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S. A. Showbiz---Carbon Of U. S.

# **Export Market on E.T.'s** Eyed by Everyone; Music **Okay; Yen AFRA Cut Rates**

## Lack of Dough Biggest Biz Hurdle

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—With the end negligible amount and must depend on of the war, the foreign market for e.t.'s— including all kinds of shows—is being eyed by all the companies in the biz. Complete plans are not hatched yet, pending rules and restrictions, but the moving-in process is definitely in.

NBC is conducting a survey of all foreign marts to determine demand in various countries for the American prod-ucts. Musicals, varieties, dramas and even scap operas stand a good chance of being exported in good quantities if certain snags can be eliminated. Ziv, standard and other e. t. biggies are for-mulating plans to snatch their share of the huge foreign potential

standard and other e. t. biggles are for-mulating plans to snatch their share of the huge foreign potential. Main road block to export, other than the sizable South American field, is the fact that Britain and practically all British-controlled areas and other po-tential markets (the European Continent as well as the Orient) are pretty well shot when it comes to forking over the simoleons-being in a nice state of near bankruptcy, to put it politely. These markets are crying for American stuff but haven't the wherewithal to get it, say Department of Commerce reps. The G.I.'s opened the world as good-will am-bassadors of the American way, customs, entertainment, etc., and now the world wants more of same, but for the present the outlook is fairly dark unless some method of payment is devised or unless we give it to them for free, which seems unlikely. **Rules for Everyone** 

#### **Rules for Everyone**

Rules for Everyone "Each country has a different set of rules and restrictions as well as being without necessary f nances," a Depart-ment of Commerce spokesman said, "but we're sure they'd take most of the rules off if they could afford to let what little cash they have go out of the country. Situation should ease before the next two years anyway." Australia and New Zealand, two of the best pre-war markets, have imposed a flat embargo on American e. t.'s (among other things) because the country was forced to buy so much from America during war that cash has dwindled to

# **2R-BEmployees** Seriously Hurt **In Texas Storm**

DALLAS, Sept. 15.-Fred Bradna, 73, DALLAS, Sept. 15.—Fred Bradma, 19, veteran equestrian director for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, suffered a fractured right hip, and Ed Kelly, acting general manager of the circus, a broken anklebone, when

of the circus, a broken anklebone, when spectators stampeded during a high windstorm which hit midway in the matinee performance here Wednesday. Bradna. Kelly and other circus em-ployees aided police and firemen in a vain effort to hold the customers in their seats when a strong wind, driving a blinding rain, rocked the big top and caused quarter-poles to dance. Bradna was knocked down in the crush. Kelly was attempting to ride a swing-ing quar er-pole when struck on the ankle. A preliminary examination failed to reveal the break, it being thought (See DAN RICE TOURING on page 54)

negligible amount and must depend on export or internal development for re-covery. Other countries all over the world are almost in the same boat. C. Lloyd Egner, NBC v.-p. in charge of recordings in New York, and Frank Chiz-zini, Midwest NBC record chief, seem optimistic concerning foreign develop-ments, altho both were reluctant to say anything too definite beyond the fact that NBC is surveying each country with regard to what type programs are de-sired and studying ways of surmounting present difficulties in the way of getting e. t. shows across.

present difficulties in the way of getting e. t. shows across. "You might say we intend to get going when we find out the facts," Egner said. "The foreign market has vast potential-ities as yet untapped. We didn't do much in the pre-war foreign trade, ex-cept scratch the surface, but I think our G.I.'s have really paved the way for creating demand for American enter-tainment."

#### Straight U. S. A. Stuff

Straight U. S. A. Stuff Egner said the programs would be straight American with no attempt to compete with native talent in its own field. Most companies recognize the foreign demand is strictly American stuff—the more American the better in the eyes of people who have been liber-ated by the G.I. Joes. Frederick Ziv declared his company

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CarnivalsNow Say: 80 Grand **Or No Count** 

## Jones, Conklin Snatch It

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—It's 80 grand, or no count, with the carnivals these days. Johnny J. Jones Exposition racked up 880,890.23 for shows and rides only at the seven-day Kentucky State Fair in Louisville. Conklin Shows bundled up \$87,702.36 for shows and rides only during the 11-day Provincial Exposition at Quebec City. This indicates they can get it big in the North or in the South, if they have the weather. For further details turn to the Carni-val section, this issue.

# **Robeson's** Ad-Lib

STEPHENVILLE, Newfoundland, Sept. 8.—Paul Robeson did the second of a series of "concerts" in what promises to be a new, extra-added circuit for USO performers making overseas jaunts

extra-added circuit for USO per-formers making overseas jaunts here today. At this air transport command base, while the plane bearing American radio execs on a tour of the E. T. O. laid over for an hour's refueling and checking, Robeson walked up to a mike in the terminal waiting room and gave out with three numbers, in-cluding Old Man River, for the base personnel, the G.I.'s and others waiting for plane trans-portation. At 3 o'clock this morning, at the ATC base on St. Marie Island in the Azores, Robe-son did a similar show. All with-out plano, rehearsals or anything else. And how the guys loved it.



CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Tourist travel in the United States, of an extent never before realized, is being predicted for 1946. Members of the coin machine in-dustry are watching with intense inter-est the plans being made by the travel industry, which before the Jap treachery (See Committee Keep Eve on page 77)

# 'Icecapades" to B.-R. A. C. Hall Repairs

At LANTIC CITY, Sept. 17.—Negotia-tions are under way for *Icecapades*, Arena Managers' Association ice spec-tacle, once again to preem its shows at the Convention Hall here. Resort's hall was vacated by the army but the ice rink was ruined because brine left in the pipes of the freezing apparatus rusted thru them. Cost of repairing the giant ice rink will run about \$75,000. However, as part of the negotiations for *Icecapades*, the show promoters will rebuild the hall's ice rink with the cost to be deducted from the rent the show would normally pay.

pay. With the show company fixing the rink now for use next summer, audi-torium will be able to include hockey and skating this winter. Until the army took over the hall, *loccapades* shows held forth each summer for the entire resort



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# **Only Names** Get \$\$ Bids

## American artists without reps get a fast brush in favor of war-made subs



NEW YORK, Sept. 17. — Showbiz is fourishing in South and Central Amer-ia but Mr. Whisker's boys and girls sen't getting too much of the gravy pilled on their clothing. That's be-cause during the war it has been impossible to bet performers down to the Latin countries and, therefore, the gang be-low the border simply found ways and means of using local talent with U. S. ideas, very often almost a literal translation of act ma-terial from the States. Now that travel sopening and materials and talent can poor, it's only toppers who are getting idea.

move, it's only toppers who are getting bids. What's true of talent and material is also true to a limited degree with radio shows and a considerable quan-tity of industrial and consumer ma-terials. Typical of the consumer indus-try growth is Columbia's development of woolen fabrics for men's wear which are supposed to top English woolens. The mills are owned in this case 50 per cent by local capital and 50 per cent by U.S. dough, and the operation is typical of how American \$\$ are cutting into our own export business. However, in spite of all this, the South American nations have \$20,000,000,000 in deposit in the U.S. right now and, despite the tend-ency to make the nations down there depend upon each other instead of Mr. Whiskers, a good part of that dough is going to stay here . . even if showbiz doesn't get the cut that it should. Million for Radio Equipment

#### Million for Radio Equipment

Million for Radio Equipment Over 1,000,000 bucks is waiting right now for radio equipment, anywhere from a presto turntable to a 50-kw. trans-mitter. This equipment isn't available in South America and costs far too much dough in tooling for the limited quantity of units for which there's a market on the continent. Of course there's also a market for transcriptions (see stories on other pages in this issue of export market for e. t.'s.). Reason here is that top disking musical names are in the U. S. A., and it's the toppers who the dialers down there want to hear, too.

However, in a number of areas down there one set of e. t.'s produces at least a dozen sets of records, as most of the stations have their own recording equip-ment, and dubbing is duck soup. This stations have their own recording equip-ment, and dubbing is duck soup. This was an ache for the moom pic industry for a long, long time, but local reps ride herd on the pic exhibitors and one leas-ing no longer covers a half a nation. Idea of a central checking bureau for all the transcription orgs has been sug-gested. And, if the biz grows big enough, that's going to be fact instead of con-versation. versation.

#### **Direct Cuts**

Direct Cuts All local e. t.'s are direct cuttings, not pressings. Even Emilio Azcarraga, who practically runs Mexico, program-wise, with plenty of his disks being heard thruout the Central American coun-tries, despite the Mex accent of the performers, does all his recording on acetates, with disks being rotated from station to station. With S. A. post of-fices not being noted for their punc-tuality and the express deliveries not being anything to crow about, it is (See SOUTH AMERICA on page 10)

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# Gold Mine In War Surplus Goods

# **BB** Suggests **Biz Cash In**

## SPB okays idea of showbiz group to confer on release of useful materials

of useful materials WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-With hun-for the solutions of dollars' worth of war by the solution of dollars' worth of war by the property Board that the nation's and SPB gave the suggestion inmedi-ate and hearty encouragement. Next the solution of the entertainment industry. It was pointed out that the automo-the advisability of entertainment industry and solution of entertainment industry of hundstry and other trade groups have and hearty encouragement. Next the advisability of entertainment industry and hearty encourage was strongly maket prices. An organized representa-tion of entertainment industry up to have domain would be greatest. This by the dollars available and could see here demand would be greatest. This by the dollars available and could see the solution of its discount in view of SPB senter al 0 or 15-day limit on sales in the fort to speed disposal of goods, board of the solution. **Double Double** 

#### **Potential Bonanza**

Potential Bonanza For instance, 30-day program started September 15 to clear decks of army post exchanges could prove bonanza to entertainment operators on lookout for war-scarce high-quality goods, accord-ing to William Bradley, chief of Com-merce Department's surplus disposal di-vision. The first avalanche of consumer goods—some 30,000 items, and including trucks and automotive parts, worth around \$500,000,000—will hit regular trade channels by mid-October, Bradley said. Under a new fixed-price policy by which SPB sells goods at regular and sometimes better-than-usual trade dis-counts, many items, such as sporting sometimes better-than-usual trade dis-counts, many items, such as sporting gear, sleeping bags, G.I. raincoats, etc., may reach wholesalers, jobbers or con-sumers at well under ceiling prices, Brad-ley explained. New programs of surplus goods disposal are generating almost every day, with over-all estimates on totals running the gamut from a low of \$30,000,000,000 to a ceiling around \$60,-000,000,000. The consumers goods program supplier

000,000,000. The consumers goods program, running from September 15 thru mid-October, is first of SPB's post-war accelerated drives to get surpluses on the market quickly and in great quantity. Getting goods in hands of John Q. Public, and not neces-sarily meeting a price, is "all important goal" of the government program, offi-cials assured The Billboard.

## Sold to Any Channels

Sold to Any Channels Surpluses will be fanned out to regu-lar trade channels and sold to whole-salers, mail-orders houses, chain stores, co-operatives and retailers at fixed prices in specified minimum quantity lots. John Q. Public, as an individual, must look for his surplus purchases in the usual retail outlets.

Q. Public, as an individual, must look for his surplus purchases in the usual retail outlets. Some items of top appeal to showbiz and entertainment ops in this first con-sumer goods program include: thousands of vans, and dump, platform, cargo, pick-up and panel trucks; folding chairs, wood and metal, all new and in large quantity; utility stools, built to withstand rough usage in service mess halls; end-less yardage of mosquito netting and duck; Boy Scout knives, throwing knives; sporting gear of all types; folding beds and cots, both new and used; sleeping bags; collapsible rubber boats; flash-lights and batteries; photographic film of all types and quality; men's shaving kits and novelty service gear of all types; tobacco pouches, pipes and smoking sets; army and navy high-quality raincoats; woolen pea-jackets; sheets and bedding; (See GOLD MINE IN WAR on page 72)

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# "Fuehrer's Face"

BERLIN, Sept. 17 .--- Berliners re-BERLIN, Sept. 17.—Berliners re-cently had an opportunity to hear for the first time a rendition of Der Fuehrer's Face when it was broadcast over the American Forces network there.

broadcast over the American Forces network there. Disk, by Spike Jones, was an-nounced by Corp. Wayne Howell, of Nashville, who gave it a big build-up, saying it was anathema to the Germans and that none of them could ever dream a year ago that such a song could be heard from a station in that city. There were five German civil-ians in the studio when it was played. The funny thing is that they don't understand the mean-ing of a Bronx cheer. As the song is full of such Bronx cheers, right in the Fuehrer's face, the signifi-cance was lost to them. However, they knew the song lampooned Hitler and smiled complacently thruout.

# **Convention No.** To Stay Small, **ODT** Forecasts

UDIT FORCEASTS WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Altho all Office of Defense Transportation curbs on conventions and on group travel of all kinds go off the books October 1, the agency warns showbiz ops and enter-tainers not to look forward to any large-scale flowering of business get-togethers, since army redeployment needs will be may continue at heavy pace thru Febru-ary of next year. No requests for showbiz get-togethers inder the 150-attendance limit had reached ODT desks, one spokesman said. However, prior to its announcement of the new "sky's the limit" ruling, ODT fearned that several local conventions of interest to the industry were in the "talk" stage. Idea is here that ODT toppes to have escaped heaviest wave of convention-going during month of Sep-tember, with -next popular conventions eason not due before the Christmas idays. holidays

holidays. At the same time, the agency hopes that conventions during the next 12-month period will fall several hundred per cent short of the 18,000 national, State and local fetes which are held in a normal peacetime year, or the 14,000 conventions which took place in 1942, our first war year. And spokesmen em-phasized that nothing like the pre-war pace which saw between 550 and 600 conventions held every year in New York will be possible under present military rail requirements.

Hotels, Showbiz Praised ODT chief Col. Monroe Johnson took out time this week for special praise to the hotel and entertainment industry for co-operation in observing ODT's war orders on conventions. Both as per-formers and as regular attendants at conventions, showbiz had stake in the ban, it was pointed out. Johnson hopes that American appetite for convention-going will have been somewhat conditioned by war years and folks will have "lost the habit" to the extent that more and more groups will rely on the convention-by-mail or proxy technique. ODT relaxation on group travel has little impact on showbiz mobility inasmuch as the agency as early as mid-August exempted business travel of troupes, bands and other professional performers from the order.

# DALLAS, Sept. 17.—Jimmie Jefferies, originator and emsee of *Early Birds*, WFAA daily breakfast show, returned to the mike September 8 after an absence of 12 weeks. Billed as the roundest man in radio, the rotund gagman underwent a successful throat operation during his layoff, then hied to Hollywood for a week's stay on personal biz stay on personal biz.

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# **Export Market on E. T.'s Eyed** Lack of \$\$ Biggest Biz Hurdle

(Continued from page 3) was "alert to all developments" and in-ferred he wasn't going to be caught short when the foreign market starts zooming. "We have received many requests for foreign reproductions of our shows," Ziv stated, "particularly shows like Kenny Baker, Pleasure Parade and Old Corral and the Korn Kobblers. They want the show just as is." Ziv said as soon as the situation "became more clarified" he expected to do a good deal of foreign trade.

expected to do a good deal of foreign trade. A spokesman for Standard Radio, a fairly heavy distributor in South Ameri-can e. t.'s, revealed the company had a definite eye on Europe but would stick to its dependable S. A. trade for the present. Company has exported to Mex-ico and below, all during the war, and expects trade to get heavier now that hostilities are over. Latin American tastes are swinging more and more to the Norte Americano style of sophisticated popular music—they still like tangoes and rumbas played by their own orks. AFRA Snags?

#### **AFRA Snags?**

AFRA Snags? One snag which is currently talked about among the e. t. boys is the AFRA Code which requires actors to be paid the same price for foreign distribution as domestic, with the exception of re-hearsal fees. However, shows which are strictly for foreign consumption and utilize only foreign language, do not come under AFRA's scope. Ray Jones, AFRA head in Chi, made some caustic remarks concerning low-ering AFRA's price for foreign distribu-tion. At present actors get \$16.50 for a 15-minute transcription plus \$6.60 for hour's rehearsal time which is required. "I don't think the object of our send-ing American shows overseas is to lower our own standard of living by attempt-ing to compete with native standards," Jones declared, "and if we can't afford to pay our actors a minimum wage of \$16.50 then we'll have to get up some other means of providing shows. **Thirty-Three Cent Actors** 

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**Thirty-Three Cent Actors** Jones pointed out that e. t.'s could be played on as many stations as could be sold and that even at low ratio of 50 stations talent cost would only be 33 cents per actor per station. If the guys say they can't afford that, then somebody's estimates are wrong when they talk about the great foreign

# **Cincy ATAM Fiery Over Shubert Ax** Of Mgr. Trowbridge

CINCINNATI, Sept. 17.—After 20 years of service with the Shubert interests here, Nelson Trowbridge has been given the ax. He has been replaced by Leo McDonald. According to the Shuberts, Trowbridge was replaced because of ill health.

McDonald. According to the Shuberts, forwbridge was replaced because of ill auth. Wewer, in a letter sent to the resi-dent manager early in September, J. J. Shubert expressed his dissatisfaction with Gincinnati's showing at the b.-o. and indicated that it might not be forwbridge's fault but one way to find out would be to replace him. Next came a blunt dismissal notice. The addition to Cincinnati's dailies hocal ATAM (flacks union) is hot under the collar at the discharge. A protest was sent to the New York headquarter's of the union by Morris Zaidins, union prexy here. "The action of the Shuberts was taken without the proper notice." addition the decision to replace Mr. Trowbridge should have been sent action given. I feel he has been done a user injustice." Trowbridge has spent 32 years in the shubert employ. He was preparing for the opening season here September 24 when he received his release notice.

market," he continued, "and at any rate why make the working actors take a beating?"

# West Coasters Have Their Own **Export** Ideas

**LAPOPTI TUEAS**INDLYWOOD, Sept. 17.—Plattermen here see lush coin ahead in disking airers for export consumption. General celling is that it is an untapped field in the second seco

#### **AFRS** Created Demand

Reason for current heavy demand U. S. air disks, MacGregor says, is the fact that Armed Forces Radio Services showed foreign countries what typical American radio was like and now they want more of it. Because of this, Mac-Gregor will adhere strictly to U. S. for-mat mat.

want more of it. Because of this, Mac-Gregor will adhere strictly to U. S. for-mat. Standard Radio here agrees that there will be a boom in waxing for the for-eign market, but says that from all it can find out, U. S. type shows are irri-tating to foreign ears. Standard will stick to music shows only and will leave volcing to native announcers in coun-tries to be serviced. Disking foreign-tongue packages here, Standard feels, is risky in that accents are easily tangled, with the result proving non-acceptable to foreign dialers. Standard gave U. S. example of nixing by pointing out how a dramatic show would fail here if actor depicting a Bostonian spoke southern, or if role of tough gangster were volced with a Harvard accent. Standard says that U. S. comedy or dramatic shows are unpopular in over-seas English-speaking countries because different accent, type of gags, idloms, etc., and therefore prove annoying to foreign listener. As proof of point, Standard cited a case where the Aus-tralian Parliament was asked to curb U. S. air shows because folks Down Un-der couldn't stand them. Reason for demand for American e. t.'s, Standard said, is because of talent lack in numer-ous countries. Sections, such as Bel-gian Congo, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, have numerous set owners but are not blessed with multi-web system as U. S. Hence, many stations have to either feed canned stuff or scrape the barrel for local talent. U. S.-plat-tered music shows are a boon to these outlets, giving listeners U. S. name tal-ent and at the same time solving pro-gram problems. Type of music waxed for abroad de-pende on where disks will be sired For

ent and at the same time solving pro-gram problems. Type of music waxed for abroad de-pends on where disks will be aired. For example, Standard tells that company representative in South Pacific calls mostly for cowboy and hillbilly tunes which go over big in Belgian Congo re-gions and parts of Australia and New Zealand. World Broadcasting here says it has music package shows and leaves volcing to foreign announcer, expects big post-war biz but doesn't think it will wax foreign-language air shows.

RADIO

Communications to 1564 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. **Too Much Boiler-Plate In Radio** 

# **McCarthy Allen**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Plans are afoot to make the Bergen seg and the new Fred Allen pitch that's to follow it into an in-tegrated one-hour comedy show, with Bergen busting in the Allen with Bergen busting in the Allen program at times, and Fred walk-ing into the McCarthy routines. As both shows are Standard Brands-sponsored, the idea is a natural to get Allen established quickly in his new home.

# **BCA-Victor Seeks New NBC Time for** Loved Music Seg

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—RCA-Victor is looking around the NBC web for a new time in which to air its *Music America* time in which to air its Music America Loves Best, believing that the split net it uses in the present slot, 4:30-5 p.m., Sun-days, is the reason why Hooperatings haven't gone too high. RCA was eying the 2:30-3 p.m. Sunday time soon to be vacated by Ford, but International Har-vester moved in first. (See story else-where in this section) where in this section.)

where in this section.) Reason for the case of double ulcers being developed by RCA and J. Walter Thompson Agency execs is the fact that uncleared stations force them to wax the program and rebroadcast it at several dif-ferent times during the evening. And, by coincidence, the areas where it is heard at bad times are all Hooper cities.

In Cleveland, for instance, the program is heard at 11:30 p.m., being forced out of its regular spot by a local show which has become a Midwestern institution. If RCA does decide to move the program, it will get the first open time on its sub-sidiary, NBC.

# **Des Moines Center** Of Scramble for **New Percolators**

DES MOINES, Sept. 17 .- A mad scram-DES MOINES, Sept. 17.—A mad scram-ble for new radio stations in Des Moines and several other Iowa spots was under way today, with the relaxation on equip-ment and expected FCC licensing. Nearly a half dozen groups have been casting aspirations for a new Des Moines outlet, at least three of them with applications in Washington. The Tallcorn Network, consisting of eight out-of-State stations, also would like to have a Des Moines out-let. Stations WHO (50,000-NBC), KRNT (ABC) and KSO (CBS) now serve the Des Moines area. George O'Dea, local banker, has ap-

Des Moines area. George O'Dea, local banker, has ap-plied for a station in East Des Moines. Ed Buckley, another banker, is also in-terested in getting a license, while John Boler, of Minneapolis, and the Atlas group from Chicago are in the picture. One of the Shenandoah stations would also like to move to Des Moines. One group of Des Moines businessmen virtually took themselves out of the Des Moines picture by purchasing the Marshalltown, Ia., sta-tion, while in Cedar Rapids, the Cedar Rapids Broadcasting Corporation has been organized in an effort to locate a station there.

### Chemicals, Inc., Sponsoring 'Don't You Believe It' Show

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17.—Chemicals, Inc., will bank roll Columbia Pacific net's Don't You Believe It airer, replac-ing Campana Sales Company, current sponsor, starting October 27.

Garfield & Guild, San Francisco, is agency for Chemicals, Inc. Show is aired in the Saturday, 9:45-10 p.m. (PWT.) slot.

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# **Hooper Intros New Services To Rating Biz**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—C. E. Hooper, Inc., last week took the wraps off its post-war plans and announced-two new services, one for stations, another for ad-vertisers. Both will be new to Hooper clients, altho not new in basic concept, and will be issued in addition to the current activities of the research orcurrent activities of the research organization.

The advertisers service division, to be headed by John C. Whitridge Jr., will offer audience and effectiveness analyses via group chart talks by a Hooper rep to con-ferences of advertiser and ad-agency personnel, and a sales trend index.

The chart talks will be staged every 60 The chart taks will be staged every 60 days and go into all details of the com-parative values of the clients' programs and those of the competition. The Sales Trend Index will report evidences of sales changes in the advertisers' and competing brands. Promises of latter figures are 21 days after the measurement is made in the field the field.

The station service division will be headed by Gordon and Ted Buck. It will offer a diary study designed to compar-ative audiences "inside" and "outside" the station city, audience movement, specific audience composition, audience frequency and the sconomic breackdown frequency and the economic breakdown of the audience.

In addition, there will be a direct lis-tener survey and receiver analysis to give stations info for use before the FCC and in confabs with networks.

#### **Pawlek to West Coast NBC**

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17.--NBC engineer John Pawlek has been shifted here from the net's New York studios. Pawlek will handle the Truth or Consequences air show there.

# Thesp Kesten

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—FCC Commissioner Paul A. Walker like the proverbial elephant, never forgets. Back in the fall of 1944, the commissioner jokingly com-mented several times on the "dramatic quality and ability" of Paul Kesten, CBS vice-president, in his testimony on FM, televi-sion and short-wave at general allocation hearings.

sion and short-wave at general allocation hearings. The FCC commissioner, along with 250 other capital biggles, showed up at CBS party here for actress Helen Hayes last Tues-day (11) commemorating among other things, her new Saturday show on CBS. After meeting Miss Heyes Commissioner Walker Miss Hayes, Commissioner Walker looked around wildly for Kesten. "Where's Kesten? Where's Kes-ten?" he demanded. "I want Miss Hayes to meet another good actor."

# Harvester on NBC: **CBS Sponsor Balks** At the Time Move

CHICAGO, Sept. 17. — International Harvester Company will break into the field of network program sponsorship for the first time October 7 when it begins the first time October 7 when it begins bank-rolling a half-hour weekly program on NBC, Sundays, from 2:30 to 3 p.m. (E.W.T.). International's new program, which will originate in New York, will feature Raymond Massey, as narrators dramatic segments with well-known guest stars; a 70-piece orchestra conducted by Howard Barlow, and a 24-voice choral group group.

Earlier this week it looked as tho CBS Earlier this week it looked as the CBS would get the show at the same time on Sundays. Plan was to move CBS's Prince Matchiabelli Stradivari program to an-other time to make way for the Harvester show. But at the last minute, Matchia-belli execs balked at the time move and NBC contured the show NBC captured the show.

# **Vet Groups and Congressmen To Ask FCC To Relent, Hold 20 FM Channels for G.I.'s**

### **Durr, Patterson Support Move to Alter Ruling**

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-Veterans'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-Veterans' groups and Congressmen are readying to sound off against Federal Communi-cations Commission for latter's failure to reserve 20 FM channels for returning vets. Whether FCC will reverse itself is uncertain, but Commissioner Clifford J. Durr, for one, is more than willing to recast the ruling in order to make the reservations for the vets. Durr feels strongly on the issue, in-sisting that thousands of men still in the armed forces, who had radio back-ground in pre-war civilian life and who want to get back into industry, are being unfairly denied opportunity. Those who are fated to stay in occupational forces for a year or more are likely to ind themselves unable to compete for whatever frequencies may still be avail-able, according to the commissioner. Durr, it is known, dissented from FCC of 20 channels. FCC majority ruling was largely in response to industry sen-timent registered at public hearing. **Baterson Urged Reserving** 

#### Patterson Urged Reserving

Undersecretary of War, Bob Patterson, it has been learned, was among military men who had urged FCC to hold the channels in reservation now. According

to insiders on Capitol Hill, several Congressmen are preparing to sound off on the floors of both Houses, and some veterans' association leaders are prodding for vigorous pressure to get FCC to relent. relent.

Meanwhile. FCC announced Meanwhile, FCC announced last Wednesday (12), that inquires from men now in service have been received, and the commission recalled that earlier this month it had proposed to make "condi-tional grants of FM applications, afford-ing the applicants 90-day period in which to file engineering details." This procedure, FCC stated, will probably faciliate filing of applications by service-men "and will enable them to qualify for FM licenses."

for FM licenses." "The commission recognizes the dif-ficulties confronting military personnel in completing their applications for broadcast facilities," stated FCC, "and accordingly consideration will be given to requests by applicants in the armed services for reasonable extensions of time to submit engineering data." Since it to submit engineering data." Since it is not possible to reserve FM channels for future assignments, added FCC, servicemen planning to enter the broad-cast business are urged to submit ap-plications promptly.

# Broadcasting **Gets Leukemia**

## Web affiliates reach down for their ideas instead of setting the pace

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Prime problem of production-minded execs these days, what with the emphasis moving more and more toward program service, is the over-abundant use of prefabricated segs by network affiliates. In itself, this it not too bad but, as one exec put it, "Web affiliates are fighting for local biz on the local station level. "Too many network



be local station level. "Too many network outlets of all sizes are playing Crosby records, airing transcribed shows, doing the exact same programs as the small, non-network indie elsewhere on the dial. And what makes it tough is that the listener hears on a 50-kw, network affiliate the same Crosby or Sinatra records he hears on a 250 or 500-watter. And in many cases, the indie does a better job of producing these platter shows."

#### Locals the Hitch

Locals the Hitch Sideliners point out the obvious rea-sons for this situation. Namely, sta-tions can no longer program completely off the network line. The day when sta-tion managers of network affiliates could spend the day on the golf course is out; now they have to produce local shows or run afoul of the FCC.

run atoul of the FCC. Network-produced co-op programs solve part of the problem but still leave a sizable gap in the daily schedule. With program-smart manpower at a premium, even more so than usual thanks to the war, these stations have laid in sundry library services and, as a final resort, tried to copy the top shows of the local indie outlets. Invariably these are plat-ter shows. ter shows.

#### Beneath Their Level

Beneath Their Level What the affiliates, including some web-owned-and-operated outlets, do not realize, some in the trade figure, is that they are copying from a lower level in the radio set-up instead of serving as a model for station beneath them. As a result, they tend to lose listener accept-ance except when the top web shows are being aired. At the same time, these stations are

being aired. At the same time, these stations are inadvertently sapping away at radio, as new talent, live talent, cannot compete economically with records at 50 cents a throw or boiler-plate programs at mass-production rates. Likewise, in the long run these stations suffer, as the more canned shows they use the less ma-terial, in the form of new talent and ideas, is available for the networks. And the less for the webs, the weaker the net programs, so the weaker the web affiliates.

#### Self-Benefit

Self-Benefit Actually, of course, the nets are prim-ing their own pump by building their own shows, not relying on the affiliates. And too many indie stations, who might gab a bigger share of the available audi-ence by dipping into the financial and mental till for some live shows, prefer the status quo because it's easier to sell. Therein, as one web exec points out, lies the evil. There was a time when the networks were accused of taking the easy way out by letting the agencies produce the programs. Now, they're dig-ging in and coming up with programs and ideas, so the affiliates and indies are leaning more and more to the easy collar.

are leaning more and more to the easy dollar. One station has only one piece of live talent and it's been around so long it goes with the lease, and the salesmen manage to find it a commercial from time to time. On another station they have a so-called live show that looks (See Too Much Boiler-Plate on page 10)

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Webs' Ire Up Over FCC's FM Ruling

# **Nets May Ask New Hearing**

**Frequency** assignment for present licensees, especially N. Y., burns 'em up

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Neworks are chafing bitterly over key provisions in Federal Communications Commission's assignment of FM requencies and latest installment of FM rules, issued Wednes-day (12), with some spokesmen suggest-ing possible need for rehearing on whole issue. Networks see in FCC's latest ac-tion an attempt by commission to estab-lish "artificial barriers" to prevent web stations from becoming more enterpris-ing than independent stations. Among targets of bitter criticism by

stations from becoming more enterpris-ing than independent stations. Among targets of bitter criticism by networks is FCC's outline of assign-ments for present FM licensees and per-mittees, particularly in New York area. FCC explained officially that "in making the assignments in New York, the com-mission has decided to assign the fre-quencies with the maximum service area beyond the 1,000 univolts/m contour to existing stations since these stations are the pioneers in FM broadcasting." Commission added: "In making assign-ment in New York to the networks, the commission has endeavored to assign substantially equivalent facilities for all the networks. As a result, the facilities assigned to the network pioneers have a somewhat smaller service area beyond the 1,000 uv/m contour than in the case of the non-network pioneer FM station in New York.

#### Maximum Service Predicted

Maximum Service Predicted FCC explained that this should result in maximum service to listeners and that programs of network stations are available either from network-owned station or their affiliates. "Hence," stated FCC, "listeners living beyond the 1,000 uv/m contour of the network-owned station will have an opportunity of receiving network programs from an of receiving network programs from an affiliate of the network in whose 1,000 uv/m contour they reside, and all net-works will have an opportunity to com-pete for affiliates in this area."

One network spokesman commenting on the FCC assignment said the com-mission "has no right to balance off one station against another."

one station against another." Asked if the protest will be carried formally to the commission, he pointed out that "such a step is a strong possi-bility." It was recognized generally that FCC's latest promulgated provisions for FM operation are flexible enough to be re-cast later. Nevertheless, some network spokesmen, professing surprise over the assignment conditions, complained that opportunity to discuss the issue had not been provided in public hearings and that consequently the question should be opened anew. be opened anew

#### "Safety Valve"

"Safety Valve" Analysis of the latest rules and regu-lations (Subpart B of Part 3) showed numerous "safety valve" features which pleased most observers, including net-work representatives. C ommunity sta-tions are limited to maximum effective radiated power of 250 kw. and maximum antenna height of 250 feet over average height of the terrain 10 mile from trans-mitter. Area 1 metropolitan stations are limited to maximum of 20 kw. radi-ated power with non-directional antenna height of 500 feet. Revisions are author-ized under certain conditions. Rules on licensing policies are in most instances similar to standard broadcast regu-lations. lations

lations. Dominant in the rules is policy call-ing for full detailed progress and log reports so that FCC will be able to keep close watch on FM particularly in swift opening period of expansion. FCC ob-viously intends to guard against build-up of exclusive territories and inequities in competition. All FM stations will be licensed for unlimited time operation, with minimum of six hours daily opera-tion required.

# Final Solution in Airport-Radio **Contest Slated for Joint Action**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Heated con-test between radio and aviation for property expansion by which to command the air appears headed soon for final solu-tion in Joint Congressional Conference Committee. That's the view of Congres-sional leaders in wake of Senate passage Wednesday (12) of McCarran Federal-Add for Appender Bull Aid-for-Airports Bill.

Aid-for-Airports Bill. Big issue, as far as radio industry is concerned, is question as to which in-dustry will get priority in race for land on which to locate transmitters and on which to build airports. McCarran Bill, as amended just prior to Senate passage, authorizes F e d er al Communications Commission to confer with Civil Aero-nautics Administration in solving con-flicts destined to develop on far-reach-ing scale as FM stations begin multiply-ing and as cities and States get unpre-cedented federal aid for building and ex-panding airports.

#### **Committee To Decide**

Congressional leaders now believe that Joint Conference Committee will be called

However, CAA has final say in matter, under both Lea and McCarran bills.

## **Porter Sees Conflict**

**Porter Sees Conflict** Johnson, in getting Senate to revise bill, called attention to communication received from FCC Chairman Porter, stating that certain of McCarran Bill provisions "present a possibility of con-flict of jurisdiction between the Civil Aeronautics Administrator and this com-mission. This possibility of conflict, stated Porter in letter dated September 11, 1945, to Chairman Wheeler of Sen-ate Commerce Committee, "appears to arise from those provisions of the bill which confer upon the administrator authority to formulate a nation-wide zoning prograin for clearing and protect-ing aerial approaches to airports thru regulation of the height and location of structures in the vicinity thereof and to promulgate reasonable standards with respect to the maximum height and lo-cation of structures within such safety areas as may be necessary to effectuate the zoning program."

Committee 10 Decide Congressional leaders now believe that Joint Conference Committee will be called as well as other problems which are dealt with in bill already reported by House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee'. Latter bill is authored by committee's chairman, Clarence F. Lea (D., Calif.), who is due back in capital this week. Lea Bill does not conform to McCarran Measure (S2) and authorizes federal aid totaling \$75,000,000 yearly for inally, bill sought \$100,000,000 yearly au-thorization. Problem of aviation-radio conflict is thoroly recognized in both Houses, with Lea Bill already containing a provision for public hearing in any case where station owner wants to protest proposed condemnation of his transmitter land to make way for airport expansion. On insistence of Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Col.), Senate revised McCarran Bill at least to let FCC get together with CAA in deliberating on land disputes. Areas as may be necessary to effectuate the zoning program." Porter urged that any federal legisla-to station sould adhere to policy by which areas as may be necessary to effectuate the zoning program." Porter urged that any federal legislation will be high on the House agenda and, consequently, it is likely that decisive action on the radio issue will be reached soon.

# Help Wanted \$\$ **To End Shortly** For Stations

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Altho many radio stations in the country are still reaping good harvests from department stores which have bought help-wanted transcribed programs because of the newsprint shortage, indications are that the bonanzas will cease with the easing of paper shortages, and the newspapers will once again get the ads. Case in point is Montgomery Ward &

Case in point is Montgomery Ward & Company. Firm heretofore had a heavy newspaper budget for help wanted ads, but with the canceling of paper ads was forced to turn to radio. Ward spends about \$50,000 in Chicago alone for help-wanted programs on six Windy City sta-tions, WBBM, WAIT, WIND, WGN, WJJD and WLS.

and WLS. William Howell, of the Foote, Cone & Belding Agency, which handles Ward for press and radio, said the company considered newspapers the basic adver-tising medium and would revert to them as soon as possible. Ward has just signed 13-week contract with WBBM for a transcribed help-wanted program. Howell said that this was a normal sea-cond employee program which every desonal employee program which every de-partment store puts on for the forth-coming Christmas holidays. Company is limited at the present time to three agate lines in each of the local news-

# NBC's E.T. Rate Cut Third to Half

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The oft-re-ported rate reduction on all NBC-syn-dicated productions is now in effect, NBC radio-recording division revealed recently. Cut in price about a third, packages like *The Haunting Hour* and *Destiny Trails*, which were originally priced at \$150 and \$50, are now available at \$100 and \$30, respectively. Likewise, coin asked for the *Play-house of Favorites, Come and Get It* and *Modern Romances* will be almost half of what was previously demanded. Trade, well aware that show production cost is on the upgrade, is patiently awaiting the gimmick.

gimmick.

#### **Al Collins Goes to KALL**

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Al Collins, WIND announcer for only a few months, has resigned to become production manager of KALL, Salt Lake City. KALL, Salt Lake's newest station, will start op-eration September 30.

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17.—Dick Ross was named production manager for Asso-ciated Broadcasting Corporation's West-ern Division. He was program director at KMO, Tacoma, and later night supervisor for Don Lee here. Ross was recently re-leased from the army air forces.

# **Porter's Seg Guide**

**FORTER'S DEG GUIDA** WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Fed-eral Communications Commis-sion's hope that broadcasters will give top program—content em-phasis to "full and free expres-sion of diverse viewpoints" got new emphasis in Chairman Paul A. Porter's remarks at inaugural of Associated Broadcasting Cor-poration here yesterday (16). Free expression headed Porter's "must" list by the following: Programs calculated to foster and elevate our tastes in music, literature, drama and the other arts; whole-some entertainment; fair report-ing of the news and an under-standing of the background of the news; and, opportunities for enlarging our knowledge of the world of science."

# **Celler Readies Legislation To Curb Big Biz Influence** In Air, Station Speculation

## Move Significant as FFC Begins WINS Hearing

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- Coincidental WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Coincidental to WINS transfer hearing before FCC this week, Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) is resuming preparations to introduce legislation aimed to curb "big business" influence in radio, big-money specula-tion in station transfers, and "monopo-listic tendencies generally" Celler told *The Billboard* that he plans to have at least two bills in the House hopper within a month and that both of these measures will touch on "major problems at least two bills in the House hopper within a month and that both of these measures will touch on "major problems of the radio industry, and of regulation of the industry." Cellar, a member of the important House Judiciary Commit-tee, said he is considering an additional bill to set up a special investigating committee to examine radio and network practices. Recently, Celler jumped into FCC for what the Congressman described as fail-ure to exercise its full powers under communications Act of 1934. At same time, he lashed out at National Associa-tion of Broadcasters' Code which he said prevented labor and similar groups from getting square deal on the air. Congressional interest in outcome of WINS case appears high, especially in view of recent AVCO transfer findings and because Hearst effort to unload WINS involves \$2,100,000. Congressmen

are becoming increasingly interested in activity of radio whose earnings have been steadily soaring amid big-time sta-tion speculation. Of special interest, for example, is FCC's latest report issued Friday (14) showing net revenues from sale of time amounting to \$245,339,532 in the four major networks and five regional networks and 875 standard broadcast stations in U. S. and Terri-tories during 1944. This figure repre-sents almost 26 per cent over previous year's earnings.

year's earnings. In addition, these networks and sta-tions received \$28,959,079 last year from sale of talent and other incidental broadcast activities as compared with \$19,613,621 the previous year---an increase of 47.6 per cent. Total number of sta-tions affiliated with major networks last year was 689, as compared with 604 for 1943. Average broadcast income of the 689 stations amounted to \$94,004, an increase per station of nearly 29 per cent over previous year's average for the 604 stations, FCC report showed. The four major networks and their 10 key stations reported total revenues from sale of time aggregating \$84,068,954 in 1944, as compared with \$71,027,292 for previous year FCC stated.

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SCHOOLS TO GET BUILD-UPS

RADIO

# Friends of Democracy Still WCAU Looks Like SSI Set for Want MBS Time To Answer Lutheran League's Dr. Maier

## Mutual's Bob Sweezy Says "No" and Explains Why

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Friends of Democracy, Inc., anti-Fascist pressure group, this week declared itself dissatis-fied with the reply of the Mutual Broad-casting System to its charges of July 13 that the Rev. Walter A. Maier, preacher on *The Lutheran Hour* (MBS, Sundays, 12:30-1 p.m.) was expressing opinions on controversial, political issues during his sermons. Friends, of Democracy pressed its demand for time to answer Reverend Maler's alleged statements. declaring that 17.—Friends of NEW YORK. Sept. its demand for time to answer Reverend Maler's alleged statements, declaring that the preacher's views were being used to support the arguments of "demagogic agitators." Meanwhile, MBS v.-p. Robert D. Sweezy, told *The Billboard* that more stringent control over paid religious broadcasts was being exercised by the web's continuity acceptance department. Sweezy had previously written the libe

Sweeezy had previously written the lib-eral group, rejecting its charges as baseless because "Dr. Maier has at no time participated in short-wave German language broadcasts; is not an intimate friend of Gerald L. K. Smith (head of the 'National-Gerald L. K. Smith (head of the 'National-ist' party), altho he has met him casually on two occasions; has never heard before of an individual named D. Scott Swain, and that if the 'vermin press' (extremist press supported by the most violently anti-Democratic elements) has made use of Dr. Maier's broadcast material it has hear without his concast or knowledge." been without his consent or knowledge."

