Hedda Gabler in London. Her last appearance was 1906 in the New York production of her husband's satirical comedy The New York Idea in which Mrs, Minnie Maddern Fiske starred. Survived by a son and two daughters. Services were at Calvary Episcopal Church, New York, with interment in Woodlands Cemetery, Philadelphia.

NIVEN-Harry E., 51, musician, suddenly at his home in Detroit May 31. He played at the Capitol and Michigan theaters in Detroit and was with Ringling-Barnum Circus 1939-'42. He was born in South Bend, Ind., and lived there until moving to Detroit. Survived by his widow, Marjorie; a son, Harry Edward, both of Detroit; his father, Edward V, and a sister, Mrs. Arch B. Hicks, South Bend. Services and interment in Detroit.

NYKIEL - Mrs. Sophia, mother of Joseph Nykiel, proprietor of Joey's Stables, Detroit night club, at her home in Detroit May 27.

OAKLEY-Belle, 53, retired performer, following a heart attack at the Crawley Home in Irondaie, Mo., recently, Survived. by her husband and a sister, Marie Crawley. Interment in Irondale.

REDDING-Edward A., 73, for 40 years a member of dance, concert and theater orchestras, at Yarmouth, N. S., suddenly May 25. Surviving are a son and a daughter.

RUDOLPH-Don H., 43, owner of the Gallia Advertising Company, which operated billboards in North Texas, at his home in Gainsville, Tex., May 22,



SMITH-Harold Lester, 39, in a hospi-

#### Arnold Korff

Arnold Korff, 73, actor, who was appearing as Nazl Ambassador Max von Stammer in Lillian Hellman's current Broadway play, The Searching Wind, at his home in New York June 2 of coronary thrombosis.

A stage figure both here and abroad, Korff made his first appearance in Denver in 1892 and three years later returned to Vienna, where he was born. He signed a three-year contract in that city with the Carl Theater, where he acted in 350 stage roles and directed more than 150 productions. From 1898-1922 he was a member of the Imperial Royal Court Theater and appeared in the works of Shakespeare, Goethe, Schiller, Ibsen, Strindberg, Shaw, Molnar, Schnitzler and Barrie. He was given the title "Actor of His Majesty's Court" in 1905 and the following year was appointed "Director of the Imperial Stage."

In 1915 he again came to the United States for a brief period to play in German language shows at the Irving Place Theater. American audiences again saw him in 1923 at the 44th Street Theater, where he did his first English-speaking role as Henry IV in Luigi Pirandello's The Living Mask. In 1927-'28 he was with the Max Reinhardt Company and later in The Age of Innocence with Katharine Cornell.

Other plays Korff appeared in were the Theater Guild's production of S. N. Behrman's Biography starring Ina Claire in 1932; Love Is Not So Simple, White Horse Inn, Escape This Night; My Dear Children, with John Barrymore; Liliom, with Burgess Meredith and Ingrid Bergman; Delicate Story, with Edna Best and recently in The Family and Thank You, Svoboda, with Sam Jaffe. He had also appeared in radio and films.

Survived by his widow, the former Anny Bauer, a Viennese soubrette, and a son.

singer, and two children.

night spot, Miami Beach, Fla., for the Sam, opening the Beachcomber at Miami were sent to Boston for Interment,

trombonist with circuses and minstrel 28 at his home in Philadelphia. His widow, Sarah, and a son, John, survive. Services in Philadelphia, with interment in Hillside Cemetery there June 1.

tal in Norfolk, Va., May 31. He had been on the H. W. Jones bingo staff with the John H. Marks Shows five seasons and had also been on the Kaus Exposition Shows, Prell Shows, Lawrence Greater Shows and Art Lewis Shows. Survived by his widow, Madeline; Mrs. William Haines and Mrs. Lynn Conrad, sisters, and a brother, Raymond. Interment in Chenango Valley Cemetery, Binghamton, N. Y., where he was born.

SPURLIN-James, 20, employee of Whirlwind ride of the Gooding Greater Show, drowned in the Kanawha River at Charleston, W. Va., June 4. Body recovered by Charleston firemen and taken to Cunningham Mortuary. Survived by his parents, a brother and several sisters. Interment in Marietta, Ind., his home city.

YANCEY-Thomas Yancey, 68, for the past 16 years blackface comedian with the Lloyd C. H. R. comedy company as well as being associated with Chick Varnell and George Beaver, at his home in Chicago April 18. Survived by his widow,

#### CHI'S 10-YEAR HIGH

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Abie's Irish Rose, seven weeks, only fair, and the present tenant, Maurice Schwartz in The Family Carnovsky, two satisfactory weeks. Civic Opera House had the Ballet Russe for a week and a half of good business. The Waltz King, in for four weeks, was disappointing. Ballet Theater was okeh for one week. Olsen and Johnson's Sons o' Fun remained for eight weeks of fair business, and Something for the Boys followed for a fair four and a half weeks. House is now readying for a summer run of operettas, leading off with Rose Marie June 9. Ralph Kettering's Civic Theater kept Janie going for 10 weeks with the aid of cut-rating, followed with Three Is a Family for nine weeks to just fair returns. Tthen a real turkey, The Lady and the Clown, which folded after a week of practically no business. House reopened Friday, May 26, with School for Brides. The Actors Company of Chicago, operating the Forester Theater, an out-of-the-Loop house, were unfortunate in their selection of plays. Out of This World and They Knew What They Wanted ran for two weeks aplece to practically nothing. The third try, Female Wanted, folded after the first night.



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MIDWAYS MARK TIME JUN

D-Day, Temp Drop Cut Play; **Ops** Improvise Observances

Patriotic clubs spurred to renewed objectives by invasion news-patronage spotty as showfolk and public stick to radios-week swings back to normal figures

CINCINNATI, June 10 .- Carnivaldom, getting the invasion news along with a general break in torrid heat on Tuesday, put in a momentous period in an effort to offer its recreational wares as usual to a public enwrapped in tidings from the European war theater, while the personnel of all shows were on the qui vive, too, for any word that might serve to locate service relatives and friends. On numerous

shows improvised observances of D-Day were programed and prayers went up from individuals and from groups who hastily gathered under vacant tops during the day.

Patriotic clubs on many organizations are sponsoring further sessions of prayers, adding momentum to their efforts to enlist Red Cross blood donors, for letters to service men and women and to aid in the Fifth War Loan drive.

Most of the midways by Tuesday were settled in new spots for the week, altho some were between jumps. Radio loudspeakers to spread invasion news to patrons were rigged and announcements of bulletins were made in numerous individual shows. Cool weather over a wide area and rain in some sections added to the disinclination of showgoers to leave their radios to journey to the lots, altho by Wednesday night the call of the rides and shows was responded to by about the customary number of this season's devotees.

Variable in the East

### **MSA** Just Misses

DETROIT, June 10 .- The D-Day flash came some hours late to many local showmen, a checkup showed, but they just missed being probably the first organized group in the country to greet it. A meeting of the Michigan Showmen's Association was scheduled that day for 1 a.m. but was not called to order till nearly 2:30 by Vice-President Jack Gallagher, awaiting arrival of members from parks and carnival lots. With the club radio out of service that night, members were isolated from any news and adjourned a bare 10 minutes before the official announcement came over. The showmen, accordingly, instead of being the first group to greet the great event in fraternal meeting, went home and many reported they went directly to bed and did not hear the news until they awoke hours later.

Travel Embargo, **Blowing Dust Hits** Lynch at Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., June 10 .- Altho the Lynch Greater Exposition Shows since May 23 have been playing to the best weather in their 23 years of openings in Halifax, grosses have been 40 per cent under those of 1943. This is attributed governmental restrictions against to people coming into Halifax except on war business. Notices have been placed at railroad stations, bus terminals and airway fields calling attention to congestion in Halifax and banning those without war business from buying tickets. There is a possibility reported that restrictions will be eliminated or modified soon, as the congestion has diminshed somewhat lately.

Lack of rain made the city commons lot excessively dusty, despite daily use of city watering carts. In previous years much rain had eliminated dust trouble.

Jean Nanson has the Variety Show, Mirror Show and Jap Persecution Show. Her dog, Silver, died and she is breaking in a substitute. Frank Robbins, back with his Wild Animal Show, is assisted inside by Captain and Mrs. Smith. On the front is Shorty Clarke, Mrs. Clarke doing a bareback riding act. The two free attractions are continued, the Aerial Aces, also known as the American Eagles and Flying Waldos, and the Paroffs.

**Bantly Beats Mud** In 2 Pennsy Spots

**Crimps by Rain** Canvas arriving to replace many tops destroyed-club

WT Takes Okay;

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of women pushes war work

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., June 10 .--World of Today Shows have lost much time to bad weather since opening March 25, reported Mrs. Viola Fairly, two and three days weekly being missed because of rain and other adverse condiditions in flood areas.

In Wichita, Kan., every large top on the show was destroyed by hall. New canvas was ordered but what has arrived has been only for the Circus Side Show, Illusion Show, Merry-Go-Round and Girl Show. But business is reported more than satisfactory with crowds of good spenders.

Bennie Spencer's new concession holds one of the main spots. Much trouble encountered on the highway on the move from Kansas City, Kan., to Omaha. Co-Owner I. Wells and his family spent a few days on the show in Omaha, coming to attend the funeral of his brother, Bob, who died suddenly at Lake Charles, La., (WT Is Crimped by Rain on opp. page)



NEW YORK, June 10 .- No large carnivals were in the immediate vicinity of the city. The World of Mirth Shows in Newburgh, N. Y., reported business poor on Tuesday and that abnormally cold weather and rain were responsible, coupled with the fact that the town had been played by the O. C. Buck Shows the preceding week. Heller's Acme Shows in Ramsey, N. J., and W. C. Kaus Shows in Roselle, N. J., reported little effect from D-Day on business.

#### Swing-Back Quick in Chi

CHICAGO, June 10.-After a naturally off day on the lots Tuesday, trade swung back to about normal during the week. Showmen here generally feel that business will not be unduly affected unless there is a quick allied success. In such an event, they believe, the people who have been spending freely will see the possibility of war plants suddenly closing, throwing thousands out of work temporarily, and might immediately tighten up on spending altho such a possibility is considered remote.

#### Michigan Slump on Day

DETROIT, June 10 .- Reports from show operators in this area confirm the general trend in some parks in the city of business being about 25 per cent off on June 6. This also applied to the Wade Shows, playing on a close-in location. No closings or cancellations are contemplated and individual showmen here have indicated their intention to stress even more than in the past the patriotic aspects of show activities, and particularly to devote more space and promotional activity to War Bond sales.

#### Normal Again in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, June 10 .- The smaller carnivals here and in the vicinity reported business off on the night of D-Day, but not to the extent that business suffered much. Operators attributed the onenight drop to the fact that people listened to the radio and went to church services for prayers. Since D-Day business is back to normal. In Granite City, III., the Great Sutton Shows, of which Frank Sutton Sr. is manager, blacked out (Carnivaldom on D-Day on opp. page)

#### Worthy Buffalo Bow Good

BUFFALO, June 10. - The Worthy Shows' opening here at Balley Avenue and Lanfield Drive brought out the largest crowds that have greeted the shows so far this season, said Fay Lewis. The week was good in Lancaster, N. Y., with near-capacity business several nights. Show will be here four weeks before hitting its central and western New York circuit. James E. Strates, William C. Fleming, Keith Buckingham. and other Strates Shows' members were among visitors. Mrs. H. K. Leworthy purchased a trailer.

CHICAGO .- Al Latto has leased his rides to Ozy Breger, who will operate them on lots around Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Pa., June 10 .- Altho curbed by rain and muddy lots, excellent business was, racked up by the Bantly Shows in Ambridge, Pa., May 22-27, and Charleroi, Pa., May 29-June 3, Walter D. Nealand, publicity director, reported. Ambridge was played day and date with the J. C. Weer Shows and there was much visiting by showfolks. During a heavy storm in Ambridge Wednesday night, when 5,000 people were on the lot, lightning hit the transformer wagon. setting fire to it, but the blaze was extinguished by the crew. Saturday matinee, sponsored by the American Legion Post, was big.

Charleroi gave record crowds in hot weather. A rainstorm Friday at 10 p.m. sent crowds scurrying. After a blg Saturday kid matinee, with temperature at 92, a heavy rain came at 6 p.m. Skies cleared at 7:30 and over 8,000 turned out on the last night. Decoration Day at-(See Bantly Beats Weather on opp. page)

**Shows Should Promote War Bond Sales Plans Only Thru** Local Bodies, Treasury Rules

#### Separate Drive by Industry Frowned Upon

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 10 .- "During written us that 'our State offices are enthe early part of this year the American Carnivals Association, Inc., had under discussion with the Special Events Section of the War Finance Committee of the Treasury Department a proposed nationwide War Bond selling campaign by the carnival industry under auspices of the association," said General Counsel-Secretary Max Cohen at ACA offices here.

"The plan included purchases by the industry, both by employers and employees and sales to the public at large," he said. "The Treasury Department has

tirely autonomous, and it is felt that any attempt to create a program wherein the members of the association would tend in any way to work independently of our State committees would not only create difficulty but perhaps embarrassment to them.'

"It was pointed out that in view of the fact that nearly all of the members of the association operate in more than one State, it would be practically impossible for them to operate thru 48 separate committees in an over-all unified campaign. And the Treasury Department has

engagement of the James E. Strates Shows at Broadway and Bailey under auspices of Kiwanis Club, May 29-June 3, showed an increase of 30 per cent over any previous Buffalo showing, with good committee support, advance billing and radio and newspaper tie-ups, said Assistant Manager Dick O'Brien.

Buffalo being his home town, General Representative W. C. (Bill) Fleming was host to city officials and committees from Hamburg, Batavia and Cortland fairs. Run from Elmira, N. Y., over the Erie was made in record time, the show had (See Strates Tilts Buffalo on opp. page)

### WP Chalking Paying **Stands With Larger** Line-Up in Michigan

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., June 10 .--World of Pleasure Shows closed a twoweek engagement in Muskegon, Mich., June 3, under auspices of Muskegon Heights Post, VFW, the stand being satisfactory, reported Edgar C. May. Superintendent Bill Postlewait Iaid out the lot here to good advantage and an okay week's engagement was opened Monday night under auspices of the Spanish War Veterans, Lew Yeakey and Tom Young, chairmen. Line-up of attractions is much larger than in former years, including:

Rides-Merry-Go-Round, Addo Riker, foreman; Carl Drager, assistant; Mrs. (See WP Has Larger Layout on page 55)

MACON, Ga .- Mrs. Peggy Franks, wife of W. E. (Bill) Franks, show and park owner and operator, is in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is to undergo an operation. Her condition was reported fair.

indicated that the best way to handle this will be for the individual shows 'to make their own arrangements with the State or local War Finance Committees in each place where the shows exhibit.

"In this regard we have been promised full co-operation and have received detailed information on the personnel of the several committees which should be contacted. Any member desiring further information on this subject should contact the ACA officers for further details."



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#### BANTLY BEATS WEATHER

(Continued from opposite page) tendance was a big surprise, with 12,000 paid gate attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bantly received news that their son, Capt. H. Copping Bantly, staff surgeon at a base hospital in New Guinea, is safe and in good health. Jimmy Oliver took over the Red Hot and Blue Girl Revue which features Lollita Lane, exotic dancer; Chiquita, hula dancer; Betty Lee, and Jack (Pinky) Wylie, comedian. Princess Luana is featured in the French Casino, posing revue under management of Clarence Clayton.

Dick Keller is chief assistant to Harry Faith, general superintendent, and, while there is a shortage of man power, equipment moves on schedule. Mrs. Martha Stamey and daughter, Johnsie, are visiting Nick B. Stepp, secretary-treasurer. Carl Holsapple visited his 94-year-old mother in Detroit during the Ambridge engagement. Al Boxall is owner and John Lowe is manager of the bingo stand. Paul Lane and Joe Payne report that concessions have done tremendous business at every stand, there now being 42. Walter Langford Wild Animal Show reported the best week of the season so far

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at Charleroi. Mrs. Langford is in charge of main gate tickets. Jay Daxis is foreman of the Twin Ferris Wheels, L. C. ('Ted) Miller, back from a booking trip, said the fair season would open at the Kent and Sussex Fair, Harrington, Del.

### WT IS CRIMPED BY RAIN

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and was buried in Omaha. George Gillaham, foreman of the Ferris Wheels, was called home because of illness of his wife. Johnnie Bejano added several acts to his Side Show.

Show now comprises 11 rides, 10 shows and 40 concessions. Among visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Toney Martone, George Howk, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baumann, Harry Alshuler, Roy Marr, Art and Bird Brainerd, Keith Chapman and Art Signor. Show here is under American Legion Post auspices.

The War Workers' Club of women is doing a good job and interest remains high with each member. Club is pledged to hand-crochet 50 afghans during summer to donate to a base hospital, and 29 have been made. Fifty dollars were donated to the camp and hospital division of the Red Cross at Wichita and \$75 to the blood bank in Kansas City, Mo. A separate fund is in making to be donated to the National Red Cross thru the Showmen's League of America. This fund is being made up from awards and social events. Club members were grieved over the death of member Maxine Lime. The women have expressed gratitude to the men on the show for generous weekly donations for the war funds.

#### STRATES TILTS BUFFALO

(Continued from opposite page)

its first daylight Sunday unloading of the season and was ready Monday night. As the Worthy Shows were also in town, many visits were exchanged.

Keith Buckingham, purchasing agent, is back on the job. Le Roy Nelson and Charles Hardy, of the train crew, were inducted into the army, making a total of 47 stars on the service flag in the shows' marquee. A new solovox has been installed in the Vanities Show, with Mrs. Blevins at the piano. Carter Blevins, drums; Charles Stephens, trumpet, and Bill Evans, saxophone, help to put the Dolly Rhaoul Dancers over to top money. in the Vanities. New velvet prosceniums and drapes in the Vanities, Harlem Revue and Gay Hawaii were flashed at Buffalo. Among visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, formerly operators of the Rocket, and personnel of the Allan Herschell Company and Spillman Engineering Corporation, North Tonawanda.



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#### CARNIVALDOM ON D-DAY

(Continued from opposite page) the midway for two minutes and broadcast the President's prayer from the front of the Side Show, with floodlights on the loud speaking equipment at that point. He reported no decrease in business that night, and expected to chalk up the best week to date.

#### **Coast Gates 'Are 'Affected**

LOS ANGELES, June 10.-West Coast carnivals, in line with other industries, made no special efforts for patronage on the night of D-Day and show members were as interested as other citizens in news from the front. Many stayed close to the radio, as apparently did a large proportion of potential customers. At the Manchester and Compton location, on which the Frock & Meyer Shows have been for over a year, Bill Meyer said at-tendance was cut about 50 per cent. Crafts 20 Big Shows, now playing San Jose, were on the move during D-Day, but opened that night to a fair gate. General Manager Roy E. Ludington said invasion news was affecting patronage and that the showfolk were vitally interested in war news because so many former show employees and friends and relatives were in service.

#### **Canada Has Quiet Week**

TORONTO, June 10 .- Outdoor business was quiet here this week, eyes and ears of the populace being centered upon the European war theater. Only show slated to come in soon is Garden Bros.' Circus, to open here June 26. In the Provinces the Conklin Shows will open the season today in Brantford, Ont., the winter quarters spot. Lynch Greater Ex-position Shows are on the city commons in Halifax, the E. J. Casey Shows are in Winnipeg suburbs and some smaller car-Canton, Ili. nivals are in scattered spots.

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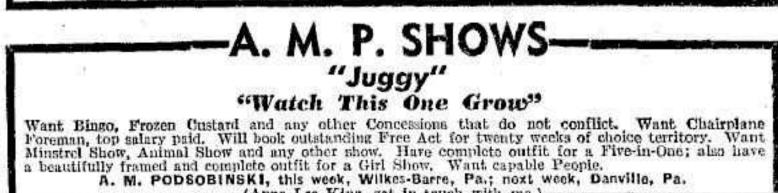
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H. B. SHIVE, general representative of the Buckeye State Shows, was a Chicago business visitor last week.

BAN EDDINGTON, Richmond (Va.) correspondent for The Billboard, was in Cincinnati last week on business.

FORMERLY with the Scott Exposition Shows, B. H. Blankenship reported that he and his wife had joined Wallace Bros.' Shows with his Victory Girls.

WHEN Jimmy Carleton, Evansville, Ind., takes to the road this season with his jewelry engraving he will be accompanied by his 13-year-old son, Jimmy Jr.

SARAH BULEY, Pontlac, Mich., off the road for the duration and working in a war plant, renewed acquaintances during the W. G. Wade Shows engagement.

#### NOWADAYS when a midway can set up without a hitch-anything can happen.

**REPORTS** are that Rose Leatherman and Pancakes Huyett are doing well with their new pitch-till-win on the Cetlin & Wilson Shows.

AFTER closing with the United Liberty Shows in Marseilles, Ill., Alex-Andra opened with the Greater United Shows in Amarillo, Tex., lecturing in the Unborn Show and working the annex.

Holly Amusement Company and a member of the 32d degree of Scottish Rite Masonery, McAlester, Okla., was initiated May 25 into the Shrine in Bedouin Temple, Muskogee, Okla.

AFTER being with Mills Bros.' Circus several weeks, Ray-Earline Garrison expects to return to carnivals for fair dates and reports that Jimmie Ligion, formerly with the Johnny J. Jones Exposition now operates a restaurant in Evansville, Ind.

BETTY LOU GIBSON, who was married to T/Sgt. Leroy G. Kelly at Perry, Okla., June 1, is a niece of Mrs. Ernest Dellabate, James E. Strates Shows, and was with her aunt of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition and the Strates shows. Sgt. and Mrs. Kelly will be at Camp Hood, Texas, where he is stationed.

AMONG Los Angeles showfolk visiting in San Francisco the past two weeks were Charles Haley, Tom Hughes and Abe Lefton, Hughes looking after his rides on various shows and Lefton filling rodeo dates and to remain to assist in the Shipyards Rodeo to be held in Kezar Stadium.

have you been in show business? Will you pay meetings. the express on my trunk?"

### Stay Under

SECRET of a guess-your-age agent's success is to always guess a woman's age at 10 years below what it really is-and she'll always agree that you're right.

For several weeks a group of outdoor show women have been meeting Wednesday afternoons in San Antonio, with the idea of organizing a permanent show women's club in the Texas city. Temporary officers are Edna Tarkington. president; Mae Rosen, vice-president; Vandale Hardy, secretary; Tillie Miller, treasurer. They meet at homes of members, and are recruiting most of the show women at present in that city.

PEST: The committeeman who says he can get you anything you need-but can't be found when you're needing.

SAN FRANCISCO Chapter, Show Folks of America, met June 5 with First Vice-President Frank Forest presiding. Supper was served, with John Provancale as chef. The San Francisco org reports over 300 members and is driving for 1,000 by the end of 1944. Clubrooms in the Marian Building, 1179 Market Street, have been improved with much added furniture selected by President Mary Ragan and equipment has been installed UNEMPLOYED: "I like your ad. How long for serving get-together suppers after

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MEMBERS OF W. S. CURL SHOWS visited the grave of J. F. Murphy in Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua, O., on Decoration Day, when the shows were playing the Buckeye town. Left to right: Arnold Miller, chairman of local auspices committee; Lee and Mrs. Becht and Harry Lewis, concessionaires; Mrs. W. S. Curl, placing basket on grave; Mrs. John Moore, John Franz, Geraldine Harding, Richard Kelly, Mrs. Gerald Harding; Gerald (Pat) Harding, ride superintendent; Owner W. S. Curl; Ike Chapman, bingo operator; Mrs. Chapman; Frank Redman, former manager of the Murphy china store; Don Wagner, show electrician. Mrs. J. F. Murphy in foreground. Her husband, who died last year, was a pioneer carnival owner and operator and had been an executive with numerous major shows.

Sparks Shows, Buddy Frank, son of Abe having been called to Great Bend, Kan., and Edna Frank, was struck by a truck. where the Bestlands' son, Corp, Harry He is in Nobles Memorial Hospital, Paris, L. Bestland, was seriously hurt in a jeep Tenn., with a broken leg.

BEN MORRISON, bingo, and ride operator, and a director of the Michigan Showmen's Association, is back home in Detroit, after a four-month tour to the West Coast.

JACK BENJAMIN, concessionaire, returned to his home in Chicago after having undergone an operation for stomach ulcers in Rochester, Minn. He is much improved in health.

#### GOOD old days: When the WPA furnished all the extra help needed.

CHARLES S. REED, general agent of the Great Sutton Shows, who is in Veterans' Hospital, Hines, Ill., successfully be in the hospital for about three more

HOLLY, owner-manager of the box.

WHILE en route to join Gentsch & Marian, returned to Broxton, Ga., after accident and is now recovering. His address is 34687856, Army Air Base Hospital, Great Bend, Kan.

> GARDEN State Shows closed a twoweek engagement in Trenton, N. J., June 'S to fair biz. Inclement weather ruined the first week but the show got a good break on the three days. Robert Miner Jr., said the show had not been affected by labor shortage. Dave Logan's Cavalcade of War was due to join at Wharton, N. J. Free act is Great Leon.

> MAE JAE ARNOLD reported a jump from Texas to Storm Lake, Ia., to join the Reynolds & Wells Shows' annex of the Side Show for Sid Crane. Line-up includes Sid and Judy Crane, mentalists; Erle Jewson, tickets; Fay, girl with horse's mane; Jimmy McLeod, iron tongue and glass dancer; John Bingham, inside lecturer, and Helen Blue, sword

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were working in the building prevented further loss. The fact that the show was on a lot within two blocks of the warehouse prevented a much bigger loss.

CONTINENTAL SHOWS went into Whitesboro, N. Y., from Sidney, N. Y., under auspices of Whitesboro fire department, May 22-27, reported Patricia Miller. Monday night, due to inclement weather, business was light. Tuesday showed a marked improvement. Show drew good crowds from Utica, as special busses were run Friday and Saturday and rides, shows and concessions did near-capacity. Manager Roland Champagne lauded co-operation of the firemen, Gloversville, N. Y., May 29-June 3., proved another winner. On the eve of Decoration Day large crowds were on the midway, as well as on the holiday.

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NOTES from No. 2 Unit, W. G. Wade Shows, by Secretary Gladys Schaum: Unit opened in Detroit at Michigan and Brooklyn June 2 with good weather and attendance. Rides being located a block from Briggs Stadium, home of the Detroit Tigers, who played a double header June 4, the blow-off resulted in near-capacity business. Manager C. D. Murray is having the Tilt-a-Whirl rebuilt. Neal Darrow, who has the Kiddle Auto and Kiddie Airplane rides, purchased a 26foot trailer. Lew Rosenthal and Ben Morrison have been nightly visitors. After one more location in Detroit the show will leave for 15 weeks of fairs and celebrations in Michigan and Indiana.

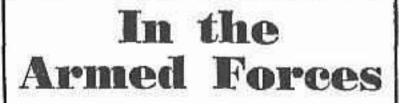
AT THE Ramsey (N. J.) engagement of Heller's Acme Shows, June 2-10, receipts of rides, shows and gate were excellent, reported Mickey Johnston, publicity director, Kelly and Bob Hunter have the cookhouse; Frenchy, candy floss; Harry Nelson and Steve, custard. Mrs. Heller, in charge of the office, has several concessions. Joe Zarra and Abe Kalman have a string of concessions. Tom Hale and agents have bingo. Mickey Johnston has the Funhouse. Harry Linstrom has kiddle rides; Charley Houston, the Merry-Go-Round; Tim McCarthy, Chair-o-Plane; Joe Malatansi Spitfire. Manager Harry Heller said business was prosperous.



SGT. A. M.. (LITTLE RED) HAF-FARDS, formerly with the World of Mirth Shows and others, is serving with the United States Army Air Force.

tors are being overhauled to be in readiness for street celebrations to start in a few weeks. Dolly Young legal adjuster, entertained visitors from Detroit, Lima and Monroe, J. J. Allyn and E. R. Flood visited from Detroit. All rides have been repainted and new tops are on the Merry-Go-Round and kiddle ride. "Pop" Gardner, publicity man and The Billboard sales agent, is proud of his kiddie ride, painting on which is all pic- after Pearl Harbor as a private. torial.

Troy, N. Y., to fair attendance and New- Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, "When burgh, N. Y., the week before was a winner, said Roy F. Peugh, publicity direc- I went to the recreation room and found tor. O. C. Buck reported collection of an up-to-date copy of The Billboard. It \$30 on sales of signature napkins for keeps me in touch with carnival busithe Sunshine Fund of the NSA Ladies' ness and I know it also means a lot to Auxiliary and two new members of the the other boys who were formerly in show, Mrs. Ella Frost and Mrs. Kitty Thomas. A birthday party for Henry Evans, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Evans, was attended by many of the show people and gifts were presented Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bucklin, Columbia, S. C., joined. Marjorie Robinson visited. her home in New York City while the nies Bros.' Shows, Rubin & Cherry Exposhow was playing Newburgh. Ernest Felicel, visiting his wife and new born daughter in Wheeling, W. Va., will return at Bennington, Vt. Captain Van and his trained dogs of Brownie's Side Show presented the act at the General Electric television station, Schenectady, on Sunday for Children's Hour. Visitors included Arthur Campfield, L. Harvey Cann, Thomas Coleman, Roland Champagne, Ernest Wanner, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Wheelock and George W. Traver. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hurd, who went to New York, purchased new wardrobe for the O. C. Buck Revue Girls, which has a cast of 10. Mrs. Hurd was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party at which refreshments were served and many glits presented. ALAMO Exposition Shows notes by weather break after a month of rains ⊀ and floods, Pelley, Tex., giving real week BEST business so far this season came of business, May 29-June 3. Circus Side Show and annex, under management of Shorty Tappan, is featuring the elastic der management of Curtis Prosser, is featuring local talent for a ride around the wall as guest passengers. Leonard Liptrap joined at Beaumont with his cookhouse. Hollywood Monkey Circus, Bill Williams managing, added several actors. Jerry, trained chimpanzee, has been active for Red Cross work and games for benefit of the Red Cross, for which the show is 100 per cent, as well charities and smokes-for-soldiers. Chairmen are Mrs. Pat Kelley, Red Cross; Mrs. Bobble Hyman, War Bonds; Albert man, smokes-for-soldiers. Bob Hammond and Luther Miller, operating their show in Houston, visited Manager Jack Ruback and friends on the show. Hypo Denecke purchased a new trailer for Mrs. Denecke, who will join this month. Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Lively have the midway sandwich shop. Pasadena, Tex., was canceled because the location was not served with lines for electricity. Clyde Davis reports good business with his Girl Revues.



Showmen in the nation's fighting forces and their relatives and friends are invited to send personal items, including rank and branch of service, to this department.

CORP. FRED (LUCKY) MITCHELL, 6334333, well known to showmen of the East and Midwest, is stationed in Iceland.

ISADORE (TOMMY PADDLES) REIS-NER, former concessionaire on the World of Pleasure Shows, has been promoted to private first class.

COXSWAIN MAX KAUFMAN, former concessionaire on the World of Pleasure Shows, a survivor of the USS Hornet, has returned to duty after a furlough at his home in Detroit.

PFC. MURRY O. BATEMAN, 37064930, formerly with Byers Bros.' Shows, where his father, mother and midget brother, Major Little, are now, has been in the service 26 months, 18 of which have been in Australia.

CAPT. ROBERT COHN, former concessionaire on the Johnny J. Jones Exposition, Sheesley shows and Motor City Shows, who has just added an Oak Leaf Cluster to his decorations, was first member of the Michigan Showmen's Association in the service, enlisting the day

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WHEN the W. C. Kaus Shows held a banquet for the ride men at Sacarrow's Night Club, Haledon, N. J., week of May 22, each was introduced by Emsee Jack Perry, reported Arthur L. McIntyre. Hank Owens, superintendent of rides; Buster Bruce, J. V. Rice, Allen Barton, Jimmy Fidler, Glawtz Tinner, James Evans, Elmer Nostyn, Jan Garber and Walter McNeal and Electrician John Regal and Assistant Burt Edward were guests. Many of the personnel attended. Also guests were the Great Arturos, Dick's Paramount Shows. Visiting the show were Terry Modica, recently discharged from the marines; F. Amobite; Henry Vonderheidt, of the merchant marine, and Frank Braunstein, Cetlin & Wilson Shows.

AD answer: "I'm a fire cater. Will join on receipt of letter on your own stationery. Want no deductions in pay, such as Social Security and government withholding tax, because I am Ted Custer: Show is finally getting a. an independent contractor."

to the Barkoot Shows when they moved In Toledo to the Woodville Railroad showgrounds, reported Dolly Young, man, Bob De Artiz, Wall of Death, un-Rides Saturday and Sunday did nearcapacity. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post auspices co-operated 100 per cent. Bill Haines took charge of the roll down for Eddie Young, replacing W. W (Strawberry) Sallust, who went to the Allen & Nickerson Shows at Laporte, Ind. Larry Dressler is in the razzle-dazzles and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Freeman have taken Benny Hyman is holding special bingo over a game. Cash Couch is entertaining his sister from Hazard, Ky. Babe Barkoot was a week-end visitor from as for War Bond drive activities, local Detroit. Lillabel, daughter of Mrs. Babe Barkoot, has recovered from a recent illness. K. G. Barkoot engaged E. J. Mc-Dowell to rebuild trailers, and all trac- Wright, local charities, and Benny Hy-

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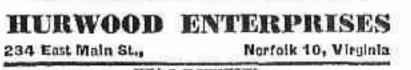
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#### Robert C. McCune, who had already received the Purple Heart and before his enlistment in 1941 was with such orgs as the Beckmann & Gerety Shows, Hensition and Mighty Sheesley Midway, came from Mrs. Blanche Sullivan, Royal American Shows. It tells that for outstanding action in Italy he has been awarded the Silver Star. Now in a hospital, his address is 38025461, APO 36, c/o Postmaster, New York.

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### CLUB ACTIVITIES



Grimes in Detroit made a total of eight deaths of members since April 25. Pat Purcell, in town for a day, and Mrs. Al Wagner and sister were callers. Larry Lawrence, who left for his home, advised he would be back in a few weeks for further medical attention. Nathan Hirsch has been transferred to Veterans' Hospital, Hines, Ill. William J. Coultry and R. N. (Hi-Ki) Adams are still confined, as is Tom Vollmer; Chickie Allen, Allen & Nickerson Shows, in for a call. Jack Tavlin was here for a day en route east. Dave Tennyson reported he would not take to the road this year because of poor health. Dave (Butch) Cohen will bring his family to Chicago. Special board of governors' meeting has been called for June 23 to dispose of accumulated matters. Secretary Joe Streibich visited the Cavalcade of Amusements in Milwaukee and the Fldler Shows in Harvey, Ill.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Members Ruby James is in St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Mrs. Al Miller is still ill in the home of her daughter, Cleora Helmer, and Mrs. Marie Simpson is recuperating after a serious operation in Birmingham. Past President Ida Chase and Secretary Elsie Miller visited many friends in Riverview Park last week. Letters came from Third Vice-President Mrs. Noble C. Fairly, Grace Goss, Virginia Kline, Nan Rankine, Lolita Kemp and Joy Gooch. Myrtle Hutt is enjoying her trailer, bought recently. Past President Edith Streiblch reported an enjoyable vacation at Delavan Lake, Wis., with her sister, Jeanette Wall. Secretary is holding important mail for Betty Jane Davis at 4004 North Avenue, Chicago 18, Ill. President Phoebe Carsky, who spent a week-end in St. Louis, visited the Missourl Show Women's Club, where she was entertained. Past President L. M. Brumleve will leave for Wisconsin for the summer. Birthday greetings went to Cora Yeldham and Marie Brown, past presidents.



NEW YORK, June 10 .- Another trip CHICAGO, June 10 .- Death of Jack by the executive secretary took in the Connecticut resort, Savin Rock, where Sam Peterson and Vincent Anderson were visited. At Lew Dufour's new Life Show it was reported he had gone to the big town. Lunched with Edward Karn. Members Peterson and Anderson, on the fund-raising committee for that section, anticipate good returns. On Coleman Bros.' Shows in Berlin, Conn., a cordial reception was accorded by the brothers and Mrs. Coleman. Henry Fein is committeeman on this show.

> Visit to Dick Gilsdorf's Paramount Shows in Pawtucket, R. I., was in the nature of a reception. Met Mr. and Mrs. Gilsdorf; Harry Parker, agent of the show; Mr. and Mrs. Lew Lange, Bill Gorman, Bibs Malang, Riley, Mike Giglio, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Earl, Jack Lambert, Slim Parenteau, Frank Ingram, Lloyd Peterson, Blink Bernstein, Bistany, Frank Ware, Harry Sturges, gold card member Ike Weinberg and Howard Ingram. On the way to Pawtucket at Putnam, Conn., there was a pleasant conversation with General Manager Berry, of the show of the same name. In Woonsocket the Eli Lagassi Show No. 1 was doing excellent business, and Owner Lagassi was on one of his other units. In White City Park of President Emeritus George A. Hamid, Worcester, Mass., a pleasant hour was spent with Gene Hamid. At Springfield and Agawam Edward Carroll's Riverside Park was visited, but most of the NSA members, including Joe Drambour and John McLees, had not as yet arrived as the call was made before the park opened. General fund campaign has had a gonerous contribution from Mrs. Alice Mundy, widow of Col. P. J. Mundy, who was co-owner of the Gaskill & Mundy Carnival Company, first organized carnival in America. A letter from Sallor Andrew Metts told of his especial appreciation of the regular delivery of The Billboard. Louis Schinkel dropped in from Florida. Charles Rubenstein, Harry Kaplan, David Brown, Adolph Crowell and Jack Feldman were recent visitors, and George Rector was in from the Strates Shows, and Max Miller, Harry Kaye and Larry Newman in from the Big One. Bucky Allen will be at Wildwood, N. J. Other callers were Arthur Campfield, Jack Lichter, Jack Alfred and Sam Rothstein. Ben Braunstein advised that he had resigned from the Cetlin & Wilson Shows and was with the W. C. Kaus Shows. 1945 membership cards are ready, the No. 1 card going to Jerry Gottlieb. The No. 1 card for 1946 will be assigned to Bob Morton, Hamid-Morton Circus, as he has paid dues for that year. Club year begins July 15, when 1945 dues are payable.

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#### **Troupers Pray on D-Day**

LOS ANGELES, June 10 .- D-Day prayer was offered at the June 6 meeting of the Regular Associated Troupers, with Vice-President Joe Krug presiding and Vice-President Minnie Pounds and Lucille Dolman acting secretary in the chairs. Thanks were extended Joe Krug and committee on arrangement of the new clubrooms, of which this meeting marked the opening in the Walker Building. Donations to the rooms on display included two large overstuffed chairs from Joe and Ethel Krug, settee and mirrors from Mora Bagby, electric phonograph and lamps from Mrs. Krug, Joe Krug's mother, and from Minnie Pounds four dozen glasses and \$5. With many pledges from members, the committee expects to have the club in shipshape by fall. Josephine Foley donated \$40 for a back-bar mirror. Frank Yagla and Joe Krug are installing the bar and back-bar. Claude Barie reported the penny march "kitty" will be ready soon, donated by Moxie Miller. Tillie Palmateer presented the money and napkin sent her by Virginia Kline. Sis Dyer, Oceanside, reported on the banner made by her and Harold Robideuax. She invited the club to Oceanside July 10 for a club party. A caravan of cars will leave and reservations are being made thru Joe Krug and Frank Yagla. Lillabell Lear, chairman of house, is visiting San Francisco, and Jenny Regal is in charge. Committee helping Joe Krug on club decorations is Estelle Hanscom, Marlo LeFors, Jean and Frank Yagla, Ethel Krug and Lucille King. Bank award of \$25 went to Nancy Meyers, who Com Game Help, Counter Men and two Callers: donated it back to purchase something for the rooms. Next meeting will be June 20.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

President Edna Lasures, who spent a few days in town while the Cetlin & Wilson Shows were playing near by, reported that she was the guest of member VI Lawrence on the Dumont Shows. Edna Riley, of that organization, had left to visit her own home. The president's daughter, Mildred, has recovered from her accident and is back at work. Members Flora Elk, Madge Bloch, Past President Midge Cohen, Vice-President Dolly McCormick and Corresponding Secretary Jeanette Rattiner visited the C. & W. Shows at Garfield, N. J. In response to a letter from Margaret Luxs, Endy-Prell Shows, more application blanks and penny bags have been sent to her.

Martha Weiss, who with her husband, Ben, visited for a few days, brought membership applications from three Floridians, Vilma Emily Krenzer, Ruth Davis and Virginia E. Newsome. Patricia Coleen Williams has been proposed by Mildred Lasures and Evelyn Buck has

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also Slum Skillo Agents. EDDIE KEENAN Caro Cavalcade of Amusements Winona, Minn.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 10.-Ladies' Auxiliary's open house May 26 drew a large gathering from shows playing this vicinity. Decoration Day services were conducted by auxiliary members at Showmen's Rest, Memorial Park Cemetery, and flags were placed at each grave and a large wreath with the emblem of the club was placed at the base of the monument.

President C. F. (Doc) Zeiger reports continued favorable response in his drive to raise largely increased donations for the cemetery fund. Funeral services for Mrs. Charles Horn, who died May 30, were at Showmen's Rest, and Chaplain W. Frank Delmaine, secretary of Tivoli Exposition Shows, came to officiate. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Chapman and Marvin Thompson, Reynolds & Wells Shows, were visitors here. Mrs. Cliff Adams and son, Jimmie, and Mrs. James Hart are visiting in California. Mrs. Mike Noble visited her husband with the Dailey Bros.' Circus when it played Ottawa, Kan. As each club member is on the membership committee, the chairman is anticipating healthy results.



DETROIT, June 10,-Monthly meeting June 5 brought out attendance of 82. Absence of President Stahl on business found First Vice-President Jack Gallagher in the chair, supported by Second nett, Fred Pierre, Sonitz, Kontz and Vice-President Manny Brown, Third Vice- Gunnison, Frank Downie and Jack Beach. President Michael Allen, Treasurer Louis Bob Clifford, Ray Rosard and the house Rosenthal, Executive Secretary Bernard committee served a bang-up plate Robbins and Secretary Arthur J. Frayne. luncheon, to which the Ladies' Auxiliary Also on the rostrum were Harry Brewer, exalted ruler of B.P.O.E. Detroit Lodge 4, and The Billboard correspondent, H. F. Reves. Communications came from the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association; Jane and Joe Hughes and members George DeCosta, Ray Ellis, Sam Gould, Forrest Pool, Sam Solof and Jack Tem- Fat Duncan, George C. W. Seckles, kin, all sending in membership applications or requesting blanks. Marshall Ferguson, membership committee, reported these new members: Bernard Allen, Axel Almquist, Ralph Ammon, Joe Ansher, Bennie Bernard, Isadore Brodsky, Ronald J. Carlyle, James Edward Connolly, Richard M. Crawford, E. E. (Mickey) Davis, Jack W. Donohue, Sam Drucker, Don Elliott, Karl Geritz, Harry Greenbaum, Eddie Herman, Glenn M. Jacobs, Joseph Lawrence, Morton McCarthy, George Minchin, Rudolph A. Nathensen, Wilbur O'Brien, L. A. Osenbaugh, Joe Ossen, Lawrence Reese, Fred Robinson, Harry Schurgin, Fred G. Shaw, Carl J. Thorson, Albert Tomlin, George H. Tompkins and Louis Weinberg. Back from a two-month vacation trip to the West Coast, Ben Morrison evidently is loaded with progressive ideas gathered en route. Service committee reported Pvt. Harry Levine transferred from Hawaii to New (See MSA on page 58)

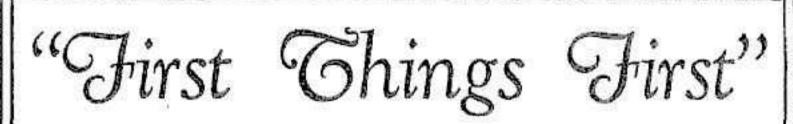


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LOS ANGELES, June 10 .--- Monday night's meeting was whittled to essentials to give right of way to the main event. President Ted LeFors, Vice-President Hunter Farmer, Past Presidents Dr. Ralph Smith, Ed Walsh, J. Ed Brown, Past Secretaries Bert Chipman, Harry Fink and Frank Downie, Emergency Vice-Presidents Louie Bissinger, Jake Posey, Henry Clayton, Jack Beach and Secretary Bill Hobday were on the dais, Edward W. Hetrick and Floyd J. Lee were voted into membership and Mickey Luckanitch was made a life member. Vice-Prexy Farmer reported on preparations for Showmen's Day, July 2, on Mike Krekos's West Coast Shows, and a steady influx of War Bonds for the building fund, chairmaned by Past President Krekos. William M. Arthur, inspector of public assemblies for the Los Angeles fire department, drew a big hand for the cooperation he has extended.

Then came the birthday party for member George Hines on his 87th anniversary. He crashed the business in 1870 and has been prominently identified with circus, carnival, exposition and theater history. Letters, telegrams and greetings came from Coast to Coast, while over 150 filled the assembly room to congratulate him at the stag affair.

J. Ed Brown, party chairman, reviewed his acquaintance dating back some 50 years. Louie Bissinger went back 40 years and brought greetings from Goldie Taylor. Jake Posey, 40-horse driver of Barnum show note, added to the buildup. Others speaking were Henry Clayton, W. Martin, Bert Chipman, John Backman, Ray Rosard, Harry LeMack, Roy Jones, Charlie Brasler, Fat Allton, Johnnie McGrail, Pat Shanley, Cap Barwas invited. Greetings came from Calvin Enfield, Everett Enfield, Ollie Enfield, Johnny Linn, Johnnie Lopez, Prof. A. L. Morrell and wife, Dick Hutchins, W. R. (Red) Patrick, Mom and Pop Drexler, Charles Sparks, Frank M. Shortridge, Frank Erler, "G. A. O," Pat Shanley, Rounsey Troupe, Jack Hughes, Sally Hughes Walker, Elmer N. (Dad) Workman, Jimmy and Mrs. Dunn, Lee Barnes, Norman Schue, Roy Barnett, Clyde Gooding, George Elser, Showmen's League of America, Heart of America Showmen's Club, George Howk, Thomas J. (Tex) Crockett, George Lowery, Nat Green, Stanley F. Dawson, Walter Trask Jr., Ray W. Smith, Arthur R. Hopper, L. C. Morrell, Ted and Marlo LeFors, Sam and Lucile Dolman, W. H. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lusby, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, Harry McDougall, Babe Pelter, Newt Hightsey, George Bean, T. Dickey, Dick and Celia Kanthe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krug, Louis Johnson, Bill Hobday, Arthur Hockwald, Plain Dave Morris, Mickey Lukanitch, Jerry J. Jackson, William Scott and J. Ed Brown.



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### **Caravans** Quit for Summer

CHICAGO, June 10.—Last meeting for the summer of Caravans, Inc., reported Alice Kady, had President Pearl Mc-Glynn, Secretary Jeanette Wall and Treasurer Becky Daniels, pro tem, in the chairs. Guest was Wade Booth, president of Showfolks of America, who gave an inspiring talk. Madaline Ragan donated a War Bond. Letters came from Clara Zeiger, Helen Runge, Frances Hennies and Mrs. Oscar Bloom, Jeanette Hart, Frances Shefford, Vivian Richby, Ealine Scott, Ruth Cooper, Bernice Peterson, Ethel Aschley and Zenobia Sisk were elected to membership. Billy Lou Bunyard returned from a vacation. Bernice Barton, recording secretary of Showfolks of America, and her mother attended. Secretary Wall won the award donated the East to regain her health. by President McGlynn. A letter of acknowledgment was received from Mrs. occasion demands. Members visiting Kahn, a shut-in, for flowers sent her. Chicago during the summer will find Ruby James was reported on the sick the clubrooms open by phoning Cus-

### Ladies' Auxiliary

At the meeting May 15 First Vice-President Mary Taylor, Second Vice-President Marie Morris, Secretary Vivian Gorman and Treasurer Marie Tait were in the chairs. Chaplain Minule Fisher opened meeting with prayer and salute to the flag. Members were grieved to learn of the death of member Rose Douglas. Mother Fisher donated a book of stamps to the cemetery fund. Donations to the bazaar were made by Pauline Burdess and Martha Reilly. Lalla Pepin, who attended, reported she was gaining strength every day. Letters came from Lucille Dolman and Leona Barrie. Bank night award went to Frances Barth, and door prize to Jenny Regal. Peggy Forstall drove down to attend. Martha Reilly, Rose Rosard, Stella Linton and Helen Smith were named hostesses for June 5 meeting, Luncheon and a social hour followed. Vivian Horton will act as club reporter for the remainder of the year. Anna Stewart returned to the Coast from Duluth, Minn., having spent a year in

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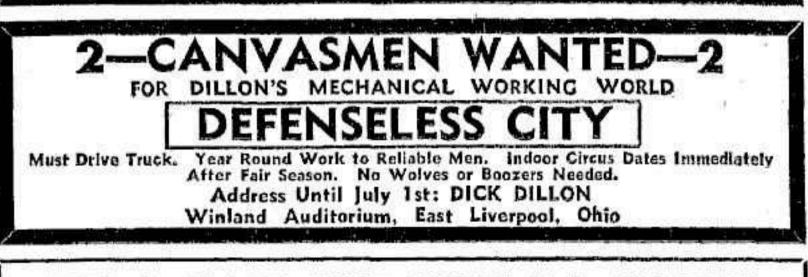
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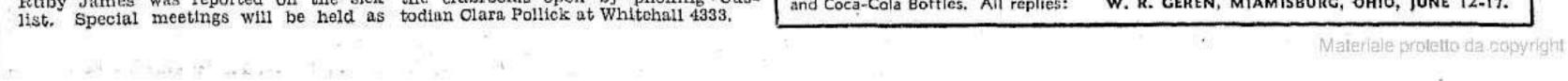
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# FROM THE LOTS

# John H. Marks

South Richmond, Va. Week ended June 3. Location, Petersburg Pike and Maury Street. Weather, hot. Business, good.

First three days here indicated it would be the first blank of the season, but Thursday, Friday and Saturday brought out big crowds of spenders and the week turned out profitably. Weather was the hottest so far this season. Jimmy Connors put on photo gallery to good results. Frost and his ball games are doing well, J. B. Hendershot assumed the duties of secretary. Gus Meyers, an old friend of President John H. Marks and others on the show, was a visitor. Tommy Heath, out of the hospital, was on the lot nightly and doctors advise that he can troupe again soon. Elwood Jenkins also was a nightly visitor. Everyone looked forward to a big 12-day stand in Washington. The writer was a dinner guest at the home of Terry Martin in Washington. President Marks was host to children of the Greek school, of which he is the founder. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Red) Hicks visited. Mrs. Marks remained with the show until June 8, when she returned to her home in Richmond. HARRY E. WILSON.

### Thompson Bros.

Williamsport, Pa. Week ended June 3. Auspices, Lyconing Hose Company. Weather, fair. Business, excellent.

Move from Avis was made on schedule and rides were ready Sunday night despite labor shortage. Business, General Manager James Thompson said, has been far better than last season's. Show has closed a contract for Huntington (Pa.) Fair. Jerry Ketchum booked her photo gallery and penny pitch. John Kaufman for the past several seasons, has operated the Thompson popcorn truck. Manager Brownsville, Tex.

Thompson's brother, Freddie, will remain in Altoona, Pa., managing the remainder of the rides in Lakemont Park. Boots, foreman, has the new Octopus in the lead for capacity business. Clyde Ketchum has been Merry-Go-Round foreman for the past three seasons. William Casellman returned with his high striker. Ann Beigle has penny pitch. Joe Socey is electrician. Charlie Slinger has pea pool. Gene Belgle, formerly of the Clyde Smith Shows, is Chairplane foreman. Doc Cook arrived with his concessions. E. Lawrence Phillips, co-owner of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition, who was a visitor, purchased the Smith & Smith Chairplane. Ray Sharp is Ferris Wheel foreman. A new top for the Merry-Go-Round arrived. Show is booked till November, General Agent B. Keller, Kirkwood Shows, was a guest of the management. The writer, formerly of the Steblar Greater Shows, is ride superintendent. R. W. SHOYSE.

# Harry Craig

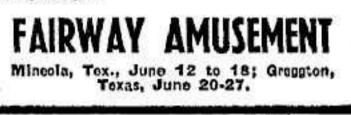
Pampa, Tex. Week ended June 10. Auspices, VFW Post. Business, good. Weather, good.

Opened here after a short jump from Amarillo, Tex., to good business, Had opposition with the Loos shows in Amarillo, but had two good nights and lost the rest because of rain. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderford, concessionaires, bought a streamlined trailer in Amarillo. Smith and wife, Fay, closed in Amarillo, and Frenchy Bouillon now has both girl shows. Ruby Latham and Joe Young and family are expected to be additions to Oddities on View. Lou Davis has framed another show, with Ray Roberts handling the front. Madame Fay received new banners for the Animal Show. D. C. McDonald returned as show secretary. Eyster bought a new home in



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# **Big Blowdown Halts Detroit Army Show With Terrif Gate**

DETROIT, June 10 .- The Army Air local radio programs. Show, which opened June 1 at the high for show attendance here, drawing an estimated 500,000 on Sunday and was forced to close at 6:15 p.m. Monday by the largest scale blowdown ever seen here. Reopening is set for tomorrow.

Show features every type of plane using Detroit-made equipment, individual displays, captured equipment, educational exhibits and others, commercial and government-sponsored. Exhibition space is about 3,000 by 130 feet. Attendance on the first three days was estimated at 650,000 by General Motors at its exhibit. Attendance was reported at 300,000 at 5 p.m. Sunday by C. F. Kettering on the GM broadcast, three hours after opening time. Admission was free. Sponsored by The Detroit Times, Army Air Forces Materiel Command and Aero Peoria, Dallas and other spots. Club of Michigan, the show received generous publicity. Entertainment angles centered around daily network shows and

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Cook County

Council, American Legion, will stage a

huge Fourth of July Celebration in Sol-

dier Field. Feature will be a fireworks

spectacle to be produced by Thearle-

Duffield. Several thousand people will

take part in a patriotic pageant which

Fireworks will include simulated allied.

acrobatic acts and band music.

**Invasion Pyrotechnics** 

Early Monday night wind estimated at Municipal Airport, set a near all-time 95 miles per hour came and took down 14 tents or a total canvas-covered area of 67,000 square feet. Tent companies in the eastern half of the country were called upon for emergency service, canvas damage being estimated at \$18,000. Calls for tents of any size were on the Michigan Showmen's Association here and members and visiting showmen responded,

> Eleven were injured, but only one, a 13-year-old boy, required hospitalization because of a skull fracture. With the Civil Air Patrol rounding up members to act as canvasmen and the aid of volunteers and army facilities, reopening was decided upon. Army heads instructed the Army Transport Service to fly in canvas from New York, Ohicago,



ARNOLD MILLER, former secretary of For Chicago Legion Show Piqua (O.) Fall Festival, was chairman of the auspices committee of Miami County Voiture, 40 and 8, which sponsored the W. S. Curl Shows in Piqua May 29-June 3. A delegation from the shows visited the grave in Forest Hill Cemetery of J. F. Murphy, former carnival owner and executive, who had been in business in Piqua and had been active in festival will include military reviews, animal and doings.

ACTS have been booked for Fourth of planes dropping bombs, depiction of a July Celebrations in Independence, Ia.,



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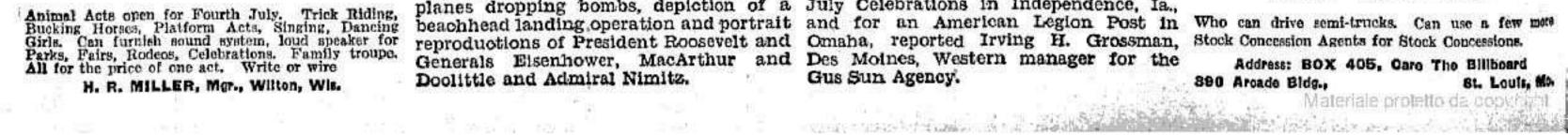
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GRUNDY CENTER, Ia .- At the 1944 Grundy County Fair here there will be free acts and a grandstand program on two days and a baby beef sale on closing day.

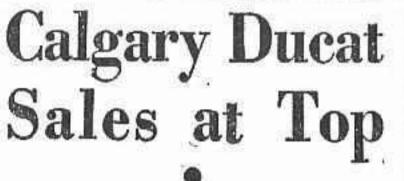
SASKATOON, Sask .- Dr. Fred G. Salisbury, Saskatoon, has been named chairman of the racing committee of Saskatoon Exhibition, succeeding John O. Hettle, who died recently.

NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask,-General prizes for the '44 North Battleford Exhibition will be increased 25 per cent and there will be a big increase in the speclais, Several livestock breeders' assoclations have increased their specials.

GREENVILLE, N. C .- The 1944 Pitt County Fair here will be operated under the American Legion Post and under management of A. J. Grey, who has been in charge for the past seven years. Grey is now special agent for the J. C. Weer Shows, which will be on the midway.

KEENE, N. H .- For Cheshire County Fair Association's 1944 three-day fair, the 1943 fair having been canceled, Hiram O. Bolton has been chosen general manager. There will be horse racing and several acts have been booked. Lawrence Picket will be emsee. Larger cash premiums in all departments have been announced.

LACOMBE, Alta. - Lacombe agricultural society decided to cancel livestock, vegetable and domestic exhibits and hold only a two-day sports tournament instead of the annual fair. Officers are Thomas Wilks, president; H. S. Trame, H. E. Wilson, vice-presidents; J. Stewart Fraser, secretary-treasurer. W. Douglas, retiring president, is on the directorate.



Ten times as many pasteboards are out as at this time in 1943 record year

OALGARY, Alta., June 10.-Indicating a record year for Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, grandstand ticket sales at the end of May were 10 times as large as those on the same date last year. Grandstand attendance records were broken in 1943.

Increased livestock money is drawing entries from all over Canada, Prize money in Stampede events has been upped by \$3,000 and will attract more than 500 entrants.

Program will include seven days of running races and fireworks on the first and last nights of the fair.

# **Brockton** Booking **Big Stageshow for Interrupted Annual**

BROCKTON, Mass., June 10 .- Frank H. Kingman, secretary of Brockton Fair, and Al Martin, representing the booking onice bearing his name, have completed arrangements for the grandstand show to be presented at the 1944 fair. Martin will produce the show. Brockton will resume this year after omitting last year's fair, the first break in continuous operation of more than half a century. Plans for an elaborate stageshow, with several outstanding acts, are on the agenda. This is the first time the contract has been awarded to Martin, whose office has contracts for other fairs in Massachusetts, including those at Great Barrington, Northampton and Marshfield. All four fairs conduct running races with parl-mutuels.



P. T. (PA) STREIDER, general manager, has been assigned to prepare a Victory Exposition in Tampa when the plant of the Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival Association is returned from government use. His reappointment to his post June 6 marked his 25th year as pilot of the pivotal annual. In 1919 he became identified with the then South Florida Fair, Tampa, and is given large credit for the build-up of the present institution. His first fair work was in 1904 in his boyhood home, Fort Wayne, Ind., as superintendent of speed at the fair there.

# **Groundwork Is Begun by Board**

Gasparilla group to invest in Fifth War Loan drive-Streider is reappointed

TAMPA, June 10 .- Plans for a reopening Victory Exposition were put under way and General Manager P. T. Streider was instructed to begin laying the groundwork for re-establishing the fair, discontinued for the duration when the army took over the plant as a replacement center, at the annual meeting of Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival Association in executive offices here June 6.

Directors voted to invest available funds held by the association in War Bonds to aid in the Fifth War Loan drive.

General Manager Streider, who has plloted the fair for a quarter of a century. was reappointed to the post. Officers reelected for one-year terms are J. Edgar Wall, chairman of the board; Carl D. Brorein, president; Charles McKay, first vice-president; Frank Jackson, second vice-president; Russell Kay, secretary, and E. P. Taliaferro, treasurer.

J. S. Mims, publisher and general manager of The Tampa Tribune, was elected. a member of the board of directors to succeed the late S. E. Thomason. Added. to the directorate were Mayor Hixon and Fred Ball, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. --- Additional improvements will be made to exhibition grounds here this year from the 1943 surplus, C. M. Learmonth, chairman of the board of governors, said in accounting to city council for the first year of the board, which was set up at the end of 1942. He reported a net '43 revenue of \$4,656, and said he beleved the arrangement between the board of governors and agricultural society was unique, and that several other cities had inquired about the organization.

LAREDO, Tex .--- Plans are on to make Pan-American Fair and Livestock Show here a separate entity. Show, which has been sponsored for two years by the Washington's Birthday Association, has made rapid progress, with addition of \$9,100 to the permanent building fund. Temporary officers elected by the fair and livestock show group are Herman O'Keefe, president; M. Benavides Volpe, vice-president, and Don Finley, secretary, who will function pending drafting of a constitution and by-laws.



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# FREE ACT WANTED FIREMEN'S STREET FAIR

Week June 26-July 1

Brockton's show will again be of the revue type, but for the first time in several years it will see a return of high aerial acts and other thrillers.

# Selden Booked in Knoxville

OINCINNATI, June 10 .- A. E. Selden, "The Stratosphere Man," passed thru Cincy June 8 on his way to Knoxville, Tenn., where he will play a Tom Packs Thrill Show the weck of June 12. He has entirely recovered from effects of an accident while doing his "slide for life" in Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh, May 14.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Mr. and Mrs. Joshua L. Brooks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 3 with a family reunion. He is founder of Eastern States Exposition here, of which he was president 25 years, retiring in 1942. He continues active as a member of the executive board and is honorary president of the organization.



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IBERAL supplies of meat were avail-Lable to civilians in the first quarter of 1944, but during the April-June period supplies will be reduced. However, the per capita rate of consumption in this period will still be higher than the average annual consumption in 1943. Record supplies of fresh vegetables have created a favorable supply situation that is likely to continue thruout the spring. A 15 per cent reduction from the 1943-'44 level of civilian consumption of canned vegetables (10 per cent below the 1935-'39 average) is anticipated as a result of a WFA order reserving a substantial portion of the 1944 pack for non-civillan requirements.

Egg production has shown more than the usual seasonal increase, and civilian egg supplies have increased commensurately. However, the seasonal decline, to. gether with more intensive drying and storing operations, will reduce civilian supplies somewhat during the second quarter even tho they are sufficient to meet demand at or below ceiling prices. Poultry supplies, except for eggs, have not kept up with civilian demand in recent weeks because farm marketings are lower than the peak achieved last fall and because of continued restrictions on the sale of storage poultry.

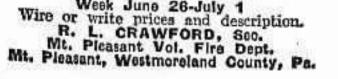
per capita civilian consumption of all dairy products will be slightly under that of 1943. During the first quarter of this year the seasonal upturn in butter production went to civilians, with noncivilian requirements being filled from reserve stocks. Margarine and lard supplies have been relatively large and in keeping with civilian demand.

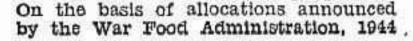
About 14,500,000 people altogether worked at one time or another on farms last year, the total time spent at farm work being some 20,000,000,000 to 25,-000,000,000 hours. Because of the seasonal nature of farm work and the large turn-over of persons doing small amounts of farm work, the 14,500,000 figure is naturally greater than the number at work at any given time in 1943even during the peak. Farm residents made up 78 per cent of this working force and contributed 88 per cent of the total time put into agricultural work in 1943. Non-farm residents, both men and women, accounted for 12 per cent of the total hours worked in the May-October period and represented 21 per cent of the farm working force in that peak period.



DES MOINES. - Irving H. Grossman, Western manager for Gus Sun Agency, reported that fairs booked in Minnesota include Ada, Hallock, Fergus Falls and Foster, and Iowa fairs include Lee County Fair, Donnellson; West Union; Guthrie County, Guthrie Center, and Kossuth County, Algona. West Point and Mitchell. Neb., also have been booked.







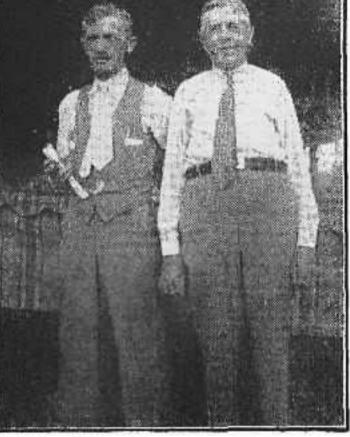


ling show, going under canvas for the first time this season, opened here more spectacularly than ever night of Invasion Day, June 6, under a panoply of \$1,584,500 in War Bonds. Regular performances started Wednesday afternoon, the circus to end an 11-day stand June 17.

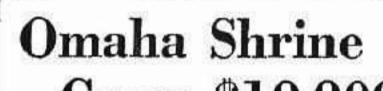
# Los Ducats Used

LOS ANGELES, June 10 .--Polack Bros.' Circus was in the Shrine Auditorium here on D-Day and, with blocks of seats sold to war plants, there was no great number of vacant seats caused by ticket buyers failing to show up. Business Tuesday night was up to expectations, as was that of Wednesday night.

The tents were set up on the 12-acre plot at G Street and Erie Avenue, the old grounds on Erie Avenue still being occupied by the military. Because the Philadelphia performances mark the opening of the tent season, Walter S. Wappenstein, who has spent the last 40 of his 62 years with the circus, had equipment and workmen sent from quarters in Sarasota well in advance of the opening. His job was comparatively easy. All he had to do was buy, and have laid, 35 carloads of gravel to grade the grounds, decide where to place each of the 41 tops arriving, arrange water rent from the city and cast a practiced eye over all contract arrangements. Biggest of the operations was raising of big top, a new \$40,000 540 by 240-foot (See Philly D-Day Bond Sale on page 42)



BOYHOOD PALS, Charles T. Hunt, owner of the Hunt show (left), and Everett Blanshan, circus enthusiast of Kingston, N. Y. That city is the birthplace of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, and when the show played there recently it had four packed houses in two days. Starting with a small wagon show, Hunt now has a motorized three-ring circus. Their children, Charles Jr., Harry, Eddie and Charlotte (Mrs. Harry Levine) are with the show.



business done here in 1942 when the show played the town on Decoration Day. Sunday off in Williamsport found the lot swarming with people all day long. The matinee (29) was jammed to the ring curbs and an estimated 2,500 were turned away at night. Mayor Leon Williamson and Tommy Richardson, president of the Eastern Baseball League, co-operated in having a game transferred to Elmira in order not to conflict with the show.

Arriving in Wilkes-Barre Decoration Day, the show broke in a new lot in (See Cole Biz Is Terrific on page 42)

# Monroe Side-Show Top Damaged in Seneca Storm

FRANKFORT, Kan., June 10.-Monroe Bros.' Circus is in its eighth week and business has been okay. At Seneca, Kan., afternoon of June 4, a windstorm blew down the side-show top, tearing it con- publicity in the hands of Fred Moulton siderably, but it was sewed and ready by and Pughe. Appearance of the personnel noon on Monday. No other damage was at the Children's Hospital here garnered

Morton Circus canvas was so badly dam. aged by weather and wear that it is no longer usable. Show was obliged to finish the Quebec City run in open-air at the ball park and is using the ball park at Chicoutimi, Que., for its current engagement. Remainder of scheduled Canadian tour may be called off if more canvas cannot be obtained. Tent was that originally used by Van Leer's circus during the 1942-'43 seasons,

# **Polack Has Big** Gross m

LOS ANGELES, June 10.-Completing nine days of a 10-day engagement (June 2-11), Polack Bros.' Circus, appearing for the third year under auspices of Al Malaikah Temple, turned in very good business. This year's show out-shadows the previous two. Gross was especially strong, with the circus having upward of \$40,000 in the house before opening. Matinees were at 3:15 to give the school children opportunity to be on hand; evening performances at 8:15.

Irv Polack and Louis Stearn were here for the engagement. George Pugao joined as press agent, which put the done other than a few broken side poles. nice spreads despite invasion news. in

# **RB** Pulls 260,000 At Boston Garden

BOSTON, June 10. - Ringling circus figures for the engagement at the Boston Garden which finished a 13-day stretch Sunday night, are 260,000. Afternoon business was unusually good. The hot wave hit the run just about the time when sell-outs usually begin to be the rule here. It cut them down. Advance sale held up thruout the engagement. Comparison with last year's figures were not made and are difficult because of curtailment of seating capacity, due to new and rigidly enforced fire laws.

Closing house looked like a record for low figure Sunday night. Show cut the program to get early start for Philadel-Dear Editor: phia, scarcity of labor being given as the reason. Only one animal act showed, May Kovar working. Teardown was completed by 1 a.m.

John Nelson, clown stilt-walker, suffered a broken arm during the clownfire act Friday night, being knocked down by a fire wagon patrol. Will be hospitalized for about two weeks, according to report. Bill Conway remains to get the dirt out of the Garden, pack away show apparatus stored here from year to year, and restore the Garden to normal shape and size.

Press showing was remarkable and well handled by Allen Lester, who did all seven papers and in spite of space shortage managed to have a daily showing. He left for Waterbury, Conn., his next date, June 19. Advance car passed thru Boston late in the week doing New England dates.

# Gross \$10,000

OMAHA, June 10 .-- With its 11 performances virtual sellouts, the 15th annual Shrine Circus closed here Wednesday, grossing more than \$10,000. Rink Wright was show director and ringmaster. It opened big May 31 and played eight nights and three matinees. One special afternoon performance was given by the Shrine for 3,000 crippled children. of the Omaha area. The circus was presented in the city auditorium, which has seating capacity for about 3,500 when the rings are installed.