#### Use Is Proof?

Friends of Democracy, in reply to this point, said that the very fact that Maler's material was used is prima facie evidence that it was adaptable for use by Fascist elements and as such must have con-tained statements on political issues to which the org asks time for replies.

#### **Mis-Quotation**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Several newspapers serving the frantic lunatic fringe of Ameri-can Fascism have quoted The Billboard in weeks past as saying that Friends of Democ-racy was trying to drive Dr. Walter A. Maier off the air off the air.

off the air. The Billboard story mis-referred to was the one on Page 5 of the issue of July 21, headed "MBS Lutheran Hour Gets F. of D. Works as an Anti." No where in the story did The Billboard say that the Friends of Democracy was attempting to have the preacher taken off the air. In the first para-graph it was reported: "In a carefully docu-mented letter to MBS, the FCC and the NAB, Friends of Democracy asked for time to reply to Dr. Maler's alleged anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, pro-German, anti-rationing state-ments."

Catholic, pro-German, anti-rationing state-ments." A later paragraph stated that a trade source had predicted: "... The expiration date or his (Maier's) contract ... would find him off the air." This neither referred to nor stated the Friends of Democracy's stand. Quotations of The Billboard's article which present any other set of facts are complete misinterpretations and have never been au-thorized by the editors or the publishers of The Billboard.

Sweezy contends that many of the points made against Maier were developed from material taken from the Walther League Messenger, a church publication. He told The Billboard today that he feels that if a man's broadcasts are clear of

that if a man's broadcasts are clear of controversial issues, his outside writing have no bearing on radio questions, as long as he is not completely outside the bounds of social decency. In reply, F. of D. said that the broad-casts were used to promote the magazine and that the magazine, in its turn, was used to amplify ideas advanced in the **Drograms**. programs

#### **Out of Context Claim**

Sweezy said that many of the F. of D.'s quotes of Maier were torn out of context and, if left in, would mean the exact op-

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posite of what the group charged. F. of D. said here that if Sweezy were right on this point, the "seditious" press would not have been able to make use of Maier's material and that some of his stuff was so subtle as to escape the notice of the

so subtle as to escape the notice of the network. The Mutual v.-p. said that many of the points made against Maier were in hind-sight and that some of his opinions, like those of everyone else, have changed with the changing world scene. He pointed to that fact that F. of D., which now sup-ports the Soviet Union, at one time at-tackled it as an enemy of democracy. He suggested that the org was in no position suggested that the org was in no position to criticize Maier for his alleged anti-Sov-iet bias because it, too, once disapproved of Russia. The anti-Fascist outfit replied of Russia. The anti-Fascist outfit replied that it attacked the Soviets when they were involved in a non-aggression pact with the Nazis but that Maier had made attacks which were destructive to war-time unity among the United Nations, and in so doing endangered our war efforts efforts.

Friends of Democracy has waived its Friends of Democracy has waived its objections to Maler statements on such subjects as God, religion, Martin Dies, Lindbergh, peace, Christ, sex, liquor, etc., but continues to charge that Dr. Maler was pro-Vichy. Organization went on to add material to its original brief, attest-ing to show thet not only has the prescher ing to show that not only has the preacher made anti-democratic statements on the air, but that his entire record shows that he has worked hand-in-glove with Fascistic elements in this country.

# FCC Putting Tough Policy Into Action In Buffalo Case Buffalo Case In

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .-- Trend to-WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Trend to-ward tougher scrutiny by Federal Com-munications Commission in license re-newals is expected to be stepped up sharply, with the policy getting its latest support in FCC action Thursday (13) in Buffalo Broadcasting Company case. FCC announced proposed finding of fact and conclusion looking toward denial of ap-plications of Buffalo Broadcasting Cor-poration for renewal of licenses of WKBW and WGR (Buffalo).

WKBW and WGR (Buffalo). Commission based proposed denial of renewal "solely upon illegal arrange-ments between the Buffalo Broadcasting Corporation and the Churchill Taber-nacle." FCC scored contract clause re-serving certain specified time on one of org's station for Churchill Taber-nacle's use, insisting this wasn't in pub-lic interest. FCC, however, is letting firm file a new application toward re-licensing one of its stations, altho org must drop a station under rule pro-hibiting ownership of more than one station in same service area.

#### **Gleason Exits From ABC**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Ralph Gleason last week checked off the Blue flack staff where he was trade news ed. He will collab with Ed Rice, of Look mag, on a book to be published by Duell, Sloan & Pearce. Tome is The Jazz Story and will be a pictorial documentary of jazz music.

A plug-our-programs closed circuit ses-sion was planned by one net last week just as the NABET strike broke right in the network's face. Topper who was supposed to intro the session suggested that he use half the period for an explanation of the strike and the second half for the pro-gram plug. Promotion brass almost turned green at the suggestion and assured him the idea was no soap. Said the ad-man to the topper, "You can't change your voice that quick."

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Navy Base With All Gold Braid Around

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—Dr. Leon Levy, WCAU prez, who served as a lieu-tenant in the naval reserve early in the war, is surrounding himself with a lot of gold braid. In a move of more than casual interest, Doc Levy this week brings in Com. Joseph I. Tinney, new to radio, for the newly created post as assistant to the station's president. Com-mander Tinney has been in charge of the public relations office for the entire Fourth Naval District, which included being Lieutenant Levy's superior, and is leaving his uniform behind after four years of service.

Commander Tinney will not be the only officer of that rank at WCAU. Com. Jack Leitch, in the navy since August, 1941, in charge of communications in Greenland and the South Pacific, is also Greenland and the South Pacific, is also shedding his uniform to return to his post as chief engineer of WCAU. Al-ready back is Lieut. Com. Al Munsey, who returned from the Pacific to resume his post as master control engineer. Other gold braid due back soon to re-sume their WCAU posts are Lieut. Com. Lou Fisher, staff announcer, now on Admiral Nimitz's staff at Pearl Harbor, and Lieut. Col. Frank Shannon, who left the engineering staff to become the B-27 radio chief at Guam and the Mari-anas.

# **Technicolor Pic** To Flack 'Suspense'

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17.-Film is being readied which will promote CBS Suspense airshow. A 16mm. color two-reeler, it gives behind-the-scene picture of an actual airing of the show.

Vic Ratner, Henry Stampleton back deal to spotlight interscholastic sports

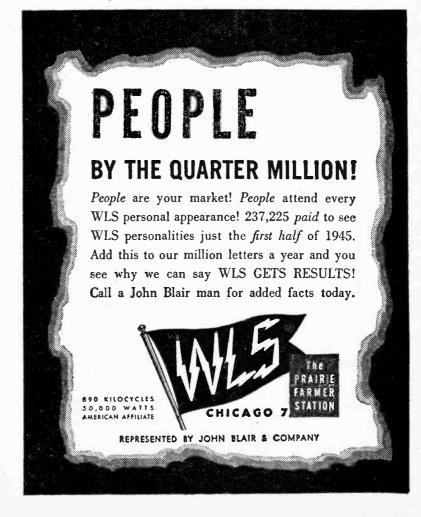
12-State Job

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—High-schoolers who haven't had too much of the spot-light during the last few years will get plenty of attention under a new scho-lastic sports institute deal which starts with the basketball season this Decem-ber. SSI, headed by G. Herbert Mc-Cracken, for 25 years Lafayette College coach, with Henry Stampleton (ex-War-wick and Legler) and Victor Ratner (ex-War-wick and Legler) and Victor Ratner (ex-CBS) in the business background. Staff isn't all set but George Schreier, resigned from the American Broadcasting Com-pany, Saturday (15), to assume the slot of director of bureau of information of SSI. Dick Dunkel, who for the last 10 years has handled the Atlantic Refining football forecasts and the Converse Rub-ber Company college basketball fore-casts, will do the forecasting. He'll con-tinue his own babies, too.

tinue his own babies, too. Altho, not set, trade feels that Les Quailey will resign from N. W. Ayer to handle scholastic relations, a job he's been doing in football and baseball for N. W. Ayer in Philly for the past 10 years. Job of relations with the high school principals is said to be much tougher than that of dealing with the university and college heads. The latter have been impressed with the fact that sports bring in the endowments, while the secondary school heads do not have to scrounge endowments as practically all are State or city institutions without worry about where the next dollar is coming from. Les hasn't made up his mind yet, but he feels, say some of his close associates, that the high school deal is right up his alley and that it has tremendous possibilities. has tremendous possibilities.

#### Hanover Tested

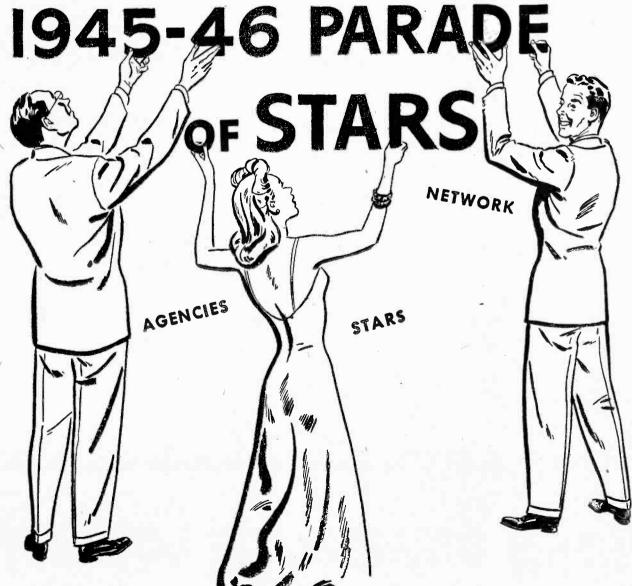
High school basketball forecasting and (See BUILD-UP PLAN on page 10)



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Big every year, this year bigger than ever, NBC's 1945-46 Parade of Stars launches a new chapter in its year-round promotion of the greatest shows in radio . . . programs designed to continue to keep NBC "the network most people listen to most."



# South America's Got Dough **To Spend But Looks North** For Precedent in Buying

## Latins Copy U. S. Radio Formula Even to Surveys

(Continued from page 3) miraculous how this system keeps his soap operas going on his wax-network ... but it does. Outside of Mexico, he ships acetates, and requests that they be destroyed. Even he will be surprised when the disks will turn up years from now—running on a station in some country below the Canal Zone. Azcarraga's greatest aches come from the fact that all his volces—or prac-tically all of them—are Mex and recog-nizably so, and that doesn't go in Cuba and in most nations south of the Zone. However, he has landed a number of

However, he has landed a number of top sponsors, including Philco, 45 min-utes weekly; Standard Brands, 30 min-utes weekly; Ponds, three 15-minute slots weekly; Parker Pen and Squibb, each 30 minutes weekly.

#### "Cute Deal"

"Cute Deal." "A" has a "cute deal," claim some ex-port trade-wise guys. He goes into a station, a low-powered indie, and tells the station op that his ("A's") program will build up listeners, and so the sta-tion op should up his rates 50 per cent because of the increased audience brought by the sock programs. The deal is set on the basis that "A" gets 50 per cent of the station rates when he sells a program. In other words, the station pays 25 per cent of its old-time charges to "A" as a station rep, sales-man, program producer, and what have you. you.

you. This is, in many cases, frankly much less than what the U. S. nets collect from any of their stations, with the sta-tions sometimes having to guarantee "line charges" in order to get a deal. Of course, cost of Ascarraga's operations describe here to to tooth the costs of a doesn't begin to touch the costs of a



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network. However, "A's" disk network operations have cut into the biz that South American station reps in the U.S. have done in the areas where the Mex-accented Spanish isn't objectionable.

#### That Sliding Buck

The Mexican operation at the moment is not too happy with its local station deals because the peso is on its way down in value. Its out-of-the-country deals are okay because most of the other nations aren't hit the way Mex currency is at the moment. Typical of the inflation which has just started, after having been held in line for a long, long time, is the cost of water in hotels. When water is desired, the attendant asks if the guy wants 5 or 10 pesos' worth, i.e., one or two bucks' worth-and this condition does not apply only to North America visitors. It's begin-ning to cut into all Mexican living, even in the provinces. That, naturally, hurts any biz deal, as no provisions for infla-tion have been made in the contracts. Copying of U. S. radio program form-The Mexican operation at the moment

Copying of U. S. radio program form-ula is an everyday routine in South America and Central America, as well as the Caribbean Islands. Every quiz program idea gets in Spanish down America and Central America, as well as the Caribbean Islands. Every quiz program idea gets in Spanish down there, but quick. There are battles of boros and sexes. There's a You Be the Judge. Quick As a Flash is doing bet-ter below than it did up here, and the familiar Man On the Street changes its sex in some South American countries and becomes Woman On the Street, which indicates that equal opportunity is becoming an issue among the na-tions where since time immemorial women's place has been in the home. Newest carbon copy is So You Want To Be an Actor, with Information, Please and all U. S. variety formulas being in operation on at least one station. More Dough

#### More Dough

The great South American drawback is easing also. In other words, the ex-peons are getting some gold. As manu-facturing invades the pampas, the hills and the plains, it means less men avail-able for herding and agriculture and it means dough for men and women who it means dough for men and women who have lived on nearly nothing for gen-erations. Not only is there a lot of coin down there, but it is spread among more people than ever before. That doesn't mean that the landed million-aires are giving up but that there's more dough and it's sprinkling over on the worker workers. That means there'll be more dough

spent for entertainment, something that (See S. A. SHOWBIZ- on page 32)

# **Build-Up Plan** Set for Schools

#### (Continued from page 7)

(Continued from page 7) broadcasting was tried two years ago, with Hanover shows paying the bills for New Jersey, the testing area. At that time, George Schreier did the miking, and that's what sold him on this deal. Hanover liked the shoe-selling and paved the way for the 12-State job that will start just before Christmas. Henry Stampleton also was in the Hanover show picture while he was with W&L, and that's how he became interested in what broadcasting and forecasting could do for the bobby-sox contingent.

#### **Coca-Cola Backing**

Coca-Cola Backing Altho it may be denied, the adver-tiser back of the 12-State campaign is Coca-Cola, with the deal having been set by Al Steele himself for C-C. It's a typical deal for the Atlanta firm, as it goes in for underplaying its ad pitches. Fact is that C-C may not even appear in the pic the first season. Yes or no isn't set one way or another. Forecast sheets, which in the past have been distribbed by retail outlets, will be mailed to the schools for post-ing, as they have been handled by Con-

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IRST FIFTEEN" HOOPERATINGS for evening programs the "FIRST THREE" Sunday afternoon segs. **Based on "FIRST FIFTEEN** 

In the absence of continuous data on non-telephone home listenership, The Billboard takes the liberty of projecting telephone home-based radio audience measurements to total families.

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Program Sponsor, Hoope Gency, Hoope Get & Stat. Ratin		Opposition	Talent Cost	Cost Per Point	Talent Cost Per 1,000 Urban Listeners
MR. D. A. 16. Vitalis D. C. & S. H. NBC 130	8 322 ½ hr.	Maisie-CBS Jones & I-ABC Spotlight Bands-MBS	\$ 4,500	\$ 267.86	\$ .29
WINCHELL 16. Woodbury Soap L. & M. ABC 183	1/4 hr.	MGo-RoundNBC R. Digest-CBS Steel Horizons-MBS	\$ 6,000	\$ 372.68	\$ .44
ADIO THEATER 15. Lever BrosLux J. W. T. CBS 14	0 492 1 hr.	Telephone Hr.—NBC Information Please—NBC Maupin's Ork—ABC Various—MBS	\$16,000	\$1,066.6	,
DGAR BERGEN 13. Chase & Sanborn J. W. T. NBC 145	1/2 hr.	Beulah Show—CBS Various—ABC	\$ 4,500	\$1,050.7	2 **
AKE IT OR EAVE IT 13. Eversharp Blow CBS 17	378 2 ½ hr.	Hour of Charm—NBC Theater Guild—ABC Earl Wilson—MBS	\$ 4,500	\$ 340.9	\$.37
IT PARADE 13. Lucky Strike F. C. & B. CBS 149	1 638 ¾ hr.	Barn DanceNBC GangbustersABC VariousMBS	\$10,500	\$ 801.5	3 \$ .80
CREEN GUILD 12. Lady Esther Powder Blow CBC 141		Contented Hour-NBC Tokyo Calling-ABC Mike McNally-MBS	\$10,000	\$ 813.0	\$ .88
LOWELL THOMAS 11. (MTWTF) Sun Oil (LN) R. W. & C. NBC 28	9 778 ¼ hr.	Charlie Chan—ABC World Today—CBS Tom Mix—MBS	\$ 5,000	\$ 420.13	•
PEPSODENT 11. F. C. & B. NBC 124	4 12 ½ hr.	Various—ABC Various—MBS	\$ 8,500	\$ 745.6	\$ .77
VICTOR BORGE 11 Johnson Wax N. L. & B. NBC 140	.1 11 ½ hr.	Doctor Fights-CBS Various-ABC Ameri. Forum-MBS	\$ 4,500	\$ 405.4	\$ .48
PEOPLE ARE FUNNY 11 B, & W. Raleighs R, M, Ŝ, NBC 140	176 .0 ½ hr.	Those Websters—KBS Death Valley Sheriff— ABC Double or Nothing—MBS	\$ 3,000	\$ 272.7	5.2
MR. & MRS. NORTH 10 Woodbury Soap L. & M. NBC 137	.9 ½ hr.	The Saint—CBS Lum & Abner—ABC News of Tomorrow—ABC Various—MBS	\$ 3,000	\$ 275.2	3 \$ .31
JACK HALEY 10 Sealtest Mck. & A. NBC 71	.8 104 ½ hr.	Hobby Lobby—CBS Detect & Collect—UBC Stariite Serenade—MBS	\$ 8,500	\$ 787.0	• ••
WE, THE PEOPLE 10 Guif Oil Y. & R. (LN MA CH) CBS 104	.7 387 ½ hr.	Parky's—NBC Theater Gulid—ABC Dance Ork—MBS	\$ 7,000	\$ 654.2	\$ .7
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ONE MAN'S FAMILY 7 Standard Brands J.W.T. NBC 140	.4 <sup>1/2</sup> hr.	Washington Story—ABC Columbia Symph.—CBS Various—MBS	\$ 4,600	\$ 608.1	1 \$ .7
WORLD PARADE 6 Sheaffer Pen R. M. S. NBC 141	.5 156 ¼ hr.	Melodies-ABC Columbia Ork-CBS 20th Air Force-MBS	\$ 3,500	\$ 538.4	8 \$ .5
JOHN CHARLES THOMAS 6 Westinghouse McCE. NBC 141	127 .1 ½ hr.	W. News TtodayCBS Nat'l VespersABC CunninghamMBS Crooked SquareMBS	\$ 8,500	\$1,393.4	4 \$1.5
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The "Talent Cost Index ight of The Billboard and infringements will be prosecuted.

verse Rubber before the crew cuts and Too Much Boiler-Plate the mortarboards.

#### **Two-Year** Cooking

Two-Year Cooking Deal has been cooking for at least two years, with Ratner and Stampleton sink-ing in interim dough. C-C has come into the deal direct, i.e., no agency in-volved. There's also an anti-juvenile de-linquency slant to the entire idea, i.e., get the kids interested in sports. The basketball build-up is only the first of a series of interscholastic sports spot-lighting.

lighting. Prexy McCracken is v.-p. of Scholastic Publishers, pubs of Scholastic Coach and Scholastic Mag.

(Continued from page 5) wonderful on FCC reports but drives listeners nuts. The show is never re-hearsed and the transcribed commercial spots stumble over each other.

spots stumble over each other. It's just a question of time until the advertisers start raising heck or the networks start laying down the law to the affiliates. One answer may be the recent CBS regional conferences for pro-gram managers of their affiliated sta-tions. But, whatever the answer, feel these execs, stations must look to their local programing or become sterile.

# *Announcing* A NEW RADIO SERVICE Geared for NEW-DAY ACTION

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#### ARTHUR H. MCCOY

A recognized authority on what makes for suc-cessful radio offers. To round out his university training Mac spent two years doing radio survey, advertising re-search and market analysis work. The last six years with a major station representative in Chi-cago and then in New York have confirmed his reputation as a keen analyst and sound merchandiser.

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September 22, 1945

# R CLEA cided on its cargo and crew and was under way. reports to

# Net Formula, Not Costs, Set "BMB Index of Station Audience," as verbiage more peculiar to radio. 2. To expand its service to include the networks.

#### "Circulation," "primary," "secondary," "tertiary," verbiage nixed

#### By Lou Frankel

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Broadcast Measurement Bureau last week cut the hawser that had bound it to the dock of discussion and slipped down the river of radio to show the cut of its jib to the trade. For after innumerable weeks of gab and confab, BMB had finally de-

networks.

3. To drop the use of the primary, secondary and tertiary figures; refer to its results only on the one comprehensive level.

sive level. 4. To co-operate with the Canadian Bureau of Broadcast Measurement on a reciprocal co-operative plan, with ma-terial to be exchanged on basis of ac-tual costs of compiling the data. 5. To serve notice of a deadline for cubecribers

subscribers. 6. To let everyone know that BMB will not let its material or techniques be

perverted. 7. To confine itself to reports on AM

NO OTHER BROADCASTER

CAN MAKE THIS CLAIM!

Only way to reach

the 5,000,000

radio listeners of

Michigan is with

the Michigan Radio

Network

radio, with special individual report be available for FM, video, DX and perimental stations which subscribe. and ex-

#### **It Makes Sense**

To the trade all this made a lot of ense. Here is the way the cognoscenti sense. figure it:

1. The use of the word circulation left radio open to razzle-dazzle treatment by its competitors, as the word was one by its competitors, as the word was one peculiar to newspapers and mags, not to radio. With some of the competition having shown themselves, in the past, prone to low punching, using the op-positions verbiage didn't add up as a smart move. Consequently, many in the biz squawked and, as the trade sees it, it's a healthy sign that BMB reacted to the wishes of the industry and changed the word from circulation to BMB In-dex of Station Audience as the basic description of the BMB results. Note: When the networks come in

Note: When the networks come in to MBM, their material will be called "BMB Index of Network Audience." 2. BMB decided to include the webs, as

the ad agencies and advertisers needed network data in buying chain time. Net-work data required special treatment, since it would be compiled from station

since it would be compiled from station info. Explanation: (BMB info is to come from listener votes for stations heard. Network info would be culled by crediting webs with votes of its affiliates. But a certain amount of duplicate voting would result and thereby inflate the network totals. This duplicate vote can easily be lo-cated and eliminated, but that means an extra operation and addi-tional expense. And, as networks vary greatly as to number of sta-tions in the hook-up, there would be a steady drain on BMB resources to supply the required data.) So the BMB Finance Committee, Roger Clipp, of WFIL; Leonard Bush, of Comp-ton, and Lowry Crites, of General Mills, will huddle with the webs, possibly next week, make them the following offer, ne-gotiate the remuneration.

#### The Web Deal

A—Networks to get actual IBM (In-ternational Business Machine) card transcripts of votes for each affiliate, plus cards of any non-affiliate that authorizes same. By matching cards, a simple IBM procedure, the duplication can be eliminated.

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B—For data of an affiliate that is not an BMB subscriber, the chain would have to pay the regular station subscription rate based upon what the net pays the station for carrying its programs.
C—The net would withhold this info from the non-subscribing station. Likewise, the web would not release this info in any other form.
D—Leakages of this info would be controled by copyright and withholding of the BMB seal of approval.
E—Non-subscriber station might obtain use of the data by paying the regular rate. However, BMB would not distribute this info. The angle here is that it's better for all stations to sign up now and so get its data into the master volumes that will go to agencies and advertisers.

up now and so get its data into the mas-ter volumes that will go to agencies and advertisers. F-BMB would give each subscribing network a master tabulation showing complete day and night, county-by-county coverage. With this would go the BMB seal of approval. Thus, the web would have material for promotion sub-ject to a BMB code of practice still in the works. G-with the aforementioned master tabulation would go the station data mentioned in "A" so the web could fig-ure its various hook-ups. Or BMB would handle the figuring on a cost-plus serv-ice-charge basis. H-For limited web hook-ups, the network could do its own computing for individual presentations. However, BMB would have to certify the accuracy of this data before and if it were to be published. I-Any claims not certified by BMB would be subject to BMB audit by any

I—Any claims not certified by BMB would be subject to BMB audit by any interested party, the loser to pay all costs; the web to issue a new statement

costs; the web to issue a new statement if in error. J-BMB would do network coverage analyses only for the subscriber webs. Where analyses are requested by others, by an agency, for example, the network involved would first have to consent. K-BMB would rather the webs do their own computing. If, however, a BMB service bureau is organized, the same network authorization on network data would hold good. data would hold good. L—Since stations subscribe to BMB (See BMB CLEARS OFF on page 15)



# A NEW SERVICE Began operation Coast-to-coast

# September 16th - 2 P.M.

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I heard one of 'em say he's from WJW's merchandise sales staff. Boy, radio merchandising must be big business!

BIG BUSINESS is right! In the first year WJW's merchandise sales representatives have made 17,196 SALES PRESENTATIONS on products advertised over WJW.

SALES presentations is right! These 17,196 sales presentations resulted in 5,427 INDIVIDUAL SALES TO RETAIL DEALERS. That's a record for results!

Sales RECORD is right! Actual ORDERS comprising 31% OF ALL PRESENTATIONS proves the point!

And MORE to the point! 4,490 OF THESE SALES WERE TO NEW ACCOUNTS proving that WJW not only delivers the radio advertising coverage that stimulates dealer interest, but also supplies detailed merchandising cooperation that assures maximum distribution to back up air-vertising's demand!

## DO YOU NEED MORE DISTRIBUTION IN WJW'S NORTHERN OHIO COUNTIES?



# Too Short for a Head

SHIRLEY BOOTH is the rumor parade's D latest contribution to the running for an open shot on Edgar Bergen seg. Trade says that La Booth and Tommy Dorsey, who was to have been her run Dorsey, who was to have been her run-ning mate in a possible fall package, are making nasty faces at each other. Be-sides, J. Walter Thompson toppers ad-mit that trial runs of the TD-Booth Bracken replacement have not been overly successful.

That was no gag about CBS going into the publishing biz-latest book, a com-panion piece to its V-E Day tome, deals with the Pacific war.

the publishing biz-latest book, a com-panion piece to its V-E Day tome, deals with the Pacific war. Ward's Baking Company is interested in ABC's new Irene Wicker tele show on WRBG, Schenectady. New kid package preemed over the GE station, WRGB, Friday (14). Sgt. Bob Eberle, ex-Jimmy Dorsey vo-calist, subbing for Perry Como on the Chesterfield "Supper Club" until the lat-ter returns from vacation October 1. Eberle, still in the army, began Septem-ber 17. Sgt. John T. Lyons, former actor and writer at WFIL, WCAU, KYW and video station WPTZ, all in Philadelphia, takes over the job of continuity acceptance ed for the AFN in the United Kingdom. Sgt. Ford Kennedy, ex-announcer and newscaster for WCCO and WDCY, Min-neapolis, takes over the post of AFN news editor. *NBC* is sparing no expense in its attempt to capture the television spots field. Red Barber, who will also do the Giants' football games on radio, has been signed to handle the commentary on all nine WNBT airings of college football games, including Army-Navy and Army-Notre Dame. Bill Shirer leaves the country for an extended tour of Europe September 26. He'll spend some time in his old stamp-

Bill Shirer leaves the country for an extended tour of Europe September 26. He'll spend some time in his old stamp-ing ground, Germany, covering the war crimes trials of Nazl big-shots. And as if things weren't tough enough, all the returned radio junketers tell the same stories over and over again. Dave Alber and frau, of the associates of the same name, on a two-week trip to the Coast. Les Gottlieb, the Young & Rubicam flack, to Hollywood for a three-week gander at Y. & R. shows. Ed Murrow, the commentator who walks like an exec, is back in this country for a short vacation. He returns to London next month and from there will probably visit the Continent. CBS excess threw a liquorary tea for Prexy Bill Paley in Studio 24 last Fri-day (14).

day (14). Tony Pastor's ork, out of Dayton, O., will spotlight the third anniver-sary of Spotlight Bands September 21. Show has been aired 898 times sary of spottight Batas September 21. Show has been aired 898 times from service camps, hospitals and war plants in every State except North Dakota, plus Mexico, Canada and Hawaii, since it began in 1942. Ho-Hum (1 Wish I Were Someone in Love), Victor's latest hit tune, is being used as a sign-on by WCAU, same town. Myra Wilkins, formerly of the Office of Strategic Service in the ETO has been hired as Jack Faige's assistant in the WOL, Washington, publicity depart-ment. Col. Albert T. Warner, ex-prexy of the While House correspondents and radio correspondents, former head of CBS's capital news department and more recently official army spokesman, has been hired to head news operations for the same station. WLIB, Brooklyn indie, certainly has and Hawaii, since it began in 1942. Ho-Hum (I Wish I Were Someone in ove), Victor's latest hit tune, is being used as a sign-on by WCAU, same town. Myra Wilkins, formerly of the Office of Strategic Service in the ETO has been hired as Jack Paige's assistant in the WOL, Washington, publicity depart-ment. Col. Albert T. Warner, ex-prexy of the White House correspondents and recently official army spokesman, has been hired to head news operations for the same station. WLIB, Brooklyn indie, certainly has

that Brooklyn touch. Station topped its coverage of New York's reception to General Wainwright with a show using the last broadcast out of Corregidor, the mother of the Brooklyn boy who made it, and the mother of Sgt. Meyer Levin, Colin Kelly's bombardier. Climax of the program was the announcement that the Brooklyn boy who made that gripping last broadcast from Corregidor was found alive in a Jap prison camp the day before. before.

Inside story on why those Junketing radio excess never got to Moscow, as they tried to do, was that the Russians wouldn't let them. One of the tourers said that on a trip to Salzberg, they had to fly 200 miles out of the way so as to not be over Russian occupied territory. Soviet's rule, just to stop the gags, covers all Americans and Britons, except those who have special permission.

who have special permission. Bob Saudek, ABC sales service man-ager, is dropping all his duties to de-vote himself to special sales problems. He will work under the direct super-vision of Prexy Mark Woods and Chet LaRoche, vice-chairman. When he fin-ishes that job, he will take on a special public relations assignment for Bob Kintner.

Two days after AFN-Berlin went on the air, black market prices on radios went up 200 per cent. Ger-mans discovered that AFN was operating on one of the wave-lengths which were permitted on Hitler re-ceivers. The rush is on. Contrary to recent reports, North Cen-

tral Broadcasting's Joe Palooka strip will originate in Chicago, rather than New

Ork. DuMont television's station in Wash-ington may be ready for operation by the end of the year. Company officials say that they are rushing work on top of the Harrington Hotel and will speed it fur-ther as materials become available. One of the things holding up the thing is the fact that most of the company's money, technicians, etc., are needed for work on the studio which is being installed in the Wanamaker department store in New York.

WMCA's New World A-Coming, one of

WMCA's New World A-Coming, one of the nation's top-ranking public service shows, goes on sale to other stations outside New York next week. "Happy, the Humbug," NBC's recorded children's show, will be used this year in the New York City Board of Education's entertainment project. The program, scripted by NBC's Stere Carlin, was a department of parks puppet show this summer and may shortly go as a syndi-cated cartoon strip. One of the most fantastic stories of radio in the war has just hit this desk. It concerns one Sgt. Francis Schlotz, of Iron Mountain, Mich., a music student, who managed to have his piano lugged all around the world by eight G.I.'s. The method he used was very simple. All he did was crate it and label the crate transmitter. See what a power radio is!

# **NBC** Parade of Stars Pitch Set for a Three-Day Airing

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 .- Following CBS's introlng its Biggest Show in Town with the Norm Corwin Stars In the Afternoon hour-an-a-half program (Sunday, 16), NBC's network air promotional plans for its Parade of Stars moved a step further, its Parade of Stars moved a step further, without any formal announcement as yet. Besides the net taking over the NBC Symp hour for one pitch (tipped last week in The Billboard), it will also use a half hour Saturday and an hour Mon-day. Dates for three-day pitch are Octo-ber 6, 7, 8. Net, in order to get the Mon-day night build-up, cancels the Carnation Contented program and Dr. 1  $\Omega$ . The Contented program and Dr. I. Q. The Saturday spot is not commercial, so NBC only had to deal with three sponsors to clear the three-day build-up.

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Idea is simple. Saturday half-hour will build up the other two *Parade of Stars* segs. Sunday pitch will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and part of Thurs-day programs. Monday showcase will be on the rest of Thursday and Friday, Sat-urday and Sunday programs. Altho they on the rest of Thursday and Friday, Sat-urday and Sunday programs. Altho they haven't been all cleared, it looks as tho the three-day spotlighting will bring to the mike the stars of every nighttime NBC top program. Undertaking involves both Chi and Hollywood, as well as New York, so it's been a help to have NBC Coaster Sid Strotz, in New York to work on. He's in New York for NBC exec conference. Intro to stations of this year's Parade

In New York for NBC exec conference. Intro to stations of this year's Parade of Stars deal was handled by Clarence Menser, program chief of the web on a closed-circuit talk yesterday (17).

# **BMB Clears Off the Decks:** Net Formula, Not Costs, Set

(Continued from page 12) on the basis of net sales income, not gross, the webs would pay on the same basis, i. e., on the net time sales re-tained by the network. Thus, BMB would not be paid twice for the same billing. This also covers stations af-filiated with more than one web.

8. Here again the trade sees BMB re-acting in a sane and healthy way to trade requirements. When the original trade requirements. When the original BMB proposal of coverage data on pri-mary, secondary and tertiary levels was made, plenty in the trade reacted nega-tively and feared that once announced they would not be changed without the equivalent of a political revolution. Well, reasons this segment, not only did logic prevail but there was no rev-olution.

olution.

All BMB coverage info will furnish a

All BMB coverage info will furnish a complete figure. Likewise, they were happy to see BMB slap a control on any attempt to make competitive use of portions of this data.

## No Bypass

No Bypass BMB says any use of its data on a primary, secondary or tertiary level must also be accompanied by the BMB de-scription of the levels used. In other words, there won't be much value in boasting about leading in tertiary areas when the BMB descriptions explain just its evaluation of tertiary. Note: The first BMB study will limit itself to stations within Con-tinental U. S. A. and to ballots writ-ten in English. For a separate fee they'll undertake studies for stations or networks desiring measurement of specific language groups. (This cov-ers returns in Southwest which will probably include Mexican stations and outlets within Continental U. S. A. with foreign-language pro-grams.)

4. Since U. S. stations are heard in 4. Since U. S. stations are heard in Canada and vice versa, and since Cana-dian Bureau of Broadcast Measurement is comparable to BMB, and since this data is pertinent and valuable, these organizations (BMB and BEM) will ex-change info.

5. Since the BMB reports will have to 5. Since the BMB reports will have to go to press, there has to be a deadline for subscriptions. BMB set April 1, 1946, as this deadline. Subscribers signing up after this date will get complete data but it will not go into the BMB publication.

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it will not go into the BMB publication.
And this is important, as the publication
tion will be the master volume of station coverage that will go to the ad agencies and advertisers and stations.
6. BMB served notice that it will not be a patsy for sharpshooters. There will be no rigging, phonying or boraxing of BMB methods. techniques or ballots.
Ditto, for stunts or promotions which may result in bias or inaccurate response to BMB ballots.
Note: There are no penalties on record. However, the BME Code of Practices, now in the works, will probably plug this gap.
T. BMB's Research Committee okayed the sample technique, called for a number of double-checks on the test runs, decided to cover part time and synchronized station operations by totaling the totals with a footnote in the official reports.

the totals with a footnote in the official reports. Additionally, the part-time and syn-chronized stations will get separate re-ports showing the total mentions for each. This dope will be for the exclusive use of each station and withheld from publication. Additionally, the stations involved will have to subscribe before any data will be released, the angle here being to pix any attempt at one outfit. being to nix any attempt at one outfit getting a competitive edge. The Research Committee also decided

# Station Sales Bubble Due To Be Pricked, Govt. Analysts Predict

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—"Bull mar-ket" balloon in radio station sales is headed for drastic deflation, according to government analysts here studying prospective effects of tightening of fed-eral policy and of expansion of elec-tronics. Wartime "gold rush" which brought radio station sale prices to stratospheric heights, far out of line with original costs, is now history and will not be repeated again, analysts here say. Key factor, they declare, is the opening of new competitive opportunities in FM and television and the Federal Com-munications Commission's preparations to tighten scrutiny of radio station buyers. Sharp reversal of trend in the radio

buyers. Sharp reversal of trend in the radio station market is expected to attract unusual public interest later on, chiefly because a number of big deals are still pending and may undergo some startling revisions. Biggest transfers still pending at FCC are proposed sale of WINS (New York) from Hearst Radio to Avlation Corporation; proposed transfer of KQW (San Jose) from Ralph Bruton to Colum-bia Broadcasting System; proposed sale of KHQ (Spokane, Wash.) by Louis Wasmer to KHQ, Inc., new publicly financed cor-poration. poration.

\$1.700.000 for WINS

WINS deal involves \$1.700,000 cash plus program time for 10-year period with



value placed by seller at \$400,000. An-alysists cite WINS deal as typical of bull market trading since the station, whose sale price far exceeds original costs, hasn't been a howling financial success. In 1944 station was still \$9,000 in red in red.

In red. KQW deal involves over-all price of \$950,000. CBS was forced to sell WBT, its Charlotte (N. C.) outlet, under FCC chain broadcasting regulations. CBS didn't do badly on that transaction which took place near bull market peak and involved \$1,525,000, with Travelers Insurance the buyer.

KHQ sale involves \$1,295,000. Owner Wasmer must get rid of his station under FCC ruling against ownership of more than one station in single service area.

#### 1944 Peak Year

1944 Peak Year While these pending deals don't come within the province of new transfer re-strictions announced by FCC in AVCO-Crosley decish, they can't help feel im-pact of changing financial values result-ing from opening of FM field. On the basis of latest analysis, radio "gold rush" hit peak year in 1944 when 61 complete transfers took place. This was twice the number of 100 per cent transfers for 1939, runner-up year for active trad-ings. ings.

Best sellers in terms of prices last year were the 250-watt unlimited time sta-tions, with 18 changing hands at prices ranging from \$15,000 to \$500,000. Twelve full-time 5-kw. stations changed hands at figures ranging from \$25,000 to \$626,000. Average price for 250-watters was \$105,000, while \$202,000 was the average for 500-watters and \$331,000 for 5,000-watters. These averages topped records of all previous years in almost every power class.

#### **Prices Way Above Costs**

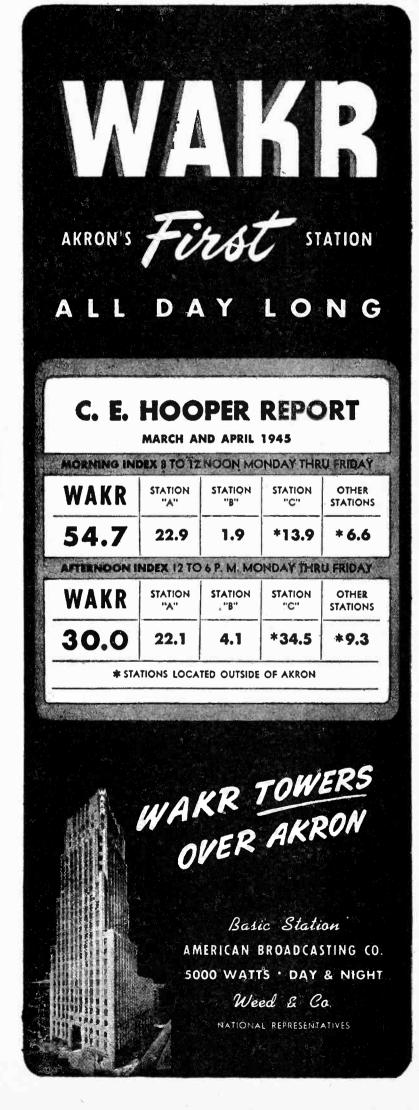
According to FCC figures, more than half the station transfers in 1944 were at prices ranging from one to five times the original cost. One station sold at a price more than 30 times its original cost; 20 outlets sold for more than 10 times their net income, and nine sold for 20 or more times their net. Four sta-(See Station Sales Bubble on page 17)

to confine the BMB published reports to to confine the BMB published reports to AM stations and networks. Subscribing FM, DX, video and experimental outlets will get individual reports for their ex-clusive information. Further use of these figures will depend on BMB's decision as to their validity. As facilities, service and audience for these now marginal groups increase, BMB will undoubtedly have more to say on the subject.

Finally the committee ruled that for-

eign stations heard within continental U. S. A. will be listed on BMB reports by call letters only, just as will be non-BMB subscribers. Only exceptions will be sta-tions affiliated with outfits like the Canadian BBM and then only when those outfits have co-operating arrange-ments with BMB.

All of which tells the trade where BMB is going, how it's going to get there and what it's going to use to get where it's coing going.



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A.T.&T. 6-MONTH SUGAR DADD **Coaxial Cable** Free for Pix

## Telephone org wants industry to get used to troubleless relaying

• NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Service on the American Telephone & Telegraph coaxial cable link between New York and Wash-ington will be free to all recognized tele-vision operators for six months following official reopening of the line January I, it was authoritatively learned this week. Reason for AT&T's invitation to "free load" say informed sources, is its desire to get webs and stations committed to the use of co-ax without scaring them off with steep rates. House offer, it is also noted, will stimulate use of AT&T lines and thus give the company an even greater competitive edge over other relay attractions. Bi-Partisan Committee

#### **Bi-Partisan** Committee

**Bi-Partisan Committee** For the six-month period the line will be administered by a committee composed of representatives of AT&T, the four networks and DuMont. This committee will set up skeds, its most im-portant job, and establish regulations governing use of the cable. Reason for the bi-partisan committee is to keep sked problems on as peaceful a basis as possible. A meeting to set up this group (See A.T.&T. Sugar Daddy on opp. page)

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# REVIEWS

## Balaban & Katz

Reviewed Thursday (13), 7:30 to p.m. Style—News commentary, dancing. Sustaining on WBKB, 8:30. p.m. music. Chicago.

Herb Graffis, local *Times* columnist, stole this show by his natural delivery and good horse sense in discussing what is happening in the world. Graffis, who has never been on video before, acted as tho he were thoroly trained in the art, looking at the camera at the right times and rarely consulting his script. His extemporaneous style, devoid of nervous mannerisms, is perfect for video newscasting. newscasting.