Dyer, Joe Coyle and Company, clowns; Olympia Whirlwinds, Whirlettes, Henderson Trio, Hill's Dogs and Ponies, Haag's Dogs and Ponies, the Lee Vollas, the Lowells, Coty and Sue, Tommy and Kay, Hill's Elephants, Fisher's Elephants, Tien. Tsi Lui and Troupe, Johnnie Laddie and Company, Henderson Sisters and Lou, Pat and Willa, Pallenberg's Bears; Hanneford Family, featuring Kay Frances, young rider; Zacchini Troupe.

Wright has produced the Shrine circuses here every year for 15 years.

wife and children, Pop Lawless and John art was used. Lubbering. Freda LaVelda has eight brothers in the armed forces. Sonny souvenir program, which is up to 40 pages. Conroy is lot superintendent. Tiger Wells, who was to have taken over the concert, is under doctor's care in Galveston, Tex. Tim Mix Jr. and Colorado cowgirls closed to play contracted dates.

# **Biz Fair at Rochester** For International Rodeo

ROCHESTER, June 10 .- Business was The acts were the Stanleys, Hubert fair for the International Wild West Rodeo here week of May 29. Whitey Harris, clown cop, joined here, working come-in and presenting numbers. Hip Raymond did table rock and pantomime.

> Johnny Gibson's Sky Revue and ballet joins for the Buffalo engagement, auspices Knights of Columbus, at the Civic Stadium. Louie Pasteur, construction and prop superintendent of portable stage and production numbers, six girls in line, and ground and novelty act numbers will be added for Buffalo date. Otherwise there are no changes in personnel.

Recent visitors were Dime Wilson, some papers, three and even four-column

Show garnered nice lucre from the Done in a three-color cover, the program itself is almost crowded out of the book (See Polack Los Gross Big on page 42)

# Alaskan Stampede, Novel Extravaganza, Interests Showmen

OHICAGO, June 10. - The Alaskan Stampede which Leo Seltzer and his associates are ready to open next week of the Coliseum for a six-week run has aroused unusual interest among showmen. Its novelty and the ambitious scale upon which it is being produced have focused the eyes of the show world on it, and if the show catches on with the public it probably will be the cue for the production of other shows along similar lines.

While it's not a circus, the show in the making has many of the earmarks of the tented arena. A trip made this the backstage areas by a representative of The Billboard revealed numerous antmals seldom seen outside of a zoo. There are two score of malamute dogs and Alaskan huskies quartered in the Gol-(See "Alaskan Stampede" on page 42)

# WON, HORSE & UPP COMBINED CIRCUS An Equine and Canine Paradox-The Show With a Leaf of Gold By Starr De Belle

Tinsel, W. Va. June 10, 1944.

This was the first celebration the Won. Horse & Upp Circus ever played. Because it was so strongly touted by circus lovers, the bosses let themselves be talked into making the stand. The town was founded by some early-day circus owners. According to the local circus historians, the then famous Ergo Bros.' United Wagon Shows were stranded at the site upon which the burg now stands. The brothers, who were of the aggressive type, immediately drove their hacks and vans thru the surrounding communities peddling tinware. So successful were they that they opened a big tinware store in what was left of their kid-show top and soon became the only merchants here. Later settlers took up homesteads around the kid-show top and the town was founded.

The only surviving relative of the famous showmen, a great grandson, decided to celebrate with a circus cen-

tennial. (The showmen opened their canvas store on June 9, 1844.) In order to get a keep-all-the-gate-receipts contract Les Buroughs, general agent and cook for the billers, agreed to produce a historical pageant, which was to depict the rise of Ergo Bros.

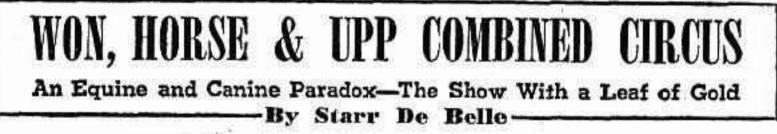
For some reason or other the appearance of our wagon train pulling thru the town to the lot wasn't as enthuslastically greeted as we thought it would be. The only comment heard was: "I see the tin hawkers have arrived." However, our one-man committee was on hand with the news that the weekly newspaper was with us 100 per cent and had carried glowing accounts of the free ) cis Fisher, manager: James E. Smith, su pageant to be held in the baseball park each afternoon and night before our circus performance. He further stated that local talent would impersonate the Ergo Bros. and their assistant tinware salesmen.

Because of a spectacle rehearsal, Mon-(Sce Won, Horse & Upp on page 42)

# F. C. Fisher Getting Good Play in Eastern Michigan

ST. CHARLES, Mich., June 10 .- F. C. Fisher & Son Circus opened in Onondaga, Mich., May 22, to good busness, which has continued thru Eastern Michigan. Show will soon go across the straits in the Upper Peninsula and play same territory it has for past three years Tex Crockett visited at Stockbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Glen Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Paterson and Wixom family at Fenton.

Among those with the show are Frank perintendent; Georgia Fisher, secretary treasurer; Pete Fisher, transportation Harry Robbins, electrician; Whitey Sim merson, boss canvasman; Bill Hayes, ring stock boss; James Carter's family band; Smitty and His Funny Ford; Alles Scovan, animal acts; Phyllis Hooker, riding and trained pony acts.





### The Billboard

#### CIRCUSES 41

# Dressing Room Gossip

RINGLING-BARNUM. - Well, here we are in Philly, first week under canvas. Orchids to the ballet girls who donated their blood to the blood bank at the Massachusetts General Hospital to help out Reggie Bogart, who spent a week there. Reggie is back on the show. Sally Cartier is doing a fine job of carrying on the act while Pat is convalescing in New York. Valentine Frohm is assisting Sally.

Visitors last week: Dr. Conley and daughter, Pat; Henry and Bill Reynolds' mother and father; Valerie Antalek and Angela Reynolds' sister, Munsie, and baby: Kenneth (Shiek) Gwinnell, with the Merchant Marines in the winter time and the Big Show in the summer. He is back from being on the high seas all winter. Bobby Worth, former chief usher with the show, was around visiting friends in the band top. Father Sullivan visited in Boston and gave many of his friends his welcomed medals. Tex Rowan, assistant chief usher and boogiewoogie expert of the keyboard, is back. Hawaiian Joe was around looking as sharp as ever. Mary Oliver and Pat La-Maire visited the ladies' dressing tent. Angela Reynolds celebrated her birthday anniversary in Boston. Vander Barbette left the show in that city. Joe Siegrist is in charge of the cloud-swing ballet and doing a good job. A welcomed sight last week was Eddie and his crew in the backyard stand, also the cookhouse. Race is on to see who gets the cookhouse flag at end of the season.

Back Door Scenes: New ballet girls asking for the showers and old ones Doyle, our player, happened to be sitting showing them the buckets and how to take a shower circus style. Dave Blanchfield, cutting up jackies on how to get it on and off the lot. Joe Land, keeper of the band top, trying to fit the ushers, front doorman and ticket sellers with uniforms. Helen and Marcel Wolthing happy over the telegram from Aileen, morming them they are grandparents. Their son, Fernand, is in England. Dude Rhodus felt at home in Boston by discarding his navy blues for a while and putting on a rigger's uniform, after looking in vain for some worn-out tights .--DICK MILLER.

dancing the Russian tango to the tune The Mcrry-Go-Round Broke Down.

Mrs. John Welby Cooke and son, Harry W. Cooke, niece and nephew of Wirth's Circus of Australia, were hosts to the following performers at Niagara Falls-Con and Winnie Colleano, Bert and Corinne Dearo, Jos and Tom Hodginl, Jimmy Reiffenach; Mrs. F. E. Freeman Jr., whose husband is overseas; Shirley Christie, Albert Gilleno, the last named three from Canada who made the trek to visit Mrs. Freeman and the writer; Otto and Hanna Griebling, Ethel Freeman and the writer. We had a grand time, and did Mrs. Cooke go back thru the years. I thought I was a kid again as I spent many pleasant years out there.

Boys that really work and who I forgot to mention last week are Curly Richardson, Harry Keenan, Gene Arwood, Joe Dickerson, truck drivers; German Red Richardson, outside props, and Mr. Conlan, back-yard policeman. Visitors were Frank S. Hammer, Edith and Welby Cooke, Joe Beach, Charles Davitt, Richard J. McGarriety, Albert Gilleno, Shirley Christie, Mrs. F. E. Freeman Jr., Winnie Colleano, sister of Connie, who came from Rye, N. Y., to say hello. Letters from Frank S. Hammer, Tom Gregory, Phillip J. Starr, Dick Lewis, one of the better clowns; Edith Welby Cooke, Albert Gilleno, John H. Schlueter, from England, Bernard C. Harris; Mr. Fenwick; Sgt. Bob Cooke, RAF, and Morris Lipsky, of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition .--FREDDIE FREEMAN.

BEATTY-RUSSELL-Our 12th week and it is sunny California again. So far Joe Remillette has the edge on the boys and girls, with a genuine tan. Event of the week was the playing of calliope under wraps. Seems as the Walking Mike where the rain was blowing in on him, so Mike seized a spare piece of canvas, threw it over himself and calliope, and went on with the show. Duke Drukenbrod has his car and trailer troubles. Duke says, "A fellow trailing these days has more problems than F. D. R."

Richmond, Calif., was the embarkation point for many after-show parties in San

# UNDER THE MARQUEE

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#### MOSTLY big bix.

WORKING a three-bull act on Kelly-Miller is 13-year-old Johnny Herriott.

NAME of George Shope, 24-hour man with Wallace Bros.' Circus, was omitted from the staff given in a recent issue.

#### CIRCUS general agents know more towns and crossings than some railroad men do.

JOE BEACH and Charles Davitt saw the Cole show in Binghamton, N. Y., and visited with the personnel.

NOW with the Cole show is Red Larkin, handling the bugs and helium balloons, He has been with the big tops 28 years.

#### THERE is always the clown who claims that some other clown stole his style of making up,

ALTOONA (Pa.) Tribune carried a Walter L. Main circus story in issues of May 27, 29 and 30.

ART CRANER and party were guests of Jack Joyce and Al Moss during engagement of the Beatty-Russell circus in Richmond, Calif.

**REMEMBER** when we alibied light matinee houses with, "It was too hot for patrons to come onto the lot?"

J. McFARLAND pens from Rochester, Minn., that the Anderson Victory Circus is doing very good business in that section.

JACK GRIMES, who died in Detroit June 7, had been on the press staff of Cole Bros. the past two years. Details in the Final Curtain.

**REMEMBER** how the early-day circus chariot racers drove for blood, which made the races realistic?

Dan Gilleran, Frank Gorman, Harry Gramner and Joe Brennan, Houses were packed at both performances.

> IN ATTENDANCE at Dailey Bros. in Hutchinson, Kan., were Larry Nolan, Srader Shows; Fred and Bette Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. G. Felix Duvall. Big biz was done there at night.

CANVASMAN cracked: "I get around that 30 per cent night club tax by scoffing in the cookhouse."

F. C. FISHER Show had good biz at Davison, Mich., altho a bad storm broke during the night performance. Show was down and loaded by midnight, altho the lot by that time was very muddy.

COLE show had a big day in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the Side Show did its share of business. Great Marvin and Madam Letha recently joined the Kid show. Frank J. Lee handled publicity there.

NOTICE: On Sunday afternoon, providing the kid-show top is up, the management of this show will speak on the subject, "The Joys of Trouping."-Chariot & Tableau Circus.

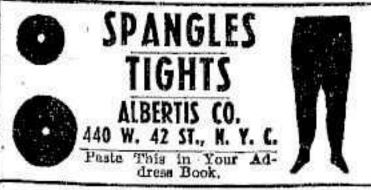
CIERVIN ZECH, former side-show manager on the Great Keystone Wagon Show, visited with H. R. Brison when Beers-Barnes Circus was in Gettysburg, Pa., Zech's home town.

MRS. LORNE RUSSELL, daughter June and son Robert James visited the Cole show in Williamsport, Pa., their home town. Lorne Russell is auditor of Cole, and his wife formerly rode waltz rear on the show.

AFFER an absence of three years, J. Raymond Morris rejoined the Ringling circus in Boston. He handled the advertising of the World of Mirth Shows

personnel and stock. Thanks to Frank S.





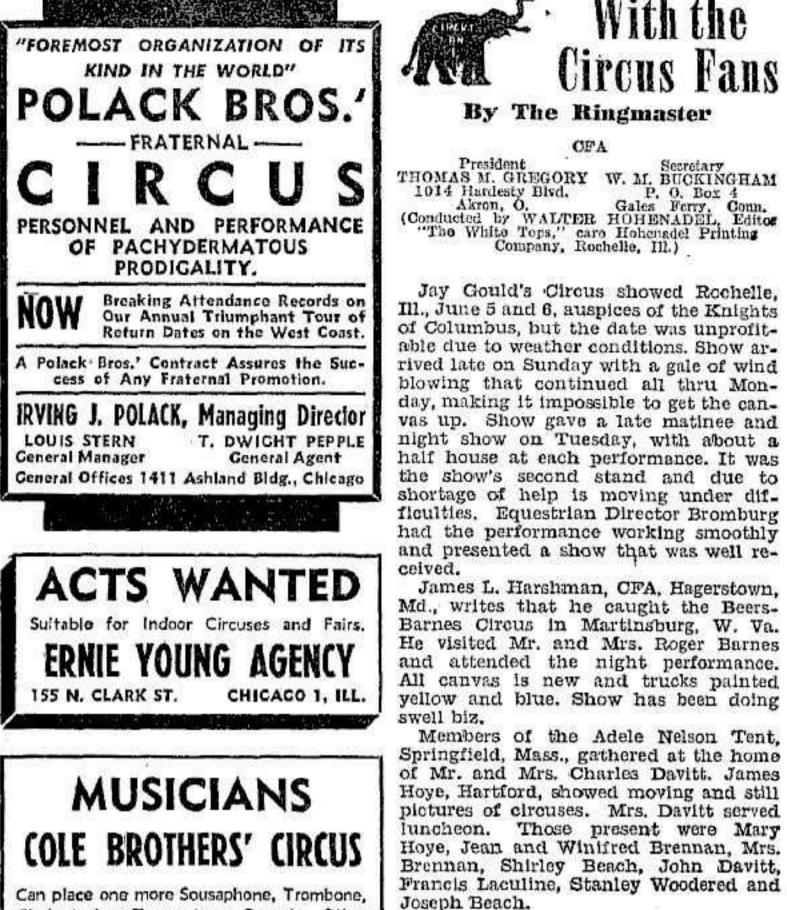
Francisco June 2. Grace Genders had a "hen" party in Chinatown; Bill Antes

# WANTED ACTS

ATTENDING the Cole show in Scran- past two years. Following the Boston ton, Pa., were J. C. and Frank P. Healey, (See Under the Marquee on page 57)



#### 42 CIRCUSES



Clarinet, two Trumpets or Cornets. Other musicians, keep in correspondence. Cookhouse best on the road bar none. Long season. Write or wire as per route in The Billboard.

### EDDIE WOECKENER



With the

**Circus** Fans

By The Ringmaster

**CFA** 

Leonard Aylesworth, superintendent of Ben Turpin, formerly with the Russell canvas, was in charge of rigging the tent. circus, is now with Polack on the Power's In addition to the big top, tents had to elephant act. Paul Eagles, Billy Hoffcommissary, concessions and extra at- Clarke were visitors. tractions. The cast, animals and additional maintenance crew arrived Monday COLE BIZ IS TERRIFIC night from Boston.

Annual kiddles' treat, usually staged at opening matinee, will be held next Kingston, across the bridge from Wilkes-Monday afternoon, when Ellis A. Gimbel, Barre proper. Lot was small and show department store executive, will be host had difficulty in getting on, but the to more than 10,000 youngsters for the wizardry of Capt. Bill Curtis accom-29th annual Orphans' Day. Gimbel ar- plished the trick, and show, it is said, ranged for a ton of peanuts, 10,000 lolli- did the biggest business ever recorded. pops and as many portions of ice cream. in that city. Nearly 3,000 were turned also provide a treat for almost 400 night, both jammed to the ring curbs. wounded war veterans, who will be Scranton (31) bested the all-time record

tal and from Naval Hospital. was brought to a virtual stand-still on Niagara Falls was the most amazing ever Tuesday because of the invision, it has experienced by the show in that city. not affected the circus. The War Bond performance in the evening was a sell- both performances and Arthur Hoffman's out, advance ticket sale is big, and a ca- Side Show had to hang out the "closed" pacity crowd was on hand for the first sign six times. The Side Show has been regular performance Wednesday after- doing great business the past three noon.

### WON, HORSE & UPP (Continued from page 40)

Barnes Circus in Martinsburg, W. Va. day night's performance was lost. Tuesday afternoon the ball park was jammed for the historical pageant, From Tents to Tinware. The centennial was opened with an hour's speech by the burg's mayor and was followed by the speciacle. First the local volunteer fire department passed the seats with their hand-pulled apparatus, followed by the high-school band, a contingent of Spanish-American vets, three policemen, their patrol wagon and several autos loaded with village belles. We wound up the historical production with our flageolet and drum corps, both clowns, our annex dancers; Crumwell, the elephant, that was with the Ergo show when it folded, and our 24-whistle miniature calliope. The only float in the spec was loaded with tinware and the impersonators of the Ergo Bros. and their five assistants, who immediately started the sales (similar to a candy pitch) to big results. Because of circus crowd in several years crowded Communications to 25 Opera Place, the time taken for the tinware sales, it was too late to give a matinee. Again we packed the ball park at night. The circus performance under our top didn't get started until 10 p.m. and we played to 30 patrons. Seeing that the date was a dud the bosses decided to tear down the show and blow the rest of the engagement. From a towner we learned that the historical pageant wasn't pleasing the natives because we failed to show the big blizzard of 1867. Our one-man committee attached the circus the next morning, claiming that we left him stuck with \$300 worth of unsold tinware on his hands. The bosses bought the tinware to square the beef and we were set to leave, but our keeper of Crumwell let him go into a private bathing pool for a bath and we had to give up the tin to square that squawk. Thought for a while our co-owners would become tin merchants here and repeat history. MAJOR PRIVILEGE.

# June 17, 1944

be set up for the menagerie, Side Show, man, S. L. Cronin, Percy and Charlie

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The children's party performance will away at the matinee and over 5,000 at brought from Valley Forge Army Hospi- given the Cole show there on Decoration Day in 1941. Binghamton and Elmira While the amusement industry here followed with two straw houses, and Show was packed to the ring curbs at weeks.

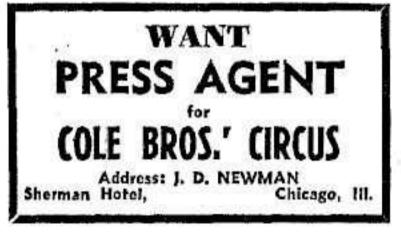
> War Bond sales have been very heavy in all cities visited in this section.

Regardless of labor shortages in some departments, the show gets up and down in record time. For the past two weeks, matinees have been starting on time, with exception of Niagara Falls. Long haul delayed opening there 45 minutes. Show is usually off the lot at night and loaded by 1:30. Too much credit cannot be given to Captain Curtis, Curly Stewart, Jack Biggar and "Two Gun" Whitey for the speed and efficiency of their departments. Noyelles Burkhart, general manager, is on the lot early each morning, and Boss Zack Terrell sees it off at night. Gene Weeks and his crew have set a new record for getting the menagerie up every morning. He and Laughing George Davis of the cookhouse are usually neck and neck.

# **Cole Tops Records In Erie**

ERIE, Pa., June 10.-The largest Erie

Musical Director



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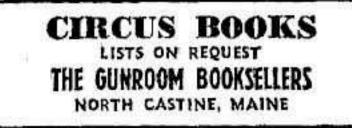
### CIRCLE (A) RODEO AND THRILL CIRCUS **Opening Outdoor Season**

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# Cincinnati 1, O.

The Corral

Regarding the calling off of Larry Sunbrock's Rodeo and Thrill Circus in the Maple Leaf Stadium, Toronto, last week, due, it is said, to the show not applying for a license, Sunbrock, in a letter to The Billboard stated: "We advertised the show 14 days in advance of opening and ticket agencies had nearly \$15,000 advance sale as of June 3. When the mayor called us to city hall, he said that our license could not be issued due to fact that the Kiwanis Club had a circus booked at the stadium starting June 26. He felt that we would hurt business of the Torontonians and forced us to cancel our show. In Toronto, there is no legal recourse when a situation like this arises-the mayor has absolute power to issue or revoke a license at his discretion. We had paid \$8,200 to ship our equipment and stock into Toronto, plus the cost of advertising, pay roll, etc. We had been verbally promised permission to run. It was the first time in 15 years that I had been refused a license to operate. We jumped to Columbus, O., where we showed June 9-11."

WINNERS at the Taber (Alta.) rodeo were: Saddle bronk, Jimmy Robinson, Jack Ellison, Waldo Ross and George Brooks (tle); bareback, Butch Gorham, Jack Ellison, Willie Head; calf roping, Jack Morton, Herman Linder, Eddie Soop; steer riding, Homer Evans, Jimmy Wells, Jack Ellison; wild horse race, Blair Holland, Harold Mandville, T. Metheral; wild-cow milking, George Brooks, Blair Holland, Tom Duce, Crowd was estimated at 3,500.

CARMANGAY, Alta., stampede will be held in July. Officers of the association are: President, W. C. White; vice-president, Loyal Turner; secretary, James M. Davey. Prize money has been boosted, it is said.

SLEETER'S Ranch, near Blackwood, N. J., held its first Sunday rodeo show June 4, with 20 events scheduled. Shows are scheduled on varying Sundays thruout summer.

# PHILLY D-DAY BOND SALE

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yards of fine twill, 93 days of hand sew- nett stated that Borella was featured on ing by 12 men and 42 miles of rope. the Ringling show about 40 years ago. Tuesday.

# POLACK LOS GROSS BIG

(Continued from page 40) by advertising. Full-page ads giving the hook fell from the rigging and lacerated line-up on various crippled children's his scalp. The injury required six hospitals, etc., were sponsored by local stitches, but he is continuing with the firms. Deal was handled by Jimmy act. Marion Knowlton, who recently Rison, who is in charge of promotion. fell from an elephant while working her He also brought in good deals for blocks of seats. Rison placed 2,000 in block tickets in the Sunday matinee. While the matinee was strong, attendance by block seat holders helped out in view of the fact of Leo Carillo's second annual rodeo drawing 55,000 at the Coliseum.

Elly Ardelty joined here, as did Truzzi, juggler. Hubert Castle, wire walker, who fractured several ribs in a fall in Oakland, was back on the job. Shrine Auditorium, the biggest that Polack will play, seats about 6,500; admissions from 81 to \$2.40, the top price including admission and reserved seat.

POLACK PATTER: Mrs. Castle and daughter joined Hubert Castle here, coming from their home in Dallas. They expect to stay on the Coast for the next six weeks. Hugh McGill, CFA, is renewing friendships with the Polack folks. McGill said that it had been six years since he had seen Billy Pape and Conchita. Charles E. Post, former circus band leader, is a member of the band. Chester (Bo-Bo) Barnett claims that Arthur Borella was his guiding light when tent. Into this year's tent went 16,900 he broke into the circus business. Bar-

the straw to ringside to top all Cole records here with a near 10,000 jammed in the big top for the evening performance. The matinee also filled the seats almost to capacity. Show was here Monday. The Kiwanis Club working with the circus on the War Bond sale took advantage of the block of reserved seats given free by the circus to sell \$54,000 worth of bonds. Sales included bonds from \$25.00 to \$1,000.

Business to date has been more than satisfactory. According to Col. Harry Thomas, 30 per cent increase over last year would be a conservative figure. The Side Show reports satisfactory business. The evening stand here during big show time found the side-show walls bulging from a crowd that milled around scraping shoulders in the hottest weather of the season.

Eddle Woeckener, band director, was feted at several affairs in his home town and spent Sunday visiting his sister who lives here. Brother Joe Woeckener sat in on first trumpet here.

Bert Dearo, aerialist, received a severe head injury several days ago when a act, is continuing with a fractured ankle bone and a severe limp.

# "ALASKAN STAMPEDE"

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seum's basement; also eight or ten deer, two elk, several ponies, burros and a midget mule. Jack Andrews, assistant to Seltzer, has been working for weeks gathering this unusual assortment of animals. At the time he was seen, he still did not have the seals required for the show, but they were expected any day. Scattered about the basement were sleighs, dog sleds and wagons of various sorts, all of which will have a place in the show.

The transformation made in the interior of the ancient Coliseum is astonishing. Altho handicapped by wartime restrictions. Seltzer has been able to do much in the way of remodeling and reconditioning the auditorium, making it thoroly attractive. When inspected, the mountains, Eskimo village, USO camp and other component/ parts of the setting were well on the way to completion. Seltzer gave a press preview of the show

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### **RINKS AND SKATERS** Communications to 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati 1, O.

War Bonds Put requiring precision skating. A large additional facilities, and construction of birthday cake was cut at the gala cere- a beginners' rink is a post-war project. **Out in Hartford** 

HARTFORD, Conn., June 10 .--- Skaters from the Greater Hartford area indulged in games, contests and late evening skating during Hartford Skating Palace's fourth-year birthday week ending June 4. With War Bonds and Stamps as prizes, there were numerous novelties

# **NEW STICKERS=** Four Color-41/4" x 6"-Beautiful Job "Keep 'Em Rolling" To Your Rink



mony.

The Mildred O'Brien Fan Club turned out en masse to pay tribute to the Palace organist. For more than an hour she gave out with special arrangements of her own, running the gamut from boogle-woogle to Bach. Skaters presented her with flowers and various gifts, including a War Bond.

SILVER CYCLONES, skating team, are current at the Club 509, downtown Detroit night spot.

FLYING BERRYS, thrill roller team, back in Philadelphia playing the nitery circuit, started at the Roman Grille.

BILL LOVE, skating editor of The New York Journal-American, is now an ensign in the supply corps of the Naval Reserve, with headquarters in Babson Park, Mass.

J. HARPER SPENCER, of the Flint Park Rink, Flint, Mich., and Frank Holtzclaw, of Frank's Roller Rink, Boise, Idaho, were new applicants for membership in the RSROA. Holtzclaw will be the first RSROA member in Idaho.

FRED A. MARTIN, secretary-treasurer of the RSROA, reports that new applications submitted are either approved or rejected directly thru a vote by mail, instead of waiting for the regular meetings of the board of control.

PHIL J. HAYES, Arcadia Rink, Chicago, called a general meeting of Illinois operators for June 12 at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, to discuss plans for the 1944-'45 season. Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer of RSROA, was a speaker.

SUMMER dress rules are now in effect in Mineola (N. Y.) Rink. New cooling system changes air there every 12 minutes. Dorothy Durkin, one of the members of Skating Vanities, was a former Mineola national amateur champion, having won the 1940 U.S. dance title with Gordon Finigan, now in the army.

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OHIO RINK OPERATORS met at the Miami Hotel, Dayton, O., June 12, to plan State-wide activities in skating. This is the first of a series of monthly meetings planned for the Ohio rink operators group that was formed at the RSROA national meet in Detroit last month. Meeting was called by Walter H. Delscamp, Dayton, a vice-president of the RSROA.

BARRED by an attendant for fast skating in Rialto Rink, Springfield, Mass., James J. McCannon, alias Sonny McCannon, 21, was found guilty in District Court of beating up George Walkley, the attendant, and was given a suspended sentence of two months in the house of correction. McCannon was charged with assault and battery. Associate Justice Ralph S. Spooner also warned him to stay away from the rink.



FOR SALE **Delux Chicago Shoe Roller** Skates

H. C. ROBERTS, well known in Toronto sport circles, was one of the leading execs of the third annual championship meet of the Amateur Roller Skating Association of Canada, which was held under the ARSA auspices, in Toronto May 15 and 16. Champlain Provencher is honorary secretary-treasurer of the ARSA of Canada.

GILBERT WELLS, who has been farming for the past year, is taking over the active management of Wells Rink, River Rouge, Detroit suburb, while his father, Ramzy Wells, will take an extended vacation. He plans to close the rink in August for redecorating. A 50foot extension to the structure to allow

THEY WON national titles of the

Roller Skating Rink Operators' Asso-

clation of the United States at the

7th annual championships in Arena

Gardens, Detroit, May 1-6. Ruth

Jones, amateur senior ladies' speed

champion, represented Sefferino's Rollerdrome, Cincinnati, and Anthony Morilli, senior men's speed cham-

pion, represented Crystal Rink, St.



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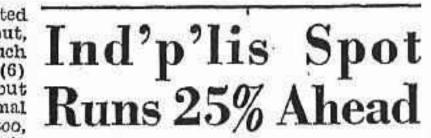
Louis.



Cold as much to blame as news for one-night slump in many cases-ops needn't fear effects of latest war move-patriotic tie-ups in offing

CINCINNATT, June 10.-Coming on a Tuesday, traditionally an off-day for '3. Parks, in general, also came in for the amusement park business, the long-awaited and much-heralded D-Day (6) had little or no effect on business at the nation's amusement parks, and striking with the suddenness that it did (as the there could have been a warning in a case Ferris Wheel to Modern Expert Organizalike that), park ops were afforded little or no opportunity to commemorate the historical event with any kind of observance or special program. Thus, D-Day panned out just another day to the amusement park industry, as far as biz and special activity were concerned.

Varying effects of D-Day were reported from various sections of the country but, generally, the picture was pretty much the same everywhere-Tuesday night (6) was off from previous week nights, but business snapped right back to normal on Wednesday. In many instances, too, where the park operator reported business off on Tuesday night he didn't know whether to blame it on to the public's huddling around the radio for invasion news or the sudden spell of cool weather which struck certain centers after a long spell of unseasonably warm weather. One West Coast funspot reported crowds off from the regular Tuesday night average, but said that those who did come out spent considerably more money to boost the take at the various rides, Tuesday night par. .



INDIANAPOLIS, June 10 .- Riverside Park, one of the largest amusement spots in the State, reports an increase in attendance over last year of 25 per cent under ideal weather conditions. Week of May 28 to June 3 was the largest, from an attendance standpoint, in the history of the park. Excellent bus and trolley service is credited with stimulating attendance.

Broadcasts from the Riverside roller over WIBC at 7:30 p.m. Broadcast also and good behavior." includes interviews by Stan Corley, announcer, of roller rink fans.

MONTREAL, June 10 .- Rex D. Billings, managing director of Belmont Park here, was lauded editorially for his proficient management of the popular funspot in an unsolicited story by S. Morgan Powell appearing on the amusement page of The Montreal Daily Star of June laudatory comment in the Powell piece. Heading the article "Far Cry From tion," Powell said in part: "Amusement

parks, as we know them, are an answer to the demand of American youth for entertainment that is above all things else exciting. The amount of ingenuity that has been brought to bear in the invention and development of all sorts of weird, bone-shaking, nerve-shattering and sensational devices to lure the adventurous spirit of youth is well nigh incredible. The summer park has also gradually come to play an important part from a civic point of view. It is utilized in many cities as a picnic place for large industrial concerns, where employers and employees can meet once a year on common ground and get together.

"Belmont Park is a fine example of the modern amusement park. . . . The amusements are sufficiently varied to meet the requirements of all types of patrons, and the park, under the direcshows and attractions above the regular rink, featuring Lester Huff, organist, are tion of Rex D. Billings, has acquired a made on Tuesday and Thursday nights high reputation for good management

**Early Biz Marks** NEW YORK, June 10 .- Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., optimistically predicts the best season in the three decades the

funspot has been operating. New records for both the park and pool were hung up during the first two weeks of this season.

Interesting man-power note is that out of a group of several feminine lifeguards employed last season only one, Dot Mc-Elroy, a national swim champ, stood the gaff and is again on the job this year.

Edward G. Ball Sr., operator of several concessions, has purchased the park restaurant from Andrew Peters, operator since 1934.

New bill at Olympic's free circus are Roy Simms, "upside-down" novelty; Mark and Lucille, bike act; the Magic Arnolds, illusions, and Flora De Lina, slack wire. "Bubbles" Ricardo is vocalist with Joe Basile's band, a season fixture at Olympic.



SUNBURY, Pa., June 6. - Rolling Green Park here, which began its 37th season May 13-14, has been enjoying sensational business since, according to Owner-Manager R. M. Spangler. Crowds at the preview sessions, running to May 27 when Rolling Green ushered in daily

What is most important, however, is that business, in almost all instances, returned to normal on Wednesday and maintained that pace for the remainder of the week. This eases the fears of many operators who felt that once invasion day came, business would take a decided slump for days and even weeks. while the public forgot all about amusements and sat transfixed before their radios to listen to the progress of the Allied armies on the European continent.

The public, while still vitally interested in the progress of the invasion, apparently has made up its mind that, despite the seriousness of the new phase of the war, it still needs fun, entertainment and relaxation to uphold its morale. That viewpoint is what makes the amusement park business more important than ever before.

Most operators are not going to let invasion day go unobserved altogether. Many have ambitious programs mapped to tle in with the invasion for many weeks to come. Included in these plans are such things as War Bond drives, blood-donor registrations with War Bond and Stamp prizes and sundry other patriotic programs and contests.

### New York Unaffected

NEW YORK, June 10 .- D-Day, falling on a Tuesday (6), affected attendance at amusement parks and beach resorts in the New York area very little, if at all.

Two factors which probably increased business on that day at near-by beaches and swim pools were, first, that the past week-end was too cool for comfortable bathing, while Tuesday was fair and warm, and, second, most of the big department and specialty stores in New York, Brooklyn and Jamaica closed Tuesday afternoon or entire day, giving time off to a huge number of persons.

Amusement parks, until school vacations are on, do light business on a Tuesday, so they probably profited in the same way as pools and beaches.

### **Chi Shows Decline**

start of the European invasion Tuesday for a better break. . . . JULIUS

Skating starts afternoons, except Mondays, at 2 o'clock, and Huff entertains each evening, except Monday, and Sunday afternoons.

# **Palisades** Ties Legs With Bonds

NEW YORK, June 10.-Palisades (N. J.) park is going in heavily for publicity promotions, at present putting over a Prettiest Leg Contest with a timely War Bond hook-up. This is part of a national contest sponsored by Venida Stockings.

the presentation in New York yesterday of a \$1,000 War Bond to Janice Hansen, the national contests.

York yesterday.

# Weather Blanks Out **Utah Funspots After Record Holiday Play**

SALT LAKE CITY, June 10 .- In the face of the biggest opener in a decade on Decoration Day, Utah resorts took a beating the first week of the season when rain and cold gave the area its second worst weather in the 85 years of weather bureau records. Rain late Decoration Day sent the record crowds homeward, and rain and cold the following week brought the resort business to a dead stop.

Black Rock Beach and Sunset Beach, on the Great Salt Lake, shuttered up Highlight of the War Bond angle was May 31 and June 4 were still closed. Beck's Hot Springs remained open, playing to nothing. Saratoga Springs in Utah of Union City, N. J., winner of one of County, and Como Springs, near Ogden, had nobody for the week. Business was Miss Hansen and a group of contest an absolute zero after a record opening winners will tour the country in a bond- day, with the highest daily precipitation selling campaign which started in New on record and temperatures ranging around 10 degrees below normal,



heavy play at all rides, with the Cyclone solovox expert, Galvin. charging 40 cents and Tornado 35 cents.

JOE SALVIA, an Islander since 1894, as the Girl in Cellophane. . . . DOC FOSis again selling The Billboard at his TER, talker here, enthusiastic over the newsstand on Stillwell Avenue, where educational progress of his son, William, he has been the last 18 years. . . . SALLY 17, who graduates this month at Lin-MURLEY a new dancer at Tirza's Wine coln High, then enters the navy marine Bath. . . . BIG JAMBOREE will be held service for 16 months of college training August 10 by National Showmen's League to ready himself for an ensign's berth. out of action this season. in Luna Park in honor of its Coney rep, ..., LANE'S Irish House, much altered, Charles Smith, now talker at Dave Rosen's with its bar and lunch counter in new show. . . DECORATION DAY found locations, has for its sole entertainer,

Ride King Jimmy Kyrimes, however, kept has leased his spot where Harvey's Baths his Looper and Virginia Reel at 30 cents, were located, to Frank Garto, just out thereby getting more customers, which of the army, who has installed silent CHICAGO, June 10 .- News of the soon had the others lowering the gate movies and calls it the Old Opera House. spot with the ball game. . . . CARL KLARNET, who owns the (6) caused a drop in attendance at KUEHNEL'S pet idea for a variety show Oriole Baths, the Bubble Bounce and shows and parks in the Middle West, as an added attraction to the World two Whip rides and is partnered with according to reports received here. Thou. Circus Side Show on the Bowery end Willie Richman in the Sagamore Hotel sands of people remained at home to' took root last week via seats fronting a and with Tom Baker, pony track owner, listen to radio bulletins from the Euro- large stage. Calls it Broadway On the in other enterprises, has just paid 65G ing out two years of overseas service pean theater. To a lesser degree the drop Bowery, and has Betta Dodd, formerly in cash for the property on West Eighth, (See Invasion No Bogey on opp. page) of the New York World's Fair, featured (See Coney Island, N. Y., on opp. page)

operation, ran beyond all expectations, Spangler says, business averaging 200 per cent better than for the same period in 1943.

The four-day Decoration Day weekend period brought Rolling Green its biggest crowds and best business since he took over the funspot nine years ago, Spangler reports. Only enterprise to show a decrease was the ballroom, and Spangler blames that on certain uncontrolable conditions. Rides enjoyed phenomenal business, and Crystal Pool pulled typical July and August play.

A new \$12,000 Merry-Go-Round has been added to the ride contingent and is getting healthy takes. The newly rebuilt Tilt-a-Whirl is also among the park's leading money-getters, Spangler reveals.

# **Maumee's Waters Curtail Operation** At Willow, Toledo

TOLEDO, June 10. - Willow Beach Park, which opened the season May 27, playing to turnaway crowds the first twodays, has since been fighting a battle with the elements, in this case the rampaging Maumee Bay, whose waters have been spilling over the picnic grounds and part of the midway. Some of the rides have not been able to operate since the first day.

Willow Beach is operated by Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, who have four rides-Laff In the Dark, Coaster, Seaplanes and the Bug. The Auto Racer is

Like other managers, the Davises are having difficulty in obtaining experienced help. Most of the rides are being operated by high school boys, while Davis SEYMOUR MAXSON, - photographer, himself is forced to operate the Coaster.

> Pearl Brenner is operating the guessyour-weight and dart concessions, while old-timer Sam Wells is back in his old

> Johnny Free again is operating the roller rink and the drink concessions. Both have been playing to heavy biz.

> S/Sgt. William S. Davis, of the marines, is in the Southwest Pacific, round-June 3. Before entering the armed services he was general manager of the park

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# Tashmoo, Michigan, Preps For Summer; Post-War Plans Set

DETROIT, June 10 .- Tashmoo Park, in lake St. Clair on Harsen's Island, is stated to open for the summer June 24. eccording to Arlington R. (Arley) Fleming, former orchestra producer, who bought the property last year.

Tashmoo will be operated chiefly as a picnic spot this year, with reconstruction work being started to remodel present structures and modernize the plant. one of the oldest amusement properties in this area. Installation of full amusement park facilities, such as were formerly on the island prior to removal some years ago with dropping off of steamboat excursions, is planned in a three-year post-war program.

Principal access to the park this year will be by automobile, with a limited number of special excursions via the 8 S. Put-In-Bay, some of them privately sponsored by organizations, scheduled for the season. Tashmoo can be reached by auto ferry from the mainland, about 40 miles from Detroit.

Tashmoo was operated only on Saturday nights last season, with moonlight parties from Detroit almost the only source of patronage, so that the policy for 1944 marks a manifold increase in activity.

Fieming is considering the possibility of ballroom dancing, with a band booked in for the scason.

# Brydon "Oddities" Pull At Summit Beach, Akron

AKRON, June 10 .-- Park Amusement Company's International Congress of Oddities, piloted by Ray Marsh Brydon, has been pulling heavy business since INVASION NO BOGEY opening at Summit Beach here several weeks ago. The attraction is housed in a large building in the center of the park, with front and sides plastered with 50 pictorial banners surrounded by neon, and the entire building smothered by flood-lighting. Satin drapes cover the interior, with the 16 stages holding the various features, lighted with baby spots. Features include the Great Gravityo, novelty turn; Chief Buffalo; Zaza; Ming Toy, juggler; Walter DeLenz, magician; Australian Bird Circus; the Hammonds, mentalists; Marlene, Iron tongue; the Middletons, marionettes; Electralia; Professor Fay, boxing cats; Tex A'Art, artist; Professor Hermes, card and coin trixster; Captain Lewls, contortionist; Sandra-Lee, sex feature; Davidson's Royal Hawalian Dancers, Unit personnel includes William Du-Barry, manager; Leona Halligan, secretary-treasurer; Phil Mathleu and Fred Martin, tickets; Matt Phillips, sound equipment; C. A. Coventry, carpenter, and William Black, porter, Jack Viering and his crew of billposters turned in a solid job of plastering the Akron area with plenty of paper heralding the attraction.



ATLANTIC CITY, June 10 .- Mayor Altman officially "unlocked" the ocean for the summer, with the beach patrol on duty daily. For the first time one section of the beach in front of the Traymore Hotel has been set aside for the exclusive use of the convalescent soldiers reconditioning at the English General Hospital here. The hotel is a unit of the army hospital, and the public will not be permitted to mingle with the soldiers in that section of the beach.

The government's new rent controls in Atlantic City applies to virtually all of the hundreds of large and small hotels, apartment houses and rooming houses, with only "purely seasonal housing" on the exempted list.

Altho the sale of Garden Pier, now owned by the city, has been temporarily restrained, important amusement interests are hoping for some way out of the matter to get the pier property in time for the regular summer season.

Franchises have been awarded by the Miss America Pageant officials for preliminary contests in 31 States, four cities and the District of Columbia to compete for the Miss America title at the annual pageant here Labor Day week, Lenore Slaughter, pageant director, announced that the annual pageant parade, long a feature of the week's festivities leading up to the crowning of the new queen, will be restored this year.

Samuel Gumpertz, general manager of Hamid's Million-Dollar Pier, and Mrs. Gumpertz have arrived from Sarasota, Fla., to remain for the summer at their penthouse atop the Lafayette Hotel. Their arrival was greeted with sadness, as Charles Anton, pier treasurer, died suddenly last week.

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#### **PARKS-RESORTS-POOLS** 45

cause of a cold wave, reported the lowest for that date in half a century.

divided between the news and the weather by Manager Max B. Kerner.

pick-up by Wednesday evening.

Tuesday there was little chance for public observance of the occasion at amusement parks. Most significant was of Edgewater Park, to close down at 9:30 p.m. to permit his employees to be home in time to observe the national prayer led by the President at 10:30.

### Little Difference in LA

LOS ANGELES, June 10 .- D-Day had varying effects on the West Coast, with the news coming too suddenly and piecemeal to make any sort of observance possible. Tuesday night's business varied in the various outdoor fields.

Walter D. Newcomb Jr., owner-operator of Santa Monica Pier and the funhouse on Venice Pier, said the public stuck close to their radios Tuesday night. Edward A. Gerety, manager of Abbot-Kinney Company, Venice, said: "Most of our business is on week-ends. We were unable to see any difference in business because of D-Day."

Sunland Park, thru its owner-operator Clarence (Fat) Allton, reported that news of the invasion had caused an increase in business. Receipts picked up following news of the invasion, altho crowds were smaller, Allton told The Billboard.

# Norfolk Slightly Off

NORFOLK, June 10 .- Business at parks and resorts in this area was slightly off on D-Day but swiftly recovered and was back to normal the following day.

Art Lewis, operator of Seaside Park, Virginia Beach, and Ocean View Park

. . . MOLLIE MILLER, sister of Boss Bill. is the re-ride girl at Dragon's Gorge. . . . At Eastwood Park, largest local amuse- HARRIET LEAHER is the new office ment spot, business was seriously off typist. . . THE TRAUBS, Lee and Ed-Tuesday, with responsibility about evenly ward, are again in the cashler's cage in the general office. . . . SILBERGLAD TRIO, Dorothy, Mollie and Ruth, Island At Edgewater Park the drop was natives, are new at Faslo's Hitler-At-thearound 25 per cent but showed signs of End-of-a-Rope sketch. . . MANAGER PHIL PATES has opened the Chutes and Boomerang. Everything is in action now except the swim pool and circus. . . THE NEW BIG FOUR of the cashier's the decision of Ralph Ammon, manager brigade are Eddie Davis, Abe Fishbein, Eddie Kreitzer and Joe Schneck. . . . RUTH KOLODNY, Boss Bill's cousin in from Chicago, is the new cashier at the Red Mill. . . . PHIL MANTIO, cashier, leaving soon to play semi-pro baseball. Has been a star player with Lincoln High. . . LIEUT. HARRY DANZIGER, one of the owners, is back from Africa and awaiting another assignment. . . . IRVING LEV, last year's lunchstand operator, now bosses three newsstands in Manhattan. . . . WONDERLAND, Hamburg and Posner's freakerie, presents its exhibits differently-all in consecutive order on a huge stage with plenty of seats out front, whereas others are merely walk-ins and display their oddities on individual platforms with no seats.

> FELTMAN'S-JACK STERN celebrating his eighth season as operator of oldtime movies, silent and sound, plans to open a pin-up girl show at the Bowery entrance. His pix machine operator is Fred Margolies. . . MANAGER IRVING GOTTSCHALK beginning his 25th season at the park. . . MILT EDELSTEIN, of the ball game, and Sylvia Leitman, nonpro, wedded June 6. . . . ANN WITTE, matron of Krazy Kastle, and Adrian Raymond, of the Boomerang, slated to ditto a week later. . . BOB RYAN, brother of Helen Ryan, cashier of Krazy Kastle, is at the fishpond. Helen's husband is Brigham Young, with William Meinch's Bug ride on Surf Avenue. . . . JOHNNIE SANTO, formerly of the Cyclone, is the new owner and operator of the fishpond where cashier Zona Johnson hasn't lost any of her Henderson, N. C., brogue, and Betty Conway is relief cashier. . . BERNARD WOOLF, sketch artist, last season at World Circus Side Show, has the booth here that Star-Glow and its luminous products was hot after.

The Billboard

# Bridgeport Pleasure Beach Chalks Up, Holiday Record

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 10 .- Decoration Day week-end broke all attendance records at Pleasure Beach Park here, when a daily record crowd took advantage of the facilities of the municipally operated amusement resort, according to Perry W. Rodman, managing director.

The Steamer Brinckerhoff ferried 2,800 persons to the resort on Saturday, and on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday more than 3,000 made the trip each day. In addition, many thousands used the bus service.

Assisting Managing Director Rodman are John C. Molloy, resident manager, and Don Felix, in charge of the ballroom and publicity.

# **Muzzle Coney Spielers**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Hot dogs will have the only legal bark at Coney Island this summer, after Magistrate James A. Blanchfield in Coney Island Court de-

in attendance continued on following days, but showmen are of the general opinion that from now on business will not be seriously affected.

At Riverview Park here there was some drop in patronage, but as a large part of the patrons are youngsters it is not thought that there will be an appreciable lessening of attendance.

# St. Louis Normal

ST. LOUIS, June 10 .- "D-Day" caused no appreciable increase or decrease in business at Forest Park Highlands, the city's largest amusement park. The amusement spot has school and other picnics booked daily, and business is running slightly ahead of last year. According to Adrian W. Ketchum, manager, business since "D-Day" has been about on a level with previous days and nights. No special observances or services were held at the park on invasion day.

At New Downs Park in South St, Louis business up to par during the day Tuesday, when two large picnics were booked. However, Dee Lang, who operates the rides and concessions at the park, said business was off during the evening, which he attributed to many people staying at home to listen to their radios. No special services were held at the park Tuesday, and business since has been as usual. Other parks in this wicinity reported no noticeable difference in business as a result of the invasion.

# It's Cool in Cincy

CINCINNATI, June 10 .- Invasion day was just another Tuesday in Coney Island's books here, as far as attendance and business was concerned. While Tuesday night's business was slightly down from the previous week, most of the drop could be attributed to cool weather, a novelty here after more than a month of steady mid-July weather. Remainder of the week rolled along normally, with the thermometer again hitting the higher ranges from Thursday on. Coney management anticipates no ill effects from the invasion, unless the news from European front should suddenly change for the worse, again pulling patrons back to their radios.

# **Detroit Slides Off**

here, said he noted a disposition on the part of patrons to stay home and listen to the radio Tuesday.

Buckroe Beach, near Newport News, was closed down by the proprietor, P. V. Stieffens, all day Tuesday in observance of the occasion.

# Springfield Picks Up

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 10.-D-Day brought a slackening of business at Riverside Park, Agawam, Harry Storin, park publicity chief, reported, but business picked up immediately Wednesday night.

Riverside will hold a mammoth War Bond rally June 20 in co-operation with the Springfield Ordnance District, Storin said, and plans are being made to tle in the invasion with the rally. At Mountain Park, Holyoke, officials also noted a one-night drop in business.

### **Toronto Front Quiet**

TORONTO, June 10.-D-Day news was observed quietly here by citizens, Amusement areas like Sunnyside Beach and Hanlan's Point had only average attendance. It's been the same thruout the week. No special programs were arranged. Chilly and rainy weather the past couple of days has also been a damper.

D-Day Eve (5) saw an average crowd at Sunnyside, with fair weather and a free outdoor show to encourage them. Featured were Dr. Lachere, mentalist; the Four M's, harmonica group, and Harold Rich, planist.

Hanlan's Point, an island situated a mile from the metropolitan lakefront, opened the season June 1, with six games, one ride, a roller rink and dancery.

# CONEY ISLAND, N. Y.

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where the Bug ride is located. Also has opened a new Poker Roll and Skee Ball Alley on West Eighth. He also recently purchased a Merry-Go-Round and had it shipped here from Buffalo only to have a fire come up and kill the wooden horses. . . . CHIN CHUNG is supervising Tirza's (400 capacity) Oriental Gardens, for which the chief decorator was Eugene Moran.

LUNA PARK NOTES - ABE SESKIN'S

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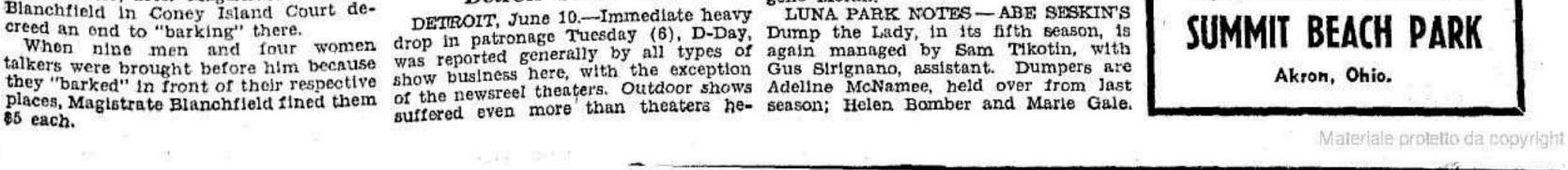
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# **Finish Plans for Standardized** 16mm. Sound Film Projector

that will help manufacturers to turn spections called for in the specification, out a tough and easily portable 16mm. including a severe vibration test, tests sound motion picture projector for the for resistance to heat and humidity, and armed forces have been completed thru a concussion test that corresponds to the the co-ordinated efforts of representa- firing of a broadside on a cruiser, in ortives of industry, the armed forces, and der to be sure that the projectors will the War Production Board, working thru stand up under military transport and the American Standards Association, use. These specifications are expected to be used as the basis for a joint army-navy specification. Such standardization will be of great value to roadshowmen if the armed services dispose of surplus or used equipment after the war, as they probably will do.

According to members of the committee, projectors built to these specifications will give a performance that compares favorably as to quality of the image and sound with the 35mm. projectors used in movie houses thruout the country. Packed in three 56-pound cases, the projector will be able to go anywhere that a soldier can go. It is designed to withstand travel in the rear end of a jeep or to give long service in the moist atmosphere prevailing in the South Pacific. For ruggedness and dependability of performance, these specifications call for an operating performance which surpasses any 16mm. projector at present on the market. For audiences up to about 300 it is expected to be the answer to the armed forces' problem of how to bring training and entertainment films to the far-flung battlefronts of the war.

### Plan Interchangeable Parts

As roadshowmen are well aware, thousands of feet of film are being used here and abroad to teach and amuse soldiers. These films are now projected by equipment made by many concerns, cles. each with non-interchangeable parts. Large stocks of repair parts must be the music by the same name by Claude maintained for each make of machine. Debussy. Using the 65-piece symphony A standard machine would eliminate that it is his regular assignment to diwaste of large stock piles and make rect, Janssen turns out a musical short maintenance easier. equipment could be determined and fitness for club, school and church maintained and longer production runs could be made.

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Specifications all other non-destructive tests and in-

As a development standard, these specifications will be used by the armed forces in procuring pilot models of projection equipment which will meet the basis requirements for use by the armed forces. After pilot models have been procured, certain of the requirements will no doubt be modified in order to get the best compromise of performance with production. The revised specification, it is expected, will then be used by the armed forces for quantity procurement of 16mm, portable sound motion picture projection equipment.



# "The Engulfed Cathedral"

(Reviewed in Hollywood)

Written and produced by Werner Janssen. Phil Boutelje, musical synchronization. Herb Moulton, production manager. Alan Stensvold, associate producer and director of photography, Theme music by Jerome Kern. Running time, eight minutes.

to those who know anything at all about symphonic music. As the conductor of the Los Angeles Symphony, Janssen has well established himself in musical cir-

The quality of subject that is designed with glove-like showings. Filmed in Kodachrome, colors

### REPERTOIRE-TENT SHOWS

Communications to 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati 1, O.

# Hayworth Winds Up 75 - Week Stock Run

Davis of Pink Hill and local business people attending.

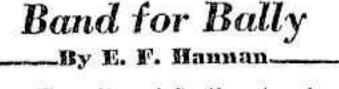
Hayworth ends his long stay here towell. The Hayworth equipment has been repainted from front to back and all Tent Company, Auburn, N. Y.

the fall and winter seasons.

# **O'Hearns Join Hugo Players** For Nebraska Canvas Swing

KEARNEY, Neb., June 10 .- Jimmy and Honey O'Hearn and daughters, Sharon and Shireen, joined the Hugo Players under canvas here Monday (5). Jimmy is cast as comedian and general business, and will play drums and offer his eccentric dance specialties. Mrs. O'Hearn will handle a line of second business parts, play piano and offer song specialties, while Sharon and Shireen will play Werner Janssen needs no introduction bits in addition to their song and dance specialties.

Others in the Hugo cast are Duke and Myrnella Montague, parts and magic; Mr. Harris, characters; Larry Linat, leads; Victor Hugo, juves, and Harry The Engulfed Cathedral is based upon Hugo, general manager and character



To Start Road Trek IN THE South and Southwest a dozen brass PINK HILL, N. C., June 10 .- "SeaBee" to herald their arrival are already on the Hayworth celebrated three big events, move. These shows use surprisingly besides the invasion, Tuesday (6)-his little paper as billing, and a visit to 40th birthday, his 26th year in showbiz town a day in advance of some of them and his 75th week in Fink Hill with his would make you wonder how folks are tent opry. To celebrate the trio of expected to know they're coming. The events, a big party was pitched by the natives seem to have found out, how-Hayworth showfolk, with Mayor Tom ever, and after the band gives a short parade or concert, or both, they seem to be all set.

Nearly all are colored organizations, night to hit the road for the summer and most of them have established teron week stands thru Eastern North Caro- ritory and hug closely to these favored lina, opening Monday (12) at Fort Barn- cities and towns. Naturally, they play towns with a sizable colored population, but their draw also comprises a great new canvas has been received from Smith many white patrons. Four of these shows carry the title "minstrels," but the show Hayworth will return to Pink Hill for is more revue than old-fashioned minstrel, and short and snappy sketches make up the greater part of the bill.

The tempo is swift, and the shows, all of them, have something to offer in this form of entertainment. And the band seems about all they need to wake the show-going portion of the town.

colored auspices. . . , MR. AND MRS. TED NORTH SE. hopped from Kansas City, Mo., to Wichita, Kan., recently to attend a birthday party tossed by friends for Ethel Regan. On the next night old friends of Barney Wolfe gathered in Wichita to help him celebrate his 80th birthday. Ted has his real estate in Milwaukee up for sale and plans a home in California early next year. . . . M. N. BAILEY has a three-people unit showing short-cast bills and dramatic sketches in the Tahoka section of Texas.

Lenses which should readily fit into standard mounts on cameras often require special machining before they can be used.

Another important factor in the proposed projector is the sturdiness of the sound amplifiers, planned to be much stouter than their commercial equivalents. The equipment thruout is designed to be as simple and foolproof as possible. Attention has also been given to its ability to withstand high temperatures, because it may be stored in shacks on deserts or transported in ships' holds stacked next to steam pipes.

In order to insure a reasonably long life, one section of the specifications provides that the projector shall be operated continuously, except for time consumed in film replacement, for a period of 500 hours with the projection lamp turned on. At the conclusion of the 500-hour run, the projector is to be subjected to



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are caught in their original richness, Filmed by Alan Stensvold, the picture opens with shots of the ocean pounding against a rocky shore. After proper footage against the introductory strains of the Debussy tune, Stensvold moves the scene to give the impression that the person viewing the film is walking below the water surface. A dolly shot of an old cathedral is used with the camera being taken thru the portals into the edifice. The cathedral, filled with debris by the inundation, is shown with closeups of the chancel. A section of the cathedral falls with the piece moving slowly down thru the water. Camera action returns to the surface and again the dashing waves are shown as the orchestra completes its symphonic work.

Sam Abbott.



THE CONCLUSION of new distribution agreements with 24 theater supply dealers from Coast to Coast has been announced by Homer B. Snook, sales manager of the theater equipment section son, carnival and tab-show trouper. . . . of Radio Corporation of America. It is F. F. DOBLE left Rock Rapids, Ia., reexpected that additional dealers will be cently with a two-people unit to play signed shortly to provide full coverage halls in Eastern Nebraska until Washof the 30 film territories in the United ington and Oregon fairs open. . . . States, Snook said.

EUGENE CASTLE, head of Castle Films, Inc., while in Cincinnati recently to address a meeting of the Advertising Club, told a newspaper reporter: "We need-and we need them soon-some diplomats who are not ashamed they are Americans. We are becoming too bashful to tell the world-enemy and ally alike-that we furnished the men, money and materials to start Hitler and Tojo to oblivion. Who is the only man that got us anywhere in Russia? A tough old admiral, Standley. Winant has no place in London. The ambassador to the Court of St. James should be a career diplomat like Joseph C. Grew, who doesn't care about anything except getting us our share,"

comedy. Other additions to the cast will be announced later.

two-week stands in their established Nebraska territory and move by truck.

The O'Hearns for the last four years operated permanent and portable moving picture outfits, and will continue the operation of one summer unit under the supervision of Don Lawson, operator,



OBY GUNN has recently made several changes in his Madcap Players in Dallas. Hubert Nevins has taken over the leads, and Leland Harris, of the Passion Play Company, is directing. E. J. Pagan, also of the Passion company, is the latest addition. . . T. W. CORBELL has a three-people show and dance trick working the Post Falls, Idaho, sector. . . . RECENT VISITORS on the Harley Sadler Show in Texas were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Isley and party; Jack Darr, son of Harry Darr, of the old Darr-Gray Company, and now a radio technician at Camp Barclay, Tex.; Gus Gaeger, of the Justus-Romain Show; Fred Allison, former leading man with Chick Boyes and the Hugo Players, and now a hand man with the 12th Armored Division; Bruce Caton, formerly of the Cole Bros.' Circus band, and Sid Pres-MONTY STUCKEY, crstwhile rep and tab performer and now a judge in Pasadena, Tex., writes friends that all is going well with him. ... MARTTE OROFT'S Ebony Players are keeping busy in Han-

RALPH BLACKWELL, popular rep trouper, still in India with the army, The Hugo Players will make one and writes under date of May 21: "This country will drive one nuts; and I was a half-wit when I landed here. I don't know what has happened to our good friend, Johnny Finch, the ex-Billroyan. I was down to Calcutta recently, the first time I have been away from 'home' in over a year. Saw a few sights such as the Burning Ghats of the Hindus beside the Hooghly River, the Temple of Sikhs, the Mosque of Mohammedans and the Temples of the Jains. I bought a vent dummy in Calcutta, a far cry from a pro model, and have been busy trying to fix it up to work with. I paid 45 Rupees for it, altho you could get the same thing in the States for about \$4. Am still in the motion picture game with Special Services." . . . THOMAS VAUDE SHOW is reported enjoying satisfactory business in halls in Tom Green County, Texas. T. A. Everett is owner. . . SLATES SHOW opened its summer trek at Hailey, Idaho, recently and is now playing Eastern Washington. Show carries three people and plays halls, . . . "SILAS GREEN" SHOW, now on tour under canvas in its established North Carolina territory, plays the auditorium at Raleigh, N. C., Monday (19) for Sherwood Upchurch.

> YANKS INVADE MARSHALL ISLANDS, released by Castle Films. Special News Parade film showing the capture of the Marshall Islands from the beginning of the terrific naval bombardment until the marines of the 4th Division and soldiers of the army's 7th Division swarm into the battered beaches.

ROAD SHOW, released by Post Pictures Corporation, tells of the excitement of life with a traveling carnival. Musical comedy starring Adolph Menjou, Carole cock County, Mississippi, presenting a Landis, Charles Butterworth and The four-cast show of dramatic bills under Charioteers. Running time, 88 minutes.

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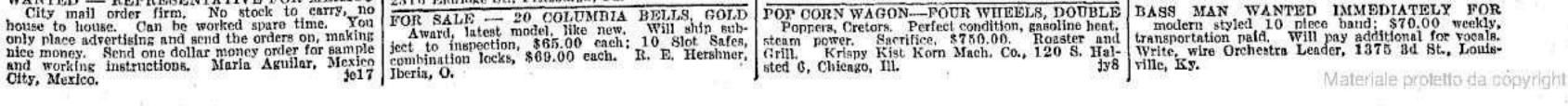




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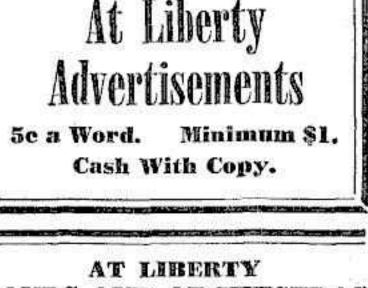
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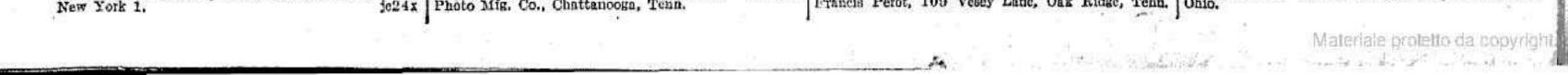
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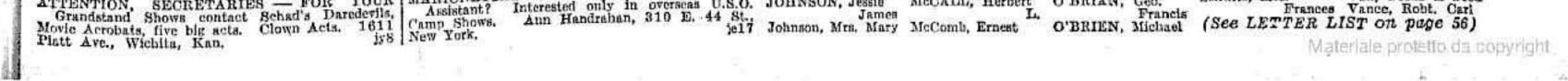
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# MERCHANDISE

PLAN FOR BRITISH GOODS

MERCHANDISE TRENDS

Communications to 155 North Clark Street, Chicago 1, Ill.

June 17, 1944

# **Dallas Firm** 1st in Chain

# Posts list of specialtiessuggests opportunity for wholesalers in future

DALLAS, June 10 .- This city recently became the first of nine regional office locations in a general program to sell British merchandise in the United States after the war. The firm of S. H. Lynch & Company, well known to readers of The Billboard, became the first regional import office in a plan sponsored by the Bishopsgate Trading & Export Company, (See Plan for British Goods on page 52)

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#### (6), overshadowed all news in the merchandise field. For two or three weeks there had been talk of "invasion jitters" having its reactions on merchandise sales. C. F. Hughes, business editor of The New York Times, had said that such tension had seemed to increase the sale of merchandise items. The impact of the first invasion news is expected to slow up sales generally and to have varied reactions thruout industry, while the nation awaits definite indications of how successful the Allied forces will be in keeping up the momentum. It had been commonly reported for some weeks that if a beachhead of as much as 50 miles could be gained early in the invasion, then success was assured.

Reports have been circulating for several days that traffic and trade might be considerably upset in order to convert transportation as much as possible to rushing supplies to the Eastern Seaboard and also getting the wounded to inland hospitals, when they begin to arrive. The nation is in the attitude of watchful waiting as this is written.

### **Retail Outlets**

Recent reports on trade in retail outlets were generally good. Dun & Bradstreet report said store trade for May showed a gain of 15 per cent over the same month in 1943. Summer clothing headed the list but a lot of specialty items are included in such trade because much of it is for vacation needs and travel. The D. & B. report said that smaller stores over the country reported spotty trade. The Department of Commerce came thru with its report on independent stores for April, showing that

CHICAGO, June 10 .- D-day, Tuesday volume was the same as for April one year ago. But April sales dropped about 3 per cent below March of this year. The New York Herald-Tribune reported jewelry sales in that area to be up for May; luggage off around 30 per cent; other specialties also reduced by the higher taxes. The New York Times said its survey of stores is showing big variations in reports by different stores; said wholesale markets in New York had a large attendance.

> Cash was dazzled at all who had merchandise to sell, when it was announced officially that U.S. savings now top \$128,000,000,000; savings by individuals are estimated at \$67,000,000,000.

# **Fighting Costs**

A tentative report was made that the consumer. Montgomery Ward & Company sales will show a drop of about 10 per cent for May, most of this decline being on mail order sales. Trade circles have been waiting for the Ward report to see how fighting the government affects business. Sales for the firm dropped about 20 per cent as compared with the same month one year ago. Butler Brothers reported a general decline in May sales of about 3 per cent compared with last year.

### Largest Store

One news report says the world's bigto the set-up for disposing of governitems are mentioned in the listings. Catpresent there is no way for a firm to get by manufacturers, elimination of unon the mailing list. Information on cur- profitable jobbers and complete reorganirent goods for sale may be had from zation of sales territories. Treasury Procurement offices in Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, Atlanta, New York, Washington, Fort Worth: Kansas City, Mo.; San Francisco, Denver and Scattle. Wholesalers, jobbers and dealers may buy, but sales to consumers and speculators are forbidden. Effort will be made to give large and small buyers an even chance. The plan is starting off with about \$40,000,000 worth of goods for sale, but much more will be added, especially by the end of the European war. Buyers should get in now to gain experience.

# Distribution Costs **Get Much Attention; Jobbers Study Ideas**

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Manufacturers in many lines of business are already studying plans to cut the costs of distribution after the war, according to a survey recently published by The Wall Street Journal. This report adds an-other chapter to the extensive list of articles and reports being published on the subject of distribution. According to The Journal report, wholesalers and retailers will be vitally concerned in all the discussions that will take place in manufacturing circles from now on. It is argued that manufacturers will not cnly have to produce good merchandise at a low price in the future, but they will also have to keep down the price to

A lot of statistics are being published on the costs of production and the ultimate price to the consumer on goods made before the war. The Journal report recites one instance in which a manufacturer sold a radio set to the wholesaler for \$97.50. The same radio set installed in the home cost the buyer \$196. Many electrical gadgets are covered by similar comparisons of cost to final selling price.

# Various Plans

Surveys on the cost of distribution gest store has now been opened, referring mention the various plans and ideas being suggested to control the distribument surplus goods. A lot of specialty tion of merchandise. Among the plans are such ideas as direct distribution by alogs or lists of goods will be mailed manufacturer, decentralization of manusoon to prospective buyers but for the facturing plants, use of big warchouses



### **Delicate Balance**

Business Week magazine, in its weekly business outlook feature, said just before the invasion that manufacturing

A new type of expert, known as the distribution engineer, is making his appearance and may have much to say about future sales programs. It is still recognized in business circles, however, that aggressive wholesale firms will be able to cope with all changes after the war and maintain higher sales quotas than ever.

and merchandising had come to a pretty even balance because the people had struck a balance in their savings and spending. Retail trade had been stabi-lized in the first quarter of 1944 at a high level. The report suggests a slight (See Merchandise Trends on opp. page)



Both types are popular sellers now—the Commando to boys about to go over seas and the Hunting to Sportsmen. Commando Knives have double edge blade,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ "x1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", fine steel with aluminum handle,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Hunting is single edge, 6"x1", same type handle. Both encased in fine leather scabbard, stitched and steel stapled.

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# MERCHANDISE 51



# MERCHANDISE TRENDS (Continued from opposite page)

chance for a shift from a seller's to a buyer's market.

# A New Plastic

The nation has grown so used to reports on plastics that a new one does not stir excitement any more. But considerable publicity was given last week to a new plastic developed by Monsanto Chemical Company, known as Cerex. The makers say it will provide strong competition for plastics already on the market because it will be sold at a price range "between 30 and 85 cents." Because of its heat-resistant qualities, engineers think the new Cerex may open new fields for industrial and household uses. It is now being used in military equipment such as radar, radio and other light equipment. This suggests it may have big use in specialties and novelties after the war.

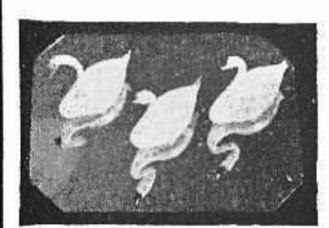
# No Big Rush

Reports have circulated in recent months that there will be a grand rush of many firms to enter the electrical gadget, radio and other manufacturing fields as soon as the war is over. Recent trade sources say there is no indication yet that any such rush will take place. Reporting for the electrical appliance field, indications to date only show that two big companies new to the field have definite plans for entering the industry after the war. There will probably be a greater number entering the radio production field after the war.