Program originally scheduled was called off at last minute, something which has happened with monotonous regularity at B. & K. of late. However, Jenda, staff planist, and Rolletto, staff dancer, filled the gap with usual grace. Jenda's rendition of DeBussy selections received good encomputers from the studie received good encomiums from the studio audience. Camera work, showing hands at piano, was particularly effective, tho some shots were vague.

Some shots were vague. Jenda introduced Jackie Van, neat-looking singer of pops, in a surprise shot after the classicals. Jackie is easy on the eyes and her voice measured well in some oldies like Zing, Went the Strings of My Heart. Appeared a bit nervous at first but warmed up quickly. Roletto danced amid Grecian temples and fountains looking every inch the sylph she was supposed to be. The fact that the Grecian temples were composed of white paint and brown wrapping paper costing about 50 cents merely proves the old adage that good authoritative-looking video settings can be furnished very cheaply indeed. Herb Bailey. video settings can be furnished cheaply indeed. Herb Bailey.

Reviewed Monday (10), 8:30 to 10 m. Style—Dramatic, film, Sustaining on p.m. Style—Dramatic, W6XAO, Hollywood.

Don Lee

Tonight's W6XAO tele flesher spot-lighted the timely topic of G.I. rehabili-tation and indicated what the govern-ment is doing to help vets across the threshold from army to civilian life. An army major first explained to tele-viewers what the rehabilitation program is and then introduced various patients from Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., as examples of what is being done.

A group of G.I. patients who are study-ing radio at the hospital put on a dra-matic skit and did a smooth job on act-ing and sound chores. Boys were on par with many professionals. If their work tonight is to be judged at all as an in-dication of the rehabilitation program, the army is certainly on the right track in preparing vets for post-war jobs. The skit. Cons. Don't Get Married.

in preparing vets for post-war jobs. The skit, Cops Don't Get Married, was written by Paul Franklin, a civilian, and used the time-worn cops and robbers plot of where the cop and the robber turn out to be old school chums, with the law-breaker turning soft and begging to be arrested, and the officer getting even softer and refusing to nab him. The robber wins in getting himself arrested, and the cop gets to keep his badge. Altho mossy, the skit wasn't too demanding on the novices and proved a good vehicle. Radio actress, Inez Seabury, directed, and Mel Williamson supervised the produc-tion. Both devote their time to working with the vets and are doing a bang-up job for a worthy cause. Also appearing was a guitar trio doing hillbilly songs, and a lieutenant from

# **MossCites\$5Fee ForEachTeleSet InBusinessPlace**

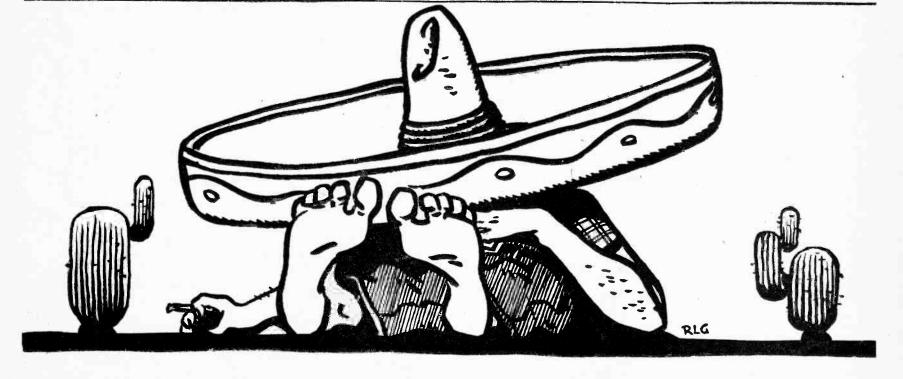
NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .-- New York de-NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—New York de-partment stores installing television sets as part of their intra-tel merchandising system will have to pay a city license fee of \$5 a set, as will other public places, according to License Commis-sioner Paul Moss. Commissioner Moss last week pointed out that any moving picture or subject on a screen or other device is subject to licensing under the laws of the State of New York, New York City Administration Code, Paragraph 1, Article 1, Title B, which states that such objects fall into the classification of mo-tion pictures. tion pictures.

The commissioner said that his office began licensing such sets in 1940 but allowed the matter to lapse when the war cut off all video manufacturing.

War cut oil all video manufacturing. However, he recently instructed license inspectors to make sure that sets in public places are covered. Moss told *The Billboard* that while the present fee is \$5 a month a set, it may be that later situations will require blanket fees for a number of sets in one establish-ment. At the present time, he said, there aren't more than eight or 12 such lic-enses effective, covering bars, theaters, night clubs and restaurants. night clubs and restaurants.

the hospital discussing handicraft work

the hospital discussing handlcraft work done by vet patients. W6XAO had good material for its tele show but failed to take full advantage of what it had available. Discussion of the G.I. handicraft work was carried on in radio fashion, with the various articles (See DON LEE on opposite page)



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## DON LEE

(Continued from opposite page) (Continued from opposite page) described at some length, ignoring the fact that the tele eye could show these items to the viewer. Close-ups of the articles or even a medium shot would have saved time and words. Boys enact-ing skit used their scripts thruout. This is understandable, considering the fact that they are studying for radio. How-ever, had this been treated as behind the scenes of a radio show giving more shots ever, had this been treated as behind the scenes of a radio show, giving more shots of the sound man in action, producer, etc., it would have allowed use of scripts and at the same time proved more inter-esting. Looking at boys reading from scripts gets a little dull after a while.

To add to tonight's difficulties, some-thing went wrong with the close-up camera, causing the image to motorboat

up and down the screen. However, this mishap didn't discourage the boys in the control room from using close-ups gen-erously, with the bobbing image proving most annoying to the viewer. It appears that tele-viewers could have been spared the strain of watching a fluctuating pic-ture by entirely eliminating the use of the bum close-up camera and dollying in and out with the longshot camera. If stage conditions didn't permit this, then the whole show should have been carried on with longshots, with an announce-ment to the air-pic audience explaining reason for lack of close-up. As it was, no announcement was made explaining the trouble, altho the jumping close-ups were used numerous times after trouble was detected. Program opened with three films; up and down the screen. However, this

Program opened with three films; ended with two. Lee Zhito.

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# **Columbia Shift From P. S. Emphasis Seen in Effort To Get Slice of Viewers**

## May Be Reason for Seldes Moving Out

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—CBS's New York Seldes resigned when he learned that he telestation, WCBW, faces a major shift would have to change the tenor of his in program policy as a result of a series shows. of conferences held this week between television v.-p., Lawrence W. Lowman, and video manager, Worthington Miner, according to authoritative reports in the trade. The new policy, it is reported, will take the position that Columbia has overemphasized public service and educa-tional shows at the expense of viewer-interest and potential sales, and that the situation will be remedied.

It is expected that a number of public-service programs will be axed, and com-mercial packages, produced within the org and purchased from outside sources, will be substituted. Of the present sked, it is said that only the amateur boxing bouts, John Reed King's *The Missus Goes a-Shopping*, and the news show are secure. All the others, including the new Encyclopedia Britannica series, have a better than two to one chance of going.

Agency men take the view that the lineup of heavy educational public-service features is one of the two reasons why CBS has sold no time to date, aside from four 20-second time signals to Bulova Watch. That sale has been the only known sponsorship of a CBS period since the net "went commercial" July 16.

It is pointed out, of course, that Columbia's allegedly vague policy on who will produce sponsored shows has been the major drawback.

Another reason for Columbia's switch Another reason for Columbia's switch is the fact that the station's audience research reports, still confidential, are alleged to show that WCBW's audience is considerably smaller than that of WNBT, the NBC station here. Most shows are not overly popular. These reports are not yet complete, but the industry says that enough of them have been done to justify the contention the contention.

It is understood that change in program policy was the chief bone of contention between the recently resigned Gilbert Seldes, ex-program director, and the man-agement. Seldes, it is rumored, favored agement. Seldes, it is rumored, favored a sked in which the bulk of the programs were public service. Lowman and Miner are said to have differed with him, and

# John Reed King & Paul Mowry Join In ABC Show Job

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—John Reed King, emsee of CBS tele's The Missus Goes a-Shopping and DuMont's Thanks for Looking, as well as a number of radio shows, takes on a new video job Sep-tember 26 when he begins, under the ABC banner, a new series of telephone audience participation shows on the GE station, WRGB, Schenectady. King re-sumes association with Paul Mowrey, head of ABC tele, after almost a year. Mowrey, while with CBS, managed King and produced his radio version of Missus. New show, as yet untitled, will be the first ABC program to go on sale as a 13-week strip. Previous sales were for four-week periods.

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AT&T Sugar Daddy; **Coaxial Cable Free** 

Neew Policy will probably go into effect

(Continued from opposite page) was held privately last week and it is said that all nets agreed to the procedure

cedure. Cable has actually been laid between the two cities for some time, as reported in *The Billboard* five months ago, but considerable work has to be done before it is ready for actual use. Link between New York and Philadelphia will be ready by December 1, in time it's expected, for NBC remote coverage of the Army-Navy football game. football game.

#### AT&T Ahead

None in the trade deny that AT&T is far ahead of its competitors in offering a tested, ready-to-work method of tele-vision relay. However, AT&T is said to be taking no chances on chasing the to be taking no chances on chasing the nets into the camp of the opposition by setting up the high rates which will eventually be needed to operate co-ax lines at a profit. Instead, it is offering its facilities free in the hope that sta-tion ops will become so used to the idea and so well acquainted with its advan-tages that they will stick after real rates are established. AT&T could set up a low price range but it would operate at such a large loss that it is just as well to do the thing on the cuff. To Be Used—for What?

### To Be Used-for What?

To be Used—for What? One question which is puzzling the industry is how the line will be used. At the present time only one tele org is anywhere near getting a station under way in Washington. That company is DuMont, which is known to be building a station atop the Hotel Harrington. CBS and ABC had no application in for any sort of station in the District as of April, 1945, and all others have asked for construction permits only. However, there construction permits only. However, there are two other possibilities. One is that NBC and Philco will be permitted by the FCC to take their mobile transmitters down to Washington to cover spot news events. Such an eventuality would require special permission by the commission, but similar dispensation is

commission, but similar dispensation is granted in radio regularly. Another possibility is that nets may be permitted to put various personages before television cameras on "remotes" just as radio stations have done and as is being done by video from the baseball parks and Madison Square Garden.

# STATION SALES BUBBLE

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# **One-Nighter Field Shows Signs of Busting Wide Open With Bucks**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—One-night situ-ation, which has slowly but surely been perking back to life, is showing signs of breaking wide open into bonanza field again, bookers say. Guys see fact that many of the one-night spots that were open before the war such as Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown, Pa., and Guinan's place in Mahoney City, Pa., are readying to take off the shutters. According to one booker, there are at least 10 spots that have notified him that they are in-terested in properties within the next couple of weeks.

# **Small Orks Led By Names Plenty** Hot, Says Oxley

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Small bands led by distinctive and different personali-ties of the Louis Jordan type are the hottest music item on the market today, according to Harold F. Oxley. Since Oxley is and has been personal manager for many years of Jimmie Lunceford, who holds one-nighter records in many spots around the country, comment means something. something.

Oxley points to the fact that many theaters, one-nighter promoters and other band buyers around the country are beefing more than ever about the terrif prices which are being asked by big band bookers for the last year or so, as evidence that the small band with the bet leader is the coming thing. Jorden as evidence that the small band with the hot leader is the coming thing. Jordan, for instance, has played many spots which in past years were considered strictly big band territory and, what's more, has done well in them. He has shown the way, and band buyers are now seeking more of the same.

#### Disks Boost 'Em

Disks Boost 'Em With the small four to six piecers, as with their large congregation brethern, disks seem to be the factor needed to shoot them to the top. Records cer-tainly did it for Jordan, and now a plat-ter looks like it's going to make a solid click out of one of Oxley's own small units, Joe Liggins and His Honeydrippers. Liggins has hit the No. 1 position in The Billboard Most Played Juke Box Race Records listing with his recording of The Honeydripper, Parts 1 and 2 of which occupy both sides of the Exclusive disk. Number is hot with the Delta Rhythm Boys, Jimmie Lunceford, Sammy Frank-lin (with whom Liggins used to work) and others having releases of it skedded in near future. in near future.

Liggins is booked for a solid tour of one-nighters thru the South and New England (28 days in October). Then he goes into the Apollo Theater for a week and follows with the Howard in Washington.

Gershwin Ice-Box NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Some of George Gershwin's *Ice Box* music —pop compositions which the composer had completed but never exploited—will soon be re-leased, it was revealed recently. Trade had long suspected a dozen or so unpublished pieces exísted, but no evidence was forthcoming until last week when Ira Ger-shwin announced that a forth-coming 20th Century-Fox musical snwin announced that a forth-coming 20th Century-Fox musical —The Shocking Miss Pilgrim— would feature a new George Ger-shwin score. All the compositions, it was said, are complete—not fragmentary.



Mayfair Club, Houma, La.

Unique situation exists here in that there is a lack of name bands to go around. This will probably give the lesser names a chance to make some loot at these spots. Names have so much work

on their hands now that they probably won't find time to hit the one-nighters, especially the number that will spring up in addition to those that are around now.

in addition to those that are around now. According to one booker, possibilities are that some of his lesser names will stay out on one-nighters for as long as they can and still make some dough. Reason, of course, is that most of the lesser names and many of the big bands lose dough at location spots thruout the country. Fact that there are one-nighters around to take off the edge on losing dough elsewhere is a welcome thought to agencies and bands alike.



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#### September 22, 1945



NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Gene Krupa's stint at Capitol Theater, date of which has been shoved and bandied around because of uncertainty of how long the present picture was going to remain, has definitely been set as September 27, which marks a 10-week stay for Paul Whiteman, Johnnie Johnston, et al. Krupa will go in minus Tommy Peder-son, his foremost trombonist, who has stepped out to form his own band. Pic with Krupa will be *Highness and Bellbou*. with Krupa will be Highness and Bellboy.

# **Even Checkbooks** Gape at Advances **Pubs Give on Tunes**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Couple of pubs last week laid out terrif dough for ad-vances on tunes that had many houses bidding against each other. Leeds Music got tune from Coast titled *Come to Baby*, *Do for which Lou Levy paid* \$4,000 to couple of unknown writers. It's said that other firms had offered as much if not more for the tune but since if's a jump more for the tune, but since it's a jump tune along lines of many others put out by Leeds, writers preferred to place song there. Known that at least four other houses tried to get number.

houses tried to get number. Reason for terrif advance is that writers had three disks on tune before pubs got to it. Jimmy Dorsey, Les Brown and Pied Pipers had already disked it before competish started. Said that pic companies are also trying to get it, Columbia, Republic and Universal wanting tune, but exclusively. Levy, however, won't give out any tune ex-clusively.

Song was written by Inez James and Sid Miller, with cute twist in that James gal actually sang tune with Jimmy Dor-sey and cut the side with him.

Johnny O'Connor also outbid couple pubs last week on song titled Love Is Just a Crazy Thing, by Bea Lawnhurst and Tot Seymour. De Marcos are disking it for Majestic.

# **Contract** Date

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Jerry Wald, ful-filling an old contract, goes into Rose-land Ballroom in October for four weeks. land Ballroom in October for four weeks. Wald played the spot when he was get-ting started over three years ago and had a clause in his contract which called for him to play the spot again. However, it's understood that Roseland has upped his dough considerably from that which Wald got the first time he played the spot. spot.

spot. Unusual part about this is that the AFM has put the kibosh on all options which call for a band to play a spot, where the option date is more than a year. In other words, a band can't be made to play a date a year later on an option which the spot picks up. Reason for this is that union figures that a band is worth much more in value over a year's time and consequently it wouldn't be worth it to the leader to work there the second time for the dough he got originally.

However, Wald's option and his four remaining weeks pre-dated the new rul-ing by the union, and consequently he's fulfilling his time. He follows Randy Brooks. Wald and Brooks are both GAC properties.

# **B. G.'s One-Nighters** To Precede Combo Concert in K. C., Mo.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- After a tour of one-nighters beginning September 26, of one-nighters beginning September 26, which will include a northern trek in-to Canada, with nights at Kitchener, Toronto and London, Ont., Benny Good-man is slated to join Gladys Swarth-out and Genia Nemenoff-Pierre Lubo-shutz piano combo October 27 for a two-in-one-day p. a., with the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra in Kansas City, Mo.

City, Mo. Concert, which is backed by a large drug chain, is doing two shows to ac-commodate the anticipated heavy b. o. Last year, with Oscar Levant and Dorothy Sarnoff fronting with the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, the 22,000 seats of the Municipal Auditorium were filled and an additional 5,000 turned away. Goodman's rep, tho not as yet complete, will probably include a clarinet concerto by Carl Maria von Weber.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Vaughn Mon-roe reopens the Century Room at the Commodore Hotel Septemebr 27, staying for from six to eight weeks. Charlie Spivak follows.

Spot is William Morris stronghold. Spot is william Morris stronghold. Hal McIntyre will probably follow Spivak sometime early next year. At present, McIntyre is in France for USO but will get back in couple of weeks, according to informants here. He's said to be heading for Le Havre, point of embarka-tion for this side.

Les Brown To Play Capitol; Ellington Slated for N.Y. Para

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—In a switch of vaude houses, Les Brown goes into the Capitol Theater around November 1, hav-ing played New York Paramount last couple of times around. He's never played the Loew's house before. He's go-ing to be followed by Jimmy Dorsey, then Tommy Dorsey. They're all Music Corporation of America bookings.

Another switch will take Duke Elling

Another switch will take Duke Elling-ton into Paramount early next year. Guy has been playing the New York Roxy for last couple of years, but with switching policy at that house kicking out bands, Ellington moves over. Russ Morgan goes into the New York Strand September 28, his first Broadway appearance in a year and a half. Hal McIntyre follows him five weeks later. Frank Sinatra goes into New York Para-mount October 31 for three to four weeks at \$5,000 per. This is still the old contract, and after this booking he has no more pacts with the spot. Inas-much as he's making pix for Metro these days, with more plx said to be coming up, he'll probably do an appearance at the Capitol in the future.

### ATAM and Band Mgrs. Still?

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Question of whether band managers will be eligible to come under the ATAM blanket will go unanswered for at least another two weeks. Committee which is slated to discuss the question doesn't get together again until October 1.

Smaller pub has a chance to shop around and pick some winners

### By Paul Secon



By Paul Secon NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Once again the age-old question—just how important is a motion picture tie-up to a pub com-pany as far as commercial tunes are concerned?—is causing comment in the trade. Point this time stems around the fact that some of the biggest pix have had 10 tunes and come out with not one hit song. Typical ex-ample of that is the cur-rent MGM pic, Anchors Aweigh, which has no less than seven Styne-Cahn songs and not one commercially successful tune, altho Feist worked on the score religiously. Just kick this point around, look at

worked on the score religiously. Just kick this point around, look at the pubs tie-ups with pic companies and the idea becomes clear. A pub company that has a deal to work on pub scores must work on them, no matter what else they may have on tap. And as a result, commercially (song) speaking, often tunes work out to a complete bust. On the other hand, the indie firm that has no pic connection is free to sniff around, poke here, there, and come up with what they want.

#### S-J Has Three Biggies

S-J Has Three Biggies And so this year Santly-Joy comes up with three big songs—Dreams Getting Better, Bell-Bottom Trousers and Till the End of Time—none of which had any-thing to do with a picture score. To cite another example, Redd Evans's firm, Vallant, came up with a bonanza in There! I've Said It Again, and another smallie, Paull-Pioneer, is making noise with Feeling in the Moonlight. As everyone knows, last two tunes

with Feeling in the Moonlight. As everyone knows, last two tunes mentioned were made by disks, Vaughn Monroe on Said It Again, while Perry Como's warbling did it on Feeling in Moonlight. Suffice to point out that the double-barreled effect of having big firms snowed under with scores that amount to little, plus the fact that the impor-tance of records today can put any size publisher right in business. For example, George Weiner's Grand Music had a sensash on their hands in Beginning To See the Light because of his Harry James tie-up. That was because of a disk, nothing to do with the size of the firm behind the tune. Big Three Handicanned

#### **Big Three Handicapped**

Big Three Handicapped Time and again the Big Three—Rob-bins, Miller, Feist—and the Chappell firms, Paramount and Famous, the War-ner firms, altho the latter not so much, have ended up behind the eight ball be-cause they had to work on a picture that had no hit songs, and no amount of artificial plugging could or would do any good. This has been proven time and again. On the other hand, of course, comes the fact that out of pic tie-ups come sock tunes, like the current Atchi-son, Topeka and Sante Fe. That's from the Harvey Girls, an MGM-er which will be out around the end of the year. But if someone were to go over the sorces that have come out during the last couple of years and count the num-(See Movie Scores Snafu on page 22)

# Contrib Dept.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Music industry once again is being asked to contrib to the joint de-fense appeal put on by the Anti-Defamation League. Manie Sacks and Lou Levy are collecting the dough from the boys. Since Sacks is on the Coast, see L. L.

# **Diskers Get Up Output Steam**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Indications from the major disk companies are that production will start to pick up within the next couple of weeks. Understand that Columbia's plant in Ohio, which up to this point has been inactive, will get under way shortly. A hush-hush test was made at the place recently to get an idea of the trade of disks the plant put out, and when it was found that they were up to snuff, plans were then made to go ahead on production. Majestic Records, according to Jimmie

made to go ahead on production. Majestic Records, according to Jimmle. Walker, prexy of the company, will try to go into the 12,000,000-disks-a-year class starting next year. This means 1,000,000 a month. At the present time production is nothing like that but execs of the company feel that production wraps are slowly but surely coming off.

# **Canary Hunt**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Talk about your shortages, of man-power! Current lack is of fem singers, with Sammy Kaye fran-tically searching for someone to take Nancy Norman's place. He's said to have auditioned so many would-be's that he hears them in his sleep. (Probably hears them at the races, too.) Charlie Spivak has no gal vo-calist since I rene Day left, and he's not putting one in right now. Benny Goodman made disks the other day and snared Liza Morrow at the last minute.

# **Robbins May Lose 20th-Fox** Tie-Up; Picture Org Plans To Set Up Own Music Pub House

## Big 3 All Tied Up With MGM Scores

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—In what looks like an attempt on 20th-Fox's part to set up a pub house on its own, comes report that the present deal between that plc firm and Robbins Music may go pfft! According to inside sources, and openly admitted by Jack Robbins, there are ne-gotiations going on now, which may re-sult in 20th setting up their own music outlet to handle scores from the films. This would mark a radical departure from present set-up which has Robbins handling all scores from the 20th lot for the past eight years. Present contract is a 20-year one, with

for the past eight years. Present contract is a 20-year one, with 12 more years to go. Deal had all sorts of complications, including the avail-ability of the entire Robbins' catalog to 20th at a special fee. Reason for the impending split, which is said to have been coming for some time, is fact that writers with the 20th lot, namely Mack Gordon, are signed to another company

(Bregman-Vocco-Conn), therefore tak-ing the choicé tunes away from the Rob-bins set-up.

Ing the choice tunes away from the Rob-bins set-up. Majority of scores that Robbins has had from 20th-Fox for the past couple of years have been written by Jimmy McHugh and Harold Adamson. Scores written by Mack Gordon, which have included many hit songs, have all gone to BVC, while other scores have been just mediocre. Last was *Diamond Horse-shoe* score, written by Harry Warren and Gordon, with BVC getting the tunes. Present indications are that Warren will become a producer at MGM, while Gordon is in for the same spot at 20th. Robbins at the present time is owned 51 per cent by Metro, with Feist the MGM outlet. However, with MGM coming thru with no less than half a dozen big musi-cals in the next six months, tunes will probably be distribbed between Feist, Miller and Robbins.



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# Jobbers Get Wise, Ask Pubs For 20-Cent Rack Price on Plug Tunes, But Get Nixed

## Pubs Claim Middlemen Make as Much as Writers

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—With sheet music sales hitting on all cylinders, now comes news that couple of major job-bers in the country, aware of the price that the racks pay to the publishers on their plug songs—in other words, racks pay 20 cents, while jobbers pay 22 cents —are trying to get music for the lower price. Couple of the major pubs re-ceived letters from leading jobber sound-ing them out on the proposition, with the jobbers making specific reference only to plug songs. In one of the letters jobber noted that

only to plug songs. In one of the letters jobber noted that since the racks took the songs for 20 cents, and since the song was only ac-cepted after it was a plug song, they (the jobbers) were entitled to the same thing since they handled large quantities of plug songs. They said they were con-tent with the 22-cent price on non-plug songs, since they didn't move these as rapidly or in the quantity that they sold plug tunes. plug tunes.

Pubs Nix Idea

Pubs Nix Idea Couple of the major pubs were pretty emphatic in what they thought of the jobber's ideas about reducing the price to 20 cents. Answer was "no" all around. Pubs feel that jobbers in get-ting song for 22 cents and reselling it for 25 and 26 cents—latter when shipping song long distances—are making plenty of profit. And pubs point out that this

# Another Major **Pub Holds Back On Rack Orders**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Another major music firm this week went way out on the limb and declared that they were going to hold back all songs from the rack orders until it (the firm) was sure they wanted to give the song to the racks. Reason was, strangely enough, that the racks had so much strength on the sur-face, in ordering close to 300,000 copies on an original order, that the original investment counting overhead was plenty steep. In other words, the 300,000 copies came to around \$6,000 for sheet music alone, which meant that this particular firm had to hit at least 60 per cent sales before they could show a profit.

profit. This 60 per cent, of course, takes in the running expenses of keeping the firm going-rent, expenses, contact men, etc.-and since the returns in some songs have been terrifically high, low in other cases, pubs feel that they want to pick the time the song should go on the racks. In other words, altho it may have hit the first 20 in sales, perhaps the time still isn't right for the rack order. In other words, perhaps, they thor't feel that the song could go an-other 300,000 copies, which is what making up copies for the rack order means. Wait Too Long?

#### Wait Too Long?

Wait Too Long? Another side of the argument is that some pubs feel that perhaps they shouldn't have to wait as long as they do before the racks pick the songs. In other words, if disk companies will take the songs and record them if the firm promises that the song will be a No. 1 plug, then why, they ask, shouldn't the racks do the same thing with a promis-ing song? Why shouldn't the racks be like the disk companies, and put the song out when the pub announces that he's going to work on the racks? In that way, the pub would have the

In that way, the pub would have the advantage of the distribution that the racks offer when the song needs it, at the beginning. This would mean that probably there would have to be more slots put in, but this might help the publishers' cause. Racks, of course, con-tend that they have done a great job in getting sheet music in spots where they never were before and this results in in-crease in sales. crease in sales.

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year there have been many songs that have gone over the 500,000 mark on which the jobbers have made plenty of loot.

In other words, on a 500,000-copy song jobbers make as much as a songwriter does, 3 cents a copy. That amounts to \$15,000 on 500,000 sale, \$30,000 on 1,000,-000 copy sale. Of course, good part of hit songs today go thru major rack or-ders such as MDS, Immerman and others. For example, on a big hit song, MDS, thru its racks, might handle over 300,-000 copies, or one-third of the entire output in the case where a song hits around the 900,000 mark. That leaves 600,000 copies left to be distribbed by other big jobbers. This list includes Ashley, Music Sales, Carl Fischer and Lyon & Healy in Chicago; Jenkins in Kansas City, Mo., and Southern Music in San Antonio, Tex.

## BETTY JANE BONNEY Twenty-One, But She's "Ho-Humming"

STATE of affairs with Betty Jane Bonney



STATE of affairs with Betty Jane Bonney is not in the yawning stage, altho the talented canary has every reason to part her lips in a ho-hum. She's had all the breaks any thrush could ask for crowded into the 13 years she's been chirp-ing in showbiz. To put the whipped cream on the cake, she has just cut a new ditty for Victor, called Ho Hum, which looks good enough to keep the minia-ture Merry - Go - Rounds spinning busily. At 8 she got a steady

spinning busily. At 8 she got a steady spot singing pop tunes as soloist on a Manhattan kids' seg. Three years later she was chirping on her own 15-minute show over WGH. A year later she started singing with local orks, and wound up as canary with the Auburn Cavaliers ork at Auburn College, Ala. After a two year stint with the Cavaliers she was hired by Gene Austin's Tent Show, but he had to take the whole band to get her. From then on, it was hop-skip-and-jump to Col. Manny Prager, Les Brown, Jan Savitt, Jerry Wald and Frankie Carle's bands. Then she quit the biz to go to New York to study voice.

bands. Then she quit the biz to go to New York to study voice. As a recording artist for Decca, plus her oldies for Okeh, Betty Jane's on her way up fast. And if the Ho Hum disk moves into the Honor Roll of Hits she can drop the Ho be-cause she'll really be humming.

# WHO GOT TABBED WHAT?

All the kudos dealt out during the year in The Billboard Popularity Polls to singers, bandleaders, tunes, records and everything that placed in music will be found in the 7th Annual Edition of The Billboard Music Year Book, the greatest encyclopedia and reference work ever published for any industry . . . and how that '45 MYB will be kudoed by everyone in the music biz.

# **SPA War Unit** Still in There Pitching P.A.'s

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Making its 24th visit and its first appearance since V-J Day, the Songwriters' Protective As-sociation entertainment unit played to a full house at the Navy Receiving Sta-tion in Brooklyn Tuesday (11). With Charley Tobias emseeing, Herman Hup-feld, Alex Kramer, Joan Whitney, Harry Armstrong, Dan Shapiro, Milt Pascal and Phil Charig went thru their paces with-out a hitch. out a hitch. Show from

Phil Charjg went thru their paces with-out a hitch. Show from tee-off to curtain was tops, professional in every respect right down the line. Hupfeld's animations while accompanying himself at the keys with As Time Goes By, Let's Put Out the Lights and Go To Sleep, and Ooh, I'm a Night Owl, and Joan Whitney's thrushing of some of the Whitney-Kramer combo hits like Candy; Love, Love, Love, and My Sister and I, netted beg-off speeches. Old-young Harry Armstrong romped and sung his Sweet Adeline like a three-year-old and picked up an extra hand from the British sea-men with his throating of Nellie Dean. Curtaining the show after the Follow the Girl trio-Dan Shapiro, Milt Pascal and Phil Charly had thrown the house into an uproar with their interpretations of I Wanna Get Married and Follow the Girls, Charley Tobias got a terrific exit with some of his faves-When Your Hair Has Turned To Silver, Miss You, Little Lady Make-Believe and We Did It Be-fore and We Can Do It Again. Unit, which was formed by SPA prexy, Sigmund Romberg, right after Fearl Har-

Unit, which was formed by SPA prexy, Sigmund Romberg, right after Pearl Har-bor, has had practically every name

England's Hylton on Way to U.S. To Set Up Continental Band Trek

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Deals involving taking bands to European countries may take place sooner than expected, with Jack Hylton, band leader and en-terprenuer on his way over here now from England. Latest plans are said for him to take over jazz bands and com-bos, and he's talking to Roy Eldridge, now with Artie Shaw on the Coast. El-dridge, however, is stepping out of Shaw set-up to form his own big band and is negotiating to make the trek over for Hylton. Hylton.

Hylton. Hylton, thru Jack Harris, owner of La Conga, is setting routes thru the Con-tinent for name bands, with three months work guaranteed at \$10,000 a week. That's nice dough. Joe Glaser, head of Associated Booking Office, is said to be going over to the other side to make plans for touring Louis Armstrong, with sidemen from England working with him. him.

At present time, because of kibosh on At present time, because of kibosh on musicians coming over here from Eng-land by the AFM, England has put an embargo on our bands going over there. Until this is cleared up, a leader can only go over and pick up men. However, at the present time he can't take a complete band from this side to

writer in the trade playing hospitals and navy and army installations at one time or another during the past three years. Recipient of numerous commendations for its activity, the Songwriters' Protec-tive Association plans to sponsor the unit as long as demand for it exists.

their shores. AFM is said to be working on that very thing right now, since Eu-ropean travel talk is so much in the air.

**WOR Feature Disks** May Shift Pressing **To Abramson Plant** 

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Indications are that WOR's Feature Records will bid Clark pressing outfit a fast adieu this coming November and ink a pressing contract with N. M. Abramson, brass of their recording section. Abramson's plant in Long Island City, N. Y., has been 100 per cent on government work for the last few months and is tabbed as high on the priority list.

# Int'l Disks' Prexy **Backing New Label**

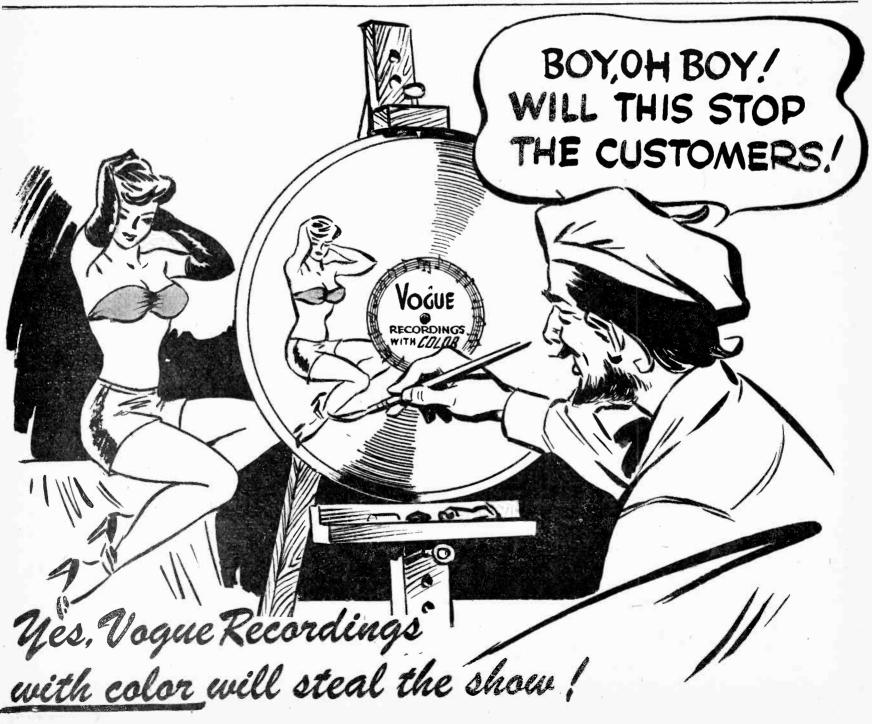
NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—American Rec-ords, the new label which is slated to make its appearance within a few weeks, is backed by Enny DeVries, prexy of In-ternational Record Company, heretofore confined solely to waxing French and special material. Label, which has Bill Simon handling the waxing end, is fea-turing small hot jazz groups and has already cut Dark Eyes and Slam, Don't Shake Like That.



NEW YORK, Sept. 15 .- Whereas prior to the war, musicians' salaries were a pretty sorry thing and then jumped to record dough during the paucity of manpower, agency men and guys in the know don't see prices for musicians ever dropdon't see prices for musicians ever drop-ping as low as they did before the war. One of the reasons given for this is the fact that altho many men will come back, majority of them have heard about the big dough that's been handed around while they were away. Consequently, when they get back they'll want a little of the same.

of the same. Question, of course, that comes up is what happens when there are too many men for the same job—in other words, more supply than demand—won't the prices go down then? To that agency men say there will be so many new bands around that there is a good chance that they will take up the slack. Another point is the news that the AFM is going to make getting into the union tougher than it used to be before, therefore nar-rowing the number of men who might make for competition of those already around. around.

around. However, they do see salaries coming down off the level they are now and gradually leveling out, but not at pre-war level. Many men around today earn as high as \$250-\$300 a week, and these top salaries will probably feel the ax soon. But agency guys think that sal-aries around \$100-\$150 will probably re-main that way for the next couple of years at least.



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# **Decision** Pending **On Morris Appeal** For Rate Upping

NEWYORK, Sept. 17. - Publishers Classification Meeting at ASCAP, which took place on Friday (14), heard appeal by Buddy Morris's lawyer, Lee Eastman, for upping in rating at ASCAP of Morris's firms-Mayfair, Melrose and Morris. Understood that Morris is dissatisfied with the number of availability credits given his firms, and laid the mat-ter before the Classification Committee some time ago.

some time ago. Meeting on Friday is said to have re-sulted in no definite decision in the matter. Members of the classification committee include Louis Bernstein, Saul Bornstein, Jack Bregman, Max Dreyfus, Walter S. Fischer, Donald Gray, Jack Mills, Richard Murray, Johnny O'Connor, Jack Robbins, Gus Schirmer and Herman Starr.

# **Veloz and Yolanda May Sponsor Terps** Spot in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 15.- Veloz and Yolanda, the dance team, are reported definitely interested in opening a ballroom here and are looking for a site now. Ballroom would take its name from the famed dancers. Policy planned to be similar to the Aragon-Trianon set-up in Chicage with strictly bands of the commercial semi-name type featured regu-larly and the accent on standard ball-room dancing minus extreme jitter-bugging. However, some of the big name room dancing minus extreme jitter-bugging. However, some of the big name bands will be featured from time to time. Frank Veloz, male member of the dancing team, thinks it quite possible the ballroom will be in operation early in 1946.

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Neb. Court Nixes WOW Plea For Return of \$\$ Paid ASCAP

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NEW YÓRK, Sept. 15.—In a far-reaching decision by the Nebraska Su-preme Court, an appeal by the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, a of the World Life Insurance Society, a fraternal beneficial society and operators of Station WOW in Omaha, and Joseph Malec, against ASCAP was turned down by Justice Westmore. Case was an in-tricate one, involving the fact that WOW and Malec contended that since the Nebraska Legislature on May 17, 1937,

# **Reichhold Chemical**

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—At a press con-ference this afternoon, Harry Banks, prexy of Cosmopolitan Records, Inc., will introduce the answer to the queries that introduce the answer to the queries that have been running around the trade for the past few weeks, "Who's going to be working with Banks on a plastic disk deal?" The guy with the dough and the chemical know-how will be she new chairman of the board, Henry H. Reich-hold, chairman of the board of Reich-hold Chemicals, Inc., also.

Reichhold will not only be chairman of the board but he has also acquired a substantial interest in the Cosmo org. It's been known for some time that the chemical man has been looking for a platter company, which was ready and able to use the plastic info that has been developed by his org during the war. Cosmo will build a factory in Detroit but quickly and trade expects that a plastic disk will be in the Cosmo line before six months passes. Indies getting into the plastic disk field before any of the big three (one plant in Philly and Vogue in Detroit), are ready to re-lease pop plastic platters, is expected by the trade to force release of plastic pan-cakes long before it had been planned to. Reichhold will not only be chairman

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made it unlawful for any described com-binations of copyright owners to operate in the State, thus outlawing ASCAP, that they (WOW and Malec) were en-In the State, thus outlawing ASCAP, that they (WOW and Malec) were en-titled to a return of dough they paid ASCAP from the May, 1937, date until May 26, 1941, when the Supreme Court of the U. S. upheld the Nebraska Legis-lature.

And Malec contended that since the Nebraska Legislature on May 17, 1937,
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#### Year-to-Year Pact

Year-to-Year Pact Record discloses that on July 18, 1923, Woodmen's Society entered into a con-tract with ASCAP, on a year-to-year basis. In 1923, ASCAP and WOW entered into a contract that fixed a sustaining fee and a graduated scale of 3, 4 and 5 per cent of the net proceeds taken in by the Woodmen Society from its radio station, for a period of three years.

In 1936, contracts were again extended, this time calling for a payment of \$1,500 for a sustaining fee plus 5 per cent of the net receipts of the radio station. Contract was to terminate on December 31, 1940. Contracts held by Malec, as assignee, were termed as blanket con-tracts. tracts.

# Kids Who Like Jazz **Can't Pay for It In Milwaukee Spots**

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 17.—This town, as far as singles and small combos that play real jazz is concerned, just doesn't give the local boys a tumble. Units playing night spots, cocktail lounges, and straight eateries featuring music face fact that prices—even with current high wage standards—more or less limit patrons to the older-age group. These patrons go for the more smooth

These patrons go for the more smooth type of music. They don't appreciate real jazz. Musicians knock themselves out on arrangements and rehearsals per-fecting their music, get on the job, turn out some excellent stuff, and the patrons sit on their hands.

#### Huffin', Puffin'

Huffin', Puffin' A recent example of what seems to get the biz and please patrons occurred at Steubens. A small real jazz combo working the spot alternated with inter-mission gal planist. Musically, this 88er was strictly from hunger. She mugged all over the place, bounced around on the stand and thru showmanship at-tempted to cover her lack of musical background. When she took over, the older patrons yelped for more. When the real jazz unit came on the stand and turned out some fine, real jazz, same patrons ignored the procedure. Finally, the jazz unit got its notice—the gal 88er stayed on for extended booking. This is pretty much the picture of con-ditions generally here.

ditions generally here. There are a few spots still sticking to real jazz on the hot side, but their pa-tronage isn't terrific. The kids that un-derstand real jazz (and attend one-nighters at local ballrooms featuring name bands, just haven't the coin to frequent the bistros with top prices. If they did, their preference for this music would be, and has been, smothered by the oldsters demand for smooth stuff. This puts the musician on the spot as usual. It's go definitely commercial or starve.

starve. Some top night spots frown on youth-ful patrons due to lack of cash to lay on the line by same. Then there's the old delinquency cry. And all this leaves the musician in the well known eight-ball spot. They have to get their kicks on jam sessions as always, and loss of sleep after the night's chore doesn't help the next night's music. Of course, this situation is not new. But, musicians feel it is time that something was done to give 'em a lift. Some sort of educa-tional program along the lines of mod-ern music should, help.



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# Music----As Written

#### NEW YORK:

NEW YORK: Jack Robbins celebrating his 60-plus birthday on Saturday 15. . . . Sigmund Romberg set for 16 concerts, with a guar-antee of \$50,000 for en-toto. October 3, Detroit, spot played will be Music Hall. Phil Spitalny goes out and plays Toronto, Canada, house being scaled for \$24,000 for one night, on October 22, among other concerts. . . Dispute be-tween Louis Jordan and Duke Ellington still going on at Zanzibar over billing. . . . Ads in the dailies failed to carry any names at all, thus giving spot plenty of publicity. . . . Benny Goodman may wind up with a radio show for Ches-terfield this year.