# **Good Publicity**

Newsweek magazine, May 29, gave special publicity to a V-mail book letter folder which is said to have been deaigned by Lieut. J. H. Ewing, somewhere in the South Pacific. Ewing is said to have designed the case to keep his own mail. His father, a New York real estate man, submitted a sample to a manufacturer who is said to be introducing two models on the market in New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco at the present time.

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#### MERCHANDISE 52

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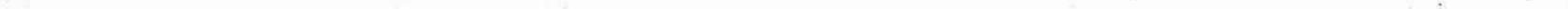
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British specialties in the United States has long been hampered because firms in Britain had no idea of the bigness of the U.S. and the differences in its trade regions. For that reason most British firms had always shipped goods to New York representatives and hence only a small part of the vast American market had been touched. The plan drawn up by the Hambros Bank is based on decentralization of wholesale houses, since other houses similar to the one here in Dallas will be set up in Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Detroit and other citics, to make nine in all. The backers of the plan feel that this decen-tralization should greatly increase the sale of imports in the U.S. from England. The home firm in London will offer its distribution and banking services to British manufacturers.

# Two-Way Trade

The survey report made by the British firm is an interesting document on trade between the two countries. It says the natural ambition of the United States and Britain after the war will be to greatly increase trade with each other, and the peoples of the world will benefit from such trade, it declares. It also states that the resources of the United States are so vast that it can supply almost any merchandise its people may need, so British firms will only expect to sell in America such merchandise as the British make as a specialty or may excel in manufacture. The report states the backers of the plan do not expect to greatly boost the over-all volume of goods sold in America but that substantial increases of British goods sold here will mean much to British firms and labor.

In the United States the plan was recognized as a sure sign that trade in the future would be a two-way proposition. This is expected to greatly increase the post-war opportunities for wholesale firms in all countries.



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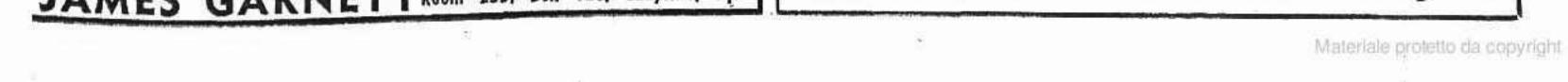
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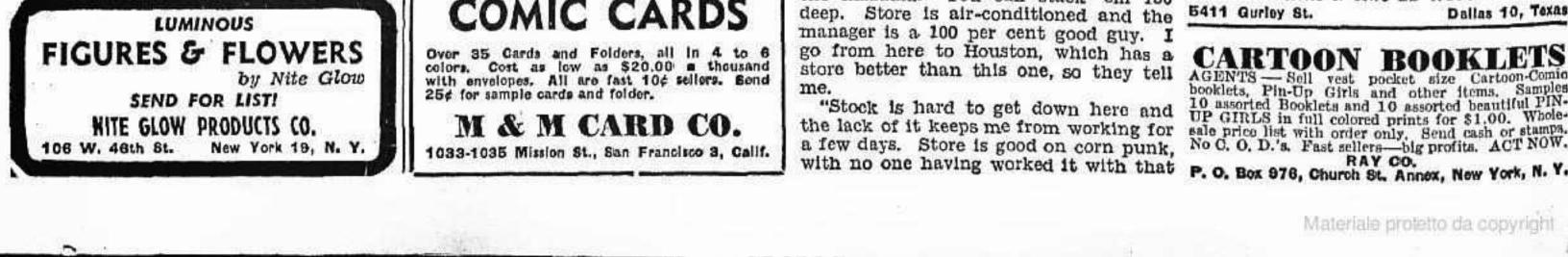
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# COMIC CARDS

#### CHIEF BLACK HORSE . . .

stopped at the desk on his way to cut up jackpots with Kid Carrigan, who is operating his med store in Cincy. The chief has arranged to put out a No. 2 show headed by Jimmy Blue Hawk. The No. 1 med outfit is playing Chillicothe, O., and moves to Laurelville, O., next. No. B3225231-Hunting Knives, Ea. \$4.20 Roster has Vivian and Roy Shrimplin, Musical Autons and Princess Bright Star.

#### AL SEIGLE . . .

opened a store on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City opposite the Steel Pier. He is working herbs, vitamins, soap and scalp ointment. Plenty of lights and a good spot with a rolling platform. Pitchmen, in addition to Seigle, are Harry Engel, Jean Gregory and Bill Kennedy Dena. He asks for pipes here from Jack David, Mary Friedman, Carol and Lamele.

INSPIRATION without perspiration is the ideal of some folks.

#### TROMBONE JOE JOHNSON ....

cards from Scottdale, Pa., where he is with the Bardex Minstrels, which is the former World's Minstrels: "Doc Milton Bartock has a dandy bunch here. There is a 10-piece band, and six comics with Fred Reeders producing the stageshow, and Hooper Dent, assistant manager. We are playing three-week stands and the boys change every night as it is a free platform show. Most of the bunch have been with this outfit from three to 10 years," he wrote.

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### NORMA T. BARBEE ...

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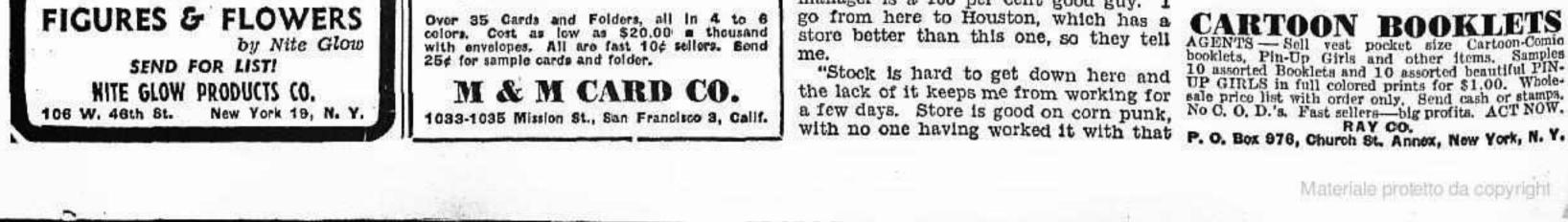


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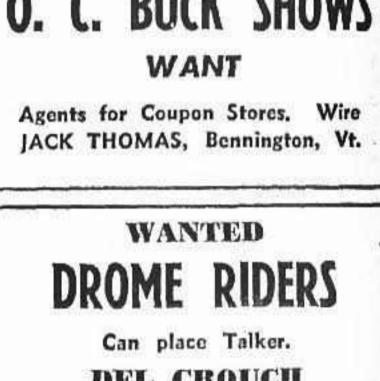




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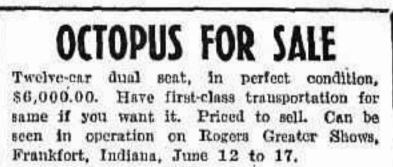


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Experienced Candy Pitchman who can pro-duce. Good proposition. Wire or write

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POPCORN, SCALES AND MERCHANDISE CONCESSIONS. All Celebrations starting July 1. WANT FOREMEN FOR MIX-UP AND FERRIS WHEEL. Address: Hilisboro, Ill., this week.

# WOLF SHOWS

Want Ferris Wheel Foreman and other Ride Help. Book a few Concessions and Shows. N. St. Paul, Minn., week June 12th; St. Paul Park, Minn., week June 19th; Cannon Falls, Minn., Fair, July 1st to 4th.

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Concessions of all kinds except Mitt Camp and Ball Games. Want Second Man. Can place experienced Help in all departments. Address

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Want Legitimate Concessions of all kind. Top wages paid to capable Ride Help. Want Concession Agents. Also Man and Wife to work in Bingo. Want Girls for Girl Show. Top salaries paid. All useful Show People, come on. Can place you. Want several Rides that do not conflict with what I have. Will book, buy or lease Legion Festival on the streets at Monticello, Illinois, this week; Firemen's Celebration at Pana, Illinois, next week. Join now for the best Fourth of July Celebration in the State at Olney, Illinois.

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WANT GENERAL AGENT WHO KNOWS ILLINOIS AND INDIANA. WANT FOREMEN AND RIDE HELP WHO CAN DRIVE SEMIS FOR TILT-A-WHIRL, ROLL-O-PLANE AND FERRIS WHEEL. CAN PLACE LEGITIMATE CONCESSIONS OF ALL KINDS. Address:

Harvey, Ill., this week; Villa Park, Ill., next week.

# CUNNINGHAM'S EXPO SHOW WANTS

Dependable Ride Foremen, Sound Truck, Shows and Concessions. Bellaire, Ohio, June 12-17; Toronto, Ohio, June 19-24; New Martinsville, W. Va., June 26-July 1; Parkersburg, W. Va., July 4. Wire

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# **DUMONT SHOWS**

June 12 to 17, Shamokin, Pa.; June 18 to 24, Milton, Pa.

Want Concessions, Cork Gallery, Fish Pond, Hoop-La, String Game, Dart Game. Want one or two Wheels. Want Side Show with own equipment. Want Manager with Girls for Girl Show. Have complete outfit for same. Johnnie Reddick wants Chorus, Comic, Musicians. Salary and percentage. Want Billposter with car. Address: LOU RILEY.

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WANT Small Shows of merit with own transportation, Snake Show, Mechanical Show or any other

# **DEL CROUCH** J. C. Weer Shows, Parkersburg, W. Va.

# PLACE MIDGETS

Must be high class and refined, on account of enlarging troupe for fair season; our fairs start Fourth of July week. Will buy Flying Scooters or Fly-o-Plane, cash. Mrs. Wagner can place Griddle Men and Walters. Ride Help for Rides, salary no object if you are capable. Capable Foreman for Scooter, salary no object if you are capable of bandling the Ride. Phil Maynard, answer. Place few Workingmen. Have opening for two capable Train Polers. Place Tractor Drivers, Capable Plano Player for Midget Show; Torbit, wire me. Boss Canvasman for Midget Show, must be reliable; good salary to righ man. Address:

# AL WAGNER

Winona, Minn., this week; Dufuth, Minn., next week.

# CONCESSIONS

1 6'x6' sturdy Pin-Hinged Frame with heavy Green Top and Red and Green Side Walls, like new. Light

Stringer. Complete \$35.00. 1 3'x7' Table; 7'x8' Top. Like new. Good 2"x3" Pin-Hinged Frame, Washboard, Under or Over Lay-down, 2" Cubes Light Stringer. In fact, all ready to

1 12'x12' Penny Pitch, Open Joint with good Board, Complete \$25.00.

This is no junk but all first class. Can ship at once upon receipt of cash in full. No C. O. D.'s please.

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for Grenada, Miss. Stock Concessions, Shows with or without tops. Can fix you up, Want Free Act, Aerial or High Diving preferred. For Sale—Herschell-Spillman Merry-Go-Round, A-1 conditon, now in operation Grenada, Miss. Ride Operator for Merry-Go-Round, come on. ROGERS & POWELL, Grenada, Miss.

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Bingo, Photo, Shows, Concessions of all kinds. Ride Help.

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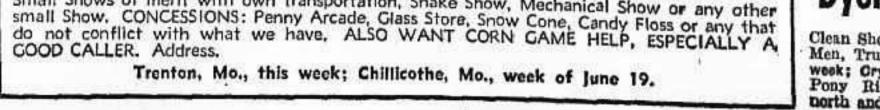
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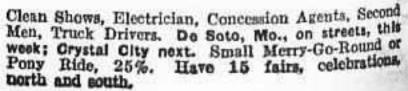
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Ferris Wheel Operator, Wife for Ticket Box. No tear downs. Year-round work, good salary. Pay your own wires.



Man. Will do all year's work on the Boardwalks, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Address: L. ED ROTH. P.S.: Murphy, sent you bus ticket, same was returned; answer ad or come on.





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# DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP

(Continued from page 41) circus lot in San Rafael is perhaps the oldest in the West. As reported by a native, Joseph Andrew Rowe exhibited his circus there in 1867.-DICK LEWIS.

ARTHUR BROS. - Business has been exceptionally good. In Aberdeen, Wash., had a straw matinee and a turnaway at night. The Douglas carnival was showing across the street, and many of the personnel exchanged visits. In Vancouver, Wash., Don and Billie Cook visited. Harry B. Chipman and party attended the matinee and had dinner in the cookhouse. Fred Stewart is doing a fine job with the new lighting effects in the big top. He has also installed a private switch box in the backyard for the convenience of the performers.

Members of clown alley placed flowers on the grave of Albert Powell, clown, who died in Portland last summer while on the Cole show. Ed Murphy has joined. Andrew (Sweaters) McFarland is getting the big top up and down in good time. An all-new grandstand was received in Vancouver; Archie Silverlake bought a new trailer; Al Conners lost a performing dog.

An interesting English circus book, Fairs, Circuses and Music Halls was sent to Nana Hanneford by Dr. Harold Conley, Chicago. Cheerful Gardner's fast elephant act, worked by Betty Acevado, goes over big. In clown alley now are Kenneth Waite, Harry and Loretta La Pearl, Koko and Grace Fairburn, Jimmy Hackensmidt, Frank Cain, Charles Brabaham, Mel Henry, Rudolph Valentino and Bob Tilton.

Side Show news: George Sertees has charge of the top and does a good job; Jolly Lee bought a new trailer; Clark Wiley is doing fine as talker; Mrs. Sertees received a seven-foot Mexican boa for her snake department, -- GRACIE HANNEFORD.

was Herbert A. Douglas. George Barton is equestrian director, and Bob Russell, producing clown. Amplified band records provide the music. Due to labor conditions, the show at present is only giving night performances.

ONLY the old-timers remember the goat that led the Howe's Great London Circus parade. Altho the goat walked in the lead, he kept an eye on the swing team of the band wagon's six-horse hitch. When he saw the team swing he would swing without missing a turn at corners.

THE MOVIE, Buffalo Bill, got extra newspaper space in Bridgeport, Conn., during its showing, because of Matt Saunders, who was general purchasing agent of the old Buffalo Bill show. Saunders, who is city manager for the Loew Circuit there, was the subject of a feature story in The Bridgeport Sunday Post, with old-time photos included.

PAUL HUBBARD, magician, is with Hugo Bros.' Circus, making side-show openings, doing magic and presenting two illusions, also making big show announcements. Show has been out since May 1 and business has been very good. Chief Keys has the Kid Show, assisted by his wife. Keys does a knife-throwing act.

SAVE STAMPS: "Can you use a man and lady with six trained mice? It must be quiet during our act. Have a daughter who sings like a man. Will join for \$200 per week, room, board and transportation. We know that we will do you a lot of good because we have never been in showbiz before and we will be new to the public."

BUCHANAN, Va., gave the Beers-Barnes Circus a good night crowd (no matinee), reports Ray Brison. The personnel was entertained after the show by Jimmy Rafferty, who lives there and was formerly with the Dick Lewis Players. Secretary G. E. Weaver, of the Lexington (Va.) Fair, visited both nights at Buena Vista, Va., biz being good both days.

# American Recreational Equipment Association

### By R. S. Uzzell

### Tribute to G. P. Smith Jr.

Rough tracks, sharp curves, deep dips and steep grades concern George P. Smith Jr., no longer. He not only met all of these obstacles in Coaster building for the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, but also in his own life since the last depression.

He attended Syracuse University and later became an electrician in the navy, and as such made the trip when Teddy Roosevelt sent the navy around the world. True to tradition and ancestry, he loved the navy. That P. in his name was for Perry. He was a descendant in direct line of Commodore Perry.

Smith was general manager of a New England gas company when the call came to him from the Philadelphia Toboggan Company. Energetic to an extreme degree, he could not retrench as the last post-war prosperity began to wane. When he could no longer sell Coasters he built them on his own and his company account, only to be left with them and a Flying Turns to take the bumps of the adverse conditions that were not of his making.

The sudden death of his wife and termination of his company connections found him at Bear Mountain with the popcorn and hot dog concession. We give him credit for carrying on instead of despairing as many did. While at the New York State resort he was persuaded by the late Harry C. Baker to take a position in the amusement division of the New York World's Fair, which he held thruout the running of the fair. Here his integrity won him the high esteem of Harvey Gibson, the prominent banker, who took over to protect the interests which put up the money, including the big bond issue. THE 33d annual memorial services of George had hoped that this engagement Local No. 1, Billposters and Billers' would win him distinction enough for a Union, was held June 4 in the union's life hookup in the amusement park field. plot in Forest Home Cemetery, Chicago, However, the times were too much out and was attended by a number of show of joint. He became advisor at Geauga Lake, near Cleveland, but only for a short time. He gave the John T. Benson Wild Animal Farm a three months' try, but the animal care and responsibility did not have the gripping appeal for Smith as it had for John T., and soon we find George Perry in a munition plant at Kent, O. The call of the navy again could not be resisted. He was en route to San Francisco for a place at Mare Island Navy Yard when he was stricken at Clinton, Okla. We regret that he had to go while still under 60 years of age. He leaves two sons by his first marriage, and two children by his second marriage. His wife may be reached at 239 North Church Street, Decatur, Ill.

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succumbed to a heart attack May 3. He was one of fcw who came into the amusement park business during the biz boom just after the last war and carried thru to success. He ingratlated himself to his community by his unselfish civic activities. His last was his best. In three years he arranged over 300 send-offs for servicemen in the Flint area. In these parties for the boys he worked long hours and his last one apparently overtaxed his strength and made him an easy victim for a heavy cold from which he failed to recover. He was 68 years of age.

He leaves his widow, Flora; his daughter, Mrs. Louise H. Firestone; a brother, David, of Cleveland, and three sisters, Seima Berger and Mrs. Holstine, both of Cleveland, and Mrs. Berty Livingston, New York.

# WANTED

Man to take care of Concessions. One that can assist in putting up and taking down. Must be sober and reliable and know how to repair. Big salary and bonus. Playing Philadelphia lots until November. This week, I and Erle; next week, Broad and Bigler.

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# **BRIGHT LIGHTS** EXPOSITION SHOWS WANT

Shows not conflicting. Opening for Binge, Fish or Duck Pond. Help in all departments. Buy Merry-Go-Round, Kiddie Auto Rides. Write or wire JOHN GECOMA, Clymer, Pa., this week,

SUNFLOWER STATE SHOWS WANT Man capable of handling Single Loop, Smith & Smith Chairplane, \$50.00 per week salary. Op-erators for same must drive. Will book any Ride, Show or Concession not conflicting. Salina, Kan., this week; Great Bend, Junction City to follow. Join or wire.

# UNDER THE MAROUEE

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engagement, he will be with John M. Carson's ushers on the show. Mike Dare also joined in Boston. Clyde Sellers, Harry Brown and Larry Davis are back again.

ONE in every town: The native who claims that only half of the circus was brought to town and that the other half is playing elsewhere.

JACK TAVLIN, of the Beatty-Russell circus, stopped off in Chicago early last week on his way from the West Coast to New York on business. He will rejoin the show in Portland, Ore. He reports that business has been very good.

REO BROS.' Circus is playing in New Jersey and business has been most satisfactory, reports William Maston, secretary. Garber Brothers, cowboy aggregation, have the concert. Bill Owens is heading a brigade of billposters.

NOT until winter arrives again will we be bothered with those rumors about someone taking out a railroad circus which is to be financed by a manufacturer.

GEORGE DORN pens that Cole Bros. had a 4:30 matinee in Greensburg, Pa., full house, and straw at night. Show lost the matinee at Butler, Pa. He also saw Wallace Bros. in Uniontown, Pa., and met many friends.

THE No. 1 car of the Ringling circus arrived in Manchester, N. H., June 2, and the city will see the first circus in several years June 29. Last year the Manchester performance was canceled after preliminary arrangements had been made, due to travel restrictions.

YEARS ago every circus advertised the world's largest and oldest elephant that had passed 100 summers and winters. The same big boy your grandfather fed peanuts to a half century ago.

JAMES E. CARTER and family have the band on the F. C. Fisher Show, also the concert. Show moves on six trucks and trailers and has several cages of animals in the Side Show. The Wixom family, Detroit, and Earl Myers and John Young, Ann Arbor, Mich., visited at Fenton, Mich.

people. Address of welcome was delivered by President Otto F. Kruger; roll call of decreased brothers by Secretary D. H. Davis, and memorial address by Dr. S. D. Schwartz, and there was selections by the Oxford Quartet.

ROBERT D. GOOD, Allentown, Pa., has been informed that when the Ringling interests recently sold their Peru quarters, they shipped a number of old band wagons, tableaux and baggage wagons to their Sarasota quarters. Among them were "The Graces" (old Forepaugh), "Lion and Snake," "Gladiator," "Ceylon" (elephant) and the Carl Hagenbeck "Lion" tableau. Good attended matinee of Cole Bros. at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., reporting a big straw house. Mr. and Mrs. Al Greenawalt and Mrs. Charles Kistler were also there.

WITH the appearance of the trapeze in the early '50s, aerial acts became a feature of circus performances. Managers were not concerned about protecting gymnasts from injury in such acts, a condition, writes Harry W. Cole, Detroit, which the Baltimore city council sought to change with an ordinance in May, 1870, making it unlawful for any trapeze performance or acts on rings to be exhibited in that city unless a net of sufficient size was provided to catch the performers in case of falling. Violations of the ordinance subjected the offender to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

THE WASHINGTON POST, on May 21, published an article concerning the remarkable work being performed in Walter Reed Hospital by Captain Don Cash, former Sells-Floto clown. He is using his skill in rebuilding mutilated faces, with results quite amazing. In some instances injuries have so shattered part of the soldler's face that it cannot be restored either functionally or cosmetically. Recently in the Army Medical Center, he constructed a remarkable prosthesis for a soldier who had lost both eyes and their surrounding tissue and bone. When the soldier donned, in one piece, acrylic eyes with latex lids and tinted glasses hinged to the sponge rubber bridge of his nose, the finished re-

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### Another Stalwart Passes

Another stalwart was lost to us when E. E. Berger, of Flint Park, Flint, Mich., General Delivery.

# SUNSET AMUSEMENT CO. WANTS

Tilt and Octopus Help. Atlantic, Iowa, this week; Nebraska City, Neb., noxt.

# WANTED

Man to run Photo Gallery. Good proposition.

JOHN FRANCIS SHOWS

Carlinville, Ill., this week; Litchfield, Ill., next week.

WILL PAY CASH

For Octopus or Tilt-a-Whirl. Must be late model. Address all mail to

J. R. MCSPADDEN, LONE STAR SHOWS

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# WANTED FOR POLISH SPRING FESTIVAL

Circus Grounds, Toledo, Ohlo-Two Saturdays, Two Sundays, Starting Saturday, June 17th, with Sylvania Firemen's Freile and Three Other Celebrations to Follow.

Shows of all kinds. Wonderful opportunity. 25 per cent. Rides: Roll-o-Plane, Octopus or Tilt. Concessions of all kinds. Will sell ex on Photo Gallery. Want reliable Ride Help for Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Chair Plane. One more Free Act. Guthrie Family, answer. Dolly Young wants Agents for Razzle-Dazzle, Outside Man for Show. Skillo Cash Couch wants Griddle Man for Grab Joint, For Sale-One Cook House complete, new canvas, size 20x30; 1936 International Truck, closed body, good condition. Will sell all or any part of above. Address: A. T. Lylo, care Show. Can use sober reliable Help for Bingo. All address: sober, reliable Help for Bingo. All address:

# BARKOOT BROS.' SHOWS TOLEDO, OHIO

# **JOHN FRANCIS SHOWS**

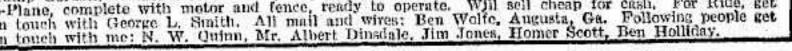
Get on the bandwagon with a winner. Our string of choice Fairs starts the latter part of July in Iowa, where we have 6 of the best Fairs booked in that State; then for the Fairs and Celebrations in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. WANT RIDE HELP WHO CAN DRIVE SEMI TRAILERS FOR ALL RIDES. CAN PLACE STOCK CONCESSIONS OF ALL KINDS. Address:

Carlinville, Ill., this week; Litchfield, Ill., next week.

# WOLFE AMUSEMENT CO.

Augusta, Ga., all this week; three more weeks of city lots. Georgia Tobacco Market to follow. Can place the following Concessions: Photo, Hi-Striker, Devil's Bowling Alley, Ball Games, American Palmistry, Cookhouse or small Grab Joint, Short or Long Range Shooting Gallery, Coca-Cola Bottle Joint or any legitimate Concession. Can use good Ride Help, We are playing one of the best 4th of July Celebrations in the South. 30,000 soldiers parading from Camp Gordon, Walker Street School, Augusta, Ga. Have for Sale—Smith and Smith 24-Seat Chair-o-Plane, complete with motor and fence, ready to operate. Will sell cheap for eash. For Ride, get in touch with George L. Smith. All mail and wires: Ben Wolfe, Augusta, Ga. Following people get in touch with me: N. W. Quinn, Mr. Albert Dinsdale, Jim Jones, Homer Scott, Ben Holliday.

#### sult was so convincing a railway ticket ATTENDING the opening of Reo Bros,' man insisted he consult his own time-Circus at Kennett Square, Pa., May 20, table.



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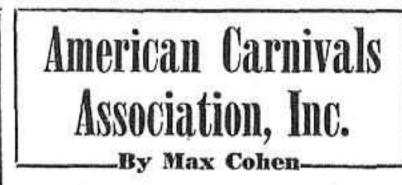
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Playing one of the finest routes of any show of its size in America. We have the biggest July 4th Celebration in Western New York. This is the annual Allegany Old Home Week. Will sell Pop Corn for the season. Will book Stock Concessions, Including String Game, Hoop-La, Pitch-Till-Win, Waffles and Apples, Knife Rack, Fish Pond, Scales, Striker, Jewelry, Novelties, Cork Gallery, etc. June 19-24, Renovo, Penna., Firemen's Celebration, downtown in the streets; June 26-July 1, Franklinville, N. Y., Firemen's Celebration; July 3-8, Allegany, N. Y., Old Home Week; July 10-15, Salamanca, N. Y., Firemen's Celebration.

THIS WEEK, ELDRED, PA.





ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 10.-During the week ended June 3 the visitation schedule was continued with a visit to James E. Strates Shows on the Broadway and Balley lot, Buffalo, and the trip was made enjoyable thru efforts of Owner James E. Strates and personnel, including William C. Fleming, general agent; Dick O'Brien, assistant manager; Keith Buckingham, special agent; Edwin Jackson, publicity director, and F. Percy Morency, secretary. Remainder of the staff includes Mike Olsen, trainmaster; Nick Bozinas, treasurer; William Leon, front door; Wayne Kingsley, chief electrician; James Yotas, lot superintendent, and Willis Johnson, billposter. At time of the visit the line-up was 15 shows, 16 rides and 35 concessions. One hundred new personnel memberships were issued, putting this show in first place.

Visiting the Worthy Shows on Decoration Day at Balley and Langfield Drive, Buffalo, the secretary had a pleasant visit with Manager H. K. Leworthy, who filed an application for membership in the association, bringing the total to 99. Worthy Shows at the time had 3 shows, 5 rides and 20 concessions. An invitation to join the association was extended to Empire State Shows, An interesting communication came from Frank A. Panesko, Butte, Mont., relative to ACA membership. An inquiry has come from the Fuller Amusement Company, Perkins, Calif., relative to the gasoline situation in that area.

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sent in applications of Ella Frost and Kitty Foster, Buck Shows. Mrs. Dorothy N. Mulholland, Dick's Paramount Shows, has been proposed by Rose Lange. Word is that Anita (Isser) Gilbert, who was operated on in Beth-El Hospital, Brooklyn, is convalescing. NSA received a letter from Seaman Andrew J. Metts, a member, which included thanks for the subscription to *Coronet* which the Auxiliary sent to all NSA members last Christmas. Dues for 1944-'45 are due July 15, but may be sent at any time to Treasurer Ruth Gottlieb.

### June 17, 1944

(Continued from page 37) Guinea, Pvt. S. J. Plas in Australia and Pvt. A. G. Slaten in the South Pacific. Lieut. Robert (Bobby) Cohn has won a captaincy and gathered an Oak Leaf Cluster to add to his Air Medal. He is intelligence officer of a bombardment squadron in the South Pacific. Pvt. Nate Sobel arrived on a 10-day furlough from Fort Bragg, N. C. Chaplain Arthur Grazann led in a three-minute prayer for the safety and success of the armed forces. Service fund income from East. wood Park since the opening April 17 was reported as \$511 by co-chairman Jack Gallagher. Among visitors were past presidents Harry Ross and Louis Margolis, Charles (Chickie) Bohdan, Jack Levine, Charles Merker, Joe Exler, Joe Marks; Private Simkin, army air forces, and Mrs. Harry Modele and daughter, Sandra.

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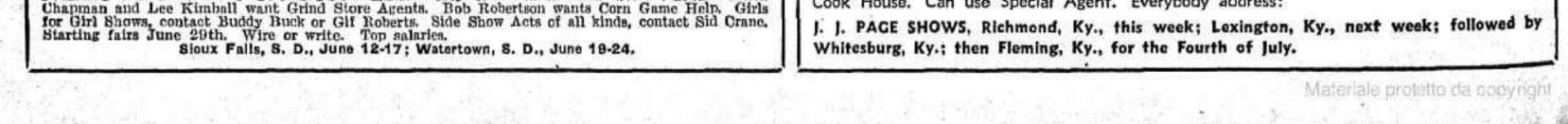
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- Arthur Bros.: Seattle, Wash., 12-18.
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Long, Leon: Louisville, Ky., 13-14; Morgan-field 15-17; Evansville, Ind., 18; Lexington, Ky., 19-21.

Ricton's Dogs: Winchester, Tenn., 12-17. Rossiliano, Ludmila (Moose Club) Eric, Pa., 12-16.

Sadler, Harley, Show: Wichita Falls, Tex., 12-17.

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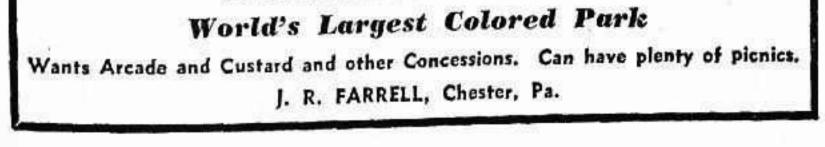
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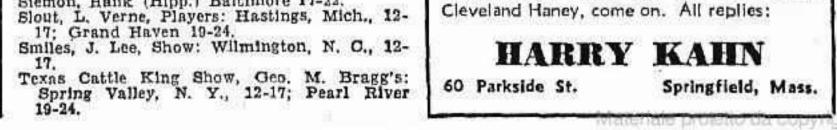
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WASHINGTON, June 10,--The impact of the European invasion this week had the effect of bringing most plans for increased civilian production to a standstill. For many weeks the War Production Board has been holding a steady succession of industry advisory committee meetings at the rate of 40 to 50 each week, but in all these meetings it was recognized that the impending invasion overshadowed all plans and would call for important changes in some plans already made. When the coin machine industry committee met with WPB officials this feeling was much in evidence. The industry committee representing the candy bar trade met this week on June 9, but its importance to the vending machine trade was overshadowed by the fact that the invasion is now on and that crucial fighting is still to be done.

But a lot of constructive planning had been done by WPB and other agencies, and these plans will be ready for action when a European victory is in sight. Everybody agrees that when Germany is knocked out, then many industries can really begin to convert to civilian goods. Most of the discussion and planning that has been done with the industry committees had this idea in mind. The WPB started its planning program in January and began at once to call industry committees to Washington for conferences. There were more than 700 such committees and the meetings were stepped up to 40 or more per week shortly before the invasion. The committee representing the coin machine industry was honored by being called to its conference as early as May 15. Officials have given the industry credit for having converted to war production about as completely as a small industry could do so and hence special attention is being given to its problems in returning to civilian production when conditions permit.

machines is still prohibited under L-21.

"IAC members recommended that production of repair and replacement parts for amusement machines be permitted. They cited the automatic phonograph situation as one example of the need for such parts. Of the 270.000 automatic phonographs in the field in 1941 only about 70 or 75 per cent are now in operation because of the lack of repair parts, they said. This matter will be studied by WPB.

"WPB officials stressed that it is WPB policy to permit no resumption of civillan production, except for a few highly essential "ems, until after the successful outcome of European military operations Reconversion for civilian production, a long and difficult process, cannot be permitted while there is any likelihood that such reconversion might be followed by unexpected new demands for military production, which would require a time-consuming second reconversion, back to war production. All that can be done now is to plan

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY get together for the first time in three years. Left to right: Ben Sterling Jr., Rocky Glen Park, Moosic, Pa.; Sgt. Milton Bainbridge, member of the Sterling organization, back from 15 months' service in North Africa; Ben Sterling Jr. II, on leave from the United States Navy, and Cadet Gibby Sterling. Picture was taken at Valley Forge, Pa., Military Academy.

# WPB Charges 4 Columbus, O., Firms With Violating M - 126

office of the War Production Board here Columbus. First reports said that as many announced June 6 that it had charged as eight firms were involved in the scheme four firms in Columbus, O., with the pro- and Columbus papers added that police duction and distribution of slot machines, officials there would be invloved in or replacement parts for them, and that charges of turning over parts of conletters of notification of the violations fiscated machines to the ring. This was had been sent to the firms involved, and expected to start a political scandal once that the Washington headquarters of the WPB and FBI made public the re-WPB had plans to ask the Department of sults of their investigations, Justice to make a full investigation of the situation.

some developments that had been taking had been party to the operations. The place since newspapers first told the story office here did not make public the names

CLEVELAND, June 10 .- The regional on May 30 of the illegal manufacture in

The WPB office here said that only four firms had been named in the report sent This official action brought to a head to Washington but that possibly six firms of the Columbus firms that were involved.

### **Official Report of Committee**

The official report on the meeting of the coin machine industry committee expresses some of the problems and policies that apply to the industry situation. The report follows:

"The meeting, the first of the newly appointed Coin-Operated Amusement and Vending Device Industry Advisory Committee, was held for the purpose of general discussion of industry matters.

"IAO members said that the industry is engaged 100 per cent in war work, war orders are being filled on schedule, and employment is being maintained above the pre-war level, tho the industry is not operating at peak capacity. The engineering skill and production techniques of the industry were readily adaptable for war production, and industry members have been successful in obtaining war contracts ever since production of amusement and vending devices was stopped by the issuance of Limitation Orders L-21 (amusement devices) and L-27 (vending devices) about two years ago.

"Production of sanitary napkin vending machines and of repair and replacement parts for all types of merchandise vending machines controlled by L-27 (which covers machines used for dispensing candy bars, cigarettes, beverages and the like) is now permitted under the terms of that order, except that materials prohibited for such production by any of the M (conservation) orders may not be used, WPB ofcials said. Production of repair and replacement parts for amusement (See D-DAY HALTS on page 64)

### Serious Charges

Many reports have circulated since the news became public. It is understood the WPB office in Columbus reported to the regional office here that "flagrant violations" of WPB order M-126 were apparently taking place and that an investigation was being made. Later a full report was made to the Cleveland office, which had also joined in the investigation. Besides the slot machine firms and the certain police officials, it was also alleged that two large motor transport companies might be involved because of making regular pickups of the slot machines several times weekly and delivering them to distant points.

Newspaper reports said government officials were especially concerned about the use of scarce materials in the slot machines, and also in the use of labor and machinery that could have been put to better use in war plants.

This publicity was considered very adverse to the industry and it came at a time when the WPB had only a short while before expressed public recognition of the completeness with which the industry in general had been devoted to war work. Leaders in the industry feared that the local scandal in Columbus might give the public the wrong idea of the industry as a whole.

The coin machine manufacturing industry has been officially recognized in many ways for having completely converted to war production early in 1942 (See WPB CHARGES on page 65)

Sol Hanlin Passes

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LOS ANGELES, June 10 .- Sol Hanlin, 60, vet coinman and owner of the United Amusement Company here, passed away on May 27 following a heart attack. He was one of the city's first distributors and had been active in the business for 30 years. Hanlin was the first to represent Mills Novelty on the Coast and other companies when the industry was in its infancy. He is survived by his widow, a son in the army, and his brother, Abe, who will continue the business.

-Editorial-The Big Push

### By Walter W. Hurd

THE first week of the European I invasion brought the seriousness of the war closer home to America than ever before. The elaborate plans for radio and newspaper coverage of the invasion helped to make it somewhat realistic and hence to increase the national desire to push the job thru to a successful conclusion as soon as possible.

Since the beginning, many citizens, perhaps over anxious to get the job done, have felt that maybe the nation as a whole did not take the war seriously enough. But if any such condition existed before, it is apparent now that the American people will put their best into the present drive to bring it to a real victory.

Some had said that a token bombing of American cities was needed to stir up the nation to a real fighting mood, and military experts warned that such a bombing was possible. It may turn out yet that Harold Ickes, whatever else may be said of him, was the real hero who prevented bombing of our cities. It is now known that he withstood to the very last any move to sell helium to Germany back in 1938. That helium was wanted for use in zeppelins which would have made bombing of our cities possible.

The nation will be in a state of prayerful expectancy now for some weeks because the crucial test of the invasion is yet to come. The full impact of it has not yet hit this country. Official plans have been made for many radical changes in business and transportation if there are any delays in the invasion schedule. Even at best it may be necessary to change factories to producing emergency supplies of many kinds. Already there has been a greatly increased demand for steel, shells and so on.

The expected casualty lists will probably impress the people deeply and will come close to home for many of us. Plans have been made for rushing the wounded back to American hospitals as soon as it can be done. This will give us a still deeper realization of what war means when it comes to the crucial campaigns.

On the home front the call for peak production has already produced a quick response. The coin machine manufacturing industry has been making a great record in production of war materials and will increase that production if possible. The rank and file of the trade membership will loyally support the national cause in many ways in their respective communities.

All circumstances now combine to make the Fifth War Bond drive beginning June 12, of greater meaning than ever to the nation. The coin machine industry is deeply impressed with the meaning of this bond drive and will redouble its efforts to maintain the home front at its highest level of support behind our fighting men.

The trade has also taken special interest in letters to our fighting men and those letters should be kept on the way because they will be appreciated more than ever when the boys have a respite from the front.



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# **COINMEN YOU KNOW**

### New York:

Leon Berman, of the New York Supply company, became a daddy for the second time when his wife, Bertha, presented him with Mara S. at the Women's Hospital June 3. Mara S. joins Bertha, aged 5. Berman opened a new and used record retail outlet at 69 S. Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y., June 12. The store is known as the Hellar Music Shop, with A Hirsch manager.

### Pushing War Bonds

The Modern Music Sales Company is getting behind the Fifth War Bond prive in a big way. Nat Cohn, of the firm, malled out 1,000 highly artistic to Mexico." Keene adds that in the posters to the trade.

### Invasion Brings Echoes

One man in the coin machine industry who knew what it was like when D-Day dawned June 6 is Charles Voght, production chief of Jafco Distributors, Inc., the John Fitzgibbons outfit, manufacturers of coin wrappers. Charlie holds an honorable discharge from the army (over-age) and was with the 215th AAA Division which saw action in Tunisla and Sicily.

#### Back in Town

Bill Schwartz, of the National Vend- returned to his desk following a business ing Service Company, is back in town trip to San Francisco. . . . Homer Gilafter spending a few days in Connecticut on a buying trip.

#### Thrill at Rabkin Honors

At the Bill (Mutoscope) Rabkin B'nai B'rith testimonial dinner held June 5 at the Grand Street Boys' Association Auditorium, coinmen got an off-the-record treat that they will long remember. A group of sailors and a WAVE, guests of the organization, revealed themselves such interesting dancers that the other guests let them have the floor most of the evening.

#### Starting Early

Sam Sachs, of Acme Sales, thinks the

ant director of industrial relations: "We've been producing units that deliver an entirely different kind of music, offering 15 selections of .30 caliber bullets."

At Rock-Ola, Albert A. Silberman, formerly in charge of parking meter sales, is back on duty in the general sales department following an operation on his leg.

### Los Angeles:

A. M. Keene, of Keenomatic in Taft, Calif., pens from his reservation aboard the Super Chief headed for Chicago, "Nope. You are wrong. Not on the way Windy City he will call up Midge Ryan, of Mills Novelty; Sol Gottlieb, of Dave Gottlieb, and others. When Keene gets back to California it will then be on to Mexico. Somewhere along the line he has to hit Mexico. Unless he does, the trip isn't complete. . . . Clem and Ben Korte in the city and visiting the California Amusement Company. . . . The new twins, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaunt, of General Music Company, are now at home.

#### Happel at Desk

William Happel Jr., of Badger Sales, lesple readying his arcades for the summer season. . . . Bob Carter hauling equipment to an arcade in Hollywood.

. . . Elmer Hanscom, well-known traveling arcade operator who was out with Frock & Meyer Combined Shows last season, is now carpenter at the Los Angeles Orpheum. . . . Ollie Trevillian is soon to return to his home in Santa Barbara after a sojourn to the hospital. . . . Jack Beavers, of Oxnard, in the city to secure games. . . . Charlie Peverly, of Oxnard, also here for parts and equipment for music machines. . . . Nate Mack here from Las Vegas. Time is precious with Mack. He flies back and forth between the towns. . . . Ray Adams, of California Taverns' Association, and Curley Robinson, of the Associated Operators of Los Angeles County, Inc., working together on matters to the mutual benefit of members of both groups.

Frank Holman, of Frank's Automatic Music, on the visitors' list and signing buyers' registries at various firms around the town.

#### From the South

E. R. Sullivan among the visitors from down San Diego way. He came in from Oceanside to buy. . . . Archie Freeman also a visitor from that section. Freeman has operations in Oceanside, too. . . . Frank Navarro making the rounds in the interest of his operating business on Whittier Boulevard and also in Mexico City. . . . Milton Noriega came in from near-by Colton to see what the jobbers had on the floor for sale. . . . W. J. Figge has been in the coin machine business for 15 years. . . . Lawrence Raya, of Colton, on the buying list at California.

### Detroit:

#### Feminine Manager

Ben Robinson, head of Robinson Sales Company, is actively engaged in war work now, with direct operation of the coin machine company largely in the hands of feminine Pat Spann, who is office manager.

#### Taking Hospital Training

Pvt. Neil Holland, former business agent of the United Coin Machine Workers here, has been transferred from Camp Grant, III., to Atlanta, to take hospital training in an army hospital there.

#### Holiday for Business

Charles Stapleton, of the Advance Service Company, specializing in vending machines, made a business trip to Muskegon, Mich., over the Decoration Day week-end,

#### **Keep Same Spot**

A. N. Gaspard, of the Detroit Automatic Sales, one of Detroit's oldest operators, still maintains headquarters at 1009 Crawford Avenue, which is also headquarters for the Puritan Sales, operated by Charles C. Huff, Gaspard's brother-in-law. Mark Linkner, of the Triangle Amusement Company, has been recovering from a series of teeth extractions. Max Lipin, of Allied Music & Sales Company, has returned from a trip to the Minneapolis and Chicago territorles. Song of the Polish Underground on Harmonia records is reported doing exceptionally well in Detroit, platters being disked in both Polish and English.

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art of fishing like more serious callings must be learned early. For this reason he regularly takes his son, William, 5, on fishing trips out on Lake Mohegan where the Sachs family is staying during the summer. Father and son both try for bass.

#### Post-War Item

After victory the big thing in vending will be drink machines, according to Charles Bernoff, of Regal Music Company. Unlike other venders, drink machines can be placed in almost any kind of retail outlet, he points out.

### Chicago:

### Greatest in the World

"The Greatest Business in the World" is the subject of the address which James T. Mangan, director of war promotions at Mills Industries, Inc., will deliver before the Phonograph Operators' Association of Cincinnati June 13. The affair will be held at Hotel Gibson.

### Plug for the Industry

Coin-operated equipment is scheduled for mention in the next issue of The Minute Man, field publication of the War Finance Division of the United States Treasury Department, when their ditor reviews the War Bond Dinner iponsored by J. P. Seeburg Corporation or all officials and employees of the irm who participate in War Bond sales.

# Jack Moore in Town

Jack R. Moore and wife, of Portland, Dre., are guests in Chicago this week. Moore was formerly a major in the Civillian Air Patrol, stationed on the Eastarn Seaboard. He is head of the firm of Jack R. Moore Company with offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

# Donate Sceing-Eye Dogs

A special tag day at Mills Industries. Inc., sponsored to purchase two seeingeye dogs for blind servicemen of World War II, received such enthusiastic support from Mills workers that five of the specialy trained dogs will be obtained with the funds raised, it is reported.

# Complete Gun Contract

Rock-Ola Manufacturing Corporation has successfully completed a major contract for production of MI Carbines and is tooling up for another huge government order including parts for planes and PT boats. Said Art Weinand, assist-

#### Brodie in Los Angeles

M. Brodie has opened an office in Los Angeles. The Long Beach branch has been closed. The firm is repairing coin facture slated to start after the war. . . . Bill Happel Jr., of Badger Sales Company, off on another business trip thru Southern California. . . . Bill Shorey, of Inland Amusement Company in San Bernardino, in the city on a business trip. . . . D. M. Brown over from Glendale, where he has music machines. . . . Clark Shaw breezed on from Long Beach. . . , A. J. Benjamin, of Santa Monica, a Venice Boulevard visitor at California Amusement. . . . Eddie Atkinson, local music operator, scouting around for machines and parts to keep the music operation going. . . . Jimmy Dyer, expert service- Buffalo: man, making the rounds in Los Angeles. Dyer has an A-1 stamp collection. . . . G. L. (Red) Catlin in the city from La-Crescenta. . . . Max Thiede making the rounds for Bill Wolf's California Amusement.

#### **Cooper Buying**

Jerry Cooper, of Riverside, made one of his regular trips to the city to purchase merchandise. . . . H. A. Carp, of Los Angeles, on Pico and Venice in the interest of his operations. . . . Jack Fogel, local music operator, on a buying trip. . . . E. E. Fairchild, also a local operator, making the rounds from West Washington to West Pico. . . . R. Perez, well known California music machine oper. ator, in Los Angeles on a shopping tour. While here he picked up equipment and other needed incidentals to keep the routes in Fresno rolling. . . . Herman Lee is operating in Los Angeles and also in the beach towns. With him on a recent visit to jobbing houses was Howard Lee, ... Billy Mason in the city from Santa Monica. Mason recently sold a number of games to Weymouth Service, headed by Al Weymouth. . . . Roy Tisdale a visitor from Glendale. . . . Ivan Montjoy in from Burbank. . . . Ken Brown renewing business acquaintances on a trip in from Long Beach, where he is with the Long Beach Cigarette Service. . . . Mike Goff also a visitor from out of town. Goff makes Templeton his headquarters. . . .

#### **Breaks Arm**

Ben Newmark, of the Atlas Automatic Music Company, nicknamed "Lefty" since he has carried his right arm in a cast for weeks, is hoping to get the cast off in time for a fishing trip this season. Sol Boesky, head of the Banner machines for the duration, with manu- Novelty Company, has been spending much of the time this past week at Grace Hospital, where his father, 79, has been seriously ill following a stroke.

#### Army Doings

Manny M. Zechman, former legal counsel for the Brilliant Music Company, is now in the army but was home on furlough recently. Mrs. Agnes Holland is running the office of the United Coin Machine Workers. She is the wife of Nell Holland, now in the army, who was formerly business agent of the union.

Al Bergman, prominent Buffalo coin machine operator, recent owner of a flourishing record retail store here, is recovering after a long bout with illness during the past few years. This seige of ill health forced him to sell his record store. Al now has a store in another location which serves him as coin machine operations headquarters.

Bergman's two eldest sons, both of whom helped him in his business, are now in service. Roy is a corporal in the Signal Corps, stationed at Camp Polk, La., and Al Jr. is a pic. at Davis-Monthan Field, Ariz. His youngest son won't be leaving him for some time, as he is just two years old.

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The next prohibition, found in the second paragraph of Section Four, is against installation in a place within 600 feet of a school, or other places, named, where children gather.

This prohibition might be reasonable, though it does not follow the statutory basis, but it is one which could be easily enforced without the arrangements requiring a permit in advance.

Then Section Three of the Ordinance provides for the length, and type, of electric cord to be used in plugging the music machine into a socket for electric current.

The City has, on statutory authority (Code 3327), such a complete and comprehensive ordinance for the protection of all places, and all kinds of electric wiring and gadgets, etc., in its Electric Code (Art. X, pages 278-308), Klewer's Memphis Digest, that the in-

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stant ordinance presoribing the length and type of cord for this one type of electric gadget among the hundred and one electric gadgets becomes puerile, and stands revealed as a mere pretense,

Outside of these pretenses at regulation, the whole ordinance is devoted to an claborate arrangement for the exaction of a PERMIT before a citizen may begin or continue in what is an innocent business, thus vesting in the City a control over business, which would be dangerous in the extreme. We have not merely a music machine question, but one of fundamental government.

#### Ordinance Violates Constitution of Tennessee and United States

Smith v. Knoxville, 40 Tenn. 245: This case was relied on by the City at the hearing before the Chancellor. It involved an ordinance which required retail liquor stores to close at nine P. M. and the ordinance was attacked on the ground that the City had no power to abrogate, or even abridge or limit the privilege, for which the dealer had paid the State.

The Court held the ordinance valid, because it did not abrogate the privilege, but merely made a reasonable restriction.

But the Court, in its opinion, cites the case of Robinson v. Franklin, 20 Tenn. 162, and distinguishes that case because it involved an ordinance which undertook to make the selling of liquor in the city a privilege under the city laws, and to forbid the exercise of this right without first obtaining a city license. This is the very question we have, as the City of Memphis has created a privilege by requiring a PERMIT. It matters not that there is a difference in the use of words. Per-

chines in business a privilege, and has taxed it as such. Chap. 51, Acts 1941, Sec. 12, Item 59(a).

Thus, enabled by the lead of the State, the City of Memphis was empowered also to tax the music machine business as a privilege, and it did so, and received from the complainant his money for the city tax and issued to him its receipt. Complainant paid the State, the City, and also the United States Government, the taxes on this privilege.

But the City of Memphis, in plain derogation of its contract of privilege, made when it received and kept complaintant's money, in April of 1943, sets up another or second privilege, for which complainant must again pay out money; worse, must quit his business and wait in the hall until a chief of police gets ready to take his additional money and issue a PERMIT; and, worse still, to be told that no more permits will be issued. So the licenses for which complainant paid the City for the full year of 1943 have expired without his having the benefit of that for which he paid.

Call it "license," call it "privilege," or call it "permit," there is no difference in meaning.

### Unreasonable Regulations

In the case of Craig et al., v. Mayor and Alderman of Town of Gallatin, Tennessee, 168 Tennessee, 413, the Court said:

"While the extent of the powers delegated to the corporation of Gallatin will be construed liberally, such construction cannot be carried to the point of holding that by ordinance it can take away, to a material degree, the privilege of operating a poolroom conferred upon petitioner by the State. The limitation of reasonableness must be applied to such an ordinance."

Reasonable regulation, of course, the City may make, as held in the Knoxville case. So here, the City may regulate and see that machines are not within 600 feet of schools, etc., and may regulate the length and type of electric cord, if that is so important, though the Electric Code would do that much better. But this does not mean that it is the City's right or power to declare the business as a privilege, and exact a permit in advance of operation. There is no doubt that this socalled regulation and exaction of a permit is unreasonable.

# **Test Vitamin Hypoed** Drinks, Cookies in **Chicago War Plants**

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Chicago is not only the scene of official tests of the popular appeal of concentrated and dehydrated foods, but it is also witnessing official tests of fortifying soft drinks and foods with vitamins. Vitamins have already been added to candy bars with success and have proved to have a decided sales appeal.

The War Production Board and the War Food Administration recently joined hands to try the addition of vitamins to drinks and cookles and test them in a war plant in Chicago. If the reports prove favorable it will give an additional talking point for the use of soft drinks. Vending machines are expected to be much more widely used in the sale of foods, soft drinks and candy bars after the war and the vitamin story will greatly boost sales of such items in venders because the machines make such items available to customers when they most desire them.

The vitamin tests being tried in Chicago consist in providing fortified lemonade and cookies to workers at frequent intervals to see if the frequent servings will boost worker production. If the idea of frequent servings gets official approval in this test it will be made-toorder propaganda for vending machines.

### Food Process

A food process has just been reported here, developed by the Doughboy Mills, Inc., of New Richmond, Wis., whereby foods can be compressed in one-pound bricks at a rate of speed by which one machine running 20 hours can turn out enough food bricks to feed the population of Chicago for one day. All the well-known vegetables and other foodstuffs can be compressed into the brick form and much is expected of the process commercially. It is anticipated that the one-pound bricks of food may be easily adapted to sale thru vending machines.



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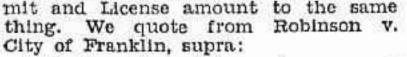
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"At the time this ordinance was passed and up to the period of its violation by the plaintiff in error, the laws of the State permitted persons who might obtain license as prescribed by those laws to retail spirituous liquors. Consequently individuals who had obtained a license to retail spirituous liquors under the STATE law could not, by an act of the corporate authorities of Franklin, be prohibited from retailing those liquors within the limits of that town.

"But this by-law expressly prohibits a party from retailing spirituous liquors within a corporation, under a heavy penalty, unless a license be first obtained from the corporation. It comes, therefore, in direct conflict with the law of the State, and hence is void."

In the instant case, the State has declared the operation of music ma-

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MUSIC FOR NAZIS .- The Germans have found a new job for Wilhem Furtwaengler, reports The New York Times. He has been assigned to conduct symphony concerts under the auspices of the National Socialist party for citizens who have been bombed out of their homes. The concerts should have fairly large audiences; they are restricted to those who have lost their homes in Allied air attacks and to members of the Nazl party and the armed forces. The first concert for bomb victims was held in Berlin Cathedral and the second, which propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels attended, was held for soldiers.

increase the extent of import machines from the United States is not known. It is conjectured, however, that many of the States bordering on Canada will enjoy an increase in business in all resorts employing coin machines and venders.

New plans call for absolutely no production of electric refrigerators with only a few ice boxes being entered in the construction program. Need for ranges and rangettes in the provinces has been included in the present production outlook and the manufacture of several thousand has been authorized by the Canadian government.

Civilians will also realize the benefit of still another authorization for the production of 100,000 electric irons which will be alloted to small manufacturers only, and these being spaced over a long period of time, the actual manufacture of the appliances being left to the discretion of government officials in charge of permits.

The vise-like grip on the steel quotes will continue until the war situation eases and no release is expected until the government's immense shell production program is well on its way to completion. Midsummer months are expected to greet the peak of the shell production program and optimistic manufacturers are formulating their plans around this prediction. At that time the man-power shortage will be alleviated and the relief of the steel and copper situation will be on its way to a less critical status.



# **Canada Coinmen's Hopes for** Steel Nixed by, Shell Needs

OTTAWA, Ont., June 10 .- The steel sit- amusement park equipment for a pop-Canada would be able to plan use of a ing being scarcer than ever. high qouta of scrap steel.

thru the government's recapitulation of wartime needs and the program for production of shells which is the biggest in Canada's history. The production of durable consumer goods in Canada must wait until a larger percentage of steel can be allocated for other than warnecessary products.

### **Reconversion** Nixed

Plans for the reconversion of many Canadian war plants were in the making but government officials say these have been cast aside until the vast shell production program can be completed. In the offing was a promise of thousands of household appliances and other devices

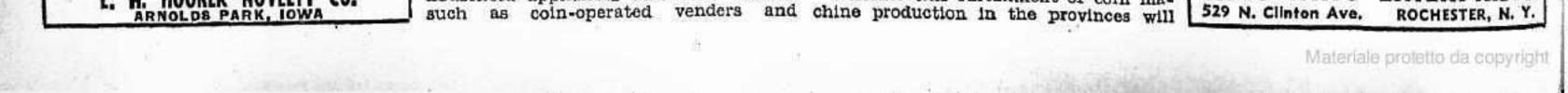
uation in Canada has tightened up con- ulace much in need of these products. siderably and the picture is not as bright But the lack of man power and material as it was painted a short time ago, when has dismissed all prospects for an immeit was predicted that producers of diate hope of reconversion, these necesamusement and vending equipment in sary factors for wholesale manufactur-

The additional demand for shells will This turn of events was brought about take at least 15 per cent of Canada's total steel supply and only a modest program of production will be carried thru in manufacturing washing machines, electric irons, ranges, etc.

> Curtailment of these previously planned production schedules, which were to allow for at least 1,800 electric washing machines by the end of June, as well as for the output of devices to be located in coin machine locations in the provinces of Canada, has been felt thruout the branches of these industries of the Dominion.

# **Resort Biz Might Increase**

Whether this curtailment of coin ma-



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# Students Know **Platter** Labels

# High school poll shows how juke boxes build disk following among "soxers"

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lockey is given a build-up in each issue. The jocks like it and maybe give Capitol a few extra breaks on their programs. Here again it's man power. Dave Dexter, firm's advertising and publicity director, who's been around music and musicians a long time, does the job. And it doesn't hurt, of course, for Johnny Mercer to do a Capitol recorded number on his air show, Johnny Mercer's Music Shop, Show was on Const-to-Const last summer and goes again this season.

About a month ago Capitol made a financial deal with Scranton Record Company, pressing plant. This, which should result in upped production, figures to keep the label moving right along. Capitol Records also owns a hunk of Capitol Songs, Inc., publishing outfit, currently clicking with Mercer's G. I. Jive.

### **Good Brunswick Build-Up**

is the Brunswick label, revived by Decca when it bought the Masters about a year his Singin' Sam (of radio fame) and his and a half ago. The high rating for this Five Red Caps (Ink Spots style) waxings label is a tribute to Decca's merchandis- have been doing well. ing and promotion, as Brunswick was a pretty dead name till they adrenalized it. This rating is testimony, too, to the power of the "collector's series" disk technique, as the only two single records issued under the label were La Compensita, a tango mated with another tango on the reverse side, and As Time Goes By, played by Jacques Renard and made when most of the bobby-soxers were just the well-known gleam. For the rest, the Brunswick tag was rebuilt by smart merchandising of collector albums of oldies made by such present-day names as Bing Crosby, Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington.

Bobby-SoxersKnow

High-school kids are real hot jazz record fans. That's only one of the points about records brought out by the disk label identification rating story developed from The Billboard's First Annual Poll of High School Music Preferences. Much other info of interest to juke box operators with bobby-sox locations is rewealed. Story starts in Music Department, this issue.

fact, as witness recent hot jazz issues by Savoy and other waveries. What is most likely the biggest promotional factor in promoting the sizzling platters is the space given them by record reviewers with a yen for this kind of disk. Carlton Brown, on Pic magazine, is a good ex. ample. He goes all out for the legit hot ones. The kids who collect the disks are avid readers of this type of column and steady buyers.

Distribution structures of these companies are not too imposing, with Commodore, for instance, selling direct to retailers, covering about 15 of the 48 States and working regularly with no more hosts to the De Kalb division. than a hundred dealers. All of which makes their identification rating even more surprising.

In ninth place, with 34 per cent, is Beacon, label owned by music publisher Joe Davis. Davis has skipped records, folk tunes and pops. Of late,

**Conference** in Chi

CHICAGO, June 10 .- Forty-six offi-Wurlitzer Company's North Tonawanda, N. Y.; DeKalb, Ill., and retail store divisions gathered at the Palmer House here June 1-2 for a conference.

Highlight of the two-day session was the annual banquet held at the Palmer House at which R. C. Rolfing, president, gave a detailed account of the over-all progress and growth of the company during the past year. Farney Wurlitzer also spoke and read off names of all employees with more than 20 years of service. Executives from the North Tonawanda and retall store divisions toured the De Kalb (Ill.) Wurlitzer plant Thursday afternoon. Last year the get-together was held in Buffalo, and the North Tonawanda factory heads were

Annual golf tournament was held Friday at the Elmhurst Country Club. Mike Hammergren won first prize with the lowest gross of the day.

Officers of the firm in attendance . In fourth place in identification rating around on musical types, issuing race were: R. C. Rolfing, president; Farney Wurlitzer, chairman of the board; Ray S. Erlandson, Cyril Farny, M. G. Hammergren, C. E. Johnson, Hugh A. Stewart and Rembert R. Wurlitzer, vice-presidents; John P. Weis, secretary-treasurer; R. E. Walline, comptroller; Morris C. Bristol, counsel and assistant treasurer; H. B. Horne, R. F. Waltemade and G. J. Weiler, assistant secretaries. Other key men on hand were: E. H. Loyd, A. S. Arnstam, E. L. Hahne, R. W. Carlson, P. R. Bowers, William Zeiser, T. M. McCarty, Early Payton, C. A. Bostwick, Ralph Sperry, J. F. Kesson, Bert Yockey, William H. Ritzl, B. J. Stemann, A. C. Dugan, A. C. Miller, C. H. Samlow, Geo. J. Dubell, I. O. Vaaler, A. D. Lce, Geo. Callahan, Spence Reese, W. Y. Shuck, F. L. Cronquist, Alex B. Hunter, R. A. Duquett, R. C. Haimbaugh, Ed. Wurgler, C. H. Parker, Ted Wensel and Paul Fuller.

Wurlitzer Executives N. Y. Music Mart Hold Annual 2. Day Opens for Biz

NEW YORK, June 12 .- The New York Automatic Music Market, one of the cers and key men of the Rudolph first of its kind in the East, opened today (12) at 630 10th Avenue.

> Phonograph jobbers thruout the country have been asked to send their quotes on all available equipment. These prices along with the bids received from operators are placed on a board similar to those found in "exchange" houses. As the bid and price asked is compared. sales are maneuvered. When they're close the exchange tries to get them together.

Figuring in the organization of this phonograph mart are Harry Lichtman, Dave Lowy and Harry Berger. Sam Mendelsohn manages the center. Lichtman, who was formerly connected with Lowy . in the distribution business, has resigned, but Lowy, in addition to his activity in the new "market," continues his present business.



HOW TO WRITE A SONG .- Judging from this column's mail, everyone isor would like to be-a songwriter. Two lengthy articles on songwriting appeared recently; one, in The New York Times. told of "Four Ways to Make a Song Hit"; the other, in The Milwaukee Jour-

### **Oberstein's Know-How**

Fifth most identified label is Ell Oberstein's Hit, product of Classic Records, which scored a hefty 84 per cent. Here again It's a case of savvy. Oberstein was recording director for RCA-Victor for quite a span, then launched his own United States Record Company, folded U. S., and bounced back with Classic and the Hit label. He managed, right thru the ban, to come out with disks of current pops, and has scored numerous beats in both tune and band presentation. In addition to knowing how to time the release of songs and bands, Oberstein has also had wide experience in merchandising, has solid tie-ups with such dstribution outlets as the Firestone chain and others, and all in all is pretty well able to find his way around the disk biz, even on a dark night.

### Hot Jazz High

Practically neck-and-necking for sixth, seventh (two-company tie) and eighth "most-often-tabbed" with 49 per cent, 41 per cent, 41 per cent and 38 per cent, respectively, are four hot jazz labels. These are Commodore, Apollo, Keynote and Blue Note, in the order named. What may have put Commodore out in front of its Le Jazz Hot rivals is a disk cut and released four years ago, Chu Berry's and Roy Eldredge's Stardust, backed by Body and Soul. This waxing is still selling at a steady and reasonably fast pace. Probably responsible for the narrow gap between the torrid-tone diskers is the fact that, at one time or another, they all wax the same combinations of top hot jazz instrumentalists. What the identification-voting on these and the other HJ outfits proves is that the high-school kids are real hot record collectors, and that a sound way to build a label name with them is to cut items of this type.

# Savoy Pushes Ahead

Hot on the heels of Beacon is Savoy, in 10th place in the identification ratings with 30 per cent. This outfit, headed by Herman Lubinsky, who also operates a retail disk and music shop in Newark, has also played the field. Starting with a Ross Leonard waxing of As Time Goes By, issued during the peak of the tune's rebirth, race numbers, pops, novelties, folk tunes and hot jazz have all appeared under the Savoy banner. Company also owns the King Solomon label, restricted to spirituals, and is prepping two hot jazz albums. Tied for the 10th place slot is another hot jazz waxery, Signature.

As the accompanying chart indicates, a few other companies seem to have established lesser label beachheads. Whether these, and the diskers mentioned, will be able to maintain and expand those beachheads in the post-ban and post-war eras is still a moot question. It may be that the fact that they were able to establish the identification ratings they did, in the face of their extremely limited production quotas and their comparative youth, means they will be able to continue to grow when they are able to produce more disks. Or it may be that when the bigger and older outfits are able to open up on their production, promotion and merchandising they will snow under some of the newer and smaller ones. Only time will tell. America's high-school kids, in the meantime, have given them all, big and small, an indication of the way they spin their disks.

# **Report Mexico City Bans Radios**, Jukes In Dance Halls, Etc.

OHICAGO, June 10 .- Press reports appeared in some newspapers this week saying that a decree had recently been issued by the President of Mexico which would require dance halls in the federal district of Mexico City to use orchestras for music and not use a radio or juke box. The order affects restaurants, cabarets and dance halls.

Other regulatory provisions, including a ban on bringing weapons into cabarets, were included in the decree. There has been agitation against juke box music in Mexico City in previous months.

nal, was an interview with Richard Rodgers, of Oklahoma fame, telling how to break into the songwriting business.

The New York Times article describes four general methods of writing songs: get the melody first; the reverse situation: write the lyrics, then find a tune: "situation" songwriting, in which a libretto is handed to a composer, and finally, song doctoring.

Spontaneous songwriting, Hollywood notwithstanding, is not the usual practice, according to The New York Times. The late George Gershwin, for Instance, declared that not more than three of his tunes came from inspiration. Songwriters can't rely on inspiration, he declared; they substitute talent plus knowledge. If his endowment is great enough, Gershwin contended, the song is made to sound as if it were truly inspired.

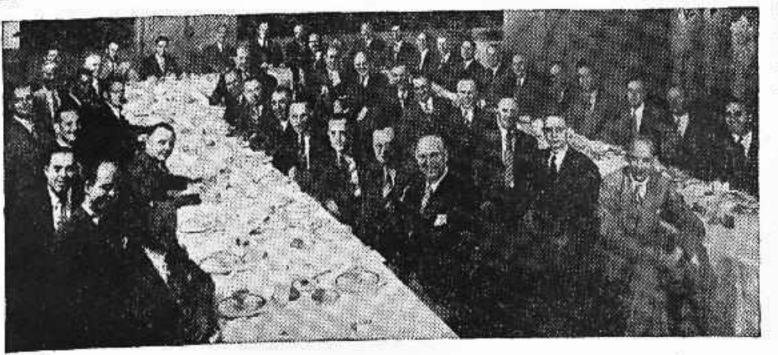
A good many current tunesmiths cold bloodedly pick out a tune, any tune, on the piano. George Meyer, who wrote the perennially popular For Me and My Gal, declares he wrote it "strictly from hunger."

Lyricists are more inclined to write from inspiration. They are likely to be inspired by anything from a line in some movie to ordinary conversation, the "serious" comics or some newspaper columnist.

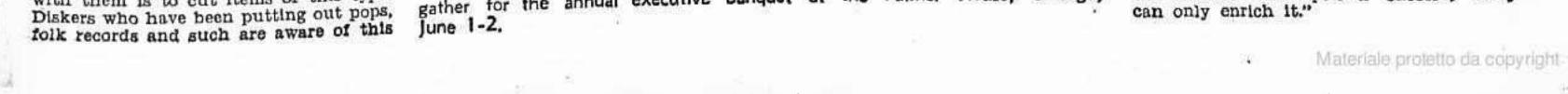
Few songwriters are also their own lyricists; Irving Berlin and Cole Porter are among the few notable exceptions. "Collaboration" is far more likely to spell success along Tin Pan Alley.

In The Milwaukee Journal article, Rodgers declares you have to break into songwriting thru the plumbing. He admits it's the old vicious circle: a writer needs experience but nobody will give him a chance to get experience.

His own road to success could hardly be called easy; he declares he worked like a dog, without recognition and without profit, for years and years; studied music theory at a leading conservatory in New York; wrote amateur shows until he was ready to howl. He wrote 25 complete shows for colleges, churches, synagogues, girls' schools. "Keep writing, keep moving," 16 Rodgers's advice. "Don't be afraid of sound academic music training. It's an enormous help. If Irving Berlin had studied Beethoven and Bach he would still be Irving Berlin. Knowledge of the classics can't spoil a talent; they can only enrich it."



FORTY-SIX EXECUTIVES and key men of the Wurlitzer Company gather for the annual executive banquet at the Palmer House, Chicago,



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dance artists started a series of Saturday now showing at Madison Sanitarium Hos-



### **Control Orders**

The first control orders that began to reduce the production of machines in 1941 were those covering the use of copper, aluminum and zinc. Recently the orders that control the use of copper and zinc have been issued in amended form, permitting wider use of the materials as conditions permit. It may be that the invasion will call for greater restrictions than ever on these materials but the trend has been toward removing the controls by degrees. The orders have an interesting comparison as to the terms used to refer to the coin machine industry. When the copper order M-9-c was issued in an amended form December 10, 1941 ,it simply referred to "slot, game and vending machines" as not being allowed any copper. But the order as amended on May 26, 1944, refers to machines under the following description:







sented each Saturday night, the second being broadcast over the Blue network. First night drew 4,000 enthusiastic fans (capacity) to the two shows and since Jerry Lama and Jack Fried, was introthat time more than 100,000 people have passed thru the turnstiles to see 32 performances. Then a series of personal appearances was inaugurated and these Bava. drew crowds of from 2,000 to 10,000.

immediately and after 13 weeks in the

small studio it moved to the Fort Wayne

Shrine Theater and opened the hop to

night programs. The show caught on pital."