George Jaycox, formerly production manager with Bridgeport plant of Co-lumbia, has been appointed v.-p. in charge of production of Bob Thiele's Signature records... Chester Conn, of BVC, said to have cleaned up a small fortune at races one day last week. Conn denies it. Sam Brown, emsee on WINX's Music fall, and Calos Varela, orchestra leader a the Shorehem's Blue Boom Scon to

Hall, and Calos Varela, orchestra leader in the Shoreham's Blue Room, soon to open in the Havana-Madrid in New York, collaborated in the writing of No More Adios. Tune is to be recorded by Andy Russell and his orchestra and is a follow-up to Brown and Varela's Madam Will Drop Her Shawl, featured in the picture South of Panama. Hall.

### HOLLYWOOD:

HOLLYWOOD: Sam Kerner, manager of David Street and Gale Robbins, heading for Philadel-phia for throat operation. Kerner's wife had a baby last week... Mickey Gold-sen, of Capitol songs, in town from New York... Allan Reuss, guitarist, formerly with Harry James, now teach-ing... Jack Lawson, publicity ace, ap-pointed to handle music news for The Valley Journal... Local 47, AFM, gath-ering comedy names like Bob Hope and Bob Burns in addition to top musikers for their Music for the Wounded Boys' Concert... Lou Harris requested and was given release from Paramount fea-ture producing job. Until recently Har-ris handled all of Paramount's techni-

# **Cugat's Bowl Concert** Attracts Nearly 20,000

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17.-Xavier Cu-gat's concert with Carlos Ramirez at Hollywood Bowl last Wednesday (12), in Hollywood Bowl last Wednesday (12), in conjunction with Ciro's Herman Hover, who has an option on all pop concerts held at the Bowl, drew the largest at-tendance of any mid-week concert. Nearly 20,000 admissions were recorded and a large enough turnaway warranted a repeat concert on Saturday evening.

At both concerts Ougat conducted an orchestra composed of over 100 mu-sicians taken from his own band and the Bowl symphony. Understood that Cugat and Hover had a fifty-fifty deal after the regular Bowl take.



### Phil Moore

(Reviewed at the Cabana Room, Copacabana, N. Y.)

New move by Monte Proser in which he's bringing in top-notch small name combos into his upstairs room looks like he's going to do all right, if they all do as well as Moore. King Cole trio fol-lows and then Eddle Heywood.

lows and then Eddie Heywood. Moore and four talented guys really bang it out with leader showing plenty on the personality ball. Guy knows how to sell a song, mangle a plano, jump around and, in general, keep things go-ing. And he does. Payees get plenty of music in half-hour stints that he's on. Guy has a trumpeter with him who keeps the heat waves undulating, espe-cially when he does specialty on Flight of the Bumblebee. of the Bumblebee.

of the Bumblebee. One of the best things about this group is that they have plenty of spe-cialty tunes, many of which are written by Moore. Guy penned Shoo, Shoo Baby; Want a Little Doggie? etc., and gives these a ride, along with pop tunes. Combo can hit all class spots. Paul Secon.

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r musical shorts. . . Jan Garber a member of Local 47. Jose Iturbi and and his sister, Amcolor musical shorts

Jose Iturbi and and his sister, Am-paro in a two-piano concert in Sac-ramento hit almost \$10,000, a figure almost unheard of in that town... Lt. Jimmic Grier and his entire serv-ice band released from coast guard. Grier has been emsee of Ted Yerha's "Lamplighter" jazz broadcasts, run in conjunction with the coast guard. ... Don Swann resumes alternate band batoning at the Palladium. ... New Latin American band inter-est in town, Carmillo Lentini and vocalist Elena Verdugo, featured at Central American special dance... Les Brown featuring zany instru-mental tune labeled "On the Road for MCA." Brown is booked by MCA.

#### Kenney Sets Up Disk Firm

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17.—A recording firm dealing strictly in Western and hill-billy tunes has been set up by Jack Kenney, writer of folk songs. The new disk outfit will be known as Lone Star and ties in with Kenney's publishing firm of the same name. Two records are skedded for release shortly by the firm. Distribution is said to be set in New York, Chicago, Dallas and here.

and here.

#### **Marsolais Seeks Jivesters**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Joe Marsolais, head of the lounge department of Wil-liam Morris, is on the prowl for jazzmen and has extended an invitation thru The Billboard for the hot-boys to get in touch with him, Marsolias claims he has four out-of-town spots clamoring for jazz out-fits or singles and he can't fill the de-mand. If the jazz-lads work the piano, he'll sell them as singles; if other instru-ments, they'll have combos built around them.

#### New Rochester Lounge Opens

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 17.—A new lounge, Pierre's, has opened here. Room is a small place, seating about 100, but for the start, at least, is is laying out big proportionate dough, having opened with Coleman Hawkins' trio and Melva Allen. George Homkiss, local booker, is buying the talent for the spot.

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# Shapiro, Bernstein Awarded **Decision in Vogel Suit Over** "Melancholy Baby" Renewal

Judge Declares That Norton Was Not Co-Author

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Judge Clancy In the U. S. District Court in Southern District of New York last week declared that Shapiro-Bernstein Music Company was owner of the renewal rights to My Melancholy Baby. Jerry Vogel Company brought suit against Shapiro-Bernstein averring that it had renewal rights thru assignment of rights from Charles Nor-ton, son of George Norton, who wrote the lyrics to the song. Ernie Burnett wrote the music. Case is important to the trade in that it definitely sets up a precedent in the situation wherein two different writers place the song for re-newal with two different firms. In this instance song was written origi-

newal with two different firms. In this instance song was written origi-nally as *Melancholy* by Burnett and his wife, Maybelle Watson, in 1911. They approached Theron Bennett, music pub-lisher, who called in George Norton to revamp the lyric. As it later turned out, Norton demanded instead of the regular royalty contract a \$20 week salary for 12 weeks, at the end of which time he signed a "bill of sale" contract with Bennett. Bennett published the song on October 25, 1912, with copies bearing title and music by Burnett, words by Norton. Norton.

New Title On November 5, 1914, Bennett pub-lished the song under the new title My

# **AKM Asks Permit** To Renew Suit Against ASCAP

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The Austrian Society of Composers, Authors and Pub-lishers (AKM) thru its counsel, A. Wal-ter Sokolow, moved today for an order

lishers (AKM) thru its counsel, A. Wal-ter Sokolow, moved today for an order vacating and setting aside a previous order by the Supreme Court in 1942, which stayed further action against ASCAP for breach of contract. At that time the Supreme Court said that action could be started three months after the termination of war between Germany and the U. S. Suit is for \$150,000. AKM charges that on January 1, 1933, agreements were entered into between AKM and ASCAP for the performance rights of former musical compositions in the U. S. Up to 1936 ASCAP ac-counted and paid royalties but failed to account for all moneys due AKM, lat-ter charges. Further, the complaint alleges, that since the end of 1936 and up to the end of 1938 (at which time the contract terminated) ASCAP failed and refused to account or pay moneys col-lected under the 1933 contract. Under the contract AKM granted ASCAP exclusive rights to license the public performance of its songs in the U. S. ASCAP granted AKM exclusive rights society in Austria, charged with licensing of performance rights to Aus-trian songs and collected royalties for members.

## PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

Melancholy Baby, lyric written by Nor-ton. In July, 1922, Bennett assigned his rights to Frank Lawson. Lawson, on July 20, 1922, conveyed his rights to Joe Morris Music Company, which in turn conveyed on October 9, 1939, to Mercer & Morris, Inc. On December 30, 1939, Mercer and Morris assigned all rights, title and interest to the plaintiff. As the 28-year period covering the original copyright drew to close—in 1939 —various attempts were made to secure renewal rights. Burnett, on November 1, 1938, and Maybelle Watson, on Octo-ber 31, 1938, registered claims for re-newal rights on the 1912 version which contained the lyrics written by Norton. No attempt was made by any other party to secure renewal rights on this version. Burnett Claimed 1914 Version

#### **Burnett Claimed 1914 Version**

Burnett Claimed 1914 Version On October 23, 1942, Burnett registered his claim to renewal rights of the 1914 version. Shortly after on November 2, 1942, the plaintiff registered its claim to renewal rights as a "proprietor of copyright in a work made for hire." On September 15, 1942, Charles Norton, the son of George, applied for renewal of the 1914 version. 1914 version.

1914 version. Vogel claims that it had the rights by virtue of the latter assignment from Charles Norton and demanded an ac-counting from S-B whereby the full ex-tent of its interest may be ascertained. Defendant laid claim only to the 1912 Version, since the 1911 version wasn't written by Norton, and the 1914 version contained no new matter. Vogel claimed its right to the song on the theory that Norton was an au-thor, not an employee, that he was not a collaborator, but a joint author for whose benefit the copyright was held and assigned by any other person. Judge de-

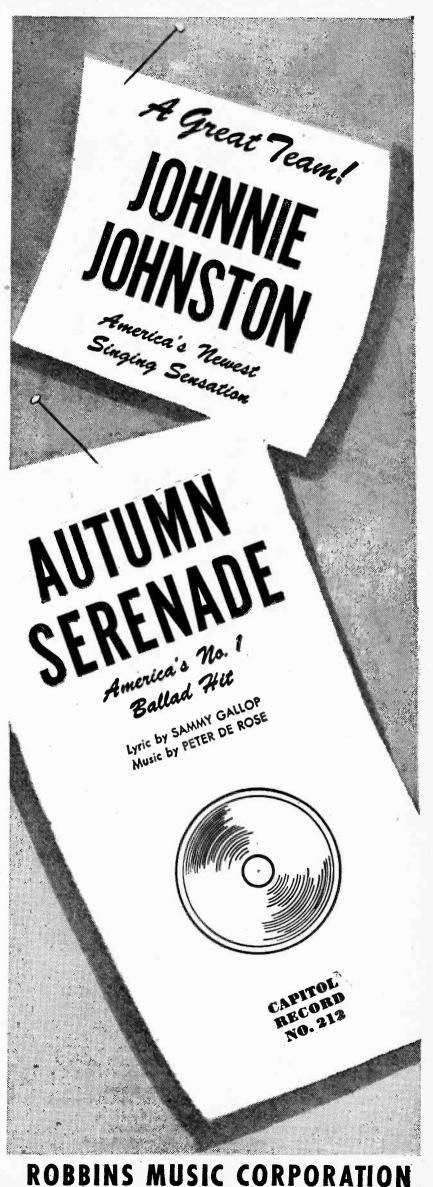
clared that argument that Norton was co-author cannot be upheld since the "bill of sale" was produced, therefore giving S-B the renewal rights.

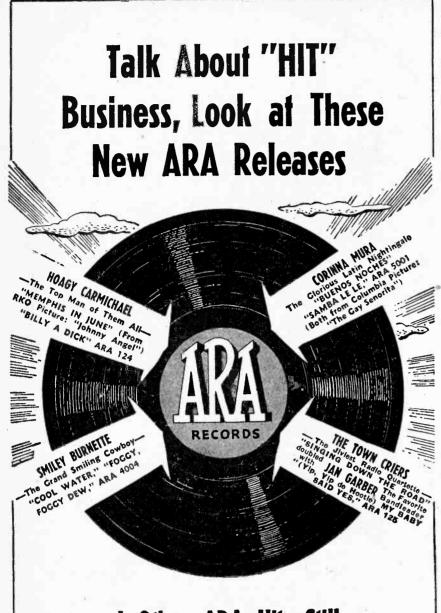
# Chi Opera Dusting Off Magic Formula For Success---Youth

**FOT** Success --- fourth CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—A new era of prosperity for opera was indicated here last week with the announcement by execs of the Chicago Opera Company that subscriptions for the coming six-week season, starting October 8, have already exceeded, by 200, last year's record 850, and there are five more days remaining for reservations for the coming 30 per-formances. The 1944 season was the first season in the 40-year history of the com-pany during which the entire deficit was written off and the season ended in black ink. Biggies of the local opera company feel

black ink. Biggies of the local opera company feel that the recent success is due to an em-ployee ticket plan, which pulled a new and unexpected audience from among persons ranging in age from 18 to 30. Where previously payee's age generally ranged from 30 years upwards, officials last year noted a large majority of younger persons in the audience for the first time. Even larger percentages of this year's audience are expected to be in th younger bracket because of the in-creased number of dischargees home from service. service.

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## PLAY STATUS OF FILMS WITH LEADING SONGS

A FRIEND OF YOURS (Burke-Van Heusen), sung by Lee Sullivan in Bing Crosby Productions "The Great John L." National release date—May 25, 1945.

A STRANGER IN TOWN (Mills) in Co-lumbla's "The Heat's On." National re-lease date not set.

ALL AT ONCE (Chappell), sung by Fred MacMurray in 20th Century-Fox's "Where Do We Go From Here?" National release date-June 6, 1945.

ALONG THE NAVAJO TRAIL (Leeds) in Republics "Don't Fence Me In." Release date not set.

AND THERE YOU ARE (Feist), sung by Bob Graham in MGM's "Week-End at the Waldorf." National release date not set. BABY, SAVE HIM FOR ME (House of Melody), sung by Lynn Merrick in Colum-bia's "Blonde From Brooklyn." National release date—June 21, 1945.

BAIA (Peer), sung by Nestor Amaral in Walt Disney's "The Three Caballeros." National release date—February 3, 1945.

I BEGGED HER (Felst), sung by Frank Sinatra in MGM's "Anchors Aweigh." Na-tional release date-July 12, 1945.

I DON'T CARE WHO KNOWS IT (Rob-bins), sung by Vivian Blaine in 20th Cen-tury-Fox's "Nob Hill." National release date-July 3, 1945.

I FALL IN LOVE TOO EASILY (Feist), sung by Frank Sinatra in MGM's "Anchors Aweigh." National release date-July 12, 1945

Aweigh." National release date—July 12, 1945. I WALKED IN (Miller), sung by Vivian Blaine in 20th Century-Fox's "Nob Hill." National release date—July 3, 1945. I WISH I KNEW (Triangle), sung by Dick Haymes in 20th Century-Fox's "Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe." National re-lease date—May 2, 1945. I'LL BUY THAT DREAM (Burke-Van Heusen) in RKO's "Sing Your Way Home." National release date not set. IT'S ONLY A PAPER MOON (Harms, Inc.) in Warner Brothers' "Too Young To Know." National release date not set. LOVE LETTERS (Famous) in Paramount's "Love Letters." National release date— October 26, 1945.

October 26, 1945. LAURA (Robbins "Laura" Notion 5, 1945. Robbins) in 20th Century-Fox's National release date—Novem-"Laura." ber, 1944.

Tunes listed alphabetically are in films Chart are listed, since many film-featured currently showing or to be shown soon. Only tunes which have won a position in ity, and many others are never even one or more of the other features of the published.

MY BABY SAID YES (Leeds), sung by Lynn Merrick and Bob Haymes in Co-lumbia's "Bionde From Brooklyn." Na-tional release date—June 21, 1945. (ALL OF A SUDDEN) MY HEAET SINGS (Leeds), sung by Kathryn (Grayson in MGM's "Anchors Aweigh." National release date—July 12, 1945. ON THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE (Feist), in MGM's "Harvey Girls." National release date not set. OUT OF THIS WORLD (Morris), Bing Crosby sings for Eddie Bracken in Para-mount's "Out of This World." National release date—July 13, 1945. PLEASE DON'T SAY NO (Feist), sung by Robert Allen in MGM's "Thrill of a Ro-mance." National release date—May 24, 1945.

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Indice. Instollar lettese unto may 24, 1945. STARS IN YOUR EYES (Melody Lane), sung by Chuy Castillon in RKO's "Pan-Americana." National release date—Feb-ruary 15, 1945. SOMEBODY LOVES ME (Harms, Inc.), sung by Joan Leslie and Tom Patricola in Warner Brothers' "Rhapsody in Blue." National release date—September 29, 1945. SUMMERTIME (Gershwin), sung by Anna Brown in Warner Brothers' "Rhapsody in Blue." National release date—September 29, 1945.

Blue." National release date—September 29, 1945. THAT'S FOE ME (Williamson) in 20th Century-Fox's "State Fair." National re-lease date—October, 1945. THE MORE I SEE YOU (Bregman-Vocco-Conn), sung by Dick Haymes in 20th Century-Fox's "Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe." National release date—May 2, 1945

Century-Fox s "Buily Rose's Diamond Horseshoe." National release date—May 2, 1945. THE WISH THAT I WISH TONIGHT (Witmark), sung by Dennis Morgan in Warner Brothers' "Christmas in Connec-cieut." National release date not set. THIS HEART OF MINE (Triangle), sung by Fred Astaire in MGM's "Ziegfeld Fol-lies." National release date not set. WHILE YOU'RE AWAY (Remick) in War-ner Bros. "My Reputation." National release date not set. YOU CAME ALONG (FROM OUT OF NO-WHERE) (Paramount), sung by Helen Forrest in Paramount's "You Came Along." National release date—September 14, 1945. YOU BELONG TO MY HEART (Charles K. Harris), sung by Dora Luz in Walt Disney's "The Three Caballeros." National release date—February 3, 1945.

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## SONGS WITH MOST RADIO PLUGS

(Beginning Friday, September 7, and ending Thursday, September 13)

Tunes listed here received the greatest number of plugs on programs emanating from network stations WABC (Columbia), WEAF (NBC), WOR (Mutual) and WJZ (Blue). This is purely a numerical pro-gram plug compilation and does not esti-mate number of listeners who heard pro-grams. List is based on Accurate Reporting Bervice tabulation. The Billboard lists

	Wha. to date	TITLE	PUBLISHER	LIC. BŸ
	7. A	Kiss Goodnight (R)		-ASCAP
	1. A	Stranger in Town (F) (R)		-ASCAP
	9. A	long the Navajo Trail (F) (R)	Leeds-	-ASCAP
	2. A	utumn Serenade (R)	Robbins-	-ASCAP
	2. D	earest Darling	Advanced—	-ASCAP
	15. Ga	otta Be This or That (R)		-ASCAP
	<b>2</b> . H	ow Deep Is the Ocean? (R)	Berlin—	-ASCAP
	12. I	Don't Care Who Knows It (F)	(R)Robbins-	-ASCAP
	3. I	Don't Want To Be Loved (By A	nyone Else But You) (R)Mutal-	-ASCAP
	18. I	Wish I Knew (F) (R)	Triangle	-ASCAP
	5. ľ	d Do It All Over Again (R)	Shapiro-Bernstein-	-ASCAP
	18. If	I Loved You (M) (R)		-ASCAP
	4. l'1	l Buy That Dream (F) (R)	Burke-Van Heusen-	-ASCAP
	13. I'r	n Gonna Love That Guy (R)		-ASCAP
			Famous-	
			Robbins-	
			Fe (F) (R)Feist	
			Morris-	
			Marchant	
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			)Paul-Pioneer-	
			Bregman-Vocco-Conn-	
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			Barton-	
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1	14. Yo	u Came Along (From Out of Now	here) (F) (R)Paramount—	ASCAP

# **RECORDS MOST-PLAYED ON THE AIR**

Records listed here in numerical order are those played over the greatest number of record shows. List is based on reports received by The Billboard from disk jockeys thruout the country. Unless in-

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POSITION

Weeks		This	001-8-01-18
	Week		Lie. By
6	1	1.	TILL THE END OF
			TIME
11	2	2.	ON THE ATCHISON.
			TOPEKA AND SANTA Johnny Mercer-Pied Pipers
			FE (F)
12	.5	3.	GOTTA BE THIS OR Benny Goodman
			THATColumbia 36813-ASCAP
8	6	4.	TAMPICOStan KentonCapitol 202-ASCAP
11	3	5.	CHOPIN'S
_			POLONAISE Carmen Cavallaro. Decca 18677-ASCAP
7	9	6.	ON THE ATCHISON,
			TOPEKA AND SANTA
. 5 1			FE (F)Bing CrosbyDecca 18690-ASCAP
3		6.	
			TIME
3	— )	7.	I WISH I KNEW Dick Haymes Decca 18662-ASCAP
2			(Harry James, Columbia 36794)
2	8	8.	ALONG THE NAVAJOBing Crosby-Andrews Sisters
2	9	9.	TRAILDecca 23437—ASCAP
-	9	9.	
2		10.	THAT GAL
-	_	10.	I'LL BUY THAT Dick Haymes-Helen Forrest
- 17	1		DREAM Decca 23434—ASCAP (Harry James, Columbia 36833; Hal McIntyre, Victor 20-1679;
1			Joan Edwards. Cosmo 456)
1		11.	GOTTA BE THIS OR
- î -		<u>, .</u> .	THATGlen GrayDecca 18691-ASCAP
3		11.	ROSEMARY
<b>-</b> 0	1	•••	ASCAP
			Coming Up

#### . Columbia 36827 ON THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE ......Tommy Tucker Columbia 36829 BOOGIE-WOOGIE ..... Tommy Dorsey.... ... Victor 20-1715





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Tunes listed are the national best sheet according to music sellers. List is based on reports (F) Indicates t received from more than 20 jobbers in all cates tune is in sections of the country. Songs are listed tune is available	tune is in a film; (M) indi- legit musical; (R) indicates	music sellers. List is based on received from more than 20 jobber

7	2	2.	ON THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANIA FE (F)
-	- IS		(R) Feist
7	3	3.	IF I LOVED YOU (M) (R)T. B. Harms
2	5	4.	ALONG THE NAVAJO TRAIL (R)Leeds
7	4	5.	GOTTA BE THIS OR THAT (R) Harms, Inc.
20	6		BELL-BOTTOM TROUSERS (R)Santly-Joy
3	8	7.	I DON'T CARE WHO KNOWS IT (F) (R)Robbins
3	9	8.	I'M GONNA LOVE THAT GUY (R)Bourne
11	6	9,	I WISH I KNEW (F) (R)Triangle
2	7	10.	THERE MUST BE A WAY (R)Stevens

# **BEST-SELLING POPULAR RETAIL RECORDS**

Records listed are those selling best in the nation's retail record stores (dealers). List is based on reports received from more than 700 dealers in all sections of the country. Records are listed numerically

	POSIT	NOI	
Weeks			
to date	Week	Week	
6	1	1.	TILL THE END OF TIME Perry Como Victor 20-1709
			(Did You Ever Get) That
-	i	,	Feeling in the Moonlight?
- e e - 19	2	2.	
11		2.	TOPEKA AND SANTA FE Johnny Mercer Capitol 195
1			
1			Conversation While Dancing
11	3	3.	CHOPIN'S POLONAISE (F). Carmen CavallaroDecca 18677
1			Enlloro
2	6 1	4.	BOOGIE-WOOGIE
~	Ŭ I		There You Go
	4	5.	
11	4	D.	Gotta Be This or That
1			Gotta be This of That Course Victor 20 1276
9	5	6.	IF I LOVED YOU (M) Perry Como Victor 20-1676
			I'm Gonna Love That Gal
7	7	6.	TAMPICO
1	0.11		Southern Scandal
3		7.	I'M GONNA LOVE THAT
			GALVictor 20-1676
			If I Loved You (M)
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## BEST-SELLING POPULAR RECORD ALBUMS

Albums listed are those selling best in than 200 dealers in all sections of the the nation's retail record stores (dealers). List is based on reports received from more according to greatest sales.

## POSITION Weeks | Last | This

to date	Week	Week	
4	1	1.	Boogie-Woogie Freddie SlackCapitol BD-12
10	1	2.	Carousel Original CastDecca. DA-400
4	-	3.	Porgy and Bess Charlie SpivakVictor SP-6
1	-	4.	Duchin's Gershwin Eddie DuchinColumbia C-52
23	- (	4.	Boogie-Woogie         Freddie Slack         Carousel         Original Cast         Decca. DA-400         Porgy and Bess         Charlie Spivak         Charlie Spivak         Victor SP-6         Duchin's Gershwin         Eddie Duchin         Clenn Miller         Glenn Miller and Ork

# BEST-SELLING RECORDS BY CLASSICAL ARTISTS

Records listed are those classical and than 350 dealers in all sections of the semi-classical records selling best in the country. Records are listed according to nation's retail record stores (dealers). List is based on reports received from more

	POSIT	NOI	
Weeks		This	
to date	Week	Week	
13	1	1.	Chopin's Polonaise
			Jose IturbiVictor 11-8848
14	2	2.	Clair De Lune
	N		K + 1 + 1 O.L Columbia 7361 M
2	4	3.	Chopin's Polonaise
2 8			Egon PetriColumbia 17377
8	5	3.	Italian Street Song
			Jeanette MacDonaldVictor 10-1134
14	3	4.	Warsaw Concerto
			Mathieson, London SymphonyColumbia 7490-M
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# BEST-SELLING RECORD ALBUMS BY CLASSICAL ARTISTS

Albums listed are those classical and more than 200 dealers in all sections of the country. Albums are listed according to nation's retail record stores (dealers). List is based on reports received from

	POSIT	NOI	
Weeks		This	
to date	Week	Week	
10	1	1.	Rhapsody in Blue
			Oscar Levant, Philadelphia Ork; Eugene Ormandy, con- ductorColumbia X-251
15	2	2.	Rhapsody in Blue
			Sanroma (Piano), Boston PopsVictor DM-358
23	3	3.	Music to Remember (From the Life of Chopin)
1			Jose IturbiVictor SP-4
26		4.	Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor
			Rubinstein-Ormandy, PhiladelphiaVictor M-900
2	4	5.	Porgy and Bess
			Indianapolis Symphony; Sevitski, conductor Victor M-999

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# JUKE BOX PLAYS

# **MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RECORDS**

Eccords listed are those receiving the tions of the country. Listed under the greatest play in the nation's juke boxes. List is based on more than 500 reports re-ceived direct from operators in all sec-

POSITION Weeks | Last | This to date | Week | Week **Going Strong** ON THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE (F)--Johnny Mercer-The Pied Pipers (Paul Weston Ork). .Capitol 195 (Tommy Tucker, Columbia 36829; Bing Crosby, Decca 18690; Tommy Dorsey, Victor 20-1682; Kate Smith, Columbia 36832; Louis Prima, Majestle 7145; Judy Garland-The Merry Macs, Decca 23436) 11 1 1. B 2 2. 12 6 4 3 6 (See No. 1) I'M GONNA LOVE THAT GAL—Perry Como (Russell Case Ork) Victor 20-1676 (Benny Goodman, Columbia 36843; Ginny Simms, Columbia 7 7 6. (2011) Cooline and Cooling Cooling Control Control (Control Control (Control (Co 5 9 10 7 2 (See No. 8) Decca 18691 SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY—Les Brown (Doris Day)..... Columbia 36769 (Hal McIntyre, Victor 20-1643; Louis Prima, Majestic 7140; The Merry Macs, Decca 18684) GOTTA BE THIS OR THAT—Sammy Kaye (Nancy Norman-The Kaye Choir) .....Victor 20-1684 (S2e No. 8) 26 5 9. 6 6 10. 3 11. 11. 1 11. 5 27 10 12.

**Coming Up** 

# MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX FOLK RECORDS

Records listed are folk records most more than 500 reports received direct from played in juke boxes. List is based on operators all over the country.

	POS	TION	
Weeks	Last	This	
to date	Week	Week	
8	2	1.	YOU TWO-TIMED ME ONE
			TIME TOO OFTEN Tex Ritter Capitol 206
12	1	2.	OKLAHOMA HILLS Jack Guthrie Capitol 201
21		3.	AT MAIL CALL TODAY Gene Autry Okeh 6737
12 21 7 3 29	— I	3.	CARELESS DARLIN' Ernest Tubb Decca 6110
3	4	4.	SHAME ON YOU Red Foley-Lawrence Welk
29	5	5.	SHAME ON YOU Decca 18698
	ł	F	Spade CooleyOkeh 6731
1	í —	6.	YOU DON'T CARE WHAT
			HAPPENS TO ME Bob Mills Okeh 6742
4	3	6.	HEADIN' DOWN THE
			WRONG HIGHWAY Ted Daffan Okeh 6744

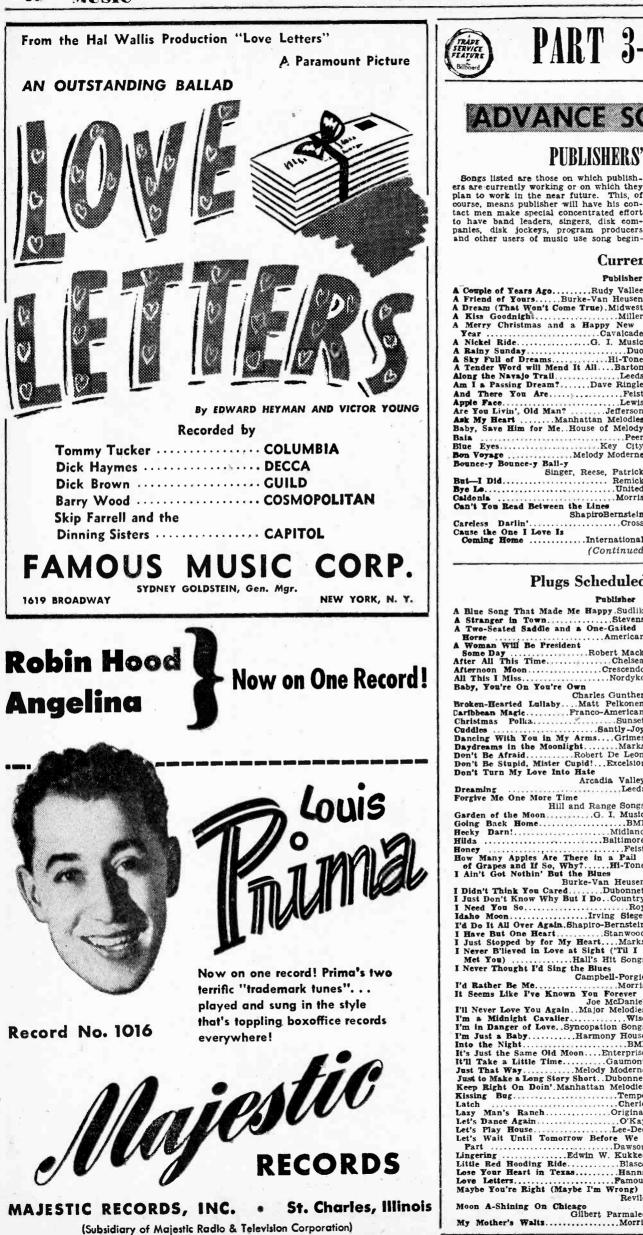
# MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RACE RECORDS

Records listed as race-type disks most based on more than 500 reports received played in the nation's juke boxes. List is direct from operators all over the country.

		TION	
Weeks	Last	This	
to date	Week	Week	
7	1	1.	THE HONEYDRIPPER Joe LigginsExclusive 207 WHO THREW THE WHISKY
16	2	2.	WHO THREW THE WHISKY
			IN THE WELL? Lucky MillinderDecca 18674
1	I — I	3.	I'M A SHY GUY King Cole Trio Capitol 208
1 9		4.	THAT'S THE STUFF YOU
			GOTTA WATCH Buddy Johnson Decca 8671
20	3	5.	CALDONIA BOOGIE Louis Jordan Decca 8670

# **THREE GREAT BANDS PLAY TWELVE GREAT TUNES**





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G. I. Music	Conversation While Dancing Capitol
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Hi-Tone	Counting the Days Until Christmas Marks
AllBarton	Cowboy Moon Albert J. Randolph
Leeds	Crazy Things David Gornston
Dave Ringle	Darling, Promise Me
Feist	Dawn TimeCrescendo
Lewis	Daybreak SerenadeLa Salle
Jefferson	Dearest DarlingAdvanced
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	Don't Be Tellin' Me Your TroublesBell
	Don't Ever Leave Me
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Morris	Fishin' for the MoonChappel
Lines	Fuzzy WuzzyDrake-Hoffman-Livingston
apiroBernstein	Garland of Old-Fashioned RosesO'Kay
Cross	Gee, It's Good To Hold YouCriterion
	Give Me All of Your Heart Pan-American
.International	Give Me Love TonightMidland
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#### **Plugs Scheduled for Near Future**

 
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 A Blue Song That Made Me Happy Sudlik Stevens
 My Nurse Corps Nightingale George F. Briegel
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Don't Be Stupid, Mister Cupid'...Excelsior Don't Turn My Love Into Hate Arcadia Valley Dreaming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Leeds Forgive Me One More Time Hill and Range Songs Garden of the Moon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G. I. Music Going Back Home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Midland Hilda \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Midland Hilda \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Midland Hilda \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Feist How Many Apples Are There in a Pail of Grapes and If So, Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hi-Tone I Ain't Got Nothin' But the Blues Burke-Van Heusen I Didn't Think You Cared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dubonnet I Just Don't Know Why But I Do. Country I Need You So \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Roy I Also Moon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Napples I Done Heart \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Stanwood I Just Stopped by for My Heart... Marks I Never B'lieved in Love at Sight ('Til I Met You) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hall's Hit Songs I Never Thought I'd Sing the Blues Campbell-Porgie I'd Bather Be Me.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Morris It Seems Like I've Known You Forever

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 My Ring of Gold
 Perry Alexander

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 Oh, Brother:
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 Oh, What I Dream'd About You.
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# **RECORD POSSIBILITIES**

In the opinion of The Billboard music staff, records listed below are most likely to achieve popularity as determined by en-

#### IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG

TIME Here's one of the best that James has put out in a long time. It's an easy one to listen to, makes for more James' fans—if that's possible—and will certainly make the nickels drop. Other side, "Autumn Serenade," is okay, also.

I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN .... Frankie Carle ... Columbia 36848 Carle's easy-to-take piano style makes this one a hit. It's just right for him, and he's just right for it. Faul Allen's vocal is a big help as well.

IT'S ONLY A PAPER MOON....Benny Goodman. Columbia 36843 The old B. G. style is coming back again, but good. Guy hits on all cylinders in this one, and he really gets going all the way thru. It's the old Goodman form, and that's good enough for practically all music lovers. Here's a money maker. Other side, "I'm Gonna Love That Guy," is b. o. too.

## RECORD REVIEWS

#### By M. H. Orodenker

Lightface portion of reviews is intended users. Boldface portion is intended for for information of all record and music guidance of juke box operators.

### PHIL BRITO (Musicraft)

After All This Time-FT; V. I'll See You in My Dreams-FT; V. It's southing singing, rich in romantic appeal, that Phil Brito pipes for these two ballads. And with Phil Davis' salon-styled music weaving the melodic background, it's another notch in the troubador's needling cap. Spinning in a bright tempo, "After All This Time" is a tuneful ballad rich in sentimental appeal. And when it comes to the evergreen, "Til See You in My Dreams," singing it at a moderately slow tempo, Brito's baritoning literally bows 'em over. With the movie "Keep Your Powder Dry" stimulating interest anew in the song, Brito should spin solidly in the phonos with "Til See You in My Dreams."

## BETTY JANE BONNEY (Victor)

Ho Hum-Ft; V. I Can Make You Love Me-FT; V.

No hum-rt; V. I Can Make You Love Me-T; V. Victor's newest singing lady, Betty Jane Bonney, impresses most favorably with her wistful word slinging for "Ho-Hum," a plaintive ballad with a pretty melody blending with the love lyric. And with Russell Case providing a rich and rhythmic accompaniment, side spins brightly. "I Can Make You Love Me" is an innocuous rhythm ditty that leaves much to be desired on every count. There's plenty of contagion in "Ho Hum," and if it catches on, will count for the phonos.

#### **BARNEY BIGARD** (Keynote) Rose Room-FT. Coquette-FT.

Rose Room—FT. Coquette—FT. Corraling a quintet that takes in Johnny Guarnieri's Steinwaying and Joe Thomas's trumpeting, Barney Bigard offers up his amazing clarinet virtuosity that has been missing from the disks since he stepped out of the Duke Ellington camp. Billy Taylor's bass and Cozy Cole's drum beats round out the session produced back in February by Harry Lim. Bigard's facile fingering is demonstrated to the fullest degree for lively paced "Rose Room." with "Coquette" allowing the others to step out in front. The riding is high and handsome, generating plenty of heat in its spinning course, which should catch the fancy of the hot jazz fans. Sides are primarily for le jazz hot and hardly for the juke neophytes.

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# **GEORGIE AULD** and his Orchestra

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> GEORGIE AULD and his Orchestra CO-PILOT I'LL NEVER BE THE SAME (Catalog No. 128)

# **Popular Guild Favorites**

Songdom's Newest Star DICK BROWN Vocalist LOVE LETTERS ARE YOU LIVIN' OLD MAN Catalog No. 140

That Young Master of Music GEORGE PAXTON and His Orchestra **OUT OF THIS WORLD** THIS CAN'T BE LOVE Catalog No. 131

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New Ace of Trumpeters "DIZZY" GILLESPIE and His Orchestra SALT PEANUTS HOT HOUSE Catalog No. 1003

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**GERALD CLARK** and His Original Calypsos MAN SMART-WOMAN SMARTER MY DONKEY WANT WATER Catalog No. 115



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# **Before USCS**

Tho platter turning mess not part of walkout, it's still an issue-\$\$ real battle

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Radio broad-casting industry last week settled back in its padded chairs to await decision (which may come at any time) from resumed contract negotiations between National Association of Broadcast Engi-neers and Technicians (indie NABET union) and National Broadcasting Com-pany and American Broadcasting Com-pany. The lull has followed the storm that broke at 6 p.m. last Wednesday (12) when about 500 studio engineers and technicians tossed the glove at NBC and ABC here in a one-day strike that caught the two nets with their pants down. The walkout, which paralyzed both webs' key New York stations for short periods and spread as far as the West Coast, was called off at 8 p.m., Thursday (13). Thursday (13).

West Coast, was called off at 8 p.m., Thursday (13). The blow-off came at the close of a day of negotiations between the union and nets and followed by about an hour the arrival of telegrams from the NABET prexy, E. T. Powley, giving 30-day strike notice required by the Smith-Connally Act. Immediate cause of the door-slamming, according to the union was that net spokesmen questioned author-ity of union bargaining committee to speak for members in negotiating a new contract (old pact expired in June, 1944). When committee notified the members, union said, they refused to work any longer without a contract and walked out. Nets, on the other hand, claimed, as NBC press release put it, there was no justification for "unauthor-ized and wildcat strike" and that "pre-cipitate action . . is an attempt on part of union members to disrupt our opera-tions in order to secure their completely unjustified wage demands."

#### **Blackout First Sign**

Blackout First Sign First outward signs of trouble came when WEAF, local NBC key outlet, and WJZ, New York ABC kingpin, went into a state of coma. At the stations, there was bell ringing and some confusion as the engineers and technicians exited from their glass-enclosed booths and hit for the wide-open spaces. Despite the crippling effect of the walkout, the sta-tions quickly moved into action to fill the breach, with engineer-execs from both nets taking over the controls. WEAF was off the air for 15 minutes.

both nets taking over the controls. WEAF was off the air for 15 minutes, WJZ for a half hour. And when the stations came back on, it was with a patchwork quilt of segs made up of music and news. NBC aired organ mu-sic for eight minutes and then took an-other breather. By 7 p.m., however, both (See NABET ISSUES on page 37)

# **Kyser Still Hopes** For Vacation But Will Resume Airer

WILLICSUINC ALLCE HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 15.—Altho Kay Kyser resumes his NBC show September 26, he isn't giving up his plans for a temporary retirement. Kyser, who has been knocking himself out doing service shows, has asked to be released from his Lucky Strike contract which still has 26 months to run, 14 of which belong to Colgate-Palmolive-Peet. Kyser told The Billboard that he is still trying to work out a deal whereby he can get his rest. Indications are that he will get his release in early spring of 1946.

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1946. He also has a few film contracts to meet, but these will probably be post-poned. MCA. however, indicated that Kyser's much-sought vacation was a good idea while it lasted but that he will give it up and go thru with his obligations.

# Issues Now S. A. Showbiz---Carbon of U. S.; Execs Monitor Only Names Get Dough Bids Coast Network

Calls

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(Continued from page 10) wasn't in the vocabulary of the masses in the Latin American countries. As soon as small radio receivers are avail-able, there'll be a market for millions of them, according to a survey recently completed. More radios mean more lis-tening; more listening means higher that the level of entertainment moves up and showbiz comes in for its cut. Proof that broadcasting is actually be-oming a biz down there is indicated by the fact that Cubd actually has had a radio listening survey working since 1943. Of course, it isn't a daily, weekly, or even monthly index. It's taken twice a year and costs the subscribers \$200 a survey. This is no telephone survey. If it were, it would mean nothing, as in cuba. It's also basically a survey of Havanna listening, idea being as Ha-house-to-house canvass, with the door-bell-finger asking practically the same set of questions that a Hooper tele-phone caller does.

Top Programs Here's how the top daytime and eve-ning programs rated in the April, 1945,



#### "Beachhead at Louie's"

Reviewed Sunday (16), 8:20-9:05 m. Style—Drama. Sustaining over p.m. Style—Drama. Sus WNBT (NBC), New York.

p.m. Style—Drama. Sustaining over WNBT (NBC), New York. NBC, which isn't given, generally, to experimental television, went full hog with *Beachhead at Louie's*, with recorded spoken thoughts, a kaleldoscopic semi-dissolve to effectively picture a man's whirling thoughts, and a combination of film and flesh that should have built a top-notch drama. While the show held attention, the faults were plenty—and they had their lessons for NBC in the future and for all who are about to step into the "fine" art of air pix. *Beachhead* is a radio play reconverted for television. It was therefore not sur-prising that it was pictorially static, without true visual movement. Herb Graf, opera director, has been proven in the past not glfted in creating visual movement—he wasn't tonight. Every pic was an animated still-shot and that was all. True, the mental study of a vet, Shorty, played by Joe Julian, who hasn't made the transition back to civilian thinking and how he does get that blue serge suit feeling isn't a natural for movement—you have to work the move-ment out. Graf didn't. Three times the vet turned the radio on and off—which might have been a must on an ear show but was just unnecessary pictorial dupli-cation in an eye and ear pitch. When his (the vet's) mental working found audible sound he mugged and grimaced. Julian proved himself n. s. h. before the cameras this time—maybe he had too many cos-tume changes in no time flat. The part needed a Burgess Meredith. In order to snare time for changes the film, which was scanned to establish the beachhead its is open and his te loose. He had to jump from a wounded-in-bed dream sequence shot back to his chair asleep, and since video has no script girls to check these details, the tie and collar were boners. How the production was ever pro-duced in NBC's tiny television studio is were boners.

were boners. How the production was ever pro-duced in NBC's tiny television studio is another of those modern miracles. Six sets, including a living room and a fox-hole, were used. The timing of the recorded spoken thoughts was perfect, as was Diane Courtney's mouthing to one of her re-cordings perfectly synchronized. How-

survey, the last one available here in the U. S. (Fifty top programs are tabbed for daytime and evening.)