### "Hop" Personnel

Cast of the show includes the Hoosier Cornhuskers, comprised of Al Petit, accordion; Fred Oliver, yodeler and comedian; Pete Smith, violin, and Patsy Jo Kelly, vocalist; the Blackhawk Valley Boys-Pete Fall, emsee and comedian; George Arthur, vocalist, and Andy Anderson, accordion; Judy and Jen, harmony team; Skeets Cross, comedian formerly on KMA, Shenandoah, Ia., KMOX, St. Louis, and WIBC, Indianapolis; Herb Hayworth, vocalist; Howard' Ropa, baritone singer; Don and Helen, instrumentalists and singers; Joe Trimm, singer of Western tunes, and Penny West, vocalist. The show has moved back to the studio for the summer months but returns to the Shrine Theater in Sep. tember.

### **King's Baby Production**

Frank (Pce Wee) King, whose Golden West Cowboys band has been featured in pictures and personal appearances with Gene Autry, and who has been on the Grand Ole Opry program at WSM, Nashville, for five years, is the father of twin



the public. 'Two performances were pre\_ Dance comedian and former member of the Prairie Ramblers, has returned to WLS after a six-month leave of absence.

Salty Holmes, WLS National Barn

Tunester Tattle

Don't Waste My Time, new tune by duced recently by Chuck and Ellie Story from the Village Barn, over WOR, New York. Tune is being published by John

Cliff Japhet, songwriter, is back at his home in Gloversville, N. Y., after a sojourn in a hospital. He writes he has received a letter from Polly Jenkins and Uncle Dan, with whom he was formerly associated, stating they are contemplating an overseas trip to entertain the troops.

Lee Lunsford, of the WLS Cornerackers. Chicago, has been accepted by the marine corps and left recently to start his basic training.

Have I Waited Too Long, words by Peggyann Munson, music by Roscoe F. Barnhart, is getting quite a play on the radio by hillbilly players and singers.

# **D-DAY HALTS**

(Continued from page 60) for resumption of civilian produc-

tion at some undeterminable time. "The committee members recommended that, as labor, facilities and materials become available, civilian production be permitted to be resumed gradually, and that special

efforts be made to assist smaller manufacturers in the industry as early as possible. Smaller manufacturers, with few war contracts, they

"Slot, game and vending machines, including parking meters (except sanitary napkin vending machines) when the only copper products or copper base alloy products used are for tumblers for locks."

### **Evolution of Terms**

That variation may be called something like the evolution of terms used to describe coin machines in government orders. The order controlling zinc was amended June 2, 1944, and it refers to coin machines in the following manner:

"Coin-operated devices: automatic phonographs, gaming machines, vending machines (except sanitary napkin machines as permitted by General Limitation Order L-27)."

The trade may object to the point in the zinc control order which evidently includes all amusement machines under

### The Billboard

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# **POPULAR RECORD REVIEWS**

#### ANDREWS SISTERS (Decca)

"Straighten Up and Fly Right"-FT: V. "Tico-Tico"-FT; V.

Newest Harlem catch phrase to catch on in a blg way in song is Straighten Up and Fly Right, which Nat (King) Cole fashioned into a contagious live ditty. It's a fanciful tale of a hungry buzzard and a monkey having other thoughts than becoming feast food, telling the ogre to Straighten Up and Fly Right. Such dittying is tailor-made for the Andrews gals, and they give it a bright and breezy setting that spells socko for the song and the side. The record release of the King Cole Trio (Capitol) having created a great deal of enthusiasm for the ditty already, it's a cinch to soar the popularity heights with this added sendoff by the Andrews Sisters. In the foxtrot-rumba tempo, with the rhythms ever bright, the sister team harmonize it expertly as well for Tico-Tico, the fanciful Latin ditty from the recent Disney picture, Saludos Amigos, The rhythmic urge is accented instrumentally by Vic Schoen and the boys.

The novelty appeal of "Straighten Up and Fly Right," already the by-word in Harlem quarters, is a cinch to be taken up by the youth of the land in short order. With this record entry by the Andrews Sisters to stimulate the acceptance, music operators have a sure winner in the side.

#### DICK HAYMES (Decca)

"How Blue the Night"-FT; V. "How Many Times Do I Have To Tell You"-FT; V.

Dick Haymen gives a full measure of vocal enjoyment in these two sides, the troubadour offering up two of the ballads he featured in the Four Jills in a Jeep feature flicker and brushes fem cars just the right way for both of these Jimmy McHugh-Harold Adamson songs. Emil Newman's orchestra provides a musical actting that shows off the voice citement for Conconito (Little Turkey). to best advantage. Effective use of the The remaining four sides are instrusax section and the brass choir, blending the muted horns with the muted strings,

gives the Haymes voice a silver-coated setting that makes the sides all the more striking. How Blue the Night is at a moderate tempo, and several degrees slower is How Many Times Do I Have To Tell You.

Dick Haymes doing the singing for both faces by WPB on a basis of hardship and foland both ballads stemming from his current screen chore. Music operators should use both sides to good advantage in the machines.

# **Popular Album Reviews**

#### XAVIER CUGAT'S MEXICO (Columbia)

The American disk fans react most favorably to Xavier Cugat's rumba and conga platter packages, and a wide reception is a cinch to attend the maestro's third album, wherein he takes in a musical tour of Mexico. Cugat has a singular way of saying the Latin lullables in a way that no other has been able to approximate. While these sldes were cut in an carlier year, it is all unmistakably Cugat, capturing the Mexicali spirit and song in a manner that brings out all the exciting and exotic charm of the melodic content. Eight sides are packaged, with many of the tunes quite familiar to the folk on this side of the border. The Cugat treatment of tune brings anew a sparkle to the song that never was heard before in just the same way. As a showcase of Mexican folk music and song, Cugat makes the sides all the more gay and captivating in striking them all out in concertized settings to make for maximum listening appeal. The Cugat Chorus, per usual, blends expertly with the instrumentalists, with the lyrical delights, in native tongue, taken in excellent stride by Carmen Castillo (for Guadalajara, Las Mananitas and Ojos Tapatios), with Lina Romay and Miguelioto Valdes lending their vocal exmentals and include the famous Chiapanecas waltz, a particularly pretty Mexican waltz in Marimba, a gay Jesusita polka and the familiar hat dance, Jarabe Tapatio. Apart from the good neighborly incentives, these Cugat sides will all serve the music machine operators in good style.

production and relief was being granted requires keeping complete records of inin a small way.

while retooling after cutbacks in war contracts. In a few cases straight permisison was being granted to make lamps from large frozen inventories of materials. In all cases it was necessary to get official permits from WPB to make lamps and distribution of the finished product was being made on a strict al-No choosing between these sides, what with location basis. Appeals were being filed low the regular appeals procedure. The number of permits granted was said to be very small in comparison with the number of appeals from manufacturers.

Thus it can can seen that whatever changes the invasion may compel the WPB to make in future plans for civilian production, the agency was making progress on a broad scope.

# WPB CHARGES

#### (Continued from page 60)

and it has a higher percentage of armynavy E Awards than probably any other industry in the country.

From officials some idea was gained as to the type of alleged violations by the Columbus firms. A distributor of slot machines in Columbus was reported to have bought a substantial interest in and become an officer of a plant that machined many of the parts for the gaming devices. Another distributor was said to have used an AA-5 priority, which he had been granted for obtaining metal parts used in maintaining vending machines, to obtain parts for the gaming devices.

Reporters said the Columbus firms had apparently been casting and machining metal exteriors for slot machines, nickel plating the devices, assembling them and then selling them to buyers in cities scattered all over the United States.

WPB officials said that order M-126 had evidently been violated which bans the use of iron and steel in slot machines. The order prohibits the acceptance or delivery or processing iron and steel in such devices; forbids accepting delivery of

ventories, production and sales; prohibits In some cases a limited allowance of fabrication of repair parts; forbids the materials would be granted to firms use of nickel to plate unauthorized items, and so on.

> One of the first actions expected is that regional WPB officials will meet firms charged with violations in a conference meeting.





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### SONGS BY JOHNNY MERCER (Capitol-Criterion)

While the eight song selections for this album are all the authorship of Johnny Mercer, with the composer's characteristic style of songselling very much in evidence, the honors in the spinning are copped by Jo Stafford, who sings alone and with the accompanying voices of the, Pied Pipers. In fact, it is the svelte song projection of Miss Stafford that makes the album a must-have package. If only for her singing of Too Marvelous for Words and I Remember You, two of Mercer's better ballads, the package is well worth the asking price. Mercer is at his best when singing the songs particularly suited for his stylings, and makes both Jamborce Jones and Dizieland Band count for much. His lackadaisical singing also offers good expression for On , the Nodaway Road, and Miss Stafford joins him for Blues in the Night. The Pied Pipers, with Miss Stafford in the lead, bring You Grow Sweeter and You and Your Love up to date with bright and rhythmic arrangements and modern harmonies. Thru it all is the fine musical backgrounds etched by Paul Weston and his music makers. With the public in a receptive mood for the ballad favorites of an earlier year, music machine operators can start a real revival of interest in both Too Marvelous for Words and I Remember You on the strength of Miss Stafford's stand-out song selling for these evergreens. Album itself is the first entry by the Capitol label in the packaged platter field. For a starter it shows that the label is not lacking in foresight or imagination to make for good merchandising values. For such disk selling, the waxwork is giving the packaged sides a new royal purple-colored Criterion label.

# **D-DAY HALTS**

(Continued from opposite page) has confirmed on most points by WPB officials. It was related that manufacturers of lamps and lamp shades had filed petitions for metals to increase

aluminum castings for the same purpose; 2858 N. Clark Street CHICAGO, ILL.





**Councilmen's Proposal May Reverse Cig Taxation Trend** 

**MERCHANDISE MACHINES** 

Seek to drop cent per pack levy passed in 1940 to raise relief funds-no move in offing to change \$5 vender levy-ordinance details cited

DENVER, June 10 .- The question of cigarette taxes came before the city council here again June 5 when a proposal was introduced to end the city tax of 1 cent per package. The trend in recent years has been to add a tax on cigarettes and Denver may be starting a trend in the opposite direction. Two councilmen sponsored the new proposal to drop the tax, one of them having been a supporter

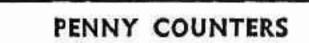
of operators during recent years. The question of taxes on cigarettes was much in the air here thruout 1940 and It was during that time the council also decided to license cigarette vending machines.

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When the city decided to tax the retail sales of cigarettes, which took effect August 1, 1940, it was to provide much needed relief funds. The proponents for dropping the tax say the city no longer needs the funds. But other members of the council argue just as strongly that total city revenues are dropping and that money from cigarette taxes will be needed soon, if not now. The cigarette tax may be as hotly debated in coming weeks as it was when proposed in 1940.

### **Revenue Derived**

Since the question has come up, the tax office records show that receipts on (See DENVER CIG TAX on opp. page)



# Things Not So Good For Hitler or Sugar at War's End in Europe

NEW YORK, June 10 .- Even if the European phase of the war ends soon, candy production will be handicapped by a world-wide tight sugar supply.

Before the war Europe produced about one-third of the world's 30,000,000 tons of annual output. It is believed, however, that the European industry has been about 50 per cent ruined.

took several years to recover, and it is believed the same situation will occur least 10,000,000 tons less than in 1939. this time.

La. State Cig Taxes Paid by Consumers

The Billboard

DENVER TO KILL CIG TA

NEW ORLEANS, June 10.- A resolution to amend the State cigarette tax laws to designate these taxes as "taxes on the consumer" has been adoped by the Tax Consultants' Association of Louisiana and forwarded to Gov. James H. Davis and the State Legislature, which is now in session.

Tobacco people in this area agree that stressing the fact that taxes such as this are borne only by the consumer would more clearly show the public why prices on cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products are steadily being forced upward and that profits to manufacturers and distributors are no larger than when prices are at a lower level.

The resolution declared, "The cigarette taxes are definitely and unequivocally taxes on the consumer and as such should be so designated in the law." The amendment was also urged so that citizens of the State may deduct such taxes from their State income tax reports.

been dismantled and returned to Japan.

In 1938-'39 world consumption of sugar was about equal to production. Estimating a loss of 5,000,000 tons from Europe and 2,500,000 tons in the Philippines and Java, and a depletion of reserve supplies of 2,500,000 tons, it is con-After the last war European production servatively figured that supplies, when the European market reopens, will be at

Most of the controls from the producer The Philippines and Java, which nor- to the ultimate consumer, including mally contribute at least 2,500,000 tons ceiling prices, will remain in effect for annually to the world's sugar supply, at least a year and possibly two years

# **Texas Ford Gum Operators** Meet

Hold all-day session in Houston-Mason talksofficers are re-elected

HOUSTON, June 10 .- Operators of Ford gum vending machines, an active organization in this State, mot in annual convention here May 29. Only one absent member was noted when the roll was called and he had to cancel his reservation at the last minute because of unavoidable circumstances. All business sessions were held at the Lamar Hotel and a dinner program was observed in the evening.

Most of the delegates arrived in Houston the day before the meeting and were entertained at the home of the organization president, R. C. (Bob) Pearson. The big social occasion was interrupted by a miniature war when police captured some kidnapers near the home.

At the business session, May 29, all incumbent officers were elected for another year by unanimous vote. These include R. C. Pearson, Houston, president; H. L. Wilkinson, Vernon, vice-president, and John Horn, Merkel, secretary-treasurer. A round-table discussion of the gum situation followed during the remainder of the forenoon.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was devoted to addresses by F. S. Mason, president of will be even longer in recovering from after the war and will be lifted only the Ford Gum & Machine Company, of

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the war, it is believed in trade circles, gradually as market conditions warrant. since it is thought that all plants have trade sources say.

# **Candy Industry** Eases Paper Shortage With Salvage Plan

loosening up of the tight package short- try, paper savings of vast proportions age situation soon if members of the can be realized. Instead of discarding National Confectioners' Association fol- containers after a delivery or service call low the dictates of their organization is made it is suggested that operators, leaders. Unless members of the confec- distributors and manufacturers invoke tionery industry as well as those in al- a stringent salvage campaign amongst lied fields adopt a container re-use pro- all employees working with them. As gram to alleviate the shortage now being in reality the shortage only tends to experienced, there will be no containers affect the business of each individual or for further shipment, they have been firm. warned.

Some of the shortage of stock being felt by coin machine operators can be attributed to the fact that containers are scarce and much of it cannot be shipped because of the package lack.

A "Three-Point Paper Conservation Program" has been advocated by the NCA which stresses shipping container and chip board box re-use, revision of packaging requirements and salvage of waste paper. Thru the revision of packaging requirements in all allied indus-

CHICAGO, June 10 .- There will be a tries, including the coin machine indus-

# **Booklet** Distributed

Distribution of a booklet by the NCA conservation committee of the candy industry and other allled industry mem-"bers to make an all-out effort to conserve containers. This booklet outlines the "three points of conservation" and over 1,200 candy manufacturers and allied interests benefited from the paper salvage tips contained therein.

The National Confectioners' Association has formed a NCA Paper Conservation Committee and members are under the direction of Chairman R. C. Gillesple, Curtis Candy Company, Chicago. Other members of the committee and the geographical trading areas which they represent are: New England, P. F. Coakley, the Gobolin Co., Cambridge, Mass; New York, Samuel D. Fried, Up-To-Date Candy Manufacturing Co., New York City; Mideast, Philip Wunderle, Philip Wunderle Co., Philadelphia, and J. L. Hardie, Hardie Bros., Pittsburgh; Southeast, R. L. Henderson, Norris, Inc., Atlanta; Central West, H. F. Oblander, Bunte Bros., Chicago; Midwest, S. R. Douglas, Douglas Candy Co., St. Joseph, Mo.

### Educate Members

Members of the committee will be responsible for educating members in their territories and following thru with the "three-point program" of paper salvage (See Industry Eases Paper on page 69)

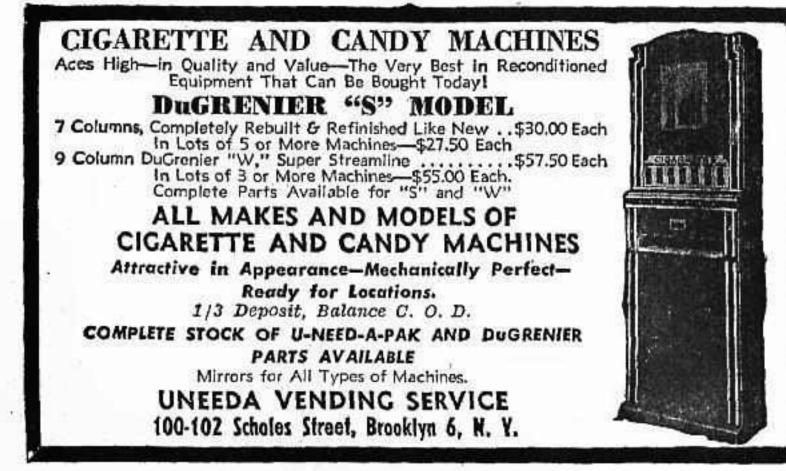
Lockport, N. Y., and H. K. Hart, secretary-treasurer of the firm. Mason made a very complete report on the recent Midwest conference of the National Automatic Merchandisers' Association in Chicago, which he attended. He said the various speakers and reports at the Chicago meeting were a good index to the opinions of leaders in the vending machine industry. Mason said that leaders in the trade are optimistic about the future of vending machines when the war is over. Mason is a member of the board of directors of the NAMA and also travels all over the nation in the interests of his firm. His reports on conditions seen in various States was received with great interest.

Hart sketched the history of the Ford company since 1938, when he first became an official of the firm. The report was important to operators of Ford vending machines in this area who handle mostly ball gum machines.

### **Those Present**

The list of members present at the meeting included Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Paudler, Crosbyton, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. John Horn, Merkel; Mrs. R. C. Price, Austin, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pearson, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Scott, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitlock, Shreveport, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Rauch, Fort Worth; C. C. Schoppe, San Antonio; R. G. Thomson, Waco; W. L. Davidson, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ehrle, Tulsa, Okla.; E. T. Wilkinson, Tyler, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lippincott, Port Arthur, Tex., and H. L. Wilkinson, Vernon, Tex.







#### **ARCADE NEWS** 67

# Md. Resort Biz Health Arcades of Over '43 Mark

OCEAN CITY, Md., June 10,-Decoration Day business indicated a blg season for this famous Maryland resort spot, and a crowd of 25,000 spending the hollday here proved a stimulus to business at arcades and other amusement spots. The arcades have always been big attractions here, and this year proved no exception. Patrons were given an opportunity to play all the amusement devices. Arcade operators reported a heavy play from early morning until late at night, especially over the week-end preceding Decoration Day. Many patrons prolonged their stay in town until the following week-end.

### Bookings Heavy

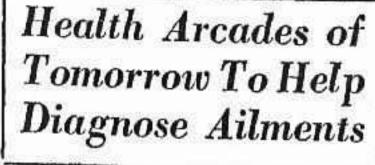
Hotel reservations and cottage spots have been heavily booked for the season, especially for June and July, giving every indication that the resort is to enjoy its best season in its 69-year history. For the last two seasons the ban on pleasure driving proved a hindrance to business, and it is apparent that many vacationers unable to visit here last year are doing so now.

# Decoration Day Biz This device could readily be equipped with coin-operated mechanism whereas **Breaks All Records** Balto For Arcades

BALTIMORE, June 10 .- Record crowds in the amusement parks and swimming pools helped swell the business at arcades and other coin machine centers here Decoration Day.

Weather was ideal for fun seckers in the parks, and the areades did a thriv- machine is portable and is operated quite ing business.

Gwynn Oak Park, one of the largest amusement centers in the city, recorded an all-time attendance surpassing their record Fourth of July crowds of past years, according to Arthur B. Price, owner and general manager. This crowd took in all amusement attractions and patronized the arcade heavily. In early afternoon the crowd was estimated in excess of 20,000, and grew larger as the highttime went on, thus breaking the all time attendance record.



CHICAGO, June 10 .- Arcades of tomorrow definitely have a place for health diagnostic devices which will measure the health of an individual and given him split second warning of impending danger. There has been much discussion in the coin machine industry of this service for the arcade of tomorrow are coin mapossibility and scientists and medica connected with war plants thruout the country have been constantly on the search for some mechanical method of quickly diagnosing the allments of fatigued war workers.

# New Development

The latest development in this field other muscle-provoking devices. was recently revealed by the Du Pont trial Toxicology where a heart-sound de-Foulger, director, and Paul E. Smith Jr., operated food venders. physicist.

The heart sound detector is tuned to pick up the faint echoes of incipient illness in other parts of the body.

employees in war plants could diagnose their own aches and pains and take a short cut to good health.

### Warns Patient

Dr. John H. Foulger, director, and Paul E. Smith Jr., physicist, at the Du Pont 183 cigarette machines. company's Haskell Laboratory of Industrial Texicology, developed the detector which warns the patient of trouble signs long before any symptoms show. The simply.

### Important to Nation's Health Scientists have predicted a shortage of \$5 per year.

competent physicians and surgeons in the immediate post-war period and it is felt that devices of an automatic nature which will be coin-operated in lieu of the similar man-power shortage to attend such machines, will play an important part in protecting the health of the nation. one developed by Du Pont can find loca- favored absorbing the tax while indetion in most large plants, stores, hotels and other establishments where people gather and a machine-minded populace which will take hold in the post-war period will reap the benefits of its service. graph now used in all medical labora- of the council saying that it may be held tories and by many physicians is valua- up for weeks. Newspaper reports indibly utilized in diagnosing the ailments cate strong opposition to removing the of the heart itself, but the heart-sound tax. detector developed by the Haskell Laboratory scientists uses the heart as a sounding board and thus catches changes in circulation which are all-important from a medical standpoint, and which at the same time do not indicate heart retail tobacco stores and cigarette vendweakness or damage. Heart damage according to the Du Pont scientists does point to the chance that the disturbance might be caused by absorption of toxic materials in the system or by war-nerves, war-work fatique, colds or infections. The device now developed provides a valuable supplement to periodic blood-pressure ex-

aminations which Du Pont plant doctors have been using with success for some time.

Workers in the Du Pont plant have been checked with this new sound detector and ailments with which they complained have been found to be easily traced; and the doctors determined from an abnormal heart sound whether the record is due to industrial hazard or to prevalling health factors.

### Here's the Future

Already arcades doing business in many States have coin-operated devices which measure your blood pressure, your sight and your strength. Others planned chine devices for placement in the Health Center Arcade are treadmill reducing machines; coin-operated bicycle reducers; coin-release bowling machines of normal size; pool and billiard tables which will allow a patron a game or two with insertion of a few coins; as well as more modernized punching bags and

In these future Health Centers one Company's Haskell Laboratory of Indus- will be able to take home a full course all-content vitamin dinner by selecting tector was developed by Dr. John H. his favorite foods from automatic coin-

# DENVER CIG TAX

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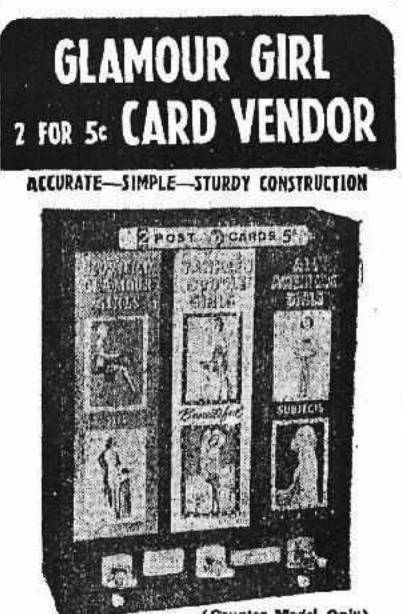
retail sales of cigarettes in 1940 were \$144,808; in 1941 a total of \$318,280 was taken in, and in 1942 the city received \$328,176. Later reports have not been made available. The license on cigarette venders went into effect in 1940 and that year the city collected the fee on 387 venders. In 1941 the city licensed only

While the city was seeking needed revenue in 1940, an ordinance was passed which placed a retail license on tobacconists at \$5 per year and \$10 on cigarette venders. Operators of machines contested this difference in rates in the courts as discriminatory and won. The license fee on venders was then fixed at

chine licensee hereunder shall accompany his application for such license with a verified statement showing the number and location of all such machines owned by him and so used, and any change of location or new installation of any such machine shall be immediately reported to the manager of safety and excise in a subsequent affidavit of the owner. Each vending machine so owned and used, as shown by said affidavits, shall be assigned a number, and each such licensee shall secure from the manager of safety and excise for a price which shall reasonably represent the cost thereof a metal tag for each such machine owned or operated by him. The aforesaid tag shall show the number assigned to the machine for which it is issued, and each such tag shall be securely affixed and at all times be kept affixed in a conspicuous place to the machine for which it is issued.

# Sell Less Flue-Cured Tobacco

Less flue-cured tobacco was sold in five main Southern producing States in 1943 than in 1942, the War Food Administration reports. Last year's total poundage was 859,731,466, compared with 1942's 875,155,938 pounds. Approximately 9,500,000 pounds of scrap tobacco were sold by growers outside regular auction channels in 1943, WFA estimated. In 1942 this figure was 11,000,000 pounds,



### Carlin Good, Too

Carlin's Amusement Park, which also attracted huge attendance likewise experienced a heavy play in the arcade, and other coin machine centers. John J. Carlin, owner and general manager, expressed satisfaction with the turnout and the patronage of all attractions.

The arcade at Bay Shore Park started its new season with this holiday. Crowds, attracted to the spot by its swimming facilities, took time off to play coin operated attractions.

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# **Absorbing Tax**

Like many other cities, when Denver passed the original tax on retail sales of cigarettes, a number of retail stores decided to absorb the tax instead of passing it on to the consumer. This became an issue and was finally taken Health diagnostic devices such as the before the city council. Chain stores pendents and operators urged that the tax be passed on to the consumer. The council voted unanimously for a bill which decreed that the tax be passed on to the consumer.

The fate of the new proposal to drop The stethoscope and the electrocardio- the tax is unpredictable, some members

### The License Plan

The license ordinance which was passed at about the same time has been considered unique in its combination of ing machines in the same bill. The ordinance passed in 1940 is as follows:

Section 22. Ordinance No. 125, Series of 1922, is hereby repealed. and Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 105, Series of 1922, are hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to exercise, carry on or engage in the occupation of tobacconist or seller of cigars, cigarettes or tobacco in any form or character, at retail or wholesale or by vending machines, without first obtaining a license therefor; provided, that any retail merchant who keeps a vending machine in his own place of business dispensing tobacco in any form, the owner of which machine is licensed hereunder, shall not be deemed to be selling tobacco by vending machine within the meaning of this ordinance.

"Section 2. The license fee for carrying on the business of tobacconist or selling cigars, cigarettes or tobacco in any form, except for carrying on such business by vending machine, shall be Five Dollars (\$5) per annum. The license fee for cartying on the business of selling tobacco in any form by vending machine shall be Ten Dollars (\$10) per annum for each such machine so used, the same to be paid by the (Counter Model Only)

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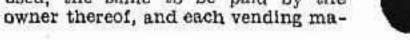
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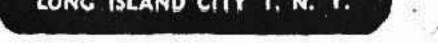
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### The Billboard

FEDERAL TAXES DIE HIV

June 17, 1944

**OWI Pics for** REVIEWS **Soundie Fans** 

> Information pictures plus a special trailer on the Fifth War Loan drive will be shown free to Soundies audiences thruout the country beginning this week. Fifth War Loan picture is a 30-second bit which goes on every print of program 1168 going out this week. Also on this reel as a "free a three-minute film on the coast guard.

This film, along with four others, have been furnished by OWI to the Soundies Distributing Corporation, which in turn is making them available to Soundie operators free of charge. Additional pics include Caissons Go Rolling Along, which will appear on Program 1170; Anchors Blues. Four page girls form an admiring Aweigh, which will appear on 1172; Marine's Hymn on 1174, and Keep 'Em Rolling on 1176. There will be no notch in the film at the OWI picture so that it will immediately follow the preceding

CHICAGO, June 10.-Five Office of War

Soundies expects each OWI film to appear in at least 3,000 programs. Since the OWI requests accurate reports of the number of times each film is shown, operators are being furnished with cards to notify Soundies of the number of times each picture is exhibited. From these reports the approximate number of people who view the film will be calculated.

Jim Basso, Toledo Pin Game and Arcade Op, Dies

last year — full details of law given

**New Fiscal** 

Year Begins

AMUSEMENT MACHINES

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CHICAGO, June 10.-July 1 will mark the beginning of another federal fiscal year for the coin machine keeping with the period of the song. industry. Between July 1 and 31, payments must be made to the Gould.) Internal Revenue Bureau, Form 11-B is the official tax form to be used.

The federal tax law as passed in 1941 and amended in 1942 still remains the official tax on coin machines. Several efforts were made by various trade groups to push thru amendments during the past year but all failed. The tax on coin machines is strictly a tax on the location, but operators have always taken care of details in filling out blanks for location owners. Full payment must be made in certified check, postal money order or cash to the Collector of Internal Revenue by July 31 on all taxable machines. Payment must be for full year irrespective of how long the machine may be on location during the year. On machines placed in operation after July DAVID BROOKS, as a waiter, sings, and 1, tax must be paid at the prorata rate (approximately 83 cents per month per nurses. \$10 taxable machines) for the number of months remaining between the month the machine is placed on location and Masquerade, assisted by STAN KENTON'S June 30, 1945.

Assembled and released by Soundies eer's shack. (Ben Blake.) Distributing Corporation of America, Inc. Release date, May 29.

MOVIE MACHINE

# Program 1167

Election Day, starring CINDY WALKER No changes in rates from and RED RIVER DAVE, accompanied by a hillbilly band, tells of the events on that fatal day. Frontier town setting. (Triumph Films.)

> THE FOUR LADYKILLERS and ROBERTA LEE sing A Bird in a Gilded Cage, with Miss Lee appearing as the caged bird (literally). Costuming is in There's also a chorus of four girls. (Dave

Two Guitars in Jive features the dancing of AMARILLO. Setting is a gypsy tea room. The music is played first in traditional style, then in swing. Four dancing girls are included in the cast, (R. C. M. reissue.)

The LeDonne Trio (xylophone, bass and guitar) play and sing I'd Love to be a Cowboy, a comedy tune. Unfortunately, they're drugstore cowboys. Tavern setting. (Ben K. Blake.)

Dance Brevities presents THE LUCKY GIRLS (7) in three settings and types of dancing; in a harem, jiving and as ballet dancers. (Soundies.)

She's the Niece of Uncle Sam should result in a rise in enlistments in the feminine branches of the armed services. the CLAWSON TRIPLETS appear as navy Setting is a coffee shop. (Triumph Films.)

JIMMY NEWELL sings Moonlight ORCHESTRA and TUT MACE. Setting, appropriately enough, is a masquerade party. (R. C. M. reissue.)

KAY LORRAINE and CARL TREES sing the tuneful Embraceable You, to the accompaniment of MERLE PITT AND THE FIVE SHADES OF BLUE. The singers appear as window dressers who sing, instead of whistle, while they work. (Minoco reissue.)

Minute Waltz, played by VINCENT LOPEZ AND HIS ORCHESTRA, is highlighted by Lopez's solo work. Bandstand feature" is the OWI film, Semper Paratus, background. (Triumph Films.)

BILLY MCDONALD AND HIS ROYAL HIGHLANDERS, dressed in Lord Fauntleroy suits, stars in Playmates, McDonald carries the vocals, with six girls in kid attire for eye appeal. (Dave Gould.)

One Man Band is VINCE (BLUE) MONDI, who plays and sings St. Louis audience. (Soundies.)

In Minnie the Mermaid, singer REDD HARPER plays a befogged sailor who dreams he goes to the bottom of the sea and meets Minnie and assorted other "paid" Soundie as a free play feature. charming mermaids. JULIANNE MER-RITT, a stunning blonde, playing Minnie. (R. C. M. reissue.)

JUNE RICHMOND, who has been appearing at Hollywood's Trocadero, sings Hey, Lawdy, Mama, to the music of ROY MILTON AND HIS BAND. Bandstand setting. (R. C. M.)

Assembled and released by Soundies Distributing Corporation of America, Inc. Release date, June 12.

# Program 1169

The very popular It's Love, Love, Love is sung by the TAILOR MAIDS (3) and JIMMY DODD. JOE REICHMAN'S OR-CHESTRA provides the music, and there's a chorus of six girls. (R. C. M.)

### Tax Details

Operators desiring to obtain detailed instructions about various questions of the law can obtain regulations 59 (1941 edition) from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., for 10 cents per copy. This bulletin, along with a complete summary of the law, was also published in June 26, 1943, issue of The Billboard.

An unofficial summary of the federal tax as applied to coin machines follows:

1. ARCADE MACHINES .- These machines are classed as amusement machines in the federal law, and the tax is \$10 per machine, whether operated by penny or any other coin. If a prize or award is given on any amusement machine, even in an arcade, the machine becomes a gaming device and the tax is \$100.

2. AMUSEMENT MACHINES. - This general classification in the federal law covers all types of amusement machines not having a gaming feature. The tax on all amusement machines of all types, whether operated by a penny or larger (See Fed. Tax Due July 1 on opp. page)

Hey, Tojo, Count Yo' Men stars BOB HOWARD, who sings and plays the piano as well as leading his band. They appear as a visiting camp show on tour in the South Pacific, and the song deals with the exploits of Yanks in that area. (Soundies.)

Assembled and Released by Soundies Distributing Corporation of America, Inc. Release date, June 5.

# Program 1168

Coast Guard Song shows the induc- is a ranch house. (R. C. M.) tion, training and activities of that branch of the service. Musical back- sung by NICK COCHRANE. He's in jail ground is the coast guard's official song. Some very impressive parade and action to hang him. (Dave Gould.) shots. (O. W. I.)

played by FRANK NOVAK AND HIS singing. BAND, with Novak doing the vocals. (R. C. M.) "Pop" went out to get some wood, it seems, and ran into friends, with the in- LAN BALDWIN and MIGUEL ALVAREZ. evitable results. Setting is a mountain- Setting is a cafe scene, and the good

THE FOUR LADYKILLERS and ROBERTA LEE, nattily dressed in the style of the '90s, appear in By the Beautiful Sea. (Dave Gould reissue.)

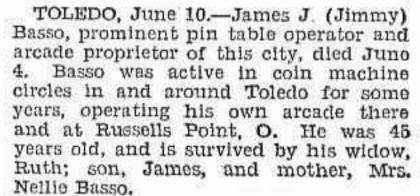
Better Not Roll Those Eyes is the advice of soldier HARRY BARRIS as he bids his sweetheart, JEAN PORTER, good-bye. As it turns out, he needs the same reminder. (R. C. M.)