DAYTIME

"The Three Villalobas" Have Tuned To Radios Listening Program Index

165 522 256 31.61 NIGHTTIME "What Happens in the World"

Have Tuned To Calls Radios Listening Program Index 162 526 30.86

586 526 247 162 30.86 Both the toppers are sponsored by Procter & Gamble and both are on Cuba's Blue Net-work Station RHC. Havana, local Columbia Broadcasting System outlet. The network has three of the top 15 daytime and six of the top nighttime shows, with the competition, CMQ, having, in turn, 12 daytime and nine nighttime toppers.

#### **Differs From Hooper**

**Differs From Hooper** Rating bases differ in this system, as, while Hooper uses total population as a base, the Cuban version uses, instead, the base of the people who own radio sets. However, the difference in this particular report in the daytime would mean only a 10 per cent index cut to a rating of 28.0 and the same 10 per cent would apply approximately at night. Index is quoted here to give a picture of how high radio listening has reached in Cuba which, while ahead of many other Spanish-speaking nations, is still in Cuba which, while ahead of many other Spanish-speaking nations, is still representative representative.

other Spainsh-Spearing hastons, as the representative. This \$5,000,000 showbiz set-up is in-dicative of how little dough, percentage-wise, goes to Mr. Whisker's showbiz out of a total Latin American showbiz in-vestment. That there is biz-regular, not showbiz--in South America is again keyed by the fact that big U. S. cor-porations are on the ground with their agencies and branch offices. In Cuba, for instance, General Electric, Westing-house, P&G and Colgate-Palmolive-Peet all have their own local set-ups, and tho the local ad-agency reps are solid, Grant and McCann-Erickson are also on the ground, and most other key U. S. ad agencies have deals with local 15 per-centers working on split commission deals. deals.

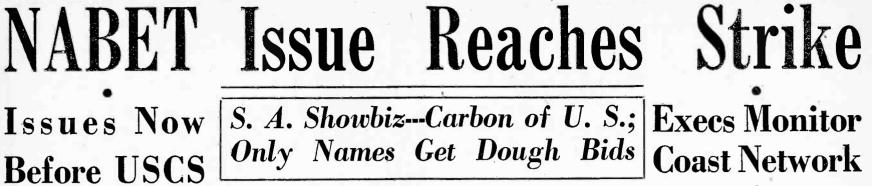
That there are billions in ready dough waiting to be spent in South America goes without saying. However, what goes without saying also is that only the top of the top name talent is going to get any of it, as the war has forced them to be self-sufficient—and they've found that they can get along that way. Only one thing can change it. That's a concerted campaign to sell what our entertainment world has to offer—and showbiz had never really done anything to sell itself—even in the U. S. That there are billions in ready dough

ever, where the USO hospital circuit gal was supposed to be carrying the ork that backed her as she visited and sang at each of the beds is something to conjure with.

jure with. However, the boners are not important at this stage of television production. What is important is that *Beachhead* underlined the fact that video needs actors who really can handle tough roles like this returned vet assignment, and that scripting must be designed to per-mit time to make costume and scene changes in order that film bridges don't seem over-long, and finally that pix without motion smell up the air. And one final word, a psychological

without motion smell up the air. And one final word, a psychological study must be written by a damned fine scripter, Mort Green didn't prove him-self to be one in this. You just didn't believe the thing at all. No one snaps out of "it" as quickly as this vet and the war worker. When you're all men-tally mixed up, no abracadabra brings you back alive. Most of the cast should be forgiven for this uninspired per-formance. However, Arthur Honeycut as Sammy the counterman at Louie's, and Jay Norris as Shorty's friend, were real. It's hoped that Diane Courtney doesn't see herself before the ike in the dress she wore this evening. Joe Koehler.

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Brass proves it hasn't forgotten how to ride gain and handle shows

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 17. — Strike hit the two nets here without warning, 50 engineers walking out at NBC and 27 at ABC. Latter web was pinched the hardest as ABC owns and operates its local outlet (KECA) and had the addi-tional headache of getting substitute control men for both net and station. NBC was off from 3:01 to 3:15, ABC from 3:01 to 3:12, while KECA was dead until 8:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m. ABC used the few pinch-hitters it could get to feed the web and let KECA wait until more control hands could be secured. Ruby Lloyd, ABC stand-by mu-sician, went on at 3:15 p.m. with piano solos and was fed to both webs c.t.c. for a half hour. After that, she alter-nated with newscasts until 6 p.m. on ABC only. ABC only.

hated with newscasts until 6 p.m. of ABC only. Execs Pitch In At both nets, execs left their desks to turn their attention to the more im-portant knob work. When NBC was frantically hunting for a control man for the Jack Haley air show, music ar-ranger Levan Urbanski, an ex-sound en-gineer, took over the knob panel. NBC wasn't pinched too much as it fortu-nately had four execs who had previous-ly been engineers and could move into the control room with ease. Lewis Frost supervised operations during the critical period, pinch-hitting for Sidney N. Strotz who is east for a management huddle. NBC here appears to want to hush up strike with the old pitch that it's over now, so let's forget about it. Rea-son for NBC buttoned lip is that it doesn't want the pinch-hitters to be looked upon as strikebreakers, actually all substitutes were execs and as such couldn't be branded scabs. However, they kept strike from being 100 per cent effective and, therefore, would want their activities forgotten so as not to raise ire of NABET. ABC Sees It Differently

#### **ABC** Sees It Differently

ABC Sees It Differently Men at ABC took a different slant on the deal with the line that execs per-formed a public service by keeping the ball rolling during the emergency and that they deserve credit for their efforts. When strike hit ABC, Ralph Denechaud, web's Western engineering chief, set up an engineer school in Radio City Build-ing for ABC execs with J. Donald Wil-son, Russ Hudson, Frank Samuels and Francis Conrad getting the hurry-up course in riding level on shows. Ted McMurray, web's Western program manager who held an operator's license (See EXECS MONITOR on page 37)

# Three-Way Tuesday NBC Program Tie May Soupnite Tops

May Souphite LOPS NEW YORK, Sept. 17.--With NBC's sock thursday sked a maybe this year, due to be Bingel's desire for a rest, there's plenty of activity at the senior network which source the the talking stage, is with Amos 'n' Andy, Fibber McGree and Molly and Bob Hope, with integrated molly and Hope, are now Lever Bros.' bables and naturally will co-op, and Fib-dosen seg delivering a bigger audience to them. Fibber, of course, has a sock rating always but it's had to go out and get it y itself. With a special delivery pro-gram in front of it there's no knowing how far it and Hope's Hoopers will go.

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**Old Zanzi Site** Sought By Ops With New Idea

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The old Zanzi-bar location, which has been shuttered by Joe Howard since he moved his club across the street, is again ready to change

bar location, which has been shuttered by Joe Howard since he moved his club across the street, is again ready to change hands if current negotiations go thru. Potential ops have envolved a brand-new idea for niteries, it is reported. Thus, if Howard sells, he may put himself in the position of having to compete, at close range, with something different in hot spots. Latest entry is an ex-producer-director, who asked his name be kept out because of present commitments, plus a bevy of money guys, one of whom is supposed to be Emil Friedlander, owner of Dazlan's Joe Howard admits that talks have been going on but says that so far no dicker has been arranged. Lease of the old Zanzibar still has two years and nine months to run. It is understood that Howard is asking for \$30,000 which would include payment for what kitchen and dining room equip-ment is still in the closed room. Last meeting of the interested parties was he'll sell but he insists on a price. He's now in the upper tax brackets, he ex-plained, so unless he can get a figure that will mean something he'll be just as satisfied to leave the room dark and keep competition away. Old room has had a checkered career. A Chinese syndicate was supposed to the year, and only a few weeks ago Howard was all ready to reopen as a restaurant to be run by him on the order of Ruby Foo's and other class oriental eating spots.

the fact that food, on which spot built its rep, is now again available. Club started lines and productions when food rationing and points came in. Shows were usually framed around one semi-name act, some of whom did okay. But by and large, the Versailles didn't compete for talent with such rooms like the Copa or the Martinique. With ration-ing on the way out, it plans to go after name attractions to keep the biz the present lush times brought in. Spot plans to have one or two other acts on the bill to have one or two other acts on the bill with Brisson, but so far nobody has been set

# **UAW Demands Niteries Admit** G.I.'s Under 21

DETROIT, Sept. 17.—The veterans' de-partment of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO) went to bat for the younger vets of the war last week, with a demand that they be declared eligible for admission to night clubs and all other types of entertainment. The State Liquor Control Commission, which was the objective of the UAW attack has a long-standing rule against any minors— under 21—being admitted to a spot serv-ing liquor, and the union reported cases where combat veterans with perhaps 2 or 3 years of service have been denied ad-mission because of their youth. Serious resentment by veterans is reported, and the UAW is taking up the matter in an effort to have all restrictions waived when veterans are in uniform. DETROIT, Sept. 17 .--- The veterans' de-

# At Least, Cooper's in Clover

ALLEGUST, CLOOPER'S LIL CLOVER NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Rib-tickling situation is developing between two agents both of whom have apparently been asked to book the same spot. Last season, Harry Kilby, GAC rep, put most of the shows into the Clover Club, Miami. It was taken for ganted that Kilby had the spot exclusive. Even now he says he had a stranglehold when Jack Friedlander was running it. This season, however, Irving Moss, Clover Club op, phoned Dick Henry, of the Morris office, and asked for a show. Henry says he replied that he thought Kilby was exclusive booker. Moss vehemently denied it. "Anybody can book the room," he said, according to Henry. So Henry went ahead and put in Billy Vine for January 2 and is working on other shows. Kilby, meanwhile, put in Alan Gale for December 5. But the yock-getter came up when both Henry and Kilby went after Jerry Cooper for the October 18 show. First, Henry called Sol Tepper, Cooper's agent, and offered him a price. Then, Kilby phoned Tepper and offered him a still higher price for the same act, for the same spot, for the same date. Which booker will finally get him, Tepper doesn't know. But he claims a solution. Kilby can have Cooper for the clover for two weeks and Henry can have him for the Clover for the suless an authorization from the Op is on file with the union, says the Clover has no exclusive. So, now both boys can argue about who gets the extra 5 per cent booking fee.

# Miami Curfew Lifted; Acts Play "Policy"

New YORK, Sept. 17.—Starting with Carl Brisson on October 3, the Versailles which sease on given is two-fold: costs of redecorating room, which Arnold Rossifield, co-operator, says is \$100,000 and points came in Shows were usually framed around on the fact that tood, on which spot built its rep. is now again available.
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# Philly Shangri-La **Goes Eatery After AGVA Yanks Show**

AGVA Yanks Show PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—Dewey Yes-ner's Shangri-La, only recently a top budget nitery in the mid-town district, goes on a strict eaterle basis this week as a result of differences with Noel Sherman, of New York, who once booked and pro-duced the shows for the room. Impassee was reached last Monday (10) when AGVA called out the show cast after a dispute with the management. Union took up the cudgels for Sherman, an AGVA member, who claimed the nitery refused to pay him \$8,800 in back wages. Adolph Goldman, manager of the nitery, said that Sherman exaggerated the sum due and that the bill, dating back several years, was for "production costs" and not actor salaries. Therefore, Gold-man declared, the dispute with Sherman wages for any performers. AGVA, how-ever, says Sherman's claim involves monies formerly paid out by Sherman to per-formers. AGVA's getting into the fray has riled

formers

AGVA's getting into the fray has riled the local musicians' union since the house (See Shangri-La Eatery on page 35)



NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- Tony Morelli and the money guys with him who recently bought the Detroit Latin Quarter cently bought the Detroit Latin Quarter are up against it before they can even start counting the house. Major head-ache comes from the Martha Raye book-ing made some time ago by Lou Walters for a reported \$8,500 to start.September 17. Deal was for 15 days. When biz started to get bad the new ops started pruning and cancelling. The Ritz Brothers, in for \$10,000 a week, were canceled and ops began mulling the Martha Raye deal-and how to get out of it. They claimed and how to get out of it. They claimed deal was verbal and hadn't been filed with AGVA, so could see no reason to go thru.

thru. The Morris office which had the con-tracts, claimed that there was nothing verbal about the deal. And, besides, the contracts were laying around Lou Wal-ter's office awaiting some confirmation on minor details. Everybody in on the deal, however, had okayed it, and every-body knew it, was a play-or-pay paper. body knew it was a play-or-pay paper.

body knew it was a play-or-pay paper. Meanwhile the Morris office booked Miss Raye into a couple of theaters on a guaranty and percentage deal, but at the same time took the L. Q. case up with AGVA. The union has not made any de-cision but it is understood it will insist that Latin Quarter ops make up the dif-ference between what Miss Raye will take down for her 10-day theater tour and her contracted salary at the club. It is esti-mated the difference will be about \$5,000.

# **Ciro's Now Brooks; Name Band Policy** Set for House

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Jerry Brooks, one of the major undisclosed principals behind Ciro's, Miami, who is now in New York, reports that he has taken over the spot completely from the Florida syndi-cate which has been running it and of which he was a member. Ciro's will be changed from a secondary club to a major outfit thru the use of name bands. Car-men Cavallaro is being dickered for to open, with other names sought. Room will play two bands regularly. Brooks, who says he now has the place

will play two bands regularly. Brooks, who says he now has the place all to himself but eventually may admit others into ownership, states that Ciro's will be completely renovated and rebuilt to increase its present capacity of about 150 to over 300 seats. Greater capacity will enable the booking of name bands, he says. "Red" Pollack will operate the spot for him as general manager, says Brooks.

# **Beant'wn Gets Proser Unit**

MCA first on booking in but GAC not too far behind despite denials

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—A gimmick for the presentation of "Copacabana" shows in hotels around the country is being in hotels around the country is being worked out by Copacabana Productions, Inc., an allied corporation of the New York nitery, plus MCA and GAC. Device envisions a series of Copa-produced units which would play nitery rooms in hotel chains or individual hostelries, with the purchasers to add their own star at-tractions if they so desire. Both MCA and GAC are in the picture already, but the scheme is understood to be open to all comers. all comers.

all comers. The first of the Copa-nurtured packages opened at the Copley-Plaza in Boston this week and consists of Kitty Carlisle, Bert Easley, Jacqueline Fontaine, Norman Lawrence and a line of eight girls. Pack-age was booked in by MCA.

## **Gossip Comes to a Head**

Gossip Comes to a Head Stunt represents the fruition of a lot of trade gossip over a period of months. Originally, Arthur Lesser, operator of the closed La Vie Parisienne, figured in the proposition. Lesser and Monte Proser, who fronts the Copa, were reported to have gotten chummy during their mu-tual tax trouble with the city fathers last year, and when Lesser was pushed out of his spot by the taxman, Proser offered his former compétitor the opportunity of sell-ing Copa units.

former compétitor the opportunity of sell-ing Copa units. The formation of Copa units is not new in itself. Packages like these worked at the Netherland Plaza in Cincy, the Blue Room of Hotel Roosevelt in New Or-leans and the Ritz-Carleton in Boston be-fore the war. The current show at the Copley-Plaza in Beantown is the first of the units to appear since the end of the war. Present plan is actually a re-vival and expansion of what went before, but with a couple of brand-new angles. Bill Reed, formerly Proser's assistant, *(See COPA UNITS A FACT on page 37)* (See COPA UNITS A FACT on page 37)

# **Tepper-Dann Fuss** Still "?"; Agent **Refuses Decision**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- The Sol Tepper-Artie Dann arbitration, which was supposedly settled last week, is back in the hopper again. Tepper was awarded \$2,000 for his contract with Dann which per-Artie \$2,000 for his contract with Dann which the comic is to pay out of his salary at the rate of 5 per cent. Tepper doesn't like the method of payment. He claims that an act getting \$900 can afford to pay more than the 5 per cent set by the arbitrators.

Arbitrators. Another point on which Tepper is tak-ing the case to the American Arbitration Association is the ruling on the contract. The first paper signed (December, 1942) was for three months and a three-year was for three months and a three-year option. Before the three-month period elapsed parties signed a new pact for three years and a three-year option. Contract, according to Tepper, was filed and ac-cepted by AGVA. The ruling by the arbitrators set aside the second paper and put the first pact into force. This de-clsion, maintains Tepper, is contrary to law.

cision, maintains Tepper, is contrary to law. Mort Rosenthal, AGVA attorney, ad-mits that the second contract was filed with the union but he also insists that it should not have been accepted for filing. Furthermore, Rosenthal added, when Tepper and Dann agreed to go into AGVA arbitration they also agreed to abide by the decision. Therefore, he said, an appeal is out of order. Tepper denies that he waived any rights of appeal, or was asked to do so. Artie Dann was unavailable for comment.

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## Zanzibar, New York

Talent policy: Dance bands and floorshows at 8:15, 12:30 and 2:30. Owner-operators, Joe Howard and Carl Erbe; publicity, Carle Erbe; production, Clarence Robinson. Prices: \$3.50, minimum

Studded with names and talent, the Studded with hames and talent, the new Zanzibar show opened on Wednes-day night (12) with an offering not quite as sock as it ought to be. It starts as a scorcher and winds up big, but it sags in the middle. Hence, the cumulative effect is lessened.

effect is lessened. After an opening number by the Zan-zibeauts (10) in a hotcha twisting rou-tine worth a good mitt, Jesse and James starts things off with a rip-roaring, you-wonder-how-they-stay-in-one-piece acro hoofing act. Kids are very young and work furiously, the way this kind of thing should be done. They use trays, chairs and a table over which they leap, split, dive and dance. Capacity mob sent 'em out with a hearty hand.

sent'em out with a hearty hand. Gloria Sheldon (ex-Savannah Churchill) follows with a set of tunes. Miss Sheldon is a looker and a strong personality, and she has a big, flexible and experienced voice. But she has not decided whether she wants to be a war-bler of semi-talk hoke or a blues shouter or a bàlladeer. She mixes all three styles up very thoroly and, consequently, misses the maximum impression to which her other qualities entitle her to. Best reception came from her Daddy, Daddy. Corter and Moreland comics show

Daddy. Carter and Moreland, comics, show the marks of long experience in showbiz in their work but they are out of place in what is conceived as a fast-moving nitery show. Their material is more reminiscent of an old-time vaude or bur-lesque act than of a modern club act, and for the time they take to put it over it is deficient in laughs. Best results came from Moreland's eccentric dance stuff. Carter's plano bit should either be sung louder or dropped. Golden Gate Guartet, with two new

Golden Gate Quartet, with two new faces, is on next and proves to be as solid as ever. After a fast opening spir-itual, they hop into Jericho, earning a juicy hand, and then The General Jumped at Dawn, a sizzler of a nitery show number. Exit to a big response.

show number. Exit to a big response. Duke Ellington, whose ork' is on tap here, steps down for a stance at the piano, playing a medley of some of his many hits. Gals join him midway for a sexy body-bending routine around the keyboard. Ellington's unaffected piano work and the popularity of the tunes he ripples off bring him a sus-tained palm at the end. Louis. Jordan's Tympany Five (now seven) appear next. First number is a throwaway, but next starts getting the mob, altho number is now outdated. Jordan gets into high gear with Some-body Done Changed and hits a peak with his terrific Beware, Beware. Closer is the inevitable Caldonia.

his terrific Beware, Beware. Closer is the inevitable Caldonia. Finale has the line, Golden Gates, El-lington and so on in High Class Gal. Line has been well-costumed thrucut and turns in a good job. Ellington ork plays the show. Claude Hopkins band relieves. The Nightingales, billed, were not in evidence. Paul Ross.

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#### 5100 Club, Chicago

Talent Policy: Dance band and floorshows at 8:30 and 12:30. Owners, Byron Masselland, Henry Weiss; publicity, Sidney Lovitt. Prices: \$1.25-\$1.50. minimums.

George Tapps' whirling feet set the pace for this show all the way thru. Terpster is artistic having studied ballet Terpster is artistic naving studied ballet under the best the business had, but he knows how to get the crowd and keep them whether it's *St. Louis Blues* or classical. Payees made him give with eight encores and still palm-whacked for more.

Hal Fisher steered the show off to a fast start and kept it that way. Hal is mounting back in the ranks of the top funny boys after a two-year stint with Uncle Sam overseas. He hasn't lost any of his fast-thinking, fast-moving rou-tine and seems to have picked up some bits of ad lib biz which customers think

bits of ad lib biz which customers think is very, very yoky. His "the customer is always right" act pulled hefty mitt. Impressionist Viola Layne imitated Hildegarde, Baby Snooks, Virginia O'Brien, Anna Held, Carmen Miranda and Shirley Temple in a way which left no one guessing what she was doing. She is swell to the eyes and sock with the imitations but she might try devel-oping personality of her own. With her face, figure and hips she could do some-thing other gals would imitate, instead of vice versa. of vice versa.

Boy Davey is a nice, personable young man, but nobody noticed his job of em-seeing because he lacked the punch and the necessary chatter. Duke Yellman and ork backed up the show with the right style, coming in for all the cues and hitting the fanfares. Ork is best on rumbas, tho can do swing, too. The Fifth Avenue Models (6), who opened and closed the show with a dance routine, appeared almost as sophisticated as they were billed. Very danceable and lookable. John Sippel. Boy Davey is a nice, personable young

#### La Martinique, New York

Talent policy: Dance band and floorshows at 8:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Owner-operators, Dario and Jimmie Vernon; productions, Hughle Prince and Dick Rogers; publicity, Jack Tir-man. Prices: a la carte, \$5 minimum.

Considering the formidable opposition it has around town currently, La Mar-tinique has entered the season with a weak show. Lou Holtz is starred and on weak show. Lou Holtz is starred and on opening night (12) he had pulled a mob clear to the doors. The results of the act, however, were not anywhere as big as biz. Holtz has returned to town as skillful and as assured a performer as he ever was but he came back with trunkful of oldles and even his savvy couldn't turn them into a mirthquake. The laughs were numerous but the yocks were few and very far between, and the The laughs were numerous but the yocks were few and very far between, and the payoff hands didn't shake the rafters. Too many of Holtz's stories have by now passed into the general body of Ameri-can humor. He stands in need of new

material. Jo Stafford, looking a lot trimmer and smarter than when she opened here last time, has begun to sing rhythm tunes and the change is a welcome one. Her Sunny Side of the Street and Atchison, the latter in an effective arrangement, are good jobs and win her good mitting and an encore. The latter, a newle called I Almost Did, could be done without for it is just too cute. On floor manner, Miss Stafford should lower the mike a little. On voice, she remains an accom-Miss Stafford should lower the mike a little. On voice, she remains an accom-plished canary with a fine set of pipes. On selling, she is still weak in project-ing to the pewholders. Possibly the room is not right for her, for all vocal-izing done in this spot seems to be robbed of color and vivacity. (See La Martinique, N. Y., on opp. page)



### **One Fifth Avenue, New York**

Talent policy: Floorshows start at 10, con-tinuous until 1:30; no dancing. Owners-operators, Spencer-Taylor Co.; manager, Bob Downey. Prices: No cover, no minimum.

New show has Patricia Bright making New show has Patricia Bright making with the satire, Clifford Newdall, with the voice, and Bob Downey, Frederic Vonn and Hazel Webster on the plano. Only acts caught were Miss Bright, Miss Web-ster and Bob Downey. Newdall had Chicked for the pickt finished for the night.

finished for the night. Miss Bright, who some day will be "discovered," has some smart material which ranges from sock comedy to slick, rapier-like satire, most of which she sells with plenty of authority. Opened with June 1s Bustin' Out, a la Hepburn, and got big hands right away. Followed with a Bacall-Bogart number that had suffi-cient double-entendre implications to satisfy the customers. Finishes with a takeoff of a Mrs. Richbitch who is torn between her daily visits to Billingsley's 53d Street saloon and running around to the chi-chi shops. Routine is a sharp as a razor. Maybe it's a little too sharp for the spot. This reviewer found it highly amusing and capably delivered. But plenty customers didn't seem to get it Bob Downey, who accompanies Miss

But plenty customers didn't seem to get it. Bob Downey, who accompanies Miss Bright, does nicely on the keyboards. In his own spot he shows plenty of plano, ranging from show to pop tunes with a sprinkling of Viennese numbers. Miss Webster fills in the lulls with more Stein-way work for a nice reception. Bill Smith.

#### **Ruban Bleu, New York**

Talent policy: Floorshows at 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Owner-operator, Tony Mele; man-ager, Jack Smith; publicity, Dorothy Ross. Prices: \$3, minimum.

Little East Side bistro unveiled for the season on Wednesday night (12) with three of its stand-bys, one a former long-time hold-over here. Capacity mob went down the line for the acts.

Monica Boyer, chanteuse, started this season a lot stronger as a performer than she was last. Chirp has begun to un-der emphasize straight ballad work, in which she is weak, and lay more stress on comedy selling in which she is skillful. Result is a solid reception and two en-cores cores

Mervyn Nelson, comic, is ripe for big-ger things. Performer has developed with amazing rapidity in the space of a year and merits a place in a musical or a bigger room. Over the summer, he has evolved two new routines, a school has evolved two new fourines, a school pageant thing and a psychiatrist sketch, which, added to some of his regular numbers, piled yock on yock. Opening night mob kept him on to the point where he stopped the show.

Maxine Sullivan, as fine an artist as ever, is back with a mixture of her well-known pieces such as Molly Malone and Loch Lomond, plus a few pops and a ter-rific comedy number, I Never Cried So Much in My Life. Swanky payees de-manded three encores.

Cedric Wallace Trio deserves special plaudits for a first-rate job of accom-paniment and for the leader's fine as-sist as straightman for some of the comedy.

comeay. "Whispering" Jack Smith and Jose Melis also on tap but not caught. Smith is seen as an emsee and handles this chore in a straightforward, gracious manner which sets a new style for the room. Paul Ross.

#### **Clover Club**, Portland

Talent policy: Dance band and floorshows at 10 and 1. Owners-operators-managers, Wm, O'Hara and H. E. Ferguson. Prices: 90c-\$1.50.

Whole Show: Good; lively patron reaction.

Best Job: DEMAR AND DENISE, ballroom dancing; novel routine, good cos-tuming; two encores.

Other Acts: HARRY STEFFEN, novelty instrumentalist; 16-string electric guitar, amusing sound effects. MAXINE MOORE, contralto; lights-are-low type ballads. PAT BURKE, emsee, pleasing Irish tenor; sells show well.

Band: Russ Graham (6), fair accom-panying, good dancing. Business: fair. Bujord Sommers.

#### College Inn, Hotel Sherman, Chicago

Talent policy: Dancing and floorshows at 8:45 and 11:30. Manager, Joe Spieler; pro-ducer, Marty Bloom; publicity, Howard Mayer. Prices: \$1.50-\$2.50, minimums.

Lionel Hampton's ork, which has pre-Lionel Hampton's ork, which has pre-viously shown locally in vaude houses that music plus showmanship rings the bell at the b.-o., proved the thesis holds true also in a hotel room, with this p.a. in the "cradle of swing." Hampton's part in the floorshow started off slow with a too-commercial rendition of *Begin the Beguine* and Dinab Washington's *Atchi*-Beguine and Dinah Washington's Atchi-son. Topeka and Santa Fe. It wasn't Beguine and Dinah Washington's Atchi-son, Topeka and Santa Fe. It wasn't till the jivester went into his Boogie Woogle and Flying Home that the palm-pounding (and it was the heaviest heard here in over a year) really started. Payees expect some spirited jump from Hamp and program would improve if he used a flag-waver for an opener and La Washington did some of her excellent Salty Papa or Evil Gal Blues lyrics. Hemmton deserves a hig bouguet for

Salty Papa or Evil Gal Blues lyrics. Hampton deserves a big bouquet for his batoning of his 18-plece heavily loaded brass crew during the dinner period and dancing later. Previous bands here have over-blown their horns so that conversation was a pretty difficult thing and one's ear drums were a bit sore. At no time during the evening, except during his *Flying Home* specialty, did Hampton have his boys blaring and the more conservative diners joined the jitter bugs in giving him a hand for his efforts. efforts.

Remainder of the show is made up of Rimmer Sisters, Negro precision tap duo, whose enthusiastic cleating to the Boogie duo, whose enthusiastic cleating to the Boogie brought heavy mitt because it was in tune with the jive set-up of the revue; and Professor Backwards, who's making his exit here next week after 18 success-ful weeks—longest run for any comic in the history of this room. Guy's work each time a new band has come in has been full of fresh, clean material. If he continues in the same tempo, his pro-jected radio show over NBC this fall seems certain of success. John Sippel.

#### Mayfair Room, Blackstone Hotel, Chicago

Talent policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9:30 and 11:45 p.m. Operator, Arnold Kirkeby; manager, Emile; publicity, Mary Anderson. Prices: No cover, no minimum.

Prices: No cover, no minimum. Phil Regan's good as ever, and with his sincere, boyish manner, makes a heart-warming job of emseeing—him-self. Tells fair jokes too. He was par-ticularly expressive in his Irish numbers, To-Ra-Lu-Ra-Lu-Ral and Irish Rose, but handles any popular ballad with plenty style. Payees held him for 40 minutes of solid trilling by using Regan's own ritual of rhythmic palm-whacking to the ork after each number. Used own plano accompanist, Don Fairchild. Dick LaSalle and His Society Ork (7) provided Regan's musical backdrop in slick fashion, and tho band wasn't fea-tured on the show, it gave out with feet-stirring rumbas when the dancing was on. LaSalle does arranging for all his numbers, and featured a still to be pub-lished catchy-sounding rumba, one of his own compositions.

his own compositions. Only fault of show stems from the management's policy of having only one name and one face. Clever as Regan is, the show needed other routines. Maybe a dance team or a few solo dance acts. Merby Bailey.



# VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

## Adams, Newark

(Reviewed Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 15) First show of the season is saved from being just a collection of amateur per-formers by the addition of Jan Murray, John Boles and the Graysons. The beauty contest winners (7) look plenty okay but they show nothing after the initial gander. Each girl either does a okay but they show nothing after the initial gander. Each girl either does a song, hoofs a bit, plays a marimba or a piano. But none of it amounted to any-thing.

Barbara Smith opened with Meet Me In St. Louis, showing fair pipes. But she spoiled the effect by making with the grinds all thru the number.

Frances Dawn, hoofer; Lee Henson, voice; Ginny Freeland, voice (she did *Rum and Coke* with lyrics that don't be-long in a theater); Arleen Anderson, marimba and voice; Margaret Neely, dramatic bit, and finally the winner, Bess Myerson fluite and piano comes on dramatic bit, and finally the winner, Bess Myerson, flute and piano, comes on next, Gals are seated around small tables in front of the house ork which is on stage. Murray calls them up with an intro and chatter and they give out. Every kid got a nice hand for effort if not for results. For finals, the girls come out in their bathing suits to show what they won on they won on.

they won on. But if the gals were nothing to rave about as performers, Jan Murray gave the show the lift, the timing and the laughs it needs so much. Tall, skinny comic emseed beautifully. Worked with every gal getting yocks for practically every bit. He even jumped down and danced in the aisles with the customers. It was Murray who saved the show and just about knocked himself out doing it.

just about knocked himself out doing it. John Boles got quite a hand on the intro. Singer did musical comedy oldies identified with him and was a hit. Boles is okay in his spot but what show needs is a good rhythm singer who can cut down the lulls. Boles doesn't give it the added pace it needs to click. As a mat-ter of fact, when Murray is off it's all lulls. lulls.

The Graysons, who open the show, do nicely with their heel-and-toe stuff. Standard act is costumed nicely and is a good warmer-upper. Bill Smith. a good warmer-upper.



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

(Reviewed Tuesday Afternoon, Sept. 11) (Reviewed Tuesday Afternoon, Sept. 11) There's a lot doing at the Orpheum this week, with Louis Armstrong and his sock ork sending payees into jive heaven. Armstrong is in top form, bringing the house down with his ace trumpet work, solid band numbers and gravel-voiced vocals. As emsee he proves himself a first-rate showman to boot and paces the show at full speed. show at full speed.

The guy who brought the trumpet into its own, Armstrong shows he is still on top rung when it comes to handling the instrument. His rough styling still packs the old fire. Sock arrangements set the band off in such favorites as Twelve o'Clock Boogie, Can't Give You Anything But Love, Grooving and Keep on Jump-ing. Armstrong pulled plenty of palming for his vocals in I Wonder and I Can't Give You Anything But Love.

Vera Middleton's style of chirping and Vera Middleton's style of chirping and stage manner brought the house down. Payees went wild with her Everytime I Fall in Love and her duo with Armstrong in Don't Fence Me In. Pair gave latter tune a new meaning, gagging it up so that it sounds like man wants to have more freedom, but gal says no to his running around. New treatment went over big.

The Two Zephyrs in comedy tap rou-tine got solid mitting. Boys are a riot in pantomime act. Smooth vocals by Leslie Scott in *I Wish I Knew* and Without a Song injected a more serious tone to show and got a good hand. Boy has a nice rich baritone and knows how to put a song across.

put a song across. Roller tap routine by Otto Eason got good mitting, with boy doing smooth skate take-offs on Bill Robinson. Tap duo, Slim and Sweets, didn't have much to offer but sold well by doing a gagged-up Romeo and Juliet balcony scene. Slim puts his thin legs to good advantage, styling his work in the Ben Blue manner. Pic, Bells of Rosarita. Biz, good. Lee Zhito.

## **Oriental**, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, Sept. 14) (Reviewed Friday Afternoon, Sept. 14) Current layout, Frankie Carle and his ork, Winick and Mae, and Jerry Mann with Betty Linde, fails to excite the in-terest of previous band shows here be-cause of the Carle aggregration's lack of showmanship. Maestro could hypo the band's stage p. a. if he remained at the piano instead of kekyboarding only when he's featured in solo spot. Since his days with Horace Heidt, Carle has built a host of fans, and these people like to host of fans, and these people like hear his distinctive work on on a]]

host of fails, and these people like to hear his distinctive work on all numbers, not just the solo spots. Carle's music is a good deal more di-versified than when the appeared here last. Band's library now extends into the semi-jump and boogie arrangements. More sock showmanship, such as Frankie's ivory-tickling while standing with his back to the piano on Carle Boogie would hypo mitting. Vocalist Marjorie Hughes, who just replaced Phyllis Lynne two weeks ago, is adequate, netting warm mitting for her animated renditions of a standard and Phil Moore's I Want a Little Doggie, which is more the caliber material that the Carle band needs for its stage work. Paul Allen, who depends on a fine

band needs for its stage work. Paul Allen, who depends on a fine voice rather than his appearance for a hand, got the biggest mitt of the show for his excellent tenoring of a trio of oldies. As usual, Carle's solo piano rated heavy response. Paul Winik and Anna Mae offer a refreshing respite from the usual ball-room terp teams, with Winick handling the taps, while gal does acrobatics timed with his cleating. Male's solo cleating

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## Capital, Portland, Ore.

(Reviewed Thursday Afternoon, Sept. 13) Whole show: Fairly good; good patron-age reaction; routine stuff. Best job: ALBERTI BROTHERS, ju-

venile tap dancers; two lads who must be fugitives from the truant officer, win big mitt with pleasing presence and good costumes but dance mostly routine; one

costumes but dance mostly routine; one encore; score with headstand. Other acts: BRUCE PATTERSON, Negro banjoist; Eddie Peabody tradition rather than jive, but plenty technique; one encore; good reception. DIANE Mc-DOWELL, émsee; gags, tho amusing, somehow fail to win grins; songs go over because of spicy lyrics and double en-tendre despite only mediocre volce; does little to sell the show. Band: JACK HOLMAN (5) in pit. Pic-tures: Counter-Attack and Picture of Dorian Gray. Business: Only fair. . . . Buford Sommers.

## LA MARTINIQUE, N. Y.

LA MARTINIQUE, N. Y. (Continued from opposite page) Of the other two acts, Kenneth LeRoy is the first on. LeRoy is a personable and very talented young hoofer doing an intricate routine of tap-ballet. But, for all 95 per cent of the customers could tell, it might have been three guys named Joe playing mumbley-peg. The vast majority couldn't see him and what he was doing. Result is an undeserved set of tepid mitts. Room shouldn't book hoofers with something to offer in the way of terps unless it can display them properly.

properly. Larry Stewart, second of the other acts, is a good-looking young chap with a nice grin and a handy way of selling himself. Voice seemed to be a lot big-ger than what came over the muffled ozone of the Martinique. Knows how to punch and acquit himself well in two pops and a for-the-occasion Prince and Rogers number, This Is Something, in which the tapster also joins for a pro-duction number with the line. Prince and Rogers have an interesting and workmanlike score. First proproperly. Larry Stewart, second of the other

Prince and Rogers have an interesting and workmanlike score. First pro-duction number, *I'd Like to Get Out of the Chorus*, is in their best smart man-ner. Unfortunately, the line gals go thru it like a bunch of tired picketeers. *Something* is a slick ballad and it gets better treatment by virtue of Stewart's and LeRoy's presence. *Congeroo*, the third production number, has a nice beat but gets lost in the finale shuffle. Need-

third production number, has a nice beat but gets lost in the finale shuffle. Need-less to say, gals are their per usual handsome and well-dressed. Ernie Stewart ork (11) does a good job on accompaniment and sings the intro number presenting the show. Paul Ross.

## SHANGRI-LA EATERY

(Continued from page 33) band was dismissed this week, laying off eight tootlers. Shangri-La had a week-to-week contract with the band. With AGVA yanking out the show, Goldman dismissed the band and put the room, which once featured Harry Richman and the Ritz Brothers on the same bill on a the Ritz Brothers on the same bill, on a straight eatery basis.

excited just as nice a mitt as did the team's work.

team's work. Jerry Mann and Betty Linde, just off the *Chesterfield Supper Club*, wound up show nicely with some material that shows Mann is hep to what he learned in radio. His material is clean and, for the most part, fresh. His gags are the kind that please the whole family from junior to grandpa. Despite his radio stint, which sometimes causes comics to drop plenty of their visual meanarisms. drop plenty of their visual mannerisms, Mann packs plenty of eye-catching movement into his act that's solid for vaude audiences. Grabbed a mess of yocks and heavy palm-pounding at t close. Johnny Sippel. at the





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# Some Nonentity

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Monte Proser says he's thinking of get-ting a new booker. One night, Jack Entratter told him of a guy he caught in the Capitol Theater, a fat guy who sang a pretty good song and played a guitar. Singer, said Entratter, could probably be bought for small dough and no billing.

bought for small dough and no billing. Proser went to the Capitol to catch the act and came back to tell Entratter he didn't see the guy. So both went back to see what was what. The flicker, *Thrill of a Romance*, came on and Entratter said "there he is." Proser almost broke a gut laugh-ing. The "fat guy who sang a pretty good song and played a guitar and could be bought for small dough and no billing" was Lauritz Melchior.

# Wedgewood **Room Buying** Kaye, Bergen

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Danny Kaye is coming back into the nitery field be-fore the year is over, if present plans jell. He's due to open at the Waldorf's Wedge-wood Room at an undisclosed price after Frank Sinatra closes. Date, however, is still in the process of discussion. It is possible he may go in before Sinatra.

possible he may go in before Sinatra. Next Waldorf show, preeming on Oc-tober 5, will have Edgar Bergen, Anna-mary Dickey and Emil Coleman ork. Fresent policy of one show a night will be continued at the hotel. Management has conducted a survey of its patrons on a two-show-a-night policy. It dis-covered that dinner customers either wanted to eat without a show distract-ing them, or were in too much of a hurry to make the theater.

### Gayety, Montreal, Now a **Class "A" AGVA House**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. - The Gayety Theater, Montreal, has contracted for a "Class A" minimum basic agreement, according to Dave Fox, head of the New York AGVA local, who is batting for Matt Shelvey, now on a trip to the Coast. Pact represents the first AGVA ticket for this house, says Fox. Terms are \$85 and \$50 nouse, says Fox. Terms are \$85 and \$50 minimums, 30 shows weekly and a six-day week for chorines. Contract will be formally signed at the end of the month, the union meantime holding a letter of personal guarantee from the house owners, says Fox.

### Patti Andrews III, So Stars Fill in for Sisters

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 .- The sudden illness of Patti Andrews, of the sister team, last Thursday (13) resulted in a series of unscheduled extra-addeds for patrons of unscheduled extra-addeds for patrons of the Paramount, where the Andrews are current. Curt Massey, Martha Raye and Louis Jordan filled in for the trio on Thursday and Friday, and by Saturday afternoon Jordan had taken over the chore until Patti could resume. Maxine, of the team, worked in her stead as the show's emsee. Otherwise the team did not appear. House reports biz unim-paired.



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# **USRRA Making Customers for Spots Back Home** on the circuit which means roughly an 18-week run for those which click. Some acts figure to play as long as six months at a stretch. Each evening, five 2½-ton trucks and four taxles pick up the acts and take them to the spots at which they're skedded to work. Many of the acts double in the same evening between two spots in the same area, as, for in-stance, in Juan les Pins, where the Provencal and the Belles Rives are just about across the street from each other.

CAP DU ANTIBE, Sept. 17.—The big-gest night club circuit in the world, 18 clubs, is operated right here on the French Riviera (Nice, Cannes, Juan les Pins) by the entertainment section of Special Services, USRRA, which stands for United States Riviera Recreational Area. Area was set up just a couple of months ago by the army to give G.I.'s, WACS, nurses, Red Cross gals, et al., a place to grab off a nice vacation (no pun intended). And they are doing just that. Servicemen and gals come down for seven-day furloughs at a time, and with the blue Mediterranean to swim and boat in, horses to ride, golf, tennis and what not to play, and clubs to do at nightfall, our kids have a big time. At this time of the year, practically at nightfall, our kids have a big time. At this time of the year, practically all of the clubs are set up outdoors, on patios, in gardens, etc., of the Riviera's swankest hostelries. There are two clubs in Juan les Pins, four in Cannes (these two are officers' areas), and the other 12 in Nice, which is the section of the Riviera devoted exclusively to the en-listed men. Down here, the army goes to such lengths to see that the G.I.'s have a good time that they frown on officers going into Nice and any of the spots set aside for the e. m.

Attendance Terrific

Attendance Terrific That the clubs do a job can be seen from the August attendance figures, which show that out of the 14,500 restees in the area each night, some 10,000 or 70 per cent made the various clubs. On September 1 (a typical day), for instance, there were 10,490 restees in the area, 8,916 in Nice, 874 in Cannes and 700 in Juan les Pins. The Nice clubs that night, were visited by 6,405 the Cannes spots by 691 and the Juan les Pins bistros by 599.

Talent is booked by the central office of Special Services in Nice, but is ad-ministered by a Special Service officer in each section of the area. Army's activity in the area has been a bonanza for local talent, but almost exclusively local. In order to bring in performers or musicians from envelope else in Furone aven from order to bring in performers or musicians from anywhere else in Europe, even from anywhere else in France, okay must be secured by local Special Services men from Paris HQ, and it is not often forth-coming. Reason for this is that sending too much talent down to the Riviera would prove a drain on the rest of Euro-pean Theater of Operations.

39 Orks Playing At time of this writing, some 39 orks ranging from three-piece combos up to 10-man outfits are working the clubs in the area, and some 45 acts from singles up to a family act of eight, the Boudinis, and the Serby Ballet, 11 people, are on the pay roll. Average salary for acts is around 3,000 francs weekly, or \$60 Ameri-can money, tho with exchange situash-its difficult to tab price at any set figure. figure.

Acts work about a week in each spot



about across the street from each other. **Poor Stuff** By Broadway standards the shows as a whole are fourth or fifth rate, tho there are some performers who could get by in some of the Main Stem's better bistros. Shows are generally top heavy, too, with dance singles, teams and ensembles. Comedy turns practi-cally don't exist, simply because the G.I's don't care for, or understand, the type of French comedy acts available here. Gallic bands, too, are pretty bad, having a peculiar rhythm all their own. They also have the habit of playing pop American ballads, which a Broadway character is accustomed to hearing in slow tempo, in a weird half-jump tempo, to which it's all but impossible to dance. G.I's, however, don't mind it a bit. Practically every act is well received and some very ordinary turns (by all home front standards) do showstops. Discoth runs about 40 francs (80 cents), and in a Class 3 club, 20 francs (40 cents). A bottle of fairly good cham-pagne in a Class 1 spot sells for 1900 francs (\$18), which is not a lot of dough, when compared to liquor tab in French civilian clubs in this area, where they get 2,000 francs (\$40) for non-vintage champagne. Despite this situation, many of the G I's ways the france double of the former of the former

champagne. Despite this situation, many of the GL's make the French civvie spots after 1:30 a.m. which is curfew time in army-operated clubs. When they're down here they get in that good time mood and are ready and willing to shoot the bank roll. Entertainment section personnel, do-ing the job here, and doing it well, in-cluded Capt. Edward Lewitz, formerly with Fanchon and Marco in the States; Lieut. Dan Scheuermann, ex-Tri-State Theaters, Lieut. Harry Anderson, singer and announcer, and Lieut. Harold Good-man, script writer, who did quite a bit of marterial for Jerry Lester back home. Among show business favors, the army here on the Riviera is making a lot of

Poor Stuff

here on the Riviera is making a lot of customers for the nitery biz back home.

# **Danny Thomas Back** To Chi Chez Paree; **Plenty Competish**

CHICAGO, Sept. 17. — Danny Thomas goes back into the Chez Paree before the month is over on an old commitment. Reported price is \$1,750 for an eight-week run. Opposite him will be Harry Rich-man at the Latin Quarter and Willie Howard and Karen Cooper at the Rio Cabana. Thomas also has an old commit-Cabana. Thomas also has an old commit-ment at the Martinique, New York. It is understood, however, that Martinique ops are all tied up and couldn't use Thomas now. Comic starts a radio show in Octoher.

### St. Louis 400 Club Returns **To Floorshow Policy Again**

To Floorshow Policy Again CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—The 400 Club, St. Louis nitery, which dropped its floorshow policy when the curfew was invoked in February, returns to flesh Thursday (20) with a line-up of talent, including Nick Lucas, Jack Waller, Doryce Drew and Lola Baumann's 12-girl line, with music pro-vided by Nick Lebanic's 11-plece society band. Duncan Sisters are booked in to follow Lucas September 27. Booking is exclusively handled by Ed Keough, Chi booker. booker.

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#### **NIGHT CLUBS-GROSSES -RADIO**



NEW WORK, Sept. 17. — A three-way parlay consisting of good weather, folks back from the country and a Jewish holi-day kept Stem takes rolling in high.

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; average \$100,000) counted \$125,000 for its first week with Tip, Tap and Toe, Three Swifts and Our Vines Have Tender Grapes.

Roxy (6,000 seats; average, \$75,000) came thru with a good \$91,000 for its second frame with Gene Sheldon, Connee came Boswell, Condos Brothers and State Fair after an initial take of \$118,000.

#### Paramount, Capitol

Paramount (3,664 seats; average \$75,-000) received a sock \$115,000 for its bow with the Andrews Sisters, Tim Herbert, Vic Schoen ork and *Duffy's Tavern*.

Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$75,000) Capitol (4,527 seats; average \$75,000) is still in there punching. For its seventh week, bill consisting of Paul Whiteman, Johnnie Johnston and Anchors Aweigh brought \$79,000 vs. \$89,500 for the sixth, \$92,000 for the fifth, \$96,000 for the fourth: \$98,500 for the third; \$97,500 for the second, and a tee-off of \$97,000.

#### Strand, State

Strand (2,779 seats; average \$45,000) got \$52,000 for its third stanza with

#### Eastwood Gardens, Detroit, Hits Usual Season-End Lows

DETROIT, Sept. 15.—Business has been tapering off toward the usual season-end lows at Eastwood Gardens in East-wood Park here, with Tony Pastor draw-ing a fair \$8,500 gross in his week stand, followed by Jerry Wald grossing \$8,000 on Labor Day week. The extra holiday did not seem to stimulate business much. While the dreap off here paralleled the

did not seem to stimulate business much. While the drop-off has paralleled the decrease in general local business since the news of the Jap surrender, that factor has been less prominent here than in outdoor amusements generally. Changeable weather, with some very cold nights, has been one big factor. Altho lo-cal parks generally lost business when gas rationing was lifted, Eastwood Gar-dens suffered less by comparison because of lack of competition from any dance spots and within reasonable driving dis-tance using big name bands.

#### **Balto Hipp Holdover's 14G** Nears 37G for Fortnight

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—Hippodrome Theater (seating capacity, 2,100; house average, \$14,000; prices, 35 to 65 cents) grossed \$14,300 week ended (12) for sec-ond week of bill. The theater grossed \$36,600 for the two-week period. The theater intake was boosted by the stageshow which featured Dave Apollon and His Filipino Boys. He was assisted by the G.I.'s favorites, Anthony and Rogers and the Queens of Rhythm, the Roberts Sisters and White. Screen hold-over was Wonder Man. was Wonder Man

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lowed with \$70,000. Loew's State (3,500 seats; average \$25,-000) saw \$37,500 for its first week of a two-weeker with Ed Sullivan revue, Sue Ryan, Kenny Bowers and Blood on the Sun. Previous frame brought \$37,500.

#### **Detroit Downtown** Jumps to \$41,500 With Louis Prima

WILL LOUIS PTIMA DETROIT, Sept. 15.—Business at the Downtown Theater (2,800 seats; house average, \$23,000) took a big spurt up-ward this past week with the ald of a strong stage attraction—Louis Prima and his orchestra—and grossed \$41,500. Gross is just under the figure reported for the Ink Spots three weeks before after busi-ness dipped down to the \$16,000-\$17,000 level in between. Reason was the absence of a strong name attraction to bring enough people into the house. As the only house in town currently offering vaudeville, the Downhown is get-ting all the money floating around for live entertainment when it offers some-thing that the customers will really go for. Picture with Prima was Swinging on a Rainbow.

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a Rainbow. Currently the house is down again, with George Paxton's orchestra, plus a bevy of acts, led off by Detroit's own Rosemary Calvin, expected to gross about \$20,000. Picture is Tell It to a Star.

#### Philly Earle Hits a Low Low With Competition Too Tough

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.-In face of such competing factors as the relighting of the town's legit houses, fall openings of the town's legit houses, fail openings at the niteries, a Roy Rogers rodeo and a charity football game, it was a losing role for the week ended Thursday (13) played by the Earle Theater (seating ca-pacity, 3,000; house average, \$20,000; prices, 45 to 95 cents). And with the marquee lights dimming dull for local patronage, combination of Bob Chester's band and the Charloteers sunk the box office to a new low for the year of \$15,000. Nan Rae and Mrs. Waterfall and Renald and Rudy the added acts, with Bob An-thony and Marjorie Wood out of the band, rounding out the bill. Heavy emphasis on the screen's Don Juan Quilligan kept the gate from sinking lower. the gate from sinking lower.

#### Heldover Bill at Golden Gate, S.F., Tops Average With 28G SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.-Held-

S. F., 10ps Average with 28G SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Held-over stageshow at the Golden Gate (2,850 seats; average, \$27,000; prices, 45 to 95 cents) grossed a smart \$28,000 for week ended Tuesday (11). Bill had Bobby Sherwood and ork, the Mills Brothers, Bob Williams and the Martell Twins. Pic was George White's Scan-dals, second week.

Johnny Morris Draws \$1,092 BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 15.—Open-ing the new season at the Ritz Ballroom here last Sunday, Johnny (Paradiddle Joe) Morris and his new orchestra did okay, drawing 910 persons. Admish was \$1.20, for a total of \$1,092.

#### "Skating Vanities" Signs **Class A Pact With AGVA**

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Matt Shelvey, head of AGVA, last week reported sign-ing a pact with the *Skating Vanities*, operated by Harold Steinman for a group of Middle Western backers. Terms of the pact are the same as for traveling "Class A" ice shows except that mini-"Class A" ice shows except that mini-mum scales are somewhat lower, being \$85 for principals and \$55 for chorus, whereas the icers range up to \$125 and \$75

Difference was allowed, says Shelvey, Difference was allowed, says Shelvey, because the glide-shows charge a top of \$5 and \$6, while the *Skating Vanities* goes only to \$2 and \$3. Pact was signed in Montreal. In addition, says Shelvey. he collected some \$600 in back rehearsal pay for chorines and obtained a letter from the show's backers guaranteeing the contract the contract.



(Continued from page 32) for 20 years only to let it expire two years ago, engineered Coronet Story Teller and produced at the same time. Story Teller and produced at the same time. McMurray had just returned from his doctor's office after getting a penicillin shot at the time of the walkout. He had intended to go home but was one of the few men around the net with knowledge necessary to keep the net on the air and had to work on thru the night and all of the following day.

#### **KECA** Next

KECA Next After getting net operations in shape, Denechaud tackled the problem of get-ting KECA's transmitter going. KECA was on the air Wednesday (12) from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. (P.W.T.) with the station normally signing off at midnight. Shorty Evans flew in from San Francisco to help sister station. Telephone com-pany went on strike from 6 to 8 p.m., leaving net without service from Denver west, necessitating cancellation of two ABC commercials, *Hunting and Fishing* and *Counter-Spy*. Engineers in Denver knocked down the patch to the Coast before leaving and the telephone men there refused to repatch it until they were ordered to do so. Telephone com-pany men, however, were supposed to have had an agreement with nets not ever to enter in a sympathy walkout. ABC station relations chief, Francis Conrad, whose father built KDKA, got a national pix break when ABC flackery here shot him putting Connie Bennett on the air with Frank Samuels (acting ABC Coast general manager) looking on. This was wire-photoed thruout U. S. and

ABC Coast general manager) looking on. This was wire-photoed thruout U. S. and got big play in the Hearst (L. A.) *Herald*-*Express*. NBC was fortunate not to have *Express.* NBC was fortunate not to nave remote airers skedded during strike period. ABC, which had a few, had plahned to cancel all remotes except Breneman on Thursday but end of the strike forestalled plan to kill pick-up of Freddie Martin from the Ambassador Freddie M Hotel here.

# **Copa Units a Fact;**

(Continued from page 33) will resume his role at the Copa upon I. His assignment will be largely the formation of more Copa shows for the hotel road. Packages will comprise threehotel road. Packages will comprise three-four supporting acts, a line of six or eight girls, costumes, props and the Copa stamp. They will give shows of 45-50 minutes' duration. Budgets will be flexible and will be determined by the wishes of the buying hotels. While price is undisclosed it is reported the tap to each participating hostelry will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 weekly. Hotels coming in have the choice of getting their own attractions to work over lesser supporting acts and the line. over lesser supporting acts and the line. Of, if the hotel wishes, a stronger cast will be supplied so that the spot can get by without an attraction.

#### MCA First

MCA First MCA jumped the gun on everybody else by getting the booking privilege for the first of the units. Russ Lyons, of MCA, said yesterday that his office will sell other Copa packages to other hotels, but declined to name the spots which MCA is now offering Copa productions for show-dates. It is reported that the Statler chain is one of the names on the list being submitted by MCA. Lyons said Lesser has nothing to do with the new operation. operation.

MCA has gotten the jump but GAC is not far behind. For the record Tom Mar-tin, of GAC, straight-faces that he knows nothing about nothing, but it is known that he is offering the Baker hotel chain in Texas and the Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, as playing time for further Copa packages.

#### No Restrictions

A source close to Proser said yesterday (14) that the making of deals is not re-stricted to MCA and GAC. Anybody with a block of playing-dates in hotels is wel-come to submit, said the source, and all submissions will be considered. In a word,

submissions will be considered. In a word, Proser and pals are going to put out units and will sell them to anybody who'll pay. The participating agencies have a sec-ond hook on the deal. Booking a unit also permits the office to talk the buyer into taking a name or semi-name to top the show. Attractions are sold separately by the agency, not the Copa.

### **NABET Issues Before USCS**

(Continued from page 32) outlets were limping along. Both sta-tions rang down the curtain on make-shift broadcasting at 1 a.m.

#### **Conciliator Ends Walkout**

Conclusion Ends walkout The strike was brought to an end by the entrance into the situation of J. R. Mandelbaum, a labor conciliator of the U. S. Conciliation Service. Mandelbaum announced that negotiations were being resumed simultaneously with the re-turn to work of the NABET members.

turn to work of the NABET memoers. The walkout here raised battle flags at network-owned stations in other cities, too. NBC outlets outside New York that were affected include: WMAQ, Chicago; KOP, San Francisco; WTAM, Cleveland; WRC, Washington, and KOA, Denver. ABC stations which shut down include: WENR, Chicago; KECA, Los Angeles, and KGO, San Francisco. WTAM was off the air for almost three hours, and KECA was silent more than four hours. hours.

Nets took it on the chin in another Nets took it on the chin in another way, too, as some affiliates which did not experience a walkout refused to handle programs originating on the chain. Two of ABC's major affiliates, KMOX, St. Louis, and WFIL, Philadel-phia, turned down the webs' programs because their engineers, while not NABET members, refused to handle the segs.

#### **Commercials Off**

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#### Dough Real Issue

**Dough Real Issue** Main issue of the dispute is union's demand for a wage increase averaging about 35 per cent and eight-hour day. According to the union scale for NABET members now in effect begins at \$50 a week and ups to \$87.50 after nine years. Union wants \$60 to start and \$120 after six years. Scale for junior supervisors (who are required to have nine years of experience before being eligible for this important job) is \$101 a week now: NABET wants \$140-\$150. Supervisors get \$110; union asks \$150-\$160. Altho NABET members work a 40-hour week, they do not have an eight-hour day. Union points to rival union, Interna-tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which has same pay, and eight-hour day, and, according to NABET, pay increases come sooner. come sooner.

#### **KECA** Next

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# No Picnic for Lounge Units; Off the Cuff Future Still in "?"

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Maybe the honeymoon for cocktail combos isn't over but its certainly out of its picnic days, say the lounge bookers. There is still some nice money around for the voice and instrument lads, but they have to have more than just a good-looking leader and a couple of guys called Joe, in order to get it.

in order to get it. But if the bookers know it and the ops are beginning to beef that they're spend-ing too much for talent, the 802 lads are still resisting any pay slice. Most of them are practically certain that recon-version is just around the corner and the saloons which are holding back on spending will again be in there with julcy offers as soon as their joints begin filling up.

#### **At Liberty List Grows**

Be that as it may, reconversion is not something which happens overnight and meanwhile the number of musicians which fill the at-liberty lists grows daily. which fill the at-liberty lists grows daily. Some of these additions come from the recently discharged servicemen, but many of these are men who have returned to the city after working the vacation re-sorts. A handful of the latter group get jobs with either established outfits or form new ones. Most of them, however, are standing around talking big money. It has long block on proteine for a latter

are standing around talking big money. It has long been a practice for a leader to come into an office and say he has, say a trio or a quartet. Group auditions and gets a favorable response. But when it come to signing for the dough the trouble begins. The leaders comes back to the agent and says his men won't work for the money; they want more. Recently this practice is on the upgrade. Leaders can't make delivery of units at prices agreed upon.

#### Little To Offer

Little To Offer Right now, say agents, they have little to offer in or around New York for units that don't mean anything. As a matter of fact there isn't much in New York for anything except something solid and entertaining. Besides, the big city is not a cocktail town. So the best the agents can offer are Florida dates to start when the season opens. Meanwhile if the guys want to work they have to take a realis-tic view of dough, or just lay off, say the saloon talent sellers.

#### **Midwest Big Buyer**

Midwest Big Buyer But if New York is small time for combos, so far as quantity is concerned the Midwest is still a big buyer. But even in that region the pinch is begin-ning to be felt. A large hotel in the corn belt which up to now never bothered to haggle about \$50 or \$75 has recently notified agents that it now has a budget and will flatly refuse to go beyond it. If they can't get talent for what their budget permits they will either use local outfits or drop all entertainment. The price shave isn't big. A trio if

The price shave isn't big. A trio, if its good, can still get about \$400, if it's just fair it will sell for about \$300-\$325 but it can't get beyond that unless it's a sock name with marquee power. Out-

 in '??' Stages
 of-town jobs pay higher rate but not as much as demanded.
 The Danger
 The real danger in this unwillingness to pay bigger money lies in the possibility that it will so increase the available supply of musicians that salaries of even the established units may be affected. So far this danger, say agents, is remote but they admit that the likelihood is real. In any case they see no percentage in musicians willing to lay off six weeks out of every ten because they can't get their price. For if they took jobs for sightly less dough they could still work steady. And it is this steady working that builds up the bank account.
 Trade doesn't pretend to know, or to have, a solution. All agents can do they say, is to submit units, when as but they admit that the likelihood is real. In any case they see no percentage in musicians willing to lay off six weeks out of every ten because they can't get their price. For if they took jobs for slightly less dough they could still work steady. And it is this steady working that builds up the bank account. Trade doesn't pretend to know, or to have, a solution. All agents can do, they say is to submit units, when, as

have, a solution. All agents can do, they say, is to submit units, when, as and if they can get them together, and try to get the best deal possible. If the outfits refuse to take the money they can't force them.

#### **Kobblers In Corners** With Mutual Line & Maybe WOR Deal

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The Korn Kob-blers will get big time air plugging start-ing September 25. Outfit will be plcked up at Rogers Corners every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:15 p.m. by Mutual and will be sent over chain's entire network with the exception of Station WOR, New York. In order to fill in on local time deal is now being set to put the unit on WOR Saturdays and Sundays. Understood that Mutual will plug the Kobblers as a big feature. Before the Mutual deal was made Kob-blers came in on the Blue Fridays and

before the Mitual deal was made Kob-blers came in on the Blue Fridays and Saturdays. But frequently they were blocked due to special events. The Korn boys are now back on a full six-day sked at Rogers Corners. For the past two years lads worked there only week-ends, spending the rest of the time in wer plants in war plants.

#### **Boyd Senter Prepping Unit To Play Lounges**

DETROIT, Sept. 17.—Boyd Senter, who formerly fronted a big semi-name band, is readying a new unit, to be booked thru the local MCA office, to play cock-tail lounges, reviving his once well-known title of Boyd Senter and His Sen-terpedes. For the last few seasons he has been doing a one-man band specialty act.

#### Nordall Joins Oxley

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Pat Nordall, personal manager for Dorothy Ross, the Four Chords and other attractions and who for a long time has held a booking exclusive on such spots as the Monkey Bar, Hotel Elysee, New York, joins Harold F. Oxley office here this week.



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son, N. J. . . . HONEY AMES and Dolores Laurell current at the Bolton Hotel, Harrisburg. FRANK RUSSELL at the Aquarium, New York, after USO-ing. . . . OHIO TRIO also at the Aquarium. . . CARL BYLE, Joe Conlin and Joe Geisler at the Metropole, New York. . . . EILEEN JOY at the Tip Top Club in Flushing. HERB SHERRY ork at Villepigue's, Brooklyn. . . DICK STYLE and Clair Dorward have formed a combo and are working at Kelly's Stable. . . JUDY CONRAD writes that he and his Beguine Rhythm are being held over at the La Salle Hotel in Kansas City. . . AL CESARIO, former lead saxman with Johnny Richards, has formed a combo and broke in at Wiltpolt's, Kenosha, Wis. JOEY WARE current at the Diamond Mirror, Passaic. . . . DEL CAMPOS in 

#### **Midwest:**

Miducest: WEELA GALLEZ now at the Little Gub, Chicago..., BILL CARR and His Tropical Serenaders new at the Tic-Toc, Milwaukee..., ART STERLING TRIO at Embassy Club, Denver. JACK CRAWFORD closing soon after six months' stay at the Little Club, Chi-cago..., BOB AND SUE FORSYTHE readying for their return to the cock-tail field, with Bob doing a single at Martin's, Chicago..., CLARE HOEL-SCHER organing at the Elbow Room, Chi-cago..., COON CREEK BOYS make their final broadcast on the Alka Seltzer Na-tional Barn Dance show Saturday (15), and head for the Aquarium, New York. KING COLE JESTERS into Little Club, Chicago, September 11..., MELBA KING COLE JESTERS into Little Club, Chicago, September 11. . . . MELBA NOBLE is leaving the cocktail field around October 1 for pleasure trip to Europe. . . MELVIN CHAPMAN, ex-bassman with the Four Clefs, has his own trio. . . PHIL GRAY, new seven-piece ork, with a gal vocalist, set for the Trocadero, Corpus Christi, Tex. . . . JEANNE THOMAS into the Elbow Room, Milwaukee, September 19.

#### West Coast:

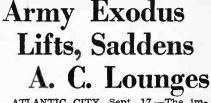
West Coast: EDDIE HEYWOOD'S name small band will stay over thru December at Billy Berg's Hollywood. . . PIERRE CARTA goes on at the Biltmore Hotel, Los An-geles. . . WINGY MANONE into Streets of Paris, Frisco. . . TOMMY CONLEY, Rainbow Club, Marysville, Calif. . . . CHARLES KALEY a holdover at Troc, Reno, Nev. . . DREX BROOME ex-tended Antiers Hotel, Colorado Springs. . . TROPITONES holding forth at Tropics, Marysville, Calif. . . TOMMY ROGERS remains at Show Boat, San Diego. . . GENE PHILLIPS continues at Randinis, Hollywood. . . GRADY KING extended at Hayward Hotel, Los Angeles. . . LYNN MILLER at Del Paseo, Santa Barbara, Calif. . . LEW STORY held over at Casablanca, Los Angeles. . . EARL LANE at Bamboo Room, Balboa, Calif. . . . SELIKA PETTIFORD at Mons, Long Beach. . . MUSIC MASTERS a holdover at Backstage, San Francisco. Long Beach. . . . MUSIC MASTERS a holdover at Backstage, San Francisco.

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ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 17.—The im-minent complete exit of the Army from this resort town, where the bulk of the hotels were used for housing or convales-cent purposes, is producing both a prob-lem and an opportunity for local lounges. Army is due to be out completely by louvers 1

Iem and an opportunity for local founges. Army is due to be out completely by January 1. The smaller places, which have been getting huge business from the service biggest source of their revenue getting away from them. Many are talking of closing up for good. On the other hand, the bigger lounges and the hotels which used to have drink-eries see a new opportunity developing for them. Advance reservations for the soon-to-be-freed hotels are pouring in and indications are that the resort will enjoy a big winter season. With money-spending civilians present, the bigger lounges and the hotels figure they can make a pitch for the kind of patronage the resort has not had in winter for sev-eral years, and many are seriously mul-ling expansion, renovation and entertain-ment plans. ment plans.





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#### THE RYAN GIRL (Reviewed Tuesday Evening, Sept. 11, 1945) FORREST THEATER, PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA A play by Edmund Goulding. Presented by the Messrs. Shubert in association with Al-bert De Courville. Staged by Goulding. Setting by Raymond Sovey. CAST: Una O'Connor, Edmund Lowe, June Havoc, Curtis Cooksey, John Compton, Rich-ard Gibbs, Doris Dalton and Calvin Thomas. Edmund Goulding, after spending more than two decades in Hollywood discover-ing and developing fem stars returns to than two decades in Hollywood discover-ing and developing fem stars, returns to the stage directing his own little piece. And it's a little piece fashioned far better for the Hollywood scenario files than for the legitimate stage, excepting that his script has been endowed with a cast that kicks its heels in first-rate fashion.

#### Philly Crix Tab

The boys gave "The Ryan Girl" 100 per cent, without giving the attraction outstand-ing notices. Yes: R. E. P. Sensenderfer (Bul-letin); Jerry Gaghan (Daily News); Linton Martin (Inquirer) and Edwin H. Schloss (Record).

Like something stemming from a confessional pulp, Goulding's The Ryan Girl is a shop-worn hunk of melo woven around the story of a hoodlum and a hooker. Only Venetia Ryan is no broken down pavement sister. She's an ex-Follies gal whose indiscretions with said hoodlum provided a foster child for an-other gal in that Follies line who far bet-tered her station in respectability with a millionaire.

a millionaire. Hiding out in Venezuela from a rap involving a cop killing, Miley Gaylon turns up in the starting scene with a nefarious plan to escape the hot seat by claiming his son, who has now become a front-page war hero and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. For the Ryan gal, Miley's worthless person and worthless love holds more affection and affliction than the newthouse mint affliction than the penthouse, mink cape, champagne bucket and such being provided for her by her bald-plated play-boy lover ever in deadly fear of a Pinker-ton detective.

ton detective. Her love for the mobster so dense that she plays along with his diabolical designs, the Ryan gai finally lets her maternal instincts come to the surface. And to prove that mother love will triumph, she metes out justice with a pistol in the style in which gangsters are accustomed.

It's drama of the 10-20-30 variety, altho made swift and gripping under the author's deft directional hand. And the author's deft directional hand. And the star-studded cast is sure to help loads in keeping *The Ryan Girl* from dipping into obscurity. While Edmund Lowe, returning to the stage after 20 years in Hollywood, turns (See THE RYAN GIRL on page 41)

#### POLONAISE

#### (Opened Thursday, September 13, 1945) BUSHNELL MEMORIAL, HARTFORD, CONN.

HARTFORD, CONN. A musical by Gottfried Reinhardt and An-thony Veiller. Lyrics by John LaTouche. Music by Frederick Chopin. with adaptation and original numbers by Bronislaw Kaper. Dances by David Licine. Settings by How-ard Bay. Costumes by Mary Grant. Con-ductor, Max Goberman. Staged by Edward Duryea Dowling. Company manager, Ralph Karvette. General press representative, Karl N. Bernstein. Stage manager, Murray Queen. Presented by Horace W. Schmidlapp and Harry Bloomfield. Captain Adams..........John V. Schmidt

Captain AdamsJohn V. Schmidt
General Washington Walter Munroe
Colonel Hale
General Thadeus KosciuskoJan Kiepura
Sergeant ZapolskiCurt Bois
Private TompkinsSidney Lawson
Private SkinnerArthur Lincoln
Private Motherwell
MarishaMarta Eggerth
WaldekRem Olmsted
Tecla
General Boris Volkoff Ferdi Hoffman

Count Casimir Zaleski Graham Velsk

General Borls Volkoff. ...... Ferdi Hoffman Count Casimir Zaleski. ......Graham Velsky This musical interpretation about an episode in the life of the Polish Kusciusko made a sock deb in Hartford, with the ticket office announcing its biggest sell-out in 15 years. *Polonaise* starts off slowly, with Kosciusko (Kiepura) and Zapolski (Bois) getting honors from General Washington for their part in helping America win the war, and then picks up pace quickly as the two Polish patriots leave for the homeland to help fight another revolu-tion. They find their army in a hay-field, and Kiepura is soon recognized as the native hero returned. He falls in love with Marisha (Eggerth), beautiful peasant girl, and reaps the displeasure of his old flame, Countess Zaleski, but everything turns out okay in the end and you can chalk up another revolution won by Kiepura. won by Kiepura. Curt Bols's comedy routines steal the

#### LEGITIMATE

YOU TOUCHED ME! (Opened Tuesday, September 11, 1945) WILBUR THEATER, BOSTON

ham have done a fine job of adapting the D. H. Lawrence story to the theater, But, they have been forced to make up for the fragile quality of both story and

play by throwing in enough surplus ma-terial to keep hypo potential b. o.

Hub Crix Tab

Overall affirmative from crix give a tidy 100 per cent score. Yes: Elliot Norton (Post), Peggy Doyle (American and Record), Ellinor Hughes (Herald), Leslie Sloper (Moni-tor), Cyrus Durgin (Globe), Helen Eager (Traveler).

Plot, the awakening effect by a touch upon the forehead of a charity boy by his adoptive sister who thinks she is comforting her father. The boy, now a CRAF pilot, has returned on his furlough

CKAF pilot, has returned on his furlough to the only place he has ever called home—the pottery. He is disappointed to find that escapism and class snobbery is the same as it always was before he ran away. He finds Cornelius Rockley, retired sea captain, drinking himself to death. He discovers that hypocrite Em-

retired sea captain, drinking himself to death. He discovers that hypocrite Em-mie, the captain's sister, is as conde-scendingly cruel as ever. But the dis-covery that Matilda, the captain's daughter, is turning into a younger ver-sion of Emmie is the biggest shock. The captain and the lad unite their efforts to bring Matilda to life and

efforts to bring Matilda to life and from under Emmie's domination. After the touch on his forehead, Hadrian knows that he loves Matilda and wants to marry her. Emmie's frenzied and

knows that he loves Matilda and wants to marry her. Emmie's frenzled and clever efforts to block the marriage by enlisting the aid of a reverend and by threatening to send her brother to an alcoholics' home are finally foiled when Matilda finally finds her courage. The gins negotiations to marry Emmie off to her parson.

That's the basic plot. A lot of details

Phoebe, the maid, serves as a stock com-edy foil for the captain's drunken humor.

A muscle dancer from a near-by carnival comes in to slap the parson's face for calling her show indecent. Edmund Gwenn, as the captain, has a fine time (audience ditto) telling the story of his adventures with a female porpolse. He has another field day tormenting Emmie about the fox raiding her chicken run. The inspirational message urging thoughts of life and growth amid de-struction gets slightly lost in the rush, but Montgomery Clift, as Hadrian, punches it across effectively when he gets the lines. Catherine Willard is ex-cellent as the hypocritical sister Emmie. She adds a rarely polsonous female to the growing list of such portraits in the theater.

#### FOREVER IS NOW (Opened Monday, September 10, 1945)

SHUBERT, PHILADELPHIA

A new comedy by Adele Longmire. Presented by Gertrude Macy. Directed by Robert Ross. Setting by Raymond Sovey. Costumes by Kenn Barr.

CAST: Vivienne Segal, Eleanor Lynn, Doug-s Dick, Edmon Ryan, Richard Wilder, eorge Botbyl, Leonard Carey and Walter 185 Starkey.

Adele Longmire's new play is the product of her own experiences overseas in wartime. It brings Vivienne Segal to the stage for her first straight legit comedy role removed from musical comedy and operetta. And it marks the first solo production venture of Gertrude Macy removed from Katharine Cornell. Unfortunately for all concerned, Forever Is Now is much ado about nothing.

#### Philly Crix

Four turndowns by aisle experts total a zero score. No: Lenore Bushman (News), Margaret Kaye (Inquirer), Edwin Schloss (Record), R. E. P. Sensenderfer (Bulletin).

It starts off feebly enough as a G.I. It starts off feebly enough as a G.I. comedy rooting of General Clark's battle-fatigued soldiers in a bomb-strafed rest club behind the fighting lines in Italy. Into this improvised rest room, with all the inconveniences of a fox-hole suite, enters a three-plece USO unit of tent show caliber. There is a ham magician with an Oxford accent, his doubles-on-accordion wife, and a professed second-rate tap queen. And if this USO unit is indicative of what the boys got, Frank Sinatra was more than right. than right.

The military population includes, among others, a cheerful Private First Class Murphy fighting the war in such rest rooms and peppering the play with some meager G.I. wit; .performer-chauffeuring corporal creating a mild ripple here and there; a loole with a bad case of nerves because his wife at home wants a divorce; and another loole home wants a divorce: and another looia nome wants a divorce; and another looie with a bad case of romance brought on by the tap dancer, who finds love in this depressing setting at the expense of a prize fighter promoter back home. And it is on that note—having pledged their love as he shoves off for the front, that the play ends play ends. the

In her effort to create a realistic set-ting and à set of characters that are alive, the author has plumb forgotten about writing a play for them. Such oversight is all the more pronounced since the background is dated at this stage of the peace. There is no sus-tained humor nor any real dramatic force to give the cast or the audience a chance to sink its teeth into it. Vivienne Segal displays a fine flair for comedy for a fleeting line or two. But that's all the playwright has given her. Douglas Dick, as the love-bitten looie; Eleanor Lynn as the USO tapster; and particu-larly Edmon Ryan as Private First Class Murphy, all handle their assignments well. But their parts, as the play it-self, are shallow ones.

It'll take more than a shot of comedy It'll take more than a shot of comedy to inject any real life into this simple little love tale. It'll need something more substantial in story and line structure to motivate it to any appre-ciable degree of action. As it stands, it leaves the theatergoer empty on leaving, particularly after sitting thru three acts waiting in vain for something to hap-pen. Maurie Orodenker.

<b>ROUTES</b> Dramatic and Musical			
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orever Is Now (Colonial) Boston, ood Night Ladles (Blackstone) Chi.			

Good Night Ladies (Blackstone) Chi. Hasty Heart (Lyric) Bridgeport, Conn., 21-22. Oklahoma (National) Washington. Olsen & Johnson (Shubert) Chi. Polonaise (Ford) Baltimore. Rebecca (Geary) San Francisco. Ryan Girl (Forrest) Phila. Ten Little Indians (American) St. Louis. Ten Little Indians (Copley) Boston. The Tempest (Opera House) Boston. Therese with Eva LeGallienne (Plymouth) Boston.

Therese with Eva LeGallienne (Plymouth) Boston. Tobacco Road (Royal Alexandria) Toronto. Two Mrs. Carrolls (Cass) Detroit. Voice of the Turtle (Selwyn) Chi. Winter's Tale (Playhouse) Wilmington, Dels., 21-22.

You Touched Me (Wilbur) Boston.

### **OUT-OF-TOWN OPENINGS**

#### THERESE

THERESE (Opened Monday, September 10, 1945) **LYMOUTH, BOSTON** Thomas Job's adaptation of Emile Zola's novel "Therese Racquin" presented by Victor "Therese Racquin" presented by Victor "Therese Racquin" presented by Victor manager, Charles G, Strakosch. Press rep-resentatives, Richard Maney and Anne Woll. Stage manager, John Lynds. Camile \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bernard Klawans Madame Racquin \_\_\_\_\_ Dame May Whitty Therese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John Lynds. Camile \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bernard Klawans Madame Racquin \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dame May Whitty Therese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Victor Jory Madame Louise. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Doris Patston Mr. Grivet. \_\_\_\_\_\_ John F. Hamilton Inspector Michaud. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Avereli Harris Suzanne \_\_\_\_\_\_ Annetic Sorell Maybe what some people say about acting and directing is true. Maybe fine acting and directing is true. Maybe fine acting and directing is true. Maybe fine acting and footlights. Maybe? But Zola's joints got only a theater-wise workout on Thomas Job's typewriter. Job can adore. As melo, it's "old hat." As good theater, it's close to the top once a few corners are trimmed on script and envented. emoting.

#### Hub Crix Tab

Six local experts gave "Therese" the ne for a score of 100 per cent. Yes: Peggy Doy (American), Edwin Melvin (Menitor), Elin Hughes (Herald), Helen Eager (Traveler Cyrus Durgin (Globe), Elliot Norton (Post). (Traveler),

Therese is adapted from Zola's novel Therese Racquin and follows same close-ly. Camille, neurotic son of Pont Neuf's milliner, Madame Racquin, dominates the 1870 household consisting of his mother; his wife, Therese, and Laurent, an artist whom they have befriended, with an iron, semi-invalid hand. His in-terest in life is divided between checkers and hats. To the apartment over the millinery store come regular checker-playing friends, Mr. Grivet and Inspector Michaud, for a weekly game. The action breaks fast. Laurent and Therese are secretly in love, and to achieve their freedom they hatch the plan to murder Camille as Laurent slips back after going for champagne to celebrate Camille's sale of a hat to village fashion-plate Madame Louise. Therese is adapted from Zola's novel

Sale of a hat to village fashion-plate Madame Louise. Camille is drowned deliberately by Laurent on the river picnic planned while everyone is drinking the cham-pagne. The murder goes undiscovered even after Madame Racquin has urged Therese and Laurent to marry. On the wedding night, Madame Racquin over-hears the true facts as the newlyweds accuse each other of the crime. Her paralytic stroke deprives her of speech and action (except for her accusing eyes) and makes her the unpleasant burden of the couple. Gradual disintegration and tragic consequences follow. Dame May Whitty wins top honors with her superbly underplayed Madame Racquin. Eva Le Gallienne, barring a few touches of over-acting, rates a flock of orchids for her Therese. Victor Jory gets his teeth into the part of the artist lover with a satisfactory crunch that will win cheers from a newtowly nacr-sighted

with a satisfactory crunch that will win cheers from a previously near-sighted theater world. Everyone does better than "good," altho Mr. Grivet, Suzanne and Madame Louise are forced by their parts Madame Louise are forced by their parts to chew a touch of scenery or get lost in the shuffle. Thomas Job, however, has made one error. In giving the first act few lines and a flock of situations, he has saved too many lines and too few situations for the last act. Cast goes hungry in the first act and falls over the sides in the second. Really serious lovers of good theater shouldn't miss *Therese*. Those who rely on good theatergoers' judgment should

on good theatergoers' judgment should put it on the "better see" list. Dick Tracy fans should stay home. "Breath-less" provides more excitement. It's a beautifully polished old shoe.

Barbara Pearson.

applause every time and he comes thru in top form. The orchestra under Gob-erman is tops. Klepura milks them with O, Heart of My Country, and does en-cores with Meadow Lark. His voice sounded rather hoarse thruout Act II, but he covers up with his acting. Also, Countess Zaleski's voice was too rough for the job. Miss Eggerth gets satisfac-tory response and puts in some good terping.

scenery is extravagant and authentic, and costuming, colorful and lavish.

Patrons went for the dance routines. Patrons went for the dance routines, which were all done with plenty of zip. The fact that *Polonaise* has developed into a No. 1 on the juke box Hit Parade helps the show immeasurably, and it was the song they all came out humming. Kiepura and Eggerth stop the show with *Just for Tonight*, another good number. Show runs too long and needs pruning, but has the makings of a box-office smash and should slip into the top slot.

Pearl Widem.

Another outstanding characterization is turned in by Marianne Stewart as Matilda Rockley. The timid, docile girl is made real and sympathetic by her portrayal. portrayal. You Touched Me looks good for suc-cess. The direction is excellent. The three-level setting is highly effective. It has love interest, a thoroly hateable female, a happy drunk and even a mus-cle dancer. How can it lose? Barbara Pearson.



#### MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME (Opened September 13, 1945)

ETHEL BARRYMORE THEATER

**ETHEL BARRYMORE THEATER**A comedy by Vera Mathews. Staged by
Johnnie Walker. Setting by William Noel
Saulter. Costumes by Janice Wallace. Company manager, Paul Porter. Press representative,
Zac Freedman. Presented by Albert N.
Chaperau and Johnnie Walker.
Luther Quinn......Donald McClelland
Honeybelle Collins......Donald McClelland
Vic Arnold.......Donald McClelland
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White Porter
Mona Gilbert.....Donald White
Mong Gilbert......Bernadene Hayes
Mama Gilbert......Buther Suzanne Jackson
Vy......Elizabeth Brew
Ferris Delmar......Robert Carleton
Barney (Reporter).......Cory Nilson
While it would be manifestly unfair
to tab a September bow-in as the likely
all-season low, nevertheless later starters
will have a tough time matching this
patchwork of Inanities. Make Yourself
at Home will not live up to its monicker
as far as the Stem is concerned and the
Barrymore should be swept-up for a new
tenant any day now.

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Barrymore should be swept-up for a new tenant any day now. In case anyone is interested, *Home* is a farce about a slipping movie star who comes East to re-establish herself by do-ing a Broadway play. Due to housing shortage, she and her gang-mama, kid brother, manager and maid-crash the gate at her apartment which she has previously leased to a Wall Streeter. Said financial guy is living there with a cute trick from the Deep South and doesn't care for the interruption. How-ever, a little harmless blackmail by the star's astute manager-a matter of some pix of the Wall Streeter and his sugar plum in pajamas and less-convinces the broker that they can stay right on. Taking it from there, all the charac-ters and the situations are right off the top of the stock pile. There is a silly caricature of a sap playwright, another of a pansylsh leading man and the usual quota of reporters and photogs. Movie gal puts on her play and it is a terrible flop. Crix paste it and her. They are all about to duck and run home to Hol-lywood. Then kid brother pastes a cric in the eye and resultant publicity starts a b.-o. run. Final report has them still camped on the reluctant broker and the movie gal about to marry her manager. Philip Huston and Donald McClelland turn in far more polished performances than is waranted by anything they are

Philip Huston and Donald McClelland turn in far more polished performances than is warranted by anything they are asked to say or do. Bernadene Hayes puts up a hefty but losing battle to make the movie star something more than the usual stock character of that persuasion. What amusement there is in *Home* stems from the broker's dumb Southern gal-friend. A young newcomer, Bonnie Nolan, plays her and looks as tho she may be a find. High-water mark of the play comes when the gal and her broker sugar daddy are waiting up for the gang to get home

when the gal and her broker sugar datuy are waiting up for the gang to get home after the preem of the movie star's show. "But I thought all actors celebrated after the theater on opening nights," says the gal. "Not after this one," replies the broker prophetically. Bob Francis.