SPADE COOLEY AND HIS WESTERN DANCE GANG, who play hillbilly music in swing style, star in I Love to Yodel. Vocals by an unidentified girl. Setting

They Planted a Tree in the Valley is and the sheriff plants a tree on which

JOE REICHMAN AND HIS ORCHES-Pop's Coming Home, a novelty tune, is TRA play Poinciana, with LOIS LANE Bandstand background.

Pan Americonga stars RITA RIO, AL-



neighbor idea is worked in. (Globe reissue.)

BILLY HAYWOOD, a talented singer, stars in Rinka Tinka Man. Planist CLIFF ALLEN has a too-short solo session. (R. C. M.)



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1000	25¢ J.P. Charley, Thick	62.00	1.51
600	5¢ J.P. Over the Fence	14.60	1.39
600	5¢ J.P. Rabbit Foot	15.10	1.39
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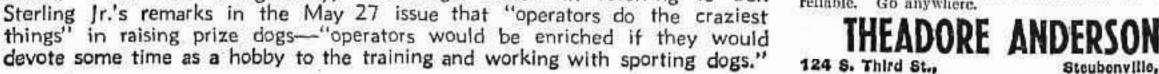
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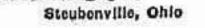


AL SCHLESINGER, Square Amusement Company, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with his two prize English setters, Turnpike Sun Beau (left,) and Turnpike "Far from being crazy," Schlesinger states-in referring to Ben Baron.



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# The Billboard

#### **AMUSEMENT MACHINES** 69

# Tobacco Stocks Drop FED. TAX DUE JULY 1 As GI and Civilian coin, is \$10 per year. If a gaming feature Rises Consumption

WASHINGTON, June 10 .- Stocks of all types of tobacco are nearly 9 per cent below those of a year ago, the War Food Administration reports. This includes stemmed and unstemmed tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers in the United States and Puerto Rico. As of April 1 stocks totaled 2,642,738,000 pounds, compared with 2,893,432,000 pounds reported a year ago on the same date, a decline of 255,694,000 pounds.

Two reasons were given for the decline: The smaller crop, most of which had been sold by the end of the quarter, and the high level of consumption, both in this country and by the armed forces abroad in 1943. Altho figures on the January-March, 1944, tax-paid withdrawals indicate that consumption of most tobacco products was lower than for the first three months of 1943, these figures do not take into account the great increase in consumption of tax-free cigarettes and cigars. Exports for the quarter, including shipments under lendlease, showed a pronounced drop from those of the same period in 1943.

### **Tobacco Earmarked**

Dealers' stocks, which may include some tobacco which is earmarked for sale to domestic manufacturers or for export, were reported as 238,244,000 pounds on April 1, 1944. This is 9 per cent of the total April 1 holdings. Stocks in the hands of manufacturers were 2,404,494,-000 pounds, 91 per cent of the total reported.

Indicated domestic consumption of cigarettes for each month of the January-March quarter was slightly under that of the corresponding month of 1943, and a marked drop from the record level established during the latter half of 1943. Withdrawals for the entire quarter showed a 2 per cent drop from those of The big question has always been freethe same quarter last year. This is the first time since 1938 that withdrawals for the first quarter of any calendar year have fallen below those of the same period in the previous year. These figures do not include tax-free cigarettes.

# (Continued from opposite page)

is added to any amusement machine paying an award over the counter or automatically in tokens, merchandise or cash, the machine becomes a gaming device and the tax is \$100 per year.

3. PENNY COUNTER MACHINES. -This classification refers to the various small gaming machines with reels, dice and other gaming features without a jackpot. The federal government classifies these as gaming devices and the tax is \$100 a year. The addition of a "mint vender" to such machines does not change the tax.

4. NOVELTY MERCHANDISERS .- This includes crancs, diggers and rotary merchandise machines. These are classed as gaming devices at present when merchandise awards are paid. The tax is \$100 per year.

5. GAMING DEVICES .- All machines operating for a penny or more that include a gaming feature of some kind such as dice, spinning reels or that pay an award over the counter or automatically in merchandise, tokens or cash are gaming devices and the tax is \$100 per year.

6. MUSIC MACHINES.-The federal tax on music machines, including juke boxes, movie machines and automatic hostesses, is \$10 per year.

7. VENDING MACHINES.—There is no federal tax on bona fide vending machines at present if there is no gaming feature in connection with such machines.

8. PRIZE BALL GUM VENDERS .--- A special amendment was added on these machines in 1942. If the prize is not more than 5 cents in value, the tax on these machines is \$10 per year.

9. SERVICE MACHINES .- There is no federal tax on penny scales and other types of service machines unless they have an amusement or gaming feature. The Internal Revenue Department has raised questions about certain types of scales that have an amusement feature. This question should always be negotlated and a special ruling requested from Washington. 10. FREE PLAY PINBALL GAMES .-play pinball games. If an award is paid over the counter, such games become gaming devices and the tax is \$100 per year. If free-play games are operated simply as such and the player uses up the additional free plays only, the tax is \$10 per year.

are returned to a central clearing house, bers began preparing for the expected and manufacturers are notified as to the shortage by preparing a preliminary pronumber of cartons returned. Each firm then calls and picks up their own cartons. Success of a program such as this depends on the area in which it is being operated as well as the availability of a central warehouse convenient to all.

In October, 1941, the confectionery industry made its first step toward aiding in the government's conservation program. Thru the NCA the industry memgram for package revision and paper stock changes.

Since conservation programs were adopted by individual firms, reports have been made that over 80 per cent of the containers used are returned for re-use. One company in particular reported a return of 27,000 shipping containers in a 30-day period from which 75 to 80 per cent were salvaged.



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# INDUSTRY EASES PAPER

(Continued from page 66) and conservation advocated by the association. Local committees will be formed under the chairmanship of each individual member of the key committee and a definite plan of container re-use will be adopted according to the special needs and requirements of each separate area. In that the coln machine industry relies greatly on the use of packages and containers in the conduction of business the programs being followed by these local area committees should be watched closely.

# Model Program in Chi

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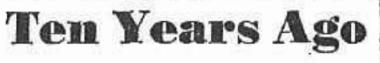


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Industry was awaiting approval of an NRA code for operators of coin devices. Three codes were on file awaiting approval, but Washington indications this week was that one basic code for all small industries would be approved on which all others would be based. Basic code would require shorter hours to make more jobs; prohibition of commercial dishonesty and the obvious forms of unfair trade practice. A new price policy also was announced by the administration in which operators saw the chance to prevent competition and chiseling location owners from getting unfair com-

In his weekly editorial, Silver Sam (Walter W. Hurd) stressed the fact that what the operator desires in his coin machine news more than anything else is reliability. The editorial set down in capsule form the news policy of The Billboard coin machine department as "We have a definite policy of boosting the trade in every way possible since there are so many factors in opposition to the trade. For that reason the unpleasant news of the trade is usually

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CANAR	THIS W		GUAR
FIVE BAL	L FREE	PLAY	
ATTENTION . A. B. C. BOW	126****		\$ 57.50
ALL-AMERIC		• • • • • •	57.50
BIG TIME (P	lastic)		50.00
BLONDIE (P	astic)		50.00
CHAMP (Old	Stylo]		59.50
CHAMP (New DIXIE	Style)		69.50
FIVE AND TE	N		135.00
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taboo unless there is a needed warning or matter of information which the trade itself needs to heed. . . . It would be like an ostrich sticking his head in the sand if we ignored some of the warning signs that appear every week in the news."

Dispute between pin game and digger factions in Detroit were delaying license plans of the city. . . . Electro Ball Company, Inc., of Dallas, filed an injunction in the Waco (Tex.) District Court enjoining the city from interfering with pin games and from collecting a tax on them as provided by ordinance passed by city commissioners on May 15.

On the association front, at a meeting of Los Angeles jobbers, an organization tagged the Southern California Amusement Jobbers' Association was formed. Members included Automatic Amusements Company, Irving Bromberg Company, Will P. Canaan, D. Gottlieb & Company and Western Vending Machine Company. . . . Harry L. Drollinger, president of Texas Coin Vending Machine Association, called a special meeting at Austin, Tex.

National Association of Coin Operated Machine Manufacturers in session at the Hotel Sherman June 8, voted to establish a credit bureau for the exchange of credit information amongst members. Claude R. Kirk, of Exhibit; David C. Rockola and N. Marshall Seeburg were named to the committee to work out details.

Exhibit's Lighting, Bally's Rocket, Pacific's Contact, Genco's Step-Up, Daval's American Beauty and Gottlieb's Relay were vying for leadership in the games field. . . . Numerous used machine ads listed Mills' and Jennings' slots at prices from \$10 upl . . . Seeburg's Belectophone continued to attract attention.

The Billboard's London reporter stated more coin operated equipment was in evidence than ever before at Blackpool and Southport, Britain's greatest seaside

resorts. "From the point of public ap-

peal, pin games rule the roost," he re-

ported. "Newer games like Pontiac, Jig-

Saw and Blue Ribbon get almost cease-

less play. Target machines rank second

in popularity." British coinmen were

preparing to exhibit at the annual

Brewer's Convention to be held in No-

vember at Agricultural Hall, Islington,

London. British coinmen were prepar-

ing to exhibit both British and Ameri-

can made equipment. . . . Arthur Bur-

rows and son, of Burrows Automatic

Supply, returned to London after a visit

to Chicago coinmen. Also on the boat

with them was Tony Gasparro, of Wes-

Triple Entry .....\$175.00

Royal Flush ..... 125.00

Roletto Sr. ..... 400.00

Silver Moon, C.P. ..... 139.50

Baker's Pacers ..... 299.50

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READ 50¢ Mills Gooser 25¢ Jennings 2 / 25¢ Pace, 2 /4 × 10¢ Mills Cherry 10¢ Dixle Bell, 10¢ Callie's, 3 /1 5¢ Callie's, 3 /1 5¢ Callie's, 3 /1 5¢ Blue Fronts 5¢ Blue Front Double Jac	INES RECONDITIONED Y TO OPERATE heck, 2/4 Jackpot\$125.00 /4 Jackpot
Jackpot 5d Mills Bonus	3 /5 Jackpot 225.00

1 5¢ Mills Roman Head, 3/5 Jackpot.

2 10¢ Pace's 2/4 Jackpot ..... Ea. 2 5¢ Pace's 2/4 Jackpot ..... Ea.

1 10¢ Columbia Boll, 3 /5 Double Jack-

2 5¢ Jonnings 4 Star Chief, 3/5 Jack-

2 5¢ Watling 2/4 Jackpot ..... Ea.

2 14 Little Dukes, 2/4 Jackpot. . Ea. 2 54 Mills Owis, 2/4 Jackpot . . . Ea.

1 1-2-3, 5¢ Payout ......Ea.

2 Single Slot Machine Safes With Com-

2 Double Slot Machine Safes With Com-

1 Paces Races, Black Cabinot ......

1 Rio 2 Liberty Belis .....Ea.

1 Shoot A Lite 1 Scientific Punching Bag 1 Exhibit Champion Punching Bag 2 Keenoy Anti Airoraft Guns....Ea.

National 1¢ Scale, White Enamel ...

Electricity is Life .....

50,000 Genuine A.B.T. Steel Shots, New, for

A.B.T. Air Rifle Range, 25,000 in Box,

\$2.75 Per Thousand

MR. CHIPS

1 Basket Ball Game .....

1 Galloping Dominos ARCADE MACHINES

CONSOLES

pot .....

5¢ Mills War Eagles, 3/5 Jackpot . 150.00

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FORMATION

**BIG TOWN** 

BLONDIE

Miami 25. Fla.

215.00 65.00

In legally operated territory. A paying proposition, No chiselers nor distributors need answer this "ad" because I will not sacrifice. Reason for sale-owner retiring. BOX D-220

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#### TERMS: 1/3 Deposit --- Balance C. O. D. Saratoga ..... 159.50 5-10-25-50c Blue Fronts SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 5-10-25c Gray Fronts Derby Winner ..... 175.00 375 24TH ST., 5-10-25-50c War Eagles Track Record ..... 175.00 5c Chromes Cherry Bells Bonus Bells Brown Fronts Melon Bells Futurities Mills 1-2-3, Late ..... 99.50 ONE-BALL CASH PAY Jennings Silver Chiefs 25c Mills Colf Ball Vendors Kentuckys .....\$475.00 WANTED Dead Heat ..... 125.00 5c Mills Q. T. 5c Chrome Vest Pockets Flying Champs ..... 225.00 ARCADE Eureka ..... 69.50 FOR CASH Chicken Sams Converted .....\$179.50 Mutoscope Punching Bag ..... 310.00 FOLLIES Bally Alley ..... 49.50 SLOTS and CONSOLES Ten Strike ..... 79.50 **BIG LEAGUE** Four Bells, 4-5c, Old Head ..... Write POWER HOUSE Four Bells, 4-5c, Late Head 4 ..... Write Chicago Coin Hockey ..... 225.00 Keeney Apti Aircraft ..... 89.50 Guesser Scales ..... 125.00 Lucky Star ..... 149.50 Super Bomber ..... 475.00 FOR SALE-New Pre-War Pinball Rubber Plunger Tips...5c Each 1941 Bangtails ..... 475.00 Bally Roll 'Em ..... 199.50 Bally Rapid Fire ..... 249.50 & S MACHINE CO. Evans Roletto Jr. ..... 249.50 Radio Rifle ..... 135.00 Bally Hi Hands ..... 149.50 World Series ..... 75.00 2820 SHEFFIELD AVE. CHARLES E. WASHBURN CHICAGO 14, ILL. LOS ANGELES 15, CALIF. 1511 WEST PICO BLVD. YOUR ROUTE OR FOR SPOT WANT TO BUY CASH! WURLITZER PHONOGRAPHS ON YOUR FLOOR Models 24 and 24-A Send Complete Details Immediately! CO. 123 W. RUNYON STREET BILL FREY, INC. RUNYON SALES NEWARK, N. J. P. O. Box 4141.

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### \$19.50 Each

FIVE BALL	FREE PLAYS
ABC Bowler.\$59.50	1 Sea Hawk \$49.50
Air Circus 120.50	Spot-a-Card. 79.50
Attention 40.00	Star Attr 49.60
Bollo Hop., 69.50	Target Skill, 34.50
Bandwagon., 35.00	Sky Blazer., 89.50
Big Town., 25,00	Toxas
Cross Line 34.50	Mustang 89.50
Horoscopo . 49.50	Thumbs Up. 89.50
Jolly 25.00	Alert 99.50 Grand-Canyon
Line Up 32.50	(New) 199.50
Legionnaire, 49.50	Streamliners
Polo 39.60	(New) 199.50
Speed Demon 35.00	Arizona
Sport Parado 44.50	(New) 199.50
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Jennings 5¢ Four Star	Chief, 3/5. 149.50
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Seeburg Shoot-the-Chu	utes 119.50
Supreme Shoot-Your	Way-to Tokyo
Gun	275.00
Air Raider	225.00
Exhibit Card Vender	35.00
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WILL PAY FOLLOWING PRICES Kickers & Cubs ....\$ 2.00 Catchers .\$15.00 Model "F" Challengers., 12.50 Roll-a-Packs. 5.00 Targels .. 12.50 Totalizers . 10.00 Lucky Strikes 5.00 Home Runs. 7.50 Double Play B0.00 Do-Ro-MI .. 50.00 West Wind, 50.00 Stars .... 50.00 Marvels ... 5.00 Sun Beam. . 50.00 Imps .... 2.00 American Aces ..... 2.00 Eagles ... 5.00 All machines must be in working order, all parts complete, with locks and keys.

# Here's an Op Who Laughs at Gasoline Worries --- Walks Route

OXNARD, Calif., June 10 .- With operators all over the country complaining about gasoline rationing seriously affect. ing their business, Jack Beavers, local operator, has solved the problem by locating all his machines within walking distance of his Palace Billiard Hall, which he operates along with his coin machine route.

Beavers admits he didn't purposely Iocate his machines with the idea of travel curtailment in mind. "It just happened." he tells friends, "However, I'm glad it happened that way at this time."

Quick and good service has been the basis of Beavers's operations for 11 years. Location owners, in most instances, expect service on a par with normal times, and Beavers, afoot, has been able to supply it.

War hasn't been too hard on Beavers's route. The influx of servicemen has boosted the take on machines, but it has also increased the wear and tear. This is to be expected, however, and Beavers has coped with war problems financial ebb, he says. and has built his coin machine business to a point where he is a welcome buyer at Los Angeles jobbing houses.

Most of his operation centers around games. He has 30 and contends that this is all he can handle alone. By working alone he escapes the headache of trying to hire good mechanics. Beavers admits he's "pretty good at fixing machines" himself. The fact that he keeps his machines working nicely confirms his statement.

### **Rescues Stored Equipment**

Among the machines in his pool hall are an Argentine, Spot Pool. Yanks, latter is especially popular, and when of "yeses." Then he grabbed his tool asked about it, Beavers says, "Yes, it's kit and walked out. doing all right." Flipping the ashes from a cigar he adds, "I bought the thing over there in a hurry." three years ago and had it stored two." He hurried along, just as he does on Now that he has brought it out, it is all calls. He realizes that service is the three years ago and had it stored two." more than paying for itself.

### Active in Civic Affairs

A look around the billiard hall shows that Beavers is active in civic affairs. Hanging behind the counter is a certificate from "Boys' Town," signed by Father Flanagan. "In appreciation of the assisttance rendered to Father Flanagan's Boys' Home," reads the document.

Asked if he helped many such causes, Beavers said he did so whenever he could. He is a regular contributor to the Boy Scouts, the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce of which he is a member, the War Chest and the California Federated Institute. He is vice-president of the Eagles, and also a member of the volunteer fire department.

Like many Californians, Beaver is not a native. He came here from Missouri and started work as a butcher. Altho he was successful in this trade, he tired of the West and returned to Missouri several times, only to come back to California again. Before he entered the coin machine business he was at his lowest

"I had only 17 cents in my pockets when I came back from Missouri to stay," he admits. "But I started in. The coin machine business gradually increased. When I first started, I worked in this pool hall. Later the owner retired because of poor health, I took it over and continued to operate it along with my games. They're running smoothly now, but it wasn't easy to divide time between the two businesses."

Asked if he had had trouble learning the mechanical end of games, Beaver said, "Not especially. But I had to work some of them over a lot before I got them right."

About this time the telephone rang. Spot-a-Card and a Western Baseball. The Beavers answered and there was a series

1	MILLS 5c, 10c, 25c 🗰
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	3 MILLS 10c BROWN FRONTS,
592.0	4 MILLS 5c BROWN FRONTS,
	Drillproof, Knee Action, C.H.
1	4 BLUE FRONT 25c Q. T.'s
	6 BLUE FRONT 5c Q. T.'s
10	5 GOLD GLITTERED 25c Q. T.'s
1.15	3 GOLD GLITTERED 10c Q. T.'s
	6 GOLD GLITTERED 1c Q. T.'s
餔	2 JENNINGS 5c CHIEFS
	1 JENNINGS 5c S. CHIEF, S. P.
	7 JENN. 5c TRIPLE JAK
	5 COLUMBIAS 5c GOLD AWARD
	9 MILLS BLUE & GOLD V. POCKETS
	4 MILLS FOUR BELLS, High Serials
	8 MILLS JUMBO PARADES, F. P.
	1 MILLS LOBOY SCALES
	15 SHEFFLER LOBOY SCALES
	1 WATLING SCALE
	1 PACES RACES, Black Cabinet
	1 PACES RACES RED ARROW
	2 BALLY GOLD CUPS, F. P.
1	2 JENNINGS FAST TIMES
	2 RAPID FIRE GUNS
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	1 '39 ROCK-OLA DELUXE
	1 ROCK-OLA STANDARD
	1 SEEBURG MAJOR Wireless
	1 SEEBURG CASING
	3 WURLITZER VICTORY MODELS
	1 WUR. TWIN TWELVE ROLLAWAYS,
1	in Metal Ca., Packard Adpt.
3.	2 WURLITZER "41"
5	2 SEERING DOLLAWAYS WIDELESS

# AMUSEMENT MACHINES

RAKE COIN MACHINE EXCHANGE 2014 Market Street PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

"Got another service call. Got to get

basis of his business.





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1 Safe Cabinet for Two	Machines 62.50
1 Jack-In-the-Box Safe	Stand (Machine
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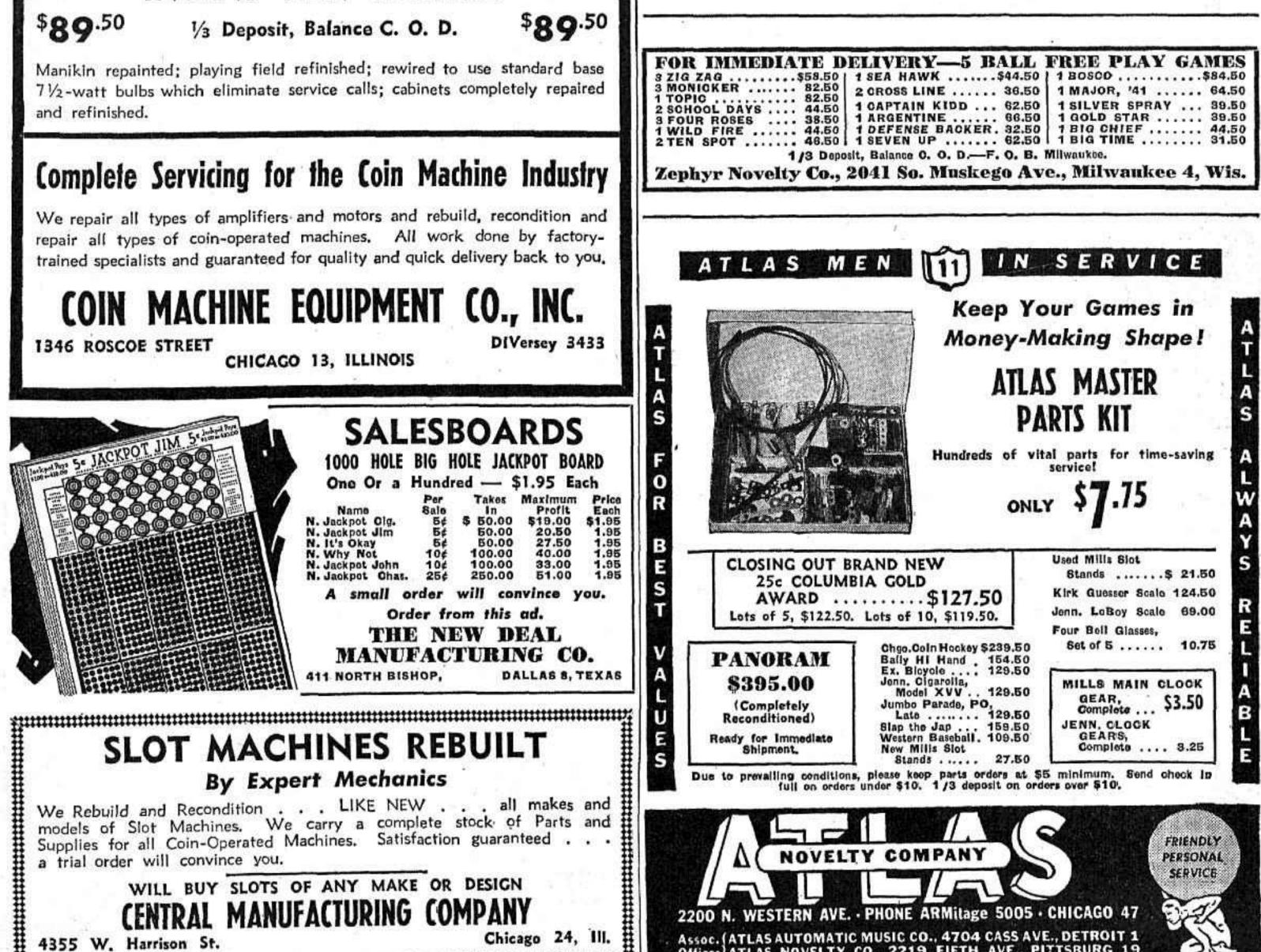
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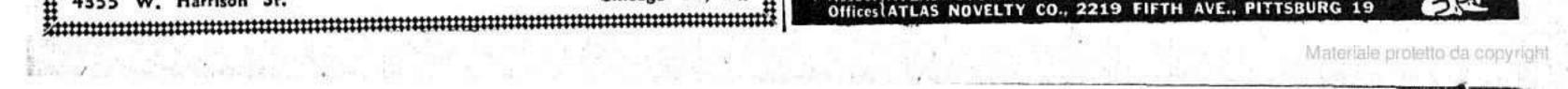
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<b>OFFERS:</b>
CIGARETTE VENDORS
4 Model A (Red Knob) 9 Col. U-Need-a-Paks, 1 Col. King Size, 3 Col. Double Shift, Each\$ 95.00
6 Model E 9 Col. U-Need-a-Paks.
10 National 930, 9 Col., Each 85.00 MUSIC
2 Seeburg Envoys, Each
4 Seeburg 8800's, Each
1 Seeburg 9800 3 Seeburg 9800's, RC, Each 595.00 10 Seeburg Classics, Each 360.00 2 Seeburg Classics, RC, Each 425.00
5 Seeburg Majors, Each
1 '42 Hi Tone Cabinet With Sec- burg Mechanism
7 Wurlitzer 600's Rotary, Each 325.00 7 Wurlitzer 600's, Piano Keyboard,
2 Wurlitzer 700's, Each 495.00 6 Wurlitzer 800's, Each
6 Wurlitzer 750M 585.00
1 Wurlitzer 850E
2 Wurlitzer 61 Counter Models, Ea. 95.00 There will also be a number of SPEAKERS, WALL BOXES, ADAPTORS and HIDEAWAY
OBS with this lot. This merchandise will be wallable for shipment about June 15th and s better than the average equipment on the market, as it is coming right off location.
++++DRINK VENDORS
2 WELLS-GARDNER VENDORS, fully selective, completely refrigerated, up to 12 selections, 8 case capacity, \$495.00 Each.
ARCADE EQUIPMENT
New Selecterscope
Color of Eyes Card Vendor 50.00 Anti-Aircraft Guns, Each
Bally Racer

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Sumbo Parades, F.P., Ex.       Consoles         0 mills Jumbo Parades, F.P., Ex.       \$89,50         1 Kceney Super Bell, 5¢ Comb., Like       259,50         1 Bally Royal Flush       50,00         1 Bally Royal Flush       50,00         1 Sc Mills Cherry Bell, 1/10, Ser.       SLOTS         1 Sc Mills Cherry Bell, 1/10, Ser.       8 5¢ Mills Vest Pocket, Bl. & Gold, New \$ 69,50	NEW MACHINES WITH SPECIAL DISCS AND REELS WRITE FOR PRICES         ALL MERCHANDISE OFFERED IS FOR RESALE ONLY         5¢ Gold Chromes         10¢ Gold Chromes         10¢ Gold Chromes         25¢ Gold Chromes         25¢ Gold Chromes         5¢ Copper Chromes         10¢ Copper Chromes         25¢ Copper Chromes         25¢ Copper Chromes         10¢ Regular Chromes         10¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Handload, Emerald         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes         5¢ Brown Fronts         5¢ Regular Chromes
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Bally Alley (In Excellent Working Cond.)       ARCADES         Mills Punching Bag (New Bag)       \$55.00 90.00       1 Mountain Climber       \$159.50         Mills Punching Bag (New Bag)       90.00 90.00       1 Gottlieb Skeeballette       \$5.00         A.B.T. Red, White and Blue       25.00       1 Bally Shoot the Bull       \$90.00         A.B.T. Target Skill       25.00       1 Bally Shoot the Bull       \$90.00         A.B.T. Fire & Smoke, Ea.       25.00       5 Evans Ten Strikes, Ea.       \$55.00         Rock-Ola World Sories       89.50       1 Bally Torpedo Gun       \$150.00         ORIGINAL CARDS FOR DONALDINA FORTUNE \$7.50 PER SET       \$150.00	1 5¢ Gooseneck, No       9 Galloping Dominos,       5 Fortunes, Like         1.P
30,000 MUTOSCOPE PHOTOFRAMES WRITE?         NEW       PERISCOPE       SELECTORSCOPE       NEW         Write us for best deal       Write us for best deal	4 50¢ Gold Chromes Write 1 50¢ Blue Front Write 1 5¢ Pace Console 150.00 1 25¢ Pace Console 200.00 1 10¢ Callie Gadet 75.009 5¢ Mills Jumbo Parado, Free Play. 2 5¢ Paces Races, Bik. Cab, Painted Brown 99.502 Air Raiders, Like New
JACK POT IVY 25c SALESBOARD Conceived by an Operator for an Operator. Sample \$4.75. Special prices on quantities. 1000 holes. Average profit \$51.00. WILL BUY — AND PAY Silver Skates	1 Cclumbla Boll, Chrome 75.00       Brown Cabinet, #6088-5695       1 Foot Ease       109.50         2 Panorams, Latest Medel       \$400.00       1 Kloker & Catcher.       32.50         2 Panorams, Latest Medel       \$400.00       1 Seeburg Colonel, RC, ES       \$475.00         1 Wurlitzer 616, Light Up Grille       150.00       1 Seeburg Commander, ES       400.00         1 Wurlitzer 416, Light Up Grille       150.00       1 Seeburg Commander, RC, ES       400.00         1 Wurlitzer 416, Marble Glo       150.00       1 Seeburg Commander, RC, ES       475.00         2 Rockola Commandos (F.S. Special)       600.00       350.00       3600       9 1931 Wall-o-Matlos       17.50         2 AA Wurlitzer       400.00       350.00       3 #430 Wurlitzer Speakers, Brand New 125.00       3 #430 Wurlitzer Speakers, Brand New 125.00         3 Goo Wurlitzer Victory Model, New. 555.00       Soco Ft. 2-Wire Metal Covered Cable.       900         3 seeburg Colonel, ES, Romoto Receiver 450.00       Soco Ft. 2-Wire Metal Covered Cable.       900         Stot Machine Jackpot Glass, Per Doz \$13.50       Mills Four Bells, Cabinet New.       \$32.50         Stot Machine Jackpot Glass, Per Doz \$13.50       Mills Four Bells, Cabinet New.       \$32.50         Stot Machine Jackpot Glass, Per Doz \$13.50       Mills Four Bells, Cabinet New.       \$32.50





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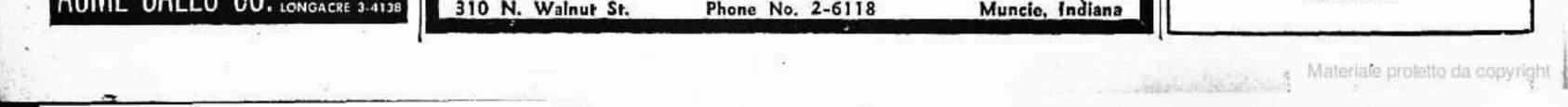
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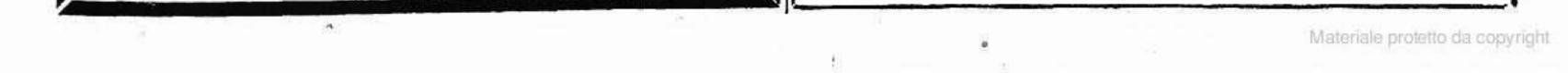


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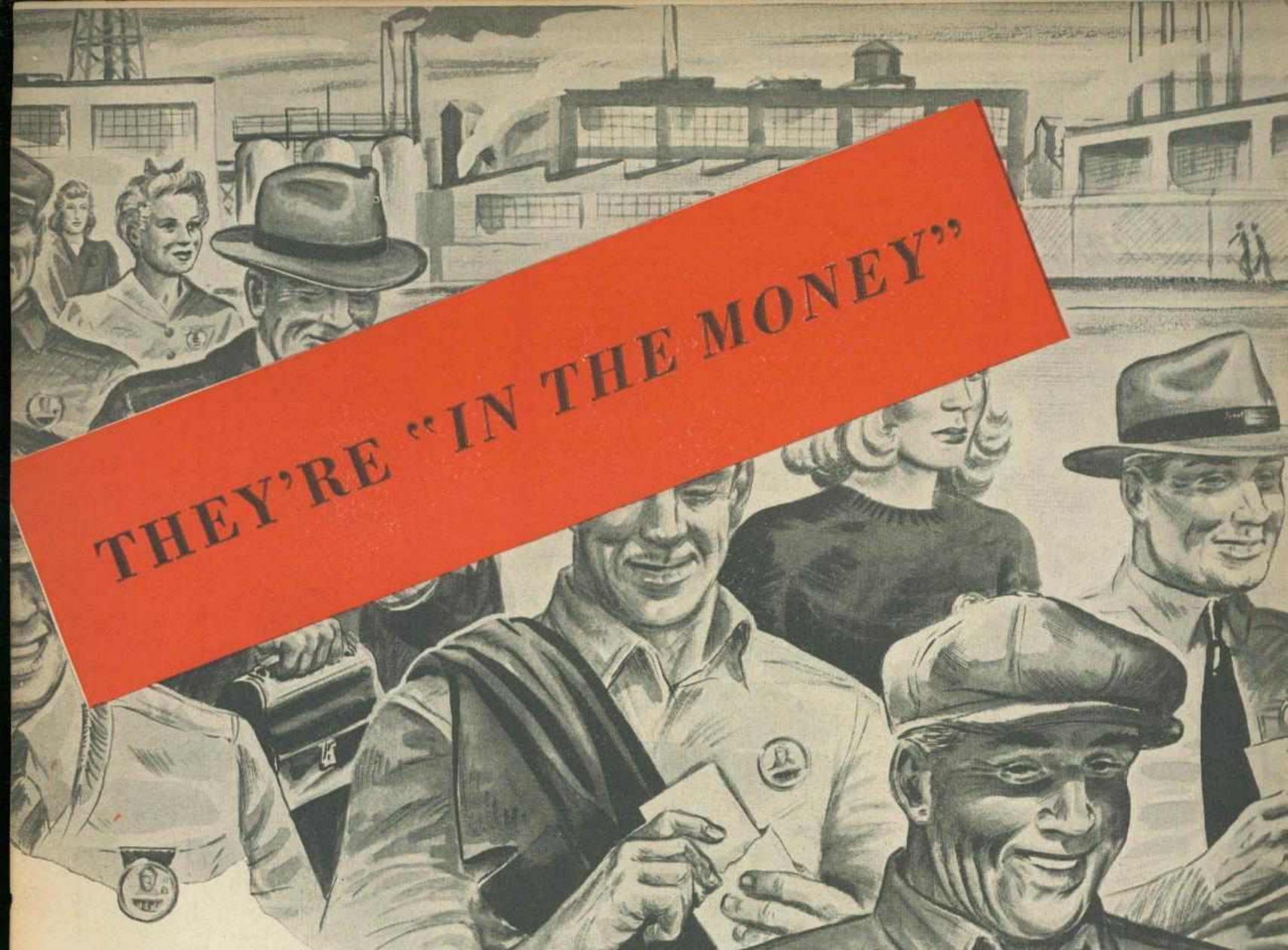
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