Bob Francis.

#### A BOY WHO LIVED TWICE

#### Opened September 11, 1945) BILTMORE THEATER

DILLIMORE INEALER A drama by Leslie Floyd Egbert and Gertrude Ogden Tubby. Directed by Paul Foley. Set-ting by John Root. General manager, Louis Cline. Stage manager, George Zorn. Press representative, Larry Anhait. Presented by Hall Shelton.



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#### Dramas

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(Cort) Dark of the Moon..... 3,14, '45 21 (46th Street) Sam Teaman died Thursday (13) after protracted illness in Roosevelt Hospital.

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Devils Galore ..... 9-12, '45

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(Royale) All-out thumbdown by crix totals a zero per cent score. No: Robert Gar-land (Journal-American), Wilella Wal-dorf (Post), Ward Morehouse (Sun), John Chapman (News), Burton Rascoe (World - Telegram), Louis Kronen-berger (PM), Howard Barnes (Herald-Tribune), Lewis Nichols (Times), Rob-ert Coleman (Mirror). Closes Satur-day (15).

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Glass Menagerie, The... 3-31,'45 (Playhouse) Scandinavian rights have been bought by Dr. Carl Strokosch accord-ing to producers Eddie Dowling and Louis Singer.

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bookstalls about November 1. I Remember Mama..... 10-19, '44 38 (Music Box) Richard Rodgers and Oscar Ham-merstein II have signed Jerome Kern to do the score for their spring-sked-ded musical, "Annie Oakley," Ethel Merman will star.

a job to baffle top-flight playwrights which—on the basis of the display of *A Boy Who Lived Twice*—the Egbert-Tubby combo are not. However, as it has taken seven years to get Boy onto a Stem stage, at least their perseverance must be admired, even if the result is discattory. disastrous.

disastrous. Roughly, from all that a pew-sitter could gather, the author's deeply con-cerned with the psychic. Two boys die— one by a fall from a horse on Long Island, the other in a plane crash at Holyoke, Mass. They both come alive again, but Philip Hastings on Long Island now has the soul, mind and mem-ories of Lieut. John Ralston of the AAF. ories of Lieut. John Ralston of the AAF. Also it is advised, the same phenomenon has occured with the lieutenant, who now insists he is Philip. Fortunately, only one of them takes the stage at the Biltmore. The matter was confusing enough as it stood.

enough as it stood. Obvious complications ensue. Philip-John's-case is diagnosed as amnesia. A psychiatrist is called in. There is a bit of hypnosis, but Philip keeps right on being John. The psychiatrist appears to think that if he can get Philip-John and John-Philip together he can switch back their identities. Latter makes this im-possible by killing himself. Philip-John and Philip's sister fall in love, which, of course, can't be permitted in a nice play. But the authors have the answer for

course, can't be permitted in a nice play. But the authors have the answer for that one in the last act. It turns out that Philip is not really Philip but John's twim—who was adopted in place of Philip who died when he was a baby. So ap-parently everything was going to be all right at the end of the metaphysical didoes. If they sound confusing they are not more so than to the majority of the customers on opening night. Some of the not more so than to the majority of the customers on opening night. Some of the latter seemed to think that Harvey must have come over from 48th Street and taken a hand in the proceedings. John Hastings suffers tremendously thru the Philip-John assignment, for which no one can blame him. Vaughan

September 22, 1945

#### STEM'S A TOUGH ROAD

Week has been tough on early fall bow-ins. Three took the plunge since last Monday and each preemed to an anvil chorus from the crix. One has already given up and announced an exit as of tonight.

already given up and announced an exit as of tonight. Hall Shelton's probe of the metaphysical, "A Boy Who Lived Twice," reports that it will try to stick despite experts' knocks—likély via the 2-for-1 route. "Make Yourself at Home" has come to no decision as of this writing, but looks due for a quick fade-out. "Devils Galore" is the one which takes the quick powder. Also calling it a day as of tonight is last week's lone starter, "Mr. Strauss Goes to Boston," which crix pasted likewise. List will be further reduced Saturday (22) when "Wind Is Ninety" takes to the road.

#### Perfs. Opened

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Late George Apley, The. 11-21, '44 31 (Lyceum) Dorothy Blackburn took over Ivy Troutman's role as of this week. Re-ports have 20th-Century on the edge of buying pic rights for \$275,000. 2.456

(Bijou) Make Yourself at Home. 9-13, '45 (Barrymore) Crix voted all out "No" for a zero score. No: Burton Rascoe (World-Telegram), Ward Morehouse (Sun), Robert Garland (Journal-American), Wilella Waldorf (Post), Lewis Nichols (Times), Robert Coleman (Mirror), Howard Barnes (Herald - Tribune), Louis Kronenberger (PM), John Chap-man (News). 600

Louis Kronenberger (PM), John Chap-man (News). Voice of the Turtle, The. 12- 3, '43 6( (Morosco) Edwin Vardon has replaced Bill Richardson as stage manager. Latter is turning producer. Drumbeater Jean Dalrumple was alr-guested by Alma Kitchell Wednesday (12). Alfred De-liagre has signed Walter Able for Van Druten comedy, "The Mermaids Sing-ing." Abel arrives from Coast Monday (24).

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 Wind Is Ninety, The.... 6-21, '45
 (Booth)
 Closes Saturday (22). Road tour
 begins Monday (24). Frances Reid has
 requested that her skedded USO trek
 to the South Pacific be postponed.

#### Musicals

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Glaser makes the psychiatrist pompously solemn, and Claire Windsor is properly fragile with little else to do. Anne Sar-gent is persuasive as the sister. Paul Foley's direction is little help to them or the rest of a generally competent cast. John Root has designed a nice set. It isn't likely that it will be long on view. Bob Francis.

#### **DEVILS GALORE** (Opened September 12, 1945) **ROYALE THEATER**

comedy by Eugene Vale. Directed by Robert Perry. Set by Howard Bay. Costumes by Peggy Clark. Company manager, Harold Jacoby. Stage manager, John Effrat. Press representative, Ivan Black. Presented by William Cahn.

 William Cahn.

 Effie Thurston.
 Tony Eden

 Bernie Grant.
 Michael King

 Dr. Aguirra.
 Harry Sothern

 Cecil Brock.
 George Baxter

 Miss Pierce.
 Betty Kelley

 Mrs. Isabel Goodwyn
 Jean Cleveland

 A Devil.
 Ernest Cossart

 Larry
 John (Red) Kullers

 Inspector Brandon.
 Malcolm Lee Beggs

 Atamar
 Rex O'Malley

 Packey (The Flash) Gurney.
 Solen Burry

Let it be reported that Devils Galore Let it be reported that Devils Galore is not as indigo as it has been bedaubed via the try-out route. It is not a good play and is likely not due for a long stay, but it has some genuine laugh lines which panicked a first-night audience, and will do the same for not a few sub-sequent customers. These despite the fact that obvious script doctoring put some of the cast on the spot at the Stem some of the cast on the spot at the Stem unveiling.

Trouble with Devils is that nobody. Trouble with *Devils* is that nobody, including the author, has quite made up his mind whether it is fantasy, comedy or farce. It would be a highly amusing farce, but somewhere along the way it has turned into a fantasy-farce, with the accent on farce of the most un-

#### Opened Perfs.

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role. Up In Central Park..... 1-27, '45 26 (Broadway) Balleteer Daniel Naggin returned to cast Monday (10). He has been on sick list about four weeks. Joseph Gifford retained for an added terping slot. Decca album of show's tunes had an alring Tuesday (11) and Wednesday (12) via Paulo Brenner program (WATT).

ICE SHOWS Hais Off To Ice...... 6-22, '44 (Center)

### BALLETS Ballet Russe de Monte

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believable variety. It looks as the every-body connected with the proceedings has wanted to get a pet gag into the act—and has. It could be a satisfying show—but it isn't.

Devils is based on an amusing notion Devils is based on an amusing notion. A very bad egg is crowned with a lamp by an innocent young lady for whom he is on the make. A sub-devil appears to take him where he belongs. However, a plea for a two-week reprieve is granted, provided he will seduce the gal and thereby bring her along. Twist is that the assistant devil, having taken on the early resemblance of the baddy's lec-turer brother, turns good and can't bear to see the gal's morals disarranged.

From there the plot degenerates into silly farce, abetted by the stupidest of stage detectives, a couple of wise-crack-ing fems and a second assistant devil who steals what there is of the show in the few short scenes allotted to him.

the few short scenes allotted to him. What comes out of it all is chiefly an amusing portrait of an unctuous, morning-coated devil by Rex O'Malley, another one—tho somewhat uneven—of a kindly satanic henchman by Ernest Cossart and a thoroly likeable perform-ance of a moderately dumb, small-town heroine by Tony Eden. Last looks as tho she is set to do all right on the Stem. Also rating "E" for effort, are George Baxter, Betty Pierce and Harry Southern. Howard Bay's set of an authors' agent's office also rate an "E"—for excellence. Bob Francis.





BINDER AND ROSEN opened the sea-son at the Grand, St. Louis, last week, with Louise Lamar and Peggy Woods fea-tured. Richard Zeisler continues as manwith Louise Lamar and Peggy Woods fea-tured. Richard Zeisler continues as man-ager. Charles Daniels is treasurer; Wal-ter Collins, house vocalist, and Audrey Allen, producer. Concession manager is Harry Wald, and ork leader, Judge Reid-elberger... BON BONNE and Lil Bryan, sisters, are reunited as principals at the Burbank, Los Angeles, for the first time since their chorus days... BEN CAP-LAN, concessionaire, and Della Lowe, chorine at the Gayety, Norfolk, together with Milton Lowe, Della's dad, who was connected with Hurtig & Seaman's thea-ter in Manhattan many years, celebrated the arrival of baby, Harriet, to the Caplan home September 3... SECOND Hirst Circuit unit to open at the Hud-son, Union City, N. J., week of September 2 had as principals Stinky and Shorty, Smoky Burns and Walter Budd, Mary Bastin (Laura Bruce) and Jeanne Mich-elle. Spot-booked extras were Valerie Bastin (Laura Bruce) and Jeanne Mich-elle. Spot-booked extras were Valerie Parks, featured; Peggy Martin, dancer, and Lillian Whitmore, vocalist. . . BETTIE MacDONALD, Lady Godiva at (See BURLESQUE on page 43)

DARING DIAN MASON Featured on the Hirst Circuit THE ANATOMIC BOMB

A review rave from The Atlantic City Press: "By now you have all read about the atomic bomb—but have you seen the Anatomic Bomb, in the person of titian-haired Dian Mason? In her cerise gown with a matching dahila in her hair, she does a spectacular and daring dance," THANKS to Bob and Frances Johnston, of The Hollywood, San Diego, Calif., and Betty Rowland for my burlesk uplift.

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### New WPB Lumber **Formula Assures**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—More lum-ber for the entertainment industry— indoors and outdoors—is now assured as result of new War Production Board polresult of new War Production Board pol-icy based on lumber user's enterprising efforts rather than on essentiality of his particular trade or industry. Up to now, show and carnival folk needing lumber were compelled to wait until needs of so-called "critical" trades were met. WPB now says that lumber distribution will be completely free from controls after this month. Military needs have fallen so sharply for the final quarter of the year, it's more than likely that ample supplies will be on hand for light construction purposes and interior deco-rating. rating.

Key to distribution will be the enter-prising way in which the lumber is sought rather than the red-tape con-signment channeling on basis of "essen-tiality."

#### Navy Skeds and Gob Shows for Pacific

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- Gobs in the

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Gobs in the South Pacific will soon get their full quota of entertainment. Navy liaison unit, under the direction of Lieut. Cmdr. Bob Elson, is sending the seven sallor shows skedded for domestic consumption to the Pacific. These 12-man amuse-ment combos have already rung the bell with the bell-bottom trouser wearers. However, altho this is a good start, the entertainment need of the navy is just beginning, and the program is in its thital stages. Elson has just returned from a talent combing junket of the navy stations in Florida and Louisiana. Problem is complicated by the fact that many solid performers in the navy are being released under the point system. Headache may be solved by developing those semi-pro entertainers remaining in the service to the point where they can do a job for sailor audiences. New sailor conference teams (one officer and four enlisted men) sent out to teach the gobs how to put a show together and to capitalize on the material among them-selves are a step in the right direction.

#### Antiseptic Burly **Still Pulls in Philly**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—"Bur-lesque" becomes a taboo word here under the provisions allowed by the city fathers in permitting Issy Hirst to re-open his Troc Theater, shuttered earlier this year because of censor trouble. How-ever, populace apparently turn out for the comics, because business has held up good at the house, known for decades here as a burly temple. And obviously few if any take note that "Traveling Road Shows" is substituted for "Bur-lesque" in the newspaper ads, on the marquee or in the lobby. Strip principals still come in with the units, but confine their talents to a

Strip principals still come in with the units, but confine their talents to a posed position in the ballet numbers. And with the censorship heat still being on, comics have cleaned up their mate-rial enough to satisfy a Sunday School clambake crowd.

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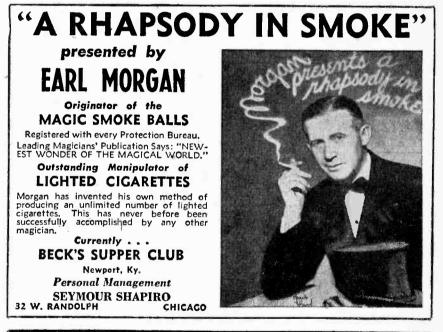
### Magic

By Bill Sachs More for Showbiz MARQUIS THE MAGICIAN advises More for Showbiz Marquis THE MAGICIAN advises **LVL** that he will begin a tour of audi-toriums and legit houses November 7 under the Blackstone banner and with all billing reading, "Blackstone, the Super Magician, Presents Marquis." Marquis stresses the fact that his deal with Blackstone is not a "successorship" contract, as the latter's retirement is still many years in the future. The Mar-quis tour begins at the conclusion of his present fair dates for Bob Shaw of the Gus Sun Booking Exchange. . . BLACKSTONE ushered in his new season in Canada August 24, with George Ala-bama Florida beating the drum ahead, and with Bernie Head slated to rejoin at the conclusion of his season with the and with Bernie Head slated to rejoin at the conclusion of his season with the Ringling-Barnum show. . . BILL BAIRD takes his nifties into the Palmer House, Chicago, November 8, for two weeks with options. . . JOE HANLEY, after winding up a return stand at the Trade Winds, Washington, switched ac-tivities to Club Omar, Binghamton, N. Y. . . . SYL W. REILLY, Columbus, O., magic maker, is mapping plans to bring to Columbus several magicians during the fall and winter not, as he explains, as a money-making enterprise but mainly a magical treat to his local magic friends. First in for Reilly will be L. Raymond Cox and Company, who show the Players Club Theater in the Ohio Capital next Sunday (23). . . SIR EDWARDS (Ramon LaRue) and partner, Darrel the Magican (John Wilson), re-cently took their Magical Fantasies into the Palace Theater, Rockford, III., for three days and succeeded in chalking up a fair gross in the face of a serious polio epidemic. Sir Edwards also did his the conclusion of his season with the

**Indianapolis Fox Relights** INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17.—Fox Thea-ter, dark for the summer, resumed its burlesque and picture policy September 15. House has been renovated and is 15. House has been renovated and is running continuous shows from 11 a.m., to 11 p.m. dally, with midnight shows on Saturday. Bargain matinees are given every day until 1 p.m., except Saturdays and Sundays. Hughie Mack is new manager.

upside-down straitjacket escape, while suspended by the ankles from a bridge over the Great Miami River, as a fea-ture of the annual picnic of Ring 71, IBM, at Long Island Beach, near Cin-cinnati, September 2. . . G. RAY TER-RELL, assisted by Jack and Judy, is set until October at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. . . A. J. CANTU is display-ing his wares as a feature of the Laffiesta at Chicago's Hotel Stevens. . . . MAGICMAN AL PAGE has written the words and music to a new ditty, *Riverside Drive*, which he is publishing himself. himself.

PEGGY AUSTINI is back at her home Pin Berkeley, Calif., after 22 months of overseas service for USO. She made the jaunt home after eight months in South and Central America. "I was the South and Central America. "I was the first woman magician down there," writes Peggy, "and the boys were wonder-tal. In New York, I was royally enter-tained by Bert Easley and Phyliss Willis. Took in Russell Swann's show at the Biltmore Roof, and G. Ray Terrell's act at the Waldorf-Astoria. Swell guys with great acts. Also had a big magical eve-ning with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibson and Bob Stull, who was visiting them. On my way home, stopped off in Chicago to find from Frances Ireland that all the *(See MAGIC on page 43)* 

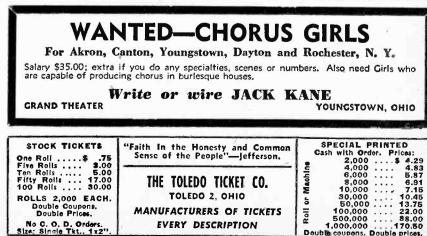


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Prospective employers are urged to contact the servicemen whose advertisements appear here direct. (6) Education (state fully, by years in grade school, high school and college). (7) In which show business field would you most prefer to work? SINGING TRUMPETER, 28; pro exp. (12 years); trumpeter and baritone. Walter Krall, 721 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 39/8/4 DANCER, 32, bartione and song stylist; master of ceremonies; 19 years a pro. dancer in "This Is the Army"; Interested radio, vaude, legit, night club. Herbert C. Fluker, 76 St. Nicholas Place, N. Y. C. ED 4-1694. 88/7/28 PIANIST, 25; pro exp. (8 years); concert platform, cocktail lounge, ballet theater ac-companist; seeks cocktail lounge, or concert work. Daniel Gordon, 3033 Coney Island Are., Brooklyn, N. Y. 30/7/28 ACTOR, 20; Spec. Ser. vet; Rochester radio work; five years WHAM (NBC), WHEC (CBS), WSAY (MBS); commercials, dra-matic series, vocalist. Jon E. Lasher, 356 West 34th St., N. Y. C. 95/1/28 PIANIST, 36; night club dance bands (5 years); Haminond organist; seeks club, metro-politan area. Morris Shoenburger, 201 Bay 32d St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 112/9/8 SIGN PAINTER (20 yrs.' exp.) circus wagons, carnivals, scenic work; AFL Loc. 72. Thomas A. Hammill, 923 Irving Rd., Birming-ham, Ala. Tel. 2-6974. 57/8/11 ACTOR, 24; pre-army stude, seeks opportunity legit. Bill C. Lowell, 3819 North Wayne Avc., Chicago, Ill., Lakeview 5817. 118/9/8 DESIGNER amusement machines; 5 years ex-perience coin machine industry; mechanic, route man, designet training equipment (radio, optical). Edward Kratchow, 1304 Grande Vista Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 152/9/22 SOCIETY PIANIST; cocktail lounge, hotel ex-perience. Seeks smart lounge or radio job. Edward Dombroff, 1025 St. Johns Place, Brook-lyn, N. Y. PR 3-2150. 147/9/22 PIANIST, 31 (12 yrs.), classical and swinz. Seeks solo or band work. Edward Johnson, 149 W. 140th St., N. Y. C. 58/8/11 ACTOR, 24; emsee, announcer navy shows, seeks opportunity radio, legit. Walker R. Gorham, 185 Michaux Rd., Riverside, Ill. 127/9/15 DRAMATIC BARITONE (24), opera, musi-cais; quartets, solos; 4 yrs. exp. Interested musicais, vaude, clubs. Starting sal., \$50. Frank Shea, 4675 Palisades Ave., N. Y. C. KI 3-1695. 63/8/11 PIANIST, 22, colored; payed college bands, club, hotel dates; solo and with band. Played while in army. Hubert Dixon, 308 East 101st St., N. Y. C. 80/7/28 SONGWRITER, 29; wrote lyrics and music for ork leader Lawrence Welk; two songs pub-lished to date. Seeks full-time job, John M. Antonucci, 8142 LaFayette Ave., Chicago, III. Aberdeen 1548. 117/9/8 AERIAL ACROBAT, 38; good understander; 15 years' show exp.; wants to join name ground or aerial act; clubs, fairs, parks, cir-cuses, vaude. Edward Knipshield, 797 North Marshall St., Milwaukee, Wis. 129/9/15 St., N. Y. C. PIANIST, 36; club exp. (12 years); seeks night club or hotel in N. Y. C. area only. Peter Faținelia, 285 Sumpter St., Brooklyn 33, N. Y. 90/8/25 DRUMMER, 38; night clubs, small dance bands (8 years); seek colored combo. Joseph Thompson, 240 Madison St., Brocklyn, N. T. 113/9/8 SPANISH DRUM PLAYER, 30: N. Y. night clubs (6 years). Frank Rivera, 654 E. 158th St., N. Y. C. 83/8/25 BAND VOCALIST, 23; baritone; 1 year Mal Hallett Ork. Leonard Lane (Gliatta), 1831 Radcliff Ave., Bronx, 60, New York. 75/8/18 PIANIST, double on trumpet; Marine Corps dance band (14 years), club dates. Previous experience dance orks, some radio. Seeks radio, night club connection Coast. John McAlister, 1007 W. 33d St., Wichita, Kan. 141/9/22 STAGE MANAGER, 37: pre-army Province-town Players, Sam Harris, MGM, RKO. Actor, singer, dancer, stage manager, director. Managed Win. Bradley studios; wile experience all angles legit. Will accept other than stage manager job to start. Wm. R. Bradley, 932 ½ Ogden Drive, Hollywood, Calif. WE, 6003. 137/9/22 DRUMMER, 43, 27 years' professional experi-ence with Chick Webb, Fats Waller, Cecli Scott, Tiny Bradehaw, other name and semi-name orks, wants to join dance band. Arnold "Scrippy" Boline, 853 St. Nicholas Ave., New York. 17/7/28 75/8/18 BARITONE CROONER, 29, name band exp. (10 yrs.), interested night club, radio, vaude, John J. Coffey, 52 Barrow St., N. Y. C. 61/8/11 1007 W. 33d St., Wichita, Kan. 141/9/22 PTANIST, double violin, drums; 25 years' small combo experience. Sceks small club, lounge. Samuel Roth, 215 E. 164th St., New York City. JE 8-9608. 151/9/22 PIANO SOLOIST, 29; 8 years dance bands, hotel and club experience; classic and pop; can transpose. Interested hotels. clubs, winter season Florida. Robert Nerino, 329 E. 514 Street, New York City. PL 3-2137. 148/9/22 DRUMMER, 31; Spanish, symphonic, South American; bells, tympani; 12 years dance band exp. Radio, night clubs, vaude pref. Wil-liam S. Lamme, 346 W. 71st St., New York. SU 7-8403. 139/9/22 BARITONE, 29; clubs, vaude, small band exp. (5 yrs.); AGVA; wants to join band. Con-stanino Leone, 39 Centre Moll, Brooklyn 31, N. Y. STRAIGHT MAN-SINGER, 32, signal corps veteran, burlesque experience, 6 ft. 1, 185 Ibs.; wants vaude or night club work. Bob Dale, 204 West 108th St., New York. Tel.: River-side 9-1856. 41/8/4 EMSEE, 28; outstanding impersonations; 3 years pro. exp.; interested radio, night club, vaude. Layne Marlin, 524 East Elk St., Apt. 101, Glendale, Calif. 121/9/8 BARITONE, 32; directed, produced, played army shows. Interested trio work; clubs, radio, raude. Benjamin M. Beitch, 1077 54th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 68/8/11 STRINGS, VIOLIN, CELLO, 25; played col-ored orks (5 years); Thy Bradshaw, Oran Page, Lucky Millinder, salon music, Latin, swing, Continental; interested 6 piece combo. Nicholas Fenton, 352 West 117th St., N. Y. C. 108/9/8 PRESS AGENT, 30, college grad.; army pub. rel.; pre-army sports rep. and press agent for L. I. Daily Advocate, World-Telegram, News Day, Interested any field. Louis B. De Fichy, 314 Eldert St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 99a/0/1 BARITONE, 26; played Granada Club (Holly-wood): Red Mill (Bronx), other clubs and war industry shows; seeks dance band. Albert Capozzola, care A. Cappy. 235 West 75th St., N. Y. C. TR 4-9624. 91/8/25 EMSEE, baritone; 35 years' show business. In-terested night clubs, vaude. Harry Royal Jackson, 5745 State St., Chicago, III. Went. 6976. 122/9/15 PUBLICITY MAN, 23; free-lance booking, publicity; dance bands, vocalists (4 years). Bernard Feldman, 1277 Hue Ave., Bronz 59, N. Y. OL 5-5781. TENOR, sax, clarinet, 27; read, transpose, fake; has played all types and size outfits; Local 661, 77 AFM. Ikadio shows in army band. Jack Garellick, 10 North lowa Aye, Atlantic City, N. J. Tel. 4-9416. 101/9/1 BARITONE - CROONER, 27; Radio Ex-perience, Local night club, dance band ex-perience (5 years). Interested band, radio show, Robert A. Hunt, 1106 N. Serrano Ave., Hollywood, Calif. Gladstone 5294. 136/9/22 EMSEE; comic; songs, harmonica novelties. army hospital shows; perfer army club and theater dates, Miami, N. Y. Irwin Bluestone, 115 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 145/9/22 QUARTET SINGER, 42; baritone; sang with army quartet; wants to join barber shop quartet. Will travel. Milton Wessfried, 1437 Shakespeare Ave., N. Y. C. Jerome 8-4356. 128/9/15 TENOR; loc. night club exp.; large repertoire, including show tunes, operettas, semi-classical material. Clifford Jay, 388 State St., Brook-lyn, N. Y. MAIN 5-4498. 70/8/4 ENTERTAINMENT SPECIALIST, 27; writ-ing, directing, programing; army hospital camp shows, radio programs. Pre-army publicity and advertising for motion picture theaters. Worked Skouras theaters; int. radio, motion pix. Joseph Tammany, Hotel Davenport, Stam-ford, Conn. 4-3113. 133/9/15 BARITONE, 27; complete repertoire: ballads, pop, semi classics, operettas (5½ years); voice training; club dates. Robert Whitby, 323 Sumit Ave., Wasena, Roanoke, Va. 119/9/8 RADIO ANNOUNCER, 26; stude before army; radio exp. in army. Joseph Karl Kronen-berg, 182 Ashland Ave., Bloomfield, N. J. Bloom. 2-2975W. 105/9/8 TENOR, 25: light classics, Irish and popular songs; worked RKO theaters, radio (WOR, WEVD, WBNN). Interested stare, radio. Ed-ward Flaherty, 69 East 98th St., N.Y. C. AT. 9-2492. 109/9/8 Bloom. 2-2975W. Divolutient, N. J. RADIO ANNOUNCER-ACTOR, 25; passed NBC "Welcome Home" audition; 3½ years radio work in AAF; writing, emseeing, acting; own program over WFBC; guest appearances. Michael J. Velgot, 115-23 204th St., St. Albans, L. I., N. Y. 125/9/15 GAG WRITER, LYRICIST; radio, stage, screen, newspapers, magazines; specialize top-ical gags. Harry Goldstein, 762 Snedicker Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. 65/8/11 BARITONE, 23; pre-army Major Bowes, club dates; AAF radio show, "Wake Up and Live," army shows. Seeks permanent spot with dance band, Rob Martin, 300 W. 108th St., New York, N. Y. UN 4-9607. 142/9/22 TENOR-SAX AND CLARINET MAN, 24; army bandsman, studied music before entering army. Loc. 802 AFM. Sal F. Marotta, 310 East 106th St., N. Y. C. Lebigh 4-1398 85/8/11 GUITAR (Spanish, electric), 20 years pre-army experience colored combos, soloist. Army dance bands (3 years). Seeks dance band or instrumental group. Thomas Francis, 300 W, 115th St., New York City. 149/0/22 Michael J. Velgot, 115-23 20411 St., Albans, L. I., N. Y. 125/9/15 Albans, L. I., N. Y. 125/9/15 RADIO ANNOUNCER, 34; wrote, produced, directed, acted army overseas shows, E. T.O., AFN radio shows; 2 seasons Henry Bros. (pre-army). Seeks radio opportunity, Chicago vicinity. Jack E. Wolf, 4520 N. Clarendon, Chicago, Ill. Long Beach 8600. 134/9/22 RADIO ANNOUNCER, News Commentator, WSYR (3 ½ years). Emseed, acted in South Pacific while in USMC. Will travel. Vaco Willie Walter, 21 Mill St, Brooklyn, N. Y. 139/9/22 BASS MAN, 26; night club, roadhouse, carnival experience. Wants to join small band. An-thony Talerico, 103 Bay 34th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. ES 2-8581. 138/9/22 BLUES SINGER, ex-WAVE, 24, with navy band (1 yr.), radio exp., wants to join band. Anne Weir, 2200 E. Tremont Ave., N. Y. C. UN. 3-8280. 62/8/11 TRUMPET MAN, 27, has worked with small and large dance bands; played with concert bands. Wants to join dance or concert orchestra. Samuel Lazarov, 1890 Crotona Pkwy, New York. 44/8/4 HAMMOND ORGANIST, 31; N. Y. theater (15 years), seeks N. Y. club or hotel. Robert McCombs, 38 West 89th St., N. Y. C. SCH. 4-9640. 81/8/25 York. Addition, 1000 Obtained 14.1.9.4 TRUMPET MAN, 31, 12 years' a professional musician; wants to join night club or restaurant orchestra. George Kushner, 1930 McGraw Ave., Bronz, New York. 45/8/4 TRUMPET MAN, 26; army concert band 4½ years; also 16-piece jazz combo; 2 years prewar small combo dance exp. Victor P. Martin, 184-02 89th Ave., Hollis, L. I., N. Y. Republic 9-3295. SCH. 4-9640. ILLUSTRATOR, 25; poster work, movie lay-outs; stude before army; interested radio, motion pictures. Arnold L. Siefkin, Box 132; Sterling, Ill. 116/9/8 BLUES A LA BOOGIE; piano and vocals; clever imitations Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and others. Large repertoire songs; original, unique arrangement of all music. Anthony Ferrara, 411 Cherry St., Vineland, N. J. Tel. 1209-W. 143/9/22 RADIO BROADCASTING, special events, sports, disk jockey: overseas broadcasts. Un-defeated Olympic and world speed icc-skating champ. Army shows, guest appearance. Avail-able to any radio station in need of good man. Irving Jaffee, Suite 323, 152 W. 42d St., N. Y. C. WI. 7-9715. 132/8/11 "JUMPING JELLY BEAN": novelty dancer, vocalist, flash drummer; 26; played Walter Barnes Ork, Ell Rice band, Benny Meroff, St. Louis Country Club. Interested radio, clubs, vande, Lewis F. Ware, 610 N. Adams, Peoria, Ill. 124/9/15 BOOKER, 33; talent scout (12 years). Vin-cent F. Arrigo, 1433 66th St., Brooklyn 19, N. Y. 77/8/18 A. I. C. WI. 179(15. 132/8/11 RADIO PROGRAM BUILDER, 36; script writer (5 years); long and short wave. In-terested program work, any size radio station. Franz Ulsperger, 116 W. 80th St., N. C. TR. 4-8137. BOOKER-MANAGER, 25: talent, band or-ganizer; 1 year night club booking agent; radio time sales (6 months). Mel Feinberg, 501 Bristol St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 150/9/22 LYRIC TENOR, 27; classics and popular; army entertainer, band and radio; pre-army WELI, WNAB guest appearance; sang with Bridge port Symphony. John Carstair, Bldg. 7, Apt. 49-A, Success Park, Bridgeport 8, Conn. 111/9/8 VOCALIST, air corps veteran, 25, bas done radio work with choral groups; two easons vocalist at summer resort, seeks connection as band vocalist. Gary Cole, 432 Ave. "U," Brooklyn, N. Y. 47/8/4 COCKTAIL ACT, 26; piano player, imitator, comedian, 3 years. Pre-war exp.; 3 years army spec. services. Summer (Butterball) Collier, 1975 Sedgwick Ave., Bronx, N. Y. FO 5-7102. 87/8/18 RADIO SCRIPT WRITER, 30; gags, drama, soap operas, material for night club and vaude acts; piano accompanist; Georgie Price (4 years). No traveling. Buddy Arnold, 251 West 89th St., N. Y. C. SCH 4-3531. 99/8/4 MAGICIAN-ILLUSIONIST, novel acts; played club dates, schools, night clubs, theaters. Known as "Buck, America's Own Magician." Photos on request. Stephen B. Buck, care Mrs. A. L. Skaggs, 301 Cullem St., Clinton, Tenn. 134/9/15 VOCALIST, 20; army spec. ser. vet; pre-army exp. playing club dates; radio 8 years; inter-ested radio, night clubs, vaude. Elias Fried-man, 656 Stone Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 50/8/4 FO 5-7102. COMEDIAN, 36; stooging, mugging (14 years); vaude and burlesque exp.; inter-ested all fields. Salary \$100 week. Robert Hen-drick, \$13 Columbus Ave., N. Y. C. 114/9/8 50/8/4 SAX, clarinet, violin man, 32; AGF band overseas; 12 years' pre-army band exp.; no travelinz, Lawrence Pisano, 102-46 45th Ave., Carona, L. I., N. Y. 98/8/4 SAX-CLARINET MAN, 44; AAF band (5 years); hotel and ship orks (18 years); good sight reader. Charles Sherlock, 2225 Ditmos Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Buck 4-9587. 107/9/8 MANAGER-BOOKER, first class; 40; dance orks; entertainment specialisti in army (3 ½ years). Eddie DeLange, ork mgr. (6 years) ballrooms, theaters; all over U. S. Salary \$125 week. Ediward Judge, 5915 Post Road, Bronx, New York. 106/9/8 VOCALIST, 26; army hosp. and Red Cross shows; club dates; seeks night club or cock-tail lounge. Bennie Paris, 120 Wise St., Lynchburg, Va. Tel. 3508-W. 54/8/11 COMEDIAN: weighs 350 bs., pre-war exp.: novelty vocalist, band leader. Wants to join established vaude, night club act. All offere considered. Vic Stevenson, 4331 W. Adams, Chicago, Ill. Mansfield 4488. 130/9/1 VOCALIST, 23; U. S. Marine Corps vet; club dates; USO work. Gerry Grayson, 1839 Loring Place, N. Y. Tremont 2-7246. 66/8/11 New York. 106/9/8 MECHANIC, 35; juke box and pin game service and installation eng.; radio me-chanic (7 years exp.), army radio mechanic and bombsight repair; own tools; consider part-nership. Prefers Florida or California; starting sal, \$125. Wm, R. Trevarthen, 539 Leta Ave., Flint 3, Mich. Tel. 9-8392. 100/9/1 COMPOSER, 39; has original popular, novelty, ballads, waltzea. Seek audition with pub-lishers or entertainers. Not interested in full-time job. Marcel I. Joseph, 220 South St., N. Y. C. Cortland 7-1212, EXT. 311. 93/8/25 107/9/8 SAX MAN, 22; pro exp. (3 years); played with Dick Rogers, Georgie Auld, Art Mooney. Arthur Lopez, 717 7th Ave., N. Y. C. BR 9-9256. 37/8/4 SINGER, 26; 7 years' pro, exp.; can act. Seeks night club, musical, band. Irving Kay, 60 Bank St., N. Y. C. \_CH 2-9267 96/7/28 VOCALIST, 24; baritone, morale shows while in USMC: personality, good appearance. Joseph Loschiavo, 240 Cedar Lane, Closter, N. J. Closter 1258. 120/9/8 Flint 3, Mich., Tel. 9-8392. 100/9/1 ORGANIST, 22; theater and club exp.; seeks cocktail lounge or hotel spot. Will travel. Bob Lorin, 240 West 102d St., N. Y. 25, N. Y. 25, N. Y. RI. 9-0174 110/9/8 VOCALIST, 24; no pro. exp.; wants chance to prove talent. Joseph Sandore, 3836 Gren-shaw St., Chicago, Ill. 115/9/8

CONDUCTOR-TENOR, 29; symphony orches-tra, opera, band exp.; army band, USO shows. Joseph O. Presti, 146 George St., Brooklyn, N. Y. EV 4-0275. 71/7/28

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BOUGHSPIES-William F., 60, screen studio architect and scene creator, Sep-tember 2 in Hollywood. Survived by his widow, Ella.

BRADLEY-Wallace H., 84, trustee of the Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass., September 11 at Wes-son Memorial Hospital, that city.

CAULFIELD—Sydney W., 53, treasurer and director of Station WBNX, New York, September 12 at Englewood, N. J., hospital. He had been with WBNX since 1933. Surviving are his widow and two

1933. Surviving are his widow and two sons. CHANDLER—Joseph Everett, 82, archi-tect, at Wellesley, Mass., September 9. He was an authority on colonial archi-tecture, a horticulturist and landscape gardner, who supervised the erection of Storrowitco at the old Eventor State Fre-Storrowton at the old Eastern States Ex-

Storrowton at the old Eastern States Ex-position. DANE—Mrs. John J. 67, mother of Harry Dane, saleman for CKRM, Regina, Sask., in Calgary, Alta., recently. FOLGMAN—Emil E., former cellist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, September 3 In Graduate Messital Philadelphia In

in Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia. In addition to his music, he won world-wide fame when he came to this country in 1912 and conducted intensive research

1912 and conducted intensive research into the musical preferences of musicians. Survived by his widow, Sayde. FRANKLIN-Michael I., 57, brother of Eugene (Sheeney) Franklin, of Moore's Modern Shows, following a month's ill-ness in Christian Hospital, St. Louis, September 10. GAV.-Maisle 62, English musical com-

September 10. GAY—Maisle, 62, English musical com-ery star, at her home in Kingsdown, England, September 13. She starred in American, Australian and British pro-ductions for 40 years, and made her first appearance in New York in 1911 as Madame Blum in *The Quaker Girl.* GREEN—Louis, 72, founder and con-ductor of the White Plains (N. Y.) Sym-phony, an organization of amateur musi-

ductor of the White Plains (N. Y.) Sym-phony, an organization of amateur musi-clans, White Plains September 9. He became a violinist with the New York Symphony at the age of 16 and later studied in Europe. Upon his return to this country he joined the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, where he remained 13 years. He founded the White Plains Symphony in 1926. Surviving are his widow, a son, one brother and a sister. GREENHAW — Corp. Green Berry 3d.

GREENHAW — Corp. Green Berry 3d, brother of Bruce Greenhaw, formerly with Ringling show, and Anthony L. B. Green-haw, formerly general agent for circuses, now in the army at Wilmington, Callf., in Germany August 18. Corp. Greenhaw was with the American First Army and participated in battles in France Bel-

was with the American First Army and participated in battles in France, Bel-glum and Germany. Besides the two brothers named above, he leaves his mother, another brother, Paul, with the Third Fleet in Japan, and three sisters. JOHNSON—Gaston J. (Gee) 58, Re-gina, Sask., newspaperman for 36 years, in a Regina Hospital September 4 after a lengthy illness. For many years he headed The Leader-Post press bureau, set up annually to cover the Regina Exhibition. For more than 12 years he was heard weekly on CKCK as the News Butcher. Absent from the air for three years, he returned to CKRM in October, 1941. He was also radio editor of The Leader-Post and The Saskatchewan

years, he returned to CKRM in October, 1941. He was also radio editor of The Leader-Post and The Saskatchewan Farmer in Regina. Burial in Regina. KEKESSY—Michael, 36, of the staff of the Club Royale, East Detroit night club, September 14, of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Survived by his widow. LEWIS—Leo R., 80, music professor at Tufts College, September 8, Medford, Mass. He taught at Tufts for 50 years and established many musical organiza-tions and was the author of many col-lege songs. Surviving are his wife, a son and granddaughter.

#### I, ROBERT G. (BOB) MURRAY,

I, ROBERT G. (BOB) MURRAY, Wish to express my deepest thanks and appre-clation to all my friends for their aid and beautiful gifts of flowers and sympathy at the passing of my beloved wife, Peggy, on the night of Aug. 28, 1945. Special thanks and regards to all my friends and Fitzle Brown, of the Hennics Bros.' Shows; to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seary, of Chicago; to all my friends and Jimmle Annin, of the L. J. Heth Shows. To Harry Lamon and the boys of Wallace Bros.' Shows. To all the many friends at the Hubbard Hotel, Chicago. To the boys of Clark and Grand Streets in Chicago. To Show Folks, Inc., for their help and understanding, and to Uncle Hérman and The Caravan, Inc. All of whom made my burden of grief and sorrow easier to bear. Thanks again. Sincerely yours,

#### Sincerely yours, ROBERT G. (BOB) MURRAY.

MARTIN—Frederick L., 73, vocalist, at his summer home in Noank, Conn., Sep-tember 10. He was bass soloist at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, for 15 years and for 20 years was volce instructor at Virginia Intermont. He sang with the Boston Symphony and New York Philharmonic orchestras.

MAY-Gustave J., 69, stagehand, at

### THE FINAL CURTAIN

Hartford (Conn.) Hospital recently following a brief illness. He was secretary of the TSEU and its former president in Hartford. Survived by two sons and three Interment in Zion Hill Cemedaughters. tery, Hartford.



MORRISON—John Wesley, 64, pipe or-gan builder, September 10 in Springfield, Mass. He represented the Estey Organ Company, Brattleboro, Vt., for 25 years before going into business for himself.

POLLAK—Joseph, 63, advertising man and motion picture and stage producer, September 12 in New York. Born in Ger-many, he came here in 1914. He headed a motion picture advertising firm in the '20s and sold his holdings in 1930. The 20s and sold his holdings in 1930. The next year he interested the Theater Guild in the rights to Miracle of Verdun, which the Guild later produced. He produced a play in 1934 titled All Rights Reserved. He later founded Theater-on-Film, which photographed theatrical pro-ductions for nationwide distribution thru the medium of theme films. A conclusion the medium of 16mm. films. A son survives.

ST. JULIAN—Ulice, 39, Negro operator of Ferris Wheel on Southern Valley Shows, in a Texarkana, Tex., hospital September 10 of a brain concussion due to a fall from the top of the wheel.

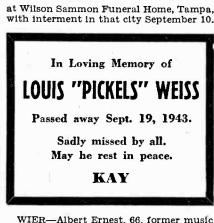
SANDERS-Mrs. Marion, 25, a secre-tary for Station WJZ, at her home in New York September 12.

New York September 12. STEINER-PRAG—Hugo, 65, designer and illustrator, in New York September 10. He was best known for his book designs and illustrations, but also de-signed stage sets and costumes. He was theater consultant in his native Prague and in Leipzig. Surviving are his widow, a son and a daughter. STPA HIS—Walter 32 son of Oscar

and in Leipzig. Surviving are his widow, a son and a daughter. STRAUS—Walter, 32, son of Oscar Straus, composer, in Baltimore Septem-ber 10. He was born in Austria and had been connected with the movie industry in Europe. He directed and staged a benefit entertainment for British War Relief called *Hands Across the Sea* in New York in 1941. Surviving are his widow, who appeared in European motion pictures before the war under the name of Maria Lynn; his parents and a brother. TEAMAN—Sam, 42, actor, at Roosevelt Hospital, New York, September 12. A musician before he appeared on the stage, he portrayed the role of Arkansas Sam in *Dark of the Moon* at the time of his demise. Surviving are his widow, two daughters and a son. TERRELL—Mrs, Ellen, 76, mother of Billy Terrell, well-known tent repertoire showman, following a two-year illness at

Billy Terrell, well-known tent repertoire showman, following a two-year illness at her home near Green Ridge, Mo., Septem-ber 1. In addition to Billy, of Roseland, La., she is survived by another son, Brooks, Green Ridge. Interment in Mc-Gee Cemetery, Green Ridge. THAWL-Evelyn, dancer, September 13 in New York. She began her stage career in 1931 and appeared in *The Show Is* On, Ziegfeld Follies, and most recently, Very Warm for May. She also played in Paramount and Warner Bros.' films. Sur-viving are her husband, Lieut. William S. Kraemer, USNR; her parents and two sisters.

WHITE—Chief Charle, in Tampa Sep-tember 8. Survived by his widow. Services



WIER—Albert Ernest, 66, former music editor of the publishing house of D. Ap-pleton & Company and Charles Scrib-ner's Sons, in New York September 8. He was the inventor of the Opera-Master, a device which synchronized phonographic records of grand opera with screen productions of English translations of the text and still pictures of the plot. He also wrote several books on music. Surviving are his widow and sister. sister.

### Marriages

BURELL-MAXWELL—Anthony Burell, pianist, to Bette Maxwell, tap dancer, in New York September 9.

BURKE-MOORE-Billy Moore, owner and concessionaire of Siebrand Shows, to Billy Moore, West Coast concessionaire, at Idaho State Fair, Boise, August 29,

CULEMANN-McNAMEE — Prof. Helgo W. Culemann, German allen interne, to Mrs. Graham McNamee, widow of the radio announcer, in Mandan, N. D., February 26.

EBSEN-McKEON - Buddy Ebsen, comedian, now a coast guard lieutenant, to Lieut. Nancy McKeon, a SPAR, in Seattle September 10

HANNIGAN-O'DONNELL — James F. Hannigan (Bertha Bert), professional, to Madlyn C. O'Donnell, concessionaire, Sep-

Hannigan (Bertha Bert), professional, to Madlyn C. O'Donnell, concessionaire, Sep-tember 3 in Flemington, N. J. LAIT-PECK—George Lait, war corre-spondent, now doing special exploitation for Lester Cowan's G.I. Joe film, to Jane Peck, radio publicist for Benton & Bowles Agency, in Englewood, N. J., September 7. LEVITCH-SMITH — Prof. L. Levitch, palmist, to Mrs. Joan Perry Smith, graphologist of Broadway Center Amuse-ment Arcade, San Diego, Calif., in Las Vegas, Nev., September 6. REID-SEIDEN — Morty Reid, band leader at the Diamond Horseshoe, New York, to Mickey Seiden, showgirl, Sep-tember 20 in New York. RYDELL - WOLFSON — Ens. Millford Rydell, USN, son of Sam Rydell, manager of RKO Jefferson Theater, New York, to Harriet Wolfson in New York September 9.

SHELVIN-FLASHER—Bill Shevlin and Mary Flasher, both of the Frederick Bros. booking office, Chicago, in that city Sep-MILES-STERLING-J. Lee

SMILES-STERLING—J. Lee (Buck) Smiles, Negro dance promoter and agent for Clyde Williams ork, to Carrie Sterling in Greenboro, N. C., recently. SPRECKLES-WILLIAMS — Adolph Spreckles Jr. to Key William

SPRECKLES-WILLIAMS — Adolph Spreckles Jr. to Kay Williams, actress, in Wickenburg, Ariz., September 6. STEVENS-WAGONER—R. W. (Tommy) Stevens, former musical show producer, and circus promoter, to Lettle Faye Wagoner, nonpro, in Waco, Tex., Septem-her 8. ber 8.

### **Births**

A son to Lieut. and Mrs. Mel Venter

A son to Lieut. and Mrs. Mel Venter in San Francisco recently. Father was formerly production manager of KFRC, San Francisco. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bryant at General Hospital, Braddock, Pa., Sep-tember 8. Father is singer and juvenile on the Wirst Circuit

tember 8. Father is singer and juvenile on the Hirst Circuit. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Reachi in Hollywood September 5. Father is a booking agent. Parents were formerly known as Ramon and Renita, dance team.

Los Angeles September 2. Father is a

A son to Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh in lewport, R. I., September 7. Father is he manager of the Fulton Theater, the Pittsburgh

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mc-Donald in Santa Monica, Calif., Septem-ber 6. Father is a former MGM actor and dancer now with the armed forces in

dancer now with the aimed state Italy. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bazell in Pittsburgh September 1. Father was formerly violinist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and mother was one of the Robb Twins who toured with Thurston's magic show. A son, John, to Mr. and Mrs. James Judge August 26 in Philadelphia. Father is assistant manager of the Arcadia Thea-

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is assistant manager of the Arcadia Thea-ter, that city. A daughter, Harriett, to Lieut. and Mrs. Robert Goldstaff in Detroit recently. Father, now in service in Alaska, was formerly with the Fox Theater, Detroit, and is the son of Nat Goldstaff, operator of the Loop Theater, Detroit. A son, Arren Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Broderick in Women's Hospital, Detroit Parents are Arren and Broderick.

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Detroit. Parents are Arren and Broderick, comedy team. A daughter, Diane Edwina, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hunt in Dover, Del., Sep-tember 7. Father is of Hunt Bros.' Cir-cus, and mother was formerly Mildred Small, of the Aerial Smalls.

### Divorces

Victoria Robinson, second wife of the late Tom Mix, from Earl Robinson, avia-tor, in Hollywood recently. late

#### MAGIC

MAGEC (Continued from page 41) magi were out of town attending Percy Abbott's conclave in Colon, Mich. Caught Calvert's show at the Chi Oriental and must say that it's certainly 'different.' He has good appearance and voice, but I thought the magic a little too fast for the audience. He had the crowd in hysterics with his guillothing of a boy and the subsequent passing of the head thru the audience. It was marvelous to watch the audience reaction. Can't tell you what your magic column meant to me while overseas. Bert Hansen, San Francisco vent, sent it to me each week." ... BIRCH THE MAGICIAN cracked his new season at Mount Vernon, O., September 18. He is set in Ohio until the middle of November; then down thru the Carolinas and Virginia until Christmas, after which he moves farther South. He boasts several new nifties and all new wardrobe. ... DOC MARCUS is the new headliner at the Latin Quar-ter, Detroit. ... MAL-CARDO, after a forthight's stand at the Brown Hotel is the new headliner at the Latin Quar-ter, Detroit. . . . MAL-CARDO, after a fortnight's stand at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, has returned to Helsing's Vod-vil Lounge, Chicago, for his seventh en-gagement there. He postals that he bumped into Calvert the Magician and Lieut. Lee Allen Estes, the Safety First Magician of the Kentucky State High-way Patrol, during his Louisville stay.

#### **BURLESQUE NOTES**

BURLESQUE NOTES (Continued from page 41) The New York World's Fair, exited from birst wheel at the Gayety, Akron: thence to Canton, Dayton, Youngstown, in Ohio, and Rochester, N. Y. MARE LANE has left the Liberty, San Francisco, for the Burbank, Los Angeles, fontract is for six weeks with options, francisco, for the Burbank, Los Angeles, fontract is for six weeks with options, francisco, for the Burbank, Los Angeles, fontract is for six weeks with options, francisco, for the Burbank, Los Angeles, fontract is for six weeks with options, francisco, for the Burbank, Los Angeles, fontract is for six weeks with options, francisco, for the Burbank, Los Angeles, for the Bultimer, and Walter birst wheel. They started 17 years ago and were apart the last six, during birst wheel. They started 17 years ago and were apart, the last six, during birst wheel. They started 17 years ago and were apart, the last six, during birst wheel Artighted at the Clover for birst wheel they started to the clover for birst wheel they started to the clover birst of Violet Kingsley, in private fie, McKennon or McKinnon, who was find were apart, 1930, in connection birst, Miss Kingsley's mother died in the track at his Atlantic Beach home. Minther BrySON has set Mildred, for hucks) Cummings, blues singer, in star Dust nitery, Washington, for four weeks. She opened there September 9, otocao.

KITTY PAGE. Abe Altman and Abe A son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller Waldman, of Cleveland, are partners in in Pittsburgh August 28. Father is with the new Stage Door Bar and nitery the Lee Kelton staff ork on WJAS. which opened last week across the street • A son to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott in from the Gayety, Cincinnati burly house.

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80 GRAND---OR NO COUNT!

# Jones Knocks L'ville Mark

Lockett reports \$80.890.23 for Kentucky State annual -\$17,000 take Labor Day

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 15. — Making its seventh consecutive appearance at the Kentucky State Fair here, the Johnny J. Jones Exposition shattered all pre-vious records for the midway grosses at the event. A final tally by Ralph Lockett, Jones secretary, revealed a total gross for shows and rides of \$80,890.23 for the seven-day engagement. This represents a 52 per cent increase over a year ago when rain fell three days, including Labor Day. Weather this year was a fair manager's

Weather this year was a fair manager's dream, with sunny skies and perfect atmospheric conditions prevailing all the way, with the exception for a short, light rain Saturday noon (8) that only cooled off the midway patrons and added zest to their enthusiasm.

Carl Lauther's Side Show, the Motor-drome, managed by Earl Ketring and Doc Urling, and Leo Carrell's Monkey Circus led show grosses, and the Merry-Go-Round topped ride receipts.

Owners E. Lawrence Phillips and Mor-ris Lipsky tendered a dinner Thursday evening (6) to Commissioner of Agri-culture Elliott Robertson, Mrs. Robertson and officials of the fair, State and press. There were more than 30 in attendance.

Show came here from Owensboro, Ky., a day ahead of time and everything was in readiness for the Sunday (2) opening. Labor Day, combined with Children's Day, was the largest in attendance and receipts, the Jones org nabbing a gross of more than \$17,000 for the day. Gov-erner's Day was the largest in line

of more than \$17,000 for the day. Gov-ernor's Day, Thursday, was next in line for midway receipts. Midway was presented in the infield of the Churchill Downs Track for the second year. Recent release from war industry jobs provided patrons with both time and spending power to satsify pent-up recreational desires. The show had all concessions here operating under the guidance of Lipsky and Art Frazier.

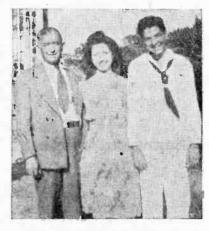
#### I. T. Shows Start Off Well At Nassau Fair, Mineola

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—I. T. Shows opened to big attendance at the Nassau County Fair, Mineola, L. I., N. Y., Tues-day (11). Fairgrounds midway covers a strip of ground between the exhibit halls and the grandstand, with plenty of space for rides and concessions. I. Trebish, head of the I. T. Shows, and Harry Sussman, secretary, have placed 10 large rides, including three Ferris Wheels, along the midway. They also have several shows and attractions on the grounds, as well as nearly 50 games, concessions and refreshment stands. Rides have all been freshly painted. painted

painted. Trebish expects this year's business at Mineola to offset losses suffered there last year thru almost continuous rain, plus a hurricane which damaged canvas and equipment. Trebish reports busi-ness this season as very good. I. T. Shows have a string of good spots on Long Island which they play annually.



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MORRIS KAHNTROFF, veteran outdoor showman and pitchman, is shown with his daughter, Jeanne Shur-kin, whose husband, Kibbee, is a sergeant with the air corps in Tokyo, and son, Stanley M., SM3/C, who is now at a rest camp near San Francisco after two and a half years service in the navy. Kahntroff, who has trouped with various carnivals in the past, is now working independent at fairs and celebrations with three concessions, including guess-your-age, which he MORRIS KAHNTROFF, veteran including guess-your-age, which he works himself.

### Sidney Hoey Closes North Illinois Tour

SOUTH BELOIT, Ill., Sept. 15 .- Sidney

SOUTH BELOIT, Ill., Sept. 15.—Sidney Hoey, South Beloit carnival operator, has stored equipment of the Hoey's Amuse-ments in a Beloit warchouse following the close of what he said was a money-making season here Saturday (8). Show ended its tour of Northern Illi-nois dates with a successful three-day festival here under auspices of the police department. Polio epidemic in the area caused cancellation of several dates and curbed attendance at others, according to Blaine Hansen, publicity manager. Outfit consisted of four rides and 26 concessions. concessions.

### Forgotten Man

CHURCH HILL, Md., Sept. 15 .-CHURCH HILL, Md., Sept. 15.— One night during the recent Fire-men's Carnival, William Bordley, faithful Negro employee of Jus-tice of the Peace Henry C. Brown, was in the top seat of the Ferris Wheel when it stopped and all midway lights went out due to electrical trouble. After a long wait in the dark at the top of the ride, Bordley walled:

wailed: "I wonder if the white folks is forget I is up here."

Wallace Hangs Up Still Date Mark At London, Ont.

LONDON, Ont., Sept. 15 .- Touched off by a Labor Day turnout of 18,000 paid and 8,000 free juveniles, the biggest still-date week in history of Wallace Bros.' Shows of Canada, was reported here by Manager James J. (Jimmy) Sullivan.

Regular attractions of the Wallace line-up were augmented for the holiday week by the George Adams Rodeo, Eddie Polo's Hair-Slide of Death, and a special Labor Day fireworks show,<sup>\*</sup> the first to be staged in London since the war's outbreak. Situated on a downtown lot two blocks of the main streat charm lot, two blocks off the main street, show was sponsored by the London Lions' Club, with Earl Nichols in charge.

Merrick Nutting handled special promotions, including giveaways of a sum-mer cottage and two bicycles. Show hosted the Boys' Police Band, an organi-zation supervised by Chief of Police Earl Knight.

Among Wallace features, Dorothy Lewis topped grosses with her Monkey Circus, Jack Phillips's New York Follies running second. Babe, Wonder Horse, a Frank Hall attraction, garnered special press notices

# **Conklin Clicks** At Quebec City

Snatches \$87,702.36 with shows and rides - Death **Globe**, Swimcade toppers

QUEBEC CITY, Que., Sept. 15.—Conk-lin Shows grossed a sock \$87,702.36 with shows and rides on the midway of the Quebec Provincial Exposition, which closed Saturday (8), according to Frank

closed Saturday (8), according to Frank R. Conklin. "It was a remarkable gross consider-ing that a wartime Frolicland was of-fered, and much of the credit must go to the paved midway we introduced here a year ago," Conklin said. The exposition officials, impressed with the results of the 1944 showing on the pavement, hard-surfaced a considerable additional amount of space, repainted all buildings and improved its modern lighting, making the midway unusually attractive. Bob Lee's Globe of Death and Alfie

Bob Lee's Globe of Death and Alfie Phillips's Swimcade were the top money-getting shows.

#### **Rain Boots Hennies** In Selma, Ala., Run

SELMA, Ala., Sept. 15.—An intensive kiddie matinee promotion set for today may save the bacon for Hennies Bros.' Shows, which close their run here to-night, as it has been mighty rough all

night, as it has been mighty rough an week. Show was slow in getting up, due to rain, so Owner Harry W. Hennies pulled off the pay gate Tuesday night, and those set got a little. On Wednesday and Thursday it rained intermittently; it sprinkled a bit Friday, and it was generally touch-and-go for the shows and rides. However, Fitzie V. Brown had that contented look, which indi-cated his department was okay. Hennies and Brown are dividing their time between their regular duties and the cookhouse, which they now operate as partners.

as partners. Show moves from here to Anniston, Ala., and then to Birmingham for the Alabama State Fair. Columbus, Ga.,

### It a Happy Family Business -By Frank B. Joerling-

Papa and Mama Gordon Make

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#### **Cetlin-Wilson Fete** Nets \$800 for NSA

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# Heat's On For Carnival Award **Early Entries**

#### Contest for tie-up laurels sizzles-Nealand, Snellens, Conti, Wilson seek honors

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Those box-office accelerators, the press agents and promo-tion men, are getting in some heavy licks in *The Billboard's* First Annual Carnival Promotion Awards Contest.

They're firing in entries from all points of the compass, the volume pointing clearly to the fact that the contest has caught on with the men who sell Amer-ica's midways to the paying customers. Early entries filed with The Billboard's Early entries filed with The Billboard's Carnival Editor show that all six divi-sions of the competition are in for a heavy play. The field of tie-up promo-tions figures to run particularly strong. For example, the veteran Walter D. Nealand, self-styled dean of the clan, came in this week with a hard-hitting half-page display ad tear sheet from The Washington Daily News, his first entry for the nation's best single tie-up pro-motion advertisement. motion advertisement.

for the nation's best single tie-up pro-motion advertisement. Snellens's Hat in Ring From Rutland, Vt., another old-timer and a widely known tie-up promotion specialist, Gerald (Ain't It a Pip?) Snel-lens, special agent of the World of Mirth Shows, announced that he is readying a cut of himself for publication after he cops *The Billboard's* award for which Nealand is shooting. But Snellens will be pushed to win over Nealand, for the dean's nomination, a plus Lions' Club tie-up boosting Jimmy Raftery's R & S Amusements Children Party, js a diller. Still another hot contender for laurels in the tie-up ad department was prom-ised today by Mike Conti who phoned from the Hennies Shows midway at Selma, Ala., that he is forwarding an entry "that will knock their hats off." This week's additions to the field in-fluded the Marks Shows with a small but punchy, smartly engraved entry for the best single carnival display ad of pharty E. Wilson, press representative with the John Marks organization.

### Agents Get In Who's Ribbing Who? Or Is There A Rule Book For Blower Agents?

The Billboard

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Let it not be ficient blower agent. said that a prophet is always without This young fellow honor in his home town! for obvious reason) s

Frank B. Joerling, The Billboard's Brisbane of St. Louis, evidently has au-thored two books but has succeeded in keeping it a secret from his colleagues.

Now, however, the secret is out, re-vealed in a letter written by a young fellow on the World of Today Shows, who says he aspires to become an ef-

for the best single newspaper yarn of the season, a crack interview with the chimp, Cheeta Jr., in the hard-to-crack Rich-mond (Va). Times-Dispatch. Spotted on the amusement page of the Richmond daily and embellished with art, the story is certain to command attention when the judges look 'em over.

The effectiveness of the Marks ad en-try, a single-column display barely four inches deep, punctuates the contention of *The Billboard* that neither size nor the amount of money spent will determine the winners in its first attempt to reward promotional-minded carnival owners and their aids promotion their aids.

What does count is the potency, the power to pull crowds to the midway. The judges, three professionals from the newspaper, advertising and promotion fields, will select the winners on this basis.

The six divisions are:

Best single newspaper ad. Best single tie-up newspaper ad. Best press campaign covering a still fair date. or fair

Best tie-up promotion campaign for still or fair date. Best single newspaper story. Best promotion effort for a special

matinee. Entries may be filed by any carnival, large or small, but they must be sub-mitted to the Carnival Editor of *The Billboard* at 155 North Clark Street, Chi-cago 1, before November 1. They may be made on prepared layout boards or in scrapbook form or simply tear sheets. All entries will be judged prior to the annual December meeting at Hotel Sher-man, Chicago, and award winners will be announced during the convention. The entries will be displayed in *The Billboard* suite thru the meeting. matinee.

ficient blower agent. This young fellow (name withheld for obvious reason) says he has been thoroly schooled by Benny Spencer and Frank Minor, but they have told him that he will never reach the height of his chosen profession until he has read Joerling's *The Blower Rule Book*. The young man promises he will not let the book get out of his hands, and recom-pense will be made on sight. Also, this same young man wants a copy of a book it must have taken a lifetime to compile—Joerling's Squaring Beefs.

Beefs

Beefs. Who's kidding who? Can it be that Messrs. Spencer and Minor have found a soft touch for a rib, or is it Author Joerling who is being ribbed. Or, did Joerling really write those books? Maybe all the truth isn't known after

all.

#### **One of Paroff Trio Hurt** In Mishap at St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 15.—Miss Par-off, of the Paroff Trio, free act with the Bill Lynch Shows, suffered severe bruises and shock when she fell 25 feet during the act. The other two members of the the act. The other two members of the act, Paroff and Don Edwards, who fell the same distance, were uninjured. The guy lines held, preventing the three from falling about 125 feet and suffering serious injuries. Miss Paroff's place was taken by Jessie, contortionist and sword dancer with the Jean Nanson Variety Show.

Jean Nanson Variety Show. Eldon Wilson, concessionaire with the Lynch Shows, hosted the Lynch per-sonnel at a cornboil. St. John is Wil-son's home town. Frank Hanlon's child was operated on in Halifax, N. S. Monte Chase, of the Canadian Legion, went to bat for the carnival in its battle to use the city-owned Shamrock grounds here.



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# **RAS Fights To Tie Record; Topeka Run Handicapped By Three Inclement Days**

#### **Claxton's Revue Gets Grand for Single Performance**

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 15.—Leon Clax-ton's Harlem in Havana show, Royal American Shows' pacemaker, was again leading the Sedimayr midway this week, as the org fought rains and terrific heat to equal last year's record \$72,593 gross at the Kansas Free Fair.

Rains Tuesday and Wednesday (11-12) virtually smothered chances to repeat the 1944 performance, tho biz the first three days had pointed to another mid-way record. Thursday (13) broke clear but the Friday (14) finale was crimped by cold

by cold. Claxton, for 11 years a topflight Royal American showman, came here from Omaha boasting what is believed to be an all-time, all-American record for a single carnival attraction. Showing at Omaha Friday night (31), Claxton sold an even 1,000 ducats at \$1.20 a clatter, for a special midnight performance. Omaha firemen ordered ticket sales stopped at the grand mark because of fire hazards. Claxton carries a troupe of 37, nine of them native Cubans im-ported last May.

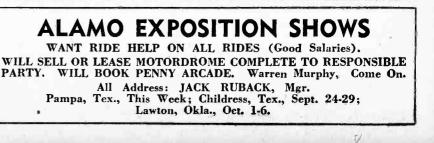
At Topeka, the fair opened officially Saturday (8), but the Royal American got in a Friday night preview. Opening day of the fair, the midway showed a drop of only \$100 from last year, prob-ably accounted for by excessive heat.

ably accounted for by excessive heat. Fourteen rides and 12 shows were in the line-up. Claxton's nearest rival for top money was Bob Purvis's Victory Fol-lies, sporting an elaborate new neon front. Other attractions included Lorow Bros.' Circus Side Show; Rose's Midgets, managed by Max Kimmer; Stanley Baker's Blackout Taxi; Bill Kemp's Mo-tordrome; Charles F. Flegle's Snake Show; Moe Eberstein's Eve; Mrs. C. F. Flegle's Glass House, and Mrs. Max Kim-mer's Funhouse. Slim Mercer did a good biz with his arcade, and Bill Martin reported that his cookhouse and grab stand ran out of food Sunday (9), one of the biggest days in his career. Nat D. Rodgers had his Military Purple Heart Show spotted near the main gate

Nat D. Rodgers had his Military rupple Heart Show spotted near the main gate to good biz. Sam Gordon's concessions operated to heavy patronage when weather was good.

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#### September 22, 1945



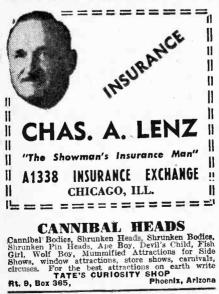
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### MIDWAY CONFAB

#### COOLING off.

AFTER GOING several rounds on the golf course at Lake Lawn, Wis., Bob (Piscatorial) Parker claims that he has Pat (Neon Head) Purcell in his pocket.

MEMBERS of the International Association of Showmen, St. Louis, turned out in a body last week for the funeral of Michael Franklin, brother of Eugene (Sheeney) Franklin, concessionaire with Moore's Modern Shows.

MIDWAY FAMILY break-up isn't from of expert advice

LENA SCHLOSSBERG has returned to Chicago after spending the summer in Philadelphia, where she cared for her father until his death recently. William Glickman, her brother, flew to Philadelphia for the funeral.

CHARLES S. NOELL writes from Denison, Tex., that he resigned as general agent of the United Exposition Shows September 3 at Graham, Tex., and the next day accepted a post as general agent and assistant business manager of the H. W. Craig Shows at Holdenville, Okla.

THIS IS THE TIME 'o the year when red troumers start saying: "This is my tired troupers start saying: "This is last season"—as they did other years.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY D. (RED) WINGFIELD, concessionaires on the Royal American Shows, are looking for-ward to the blessed event in December. ...LOUIS LEONARD is enjoying a good season in his first year with this conces-sion on the Royal American midway.

JOE STREIBICH, secretary of the Showmen's League of America, has been a trifle under the weather, having his choppers removed so he can get new chairs for his restaurant. choppers removed so he can get new chairs for his restaurant. . . AGNES PURCELL, wife of ye carnival and cirque editor, is convalescing after a major operation, having been released from a Chicago hospital Friday (14).

WITH CURBS BECOMING past history, the inventive minds of carnivalites will again produce numberless useless gadgets.

CLIFF ADAMS, for many years top electrician with Midwestern carnivals, is still the top barkeep at the Coates House bar, Kansas City, Mo., meeting place for showmen. The bar and clubrooms of the Heart of America Showmen's Club is about all that still stands in the old Coates House.

LANKFORD'S WILD ANIMAL' SHOW LANKFORD'S WILD ANIMAL SHOW has joined the Central Amusement Com-pany for a tour of North Carolina fairs. After December 1 the show will travel as a one-ring circus. It has its own winter quarters in Moultrie, Ga. Walter Lank-ford is manager; Myrtle Lankford, sec-retary-treasurer, and Glen R. Johnson, advance agent.

TROUBLE HAS COME BACK into the lives of lot superintendents who have for-gotten what lots packed with carloads of early sightseeing towners look like. liv

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM WALLETT. MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM WALLETT, of Havre de Grace, Md., spent a week with Hunt Bros. on the Eastern Delaware shore and several days with Beers-Barnes Circus. Taylor and Mickie Trout, recently returned from a European USO tour, were met at Rising Sun, Md., and the Flying LaForms and Deriskie Family spent a day at the Wallett home en route to Southern fairs.

LEONARD A. QUIST, Greensburg, Pa., made six Pennsylvania spots with Frank Norton who has the Monkey Show on the Bright Lights midway. He also visited the Cole, Beatty, Balley and Beers-Barnes circuses. . . THELMA PATENT, one of the Albino Twins, reports that she is making second openings to Karl Martin on Pete Kortes's Side Show with the North American Exposition.

FLORAL PIECES were contributed at the funeral of William (Terry) McGov-ern, of Endy Bros.' Shows, by Mr. and Mrs. William Alden and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Shoemaker, ride boys and con-cessionaires of the show, Miami Show-men's Association, Ralph and Louise Endy, Frank Alden and family, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Endy, Endy Bros.' Shows and the National Showmen's Association.

The chances are that he will wind up with more clear dough than the big guy.

DICK CAVANAUGH, general agent for Byers Bros.' Shows, has completed his bookings for the season and is spending a vacation at Rye Beach on Lake Erie with Frances and Mike Cavanaugh. He will return to Columbus, O., soon to handle the advertising for Beulah Park Race Track, the Columbus Firemen's Minstrel and a group of playhouses, including the Hartman Theater.

J. C. (TOMMY) THOMAS, lonesome after a long sojourn in the wilds of Ne-braska and Kansas, returned to the Sherman Hotel's magle carpet for a few rounds of jackpot dividing between visits to railroad offices. . . , BOB (SHIN-GLES) PARKER will be visiting the boys in Oklahoma City by the time this hits the press, and will make a long swing thru the Southwest and the South visiting the various Bartlett diggers agents before homing it toward Miami.

MRS. EVELYN BERRYHILL and son, Jackie, and Jerry Woodburn, of Leipsig, O., were the guests of Harry and Sun-shine Lewis at the Kalida, O., Street Celebration. . . MR. AND MRS. BILL GOOCH, of Alamo Exposition Shows, re-mained in Pueblo, Colo., a day after the Colorado State Fair closed to meet Mrs. Gooch's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brogdon, of San Antonio, who were on their way to Colorado Springs. Brogdon is a former showman. Brogdon is a former showman.

WHEN THEY LOOK AT the piles of junk when the theorem of the storage cars and trucks during the past three years, showmen realize how badly they need new equipment.

JOE COLLINS, who had the glass-blowing concession with Joe Darpel's Side Show with Hennies Bros., until that org moved into the Deep South, reports that he has sold his concession to Ted Vining and W. K. Blondin, of Waterloo, Ia., and will reside at Ossian, Ia. . . J. A. MILLER, of Wheeling, W. Va., re-ports that Jimmie Hatcher, of Endy Bros.' Shows, was spotted in Wheeling recently and that a marriage is impend-ing. ing.

VAUGHN RICHARDSON writes from Louisville that he has had his choppers refurbished and will proceed to Knox-ville, Chattanooga and Birmingham. He visited Sunny Bernet and the White Horse Troupe at Oblong, Ill., en route from Chicago to Louisville, and reports that some folks have trouble distinguish-ing Sunny from the equipe members of ing Sunny from the equine members of the cast...J. J. PAGE, owner of the J. J. Page Shows, flew from Asheville, N. C., to Rochester, Minn., last week for medical attention.

TONY MARTONE has been playing Kansas City (Mo.) lots to good business. Buck Rea is operating his string of con-cessions at Tony's spots... MRS. MARIE BECKMANN is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward S. (Ted) Webb, frozen custard, at their home in Topeka, Kan. Prior to go-ing to Topeka, she stopped off in Bixby, Okla., to visit with her friends, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Simonds, of the Muskogee Free Fair. .. Mrs. Beckmann plans to return to her home in San Antonio about October 1.

ACHMED (DOC) HAGAAE, who is operating on the W. G. Wade Shows No. 1 Unit, reports that he is enjoying good business at the Indiana fairs with his Hall of Oddities, in which he has 14 peo-ple. At the close of the carnival season he plans to take his unit thru the South to play stores. . . JOHN SWEENEY. he plans to take his unit thru the South to play stores. . . JOHN SWEENEY, who has been operating a corn game all season for John Gallagan, is in St. Louis visiting friends for two weeks, after which he will leave to play the Southern fairs he has contracted with Gallagan.

WITH MAJOR FAIRS PREPPING for '46, and the headline reading: "ODT Loosens Lid on Conventions," a smart general agent will look under his chair before sitting down with a fair manager at the Chi meeting.

MR. AND MRS. EDDIE HUNTER, con MR. AND MRS. EDDIE HUNTER, con-cessionaires on the Royal American, in-sist that the cocker spaniel presented to them some time ago by J. C. (Tommy) Thomas, general agent, posed for the plc-ture on the front cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* last week. ... BOXIE, WAR-FIELD, traveling representative for MACHINES, ALUMINUM KETTLES AILANIA POPCORN MACHINE AND SUPPLY SO. 145 Welton St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga. MIS. David D. Endy, Endy Bros. Snows and the National Showmen's Association. LAUGH AT THE LITTLE guy with a nutless and small-grossing show if you like. Evening Post last week....BOXIE WAR-FIELD, traveling representative for Hymie Schreiber, of Schreiber Merchan-dise Company, Kansas City, Mo., is on nutless and small-grossing show if you like. A tour of shows in Kansas, Nebraska and Route





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MR. AND MRS. CLINT FRAKER, who have the Wild Life Exhibit on the Joseph J. Kirkwood Shows, recently spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Rex M. Ingham at Ruffin, N. C., accompanied by their son, and purchased some animals and birds. Later the Inghams visited the Frakers on the Kirkwood midway at Danville, Va. . . . ESTHER LESTER has joined Slim Kelley's Side Show on the Cavalcade of Amusements, joining old friends, Mona and Blue Osenbough. . . . BILLIE WINGERT has been discharged from the Military Police Service and has resumed the management of Ray Earline Garrison, annex attraction.

CAPT. CYCLONE DRAKE, motorcycle daredevil who has been doing the free act with the Berryhill United Shows, was cut and bruised during the wall and block crashes at Man, W. Va., Labor Day. Drake announces he will spend the winter in Logan, W. Va., where he will double as announcer and copywriter for Station WLOG. He will take to the road again in the spring. . . . FRANK PALUGA, recently discharged from the army, will spend the winter with his wife and children in Philadelphia. Next spring they plan to have their own girl or grind show. Paluga formerly was the talker in front of Al Tomani's side show with James E. Strates.

talker in front of Al Tomani's side show with James E. Strates. SAN ANTONIO NOTES—BLACKIE RINGOL, president of the San Antonio Showmen's Club, is confined to a hospital. ... DAVE STEVENS returned last week from a visit to the home folks in Kansas City, Mo. ... BEN (LEFTY) BLOCK is enjoying his new home here, as are Harry Cohen and Blackie Mc-Lemore. ... BOOBY OBADAL'S Penny Arcade, bar and restaurant is doing good biz on West Houston Street. ... VIC-TORY EXPOSITION SHOWS, owned by Obadal, unit consisting of 5 rides and 15 concessions, is playing lots here. ... LARRY WOODS, now operating Blue Bonnet Eat Shop, has had no word from Larry Jr., serving in the Facific for the past several months. ... ALBERT WRIGHT left last week to rejoin the Alamo Exposition Shows after a threemonth illness.... MRS. ROLAND SMITH is operating unit rides and concessions on lots here, while Brownie Bishop is operating Roland Smith's other ride unit playing spots in South Texas. ... SALLY STEVENS is operating concessions at Victory Park, while hubby, Dave Stevens, is playing lots with a string of concessions. CHARLEY SHUBB is located here permanently. ... MIKE RUBACK, brother of Jack Ruback, owner of the Alamo Exposition Shows, was married recently on the Dodson Shows. ... SAN ANTONIO Showmen's Club is being remodeled and opens early next month... RED BERRY, Sid Wheeler, Sim Lambert, George Gross and Harry Peck were San Antonio visitors recently.







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### FROM THE LOTS

#### North American Exposition

DODGE CITY, Kan., Sept. 15.—After breaking all records at the Pueblo, Colo., State Fair, the trip to Dodge City was a tough one, with plently of truck trouble. Opening day biz was hard hit

**Alamo Exposition** 

by rain. Boots Cutler, of Oklahoma City, spent a week visiting friends on the show. Owen Jones left to join Hill's Greater Shows. Bill Tank has charge of the p.-a. system at the front entrance. Rosemary Shows.

Shows. Bill Tank has charge of the p.-a. system at the front entrance. Rosemary Ruback, Martha Rogers and Sophie Mul-lens spent their time changing tires on the trip from Pueblo. Albert Wright is fully recovered from his illness. Eddle Lynch continues to be on the job. Shorty Tappen's Circus Side Show, featuring Connie (Annie) Gallager, had its biggest week's business at Pueblo at Pueblo.

Gallager, had its biggest week's business at Pueblo. Manager Jack Ruback says the show will open next year in February, with new equipment, and will boast 12 rides, owned by the show, 12 shows and 50 concessions. The Miller free-act has been signed for next year. Business to date is about 10 per cent better than last year, despite the slow start. The line-up at present is 10 rides, 10 shows and 50 concessions. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rosen gave a buffet luncheon in Pueblo for their employees. Bill Carr, former rodeo performer, visited. Jack Ruback was kept busy entertaining the many visitors. Emma Carr, Rose-mary Ruback, Joe Murphy and Ted Cus-ter are stepping lively. Bruce Williams, son of Mrs. Elmo Williams, left for San Antonio to enter school. Mrs. Eddle Lynch is up and around again after a re-cent illness. Jack Little is being swamped with challenges for a golf match late this fall but so far has falled to hear from Red Baker.—TED CUSTER.

#### James E, Strates

James E. Strates BATH, N. Y., Sept. 15.—This spot proved a real home-coming for the show. This is the place where James E. Strates and Nick Bozinis started in 1923 with the org that was built into the Southern Tier Shows which since has grown into the 30-car James E. Strates Shows. Labor Day saw the largest crowd in history attending the fair, giving the show a big day, despite the fact some of the rides weren't up until late afternoon. On Tuesday (4) business was light but it picked up Wednesday. On Thursday all attendance records were broken. It was such a big day that it was necessary to stop automobiles from coming on the grounds after 1 p.m. Shows and rides did capacity.

Stop Autonionics from commission and rides did capacity. Max Cohen, of the American Carnivals Association, was a visitor. Carlos L. Leal returned as feature Latin dance dancer with *The Follies*. Dick O'Brien deserves a hand for the job he did in locating the show. Mrs. Keith Buckingham spent the week with her husband. Mrs. Strates and daughters, Elizabeth and Theodora, were daily visitors from their Birchland Farms estate. Mrs. Bozinis spent a few days with her husband. She is now living in their new home in Big Flats, N. Y. F. PERCY MORENCY.

#### **Marks Shows**

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 15.—First show to play here since early spring, show shattered the season's attendance and gross records week of September 3. It was even bigger than the opening date in Newport News, which stood as a rec-ord in this vicinity. Friday night saw 11,439 paid admissions. Edith Lindeman. feature writer for

Edith Lindeman, feature writer for The Richmond Times-Dispatch, gave Cheeta, Hollywood chimpanzee, a story and a pic and also used a pic of Art Spencer working Drome with two lions. and a pic and also used a pic of Art Spencer working Drome with two lions. In addition, there were other stories which gave the show plenty of news-paper publicity. Harvey Hudson, an-nouncer who conducts a three-hour pro-gram each day on Station WRVA, gave 45 minutes each day building up the show by using Cheeta, High-Boy and Wyoming Steve Gibson as features. Cliff Younger joined with Buffalo Ranch. Paul Lane joined with Buffalo Ranch. Paul Lane joined with bis con-cessions. John H. Marks and Willie Lewis, owner and business manager, re-spectively. entertained visitors nightly. Joe E. Brown's Radio Kids, escorted by Gene Marks, were entertained on the midway Saturday (8). Mrs. John Marks was a nightly visitor. Fred Bancroft's Freaks on Parade en-tertained wounded soldiers at McGuire

tertained wounded soldiers at McGuire General Hospital.—HARRY E. WILSON.

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North American Exposition HANNIBAL, Mo., Sept. 15.—Run here from Albert Lea, Minn., was made in record time and the show, scheduled to open Tuesday, August 28, was ready Monday, despite the late closing at Al-bert Lea Saturday, August 25. Kiddie matinee Thursday, August 30, was more than satisfactory. Earl Cham-ber's Monkey Circus topped the shows, while the Caterpillar paced the rides. Giving away of a bicycle Saturday (1) brought the kids back in droves, to-gether with their parents, for another big day. A tie-up with the CIO on a Labor Day parade proved a boon. Show was rep-resented in the parade by personnel from the Hollywood Follies, Latin Quar-ter and the Gay New Orleans shows. Tags were thrown to the crowd adver-tising the show and rides. As a result, business was tops. Robert (Red) Marcus was host at a surprise party for his wife. Helen, on

tising the show and rides. As a result, business was tops. Robert (Red) Marcus was host at a surprise party for his wife, Helen, on her 34th birthday, in the Mark Twain Hotel here, Saturday night (1). Guests included Mrs. Peter Cortez, Joe Schoilbo, Mr. and Mrs. Geuy West, Mr. and Mrs. Mater, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bennle Kiel-man, Sam Catherwood, Mac MacDonald, Whitey Wiess, Chief of Police and Mrs. Doars Rost, George Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Sparky Belua, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Shaw, Robert Graham, Bessie May and Tex Webb, Norman and Marle Brather, C. W. (Chick) and Lillian Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Runge, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Murl Deemer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Balsewice, Silent O'Brien, Turkey Tom and Phil Marder.

mick, Mr. and Mrs. Halph A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Murl Deemer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Balsewice, Silent O'Brien, Turkey Tom and Phil Marder. Entertainment was furnished by sev-eral of Marcus's performers from the Gay New Orleans show, including W. H. (Fathead) Williams, Christine Williams, Lillian Harris, the Three Squares, Pee Wee, Dink Zee and James Evans. Following the party, which broke up in the wee hours of the morning, the boys went on a fishing trip and brought back enough fish to furnish the tables of all the trailerites and the cookhouse. Fishing honors went to Whitey Runge, who brought in the biggest catch. Others snaring record catches were Whitey Wiess, Dick Crawford, Joe Scholibo and Paul Jones.

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#### **Virginia Greater**

DUNN, N. C., Sept. 15.—Week ended September 8; location, Fayetteville high-way; weather, fair; business, good. Show moved in here from Williamston,

N. C., to find the lot a bit small. It was N. C., to find the lot a bit small. It was necessary to leave off one ride and one show. The show played under auspices of the fire department and the commit-tee, headed by Charles Adams, co-operated well. Newspapers gave with plenty of space. Visitors included Earl Maynard, former time chief: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffipa

fire chief; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffine and children; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mc-Carter and Attorney West of the Dunn Leglon Post. Huffine placed his photo gallery with the show for the rest of the season

Bob Coleman, bingo operator, is under the care of a physician. Mr. and Mrs. Heavy McClain joined here. Heavy was added to the ride staff, and Mrs. McClain will operate the ball game for H. Tindall, Tommy Vitalli operated the Funhouse to a good gross here. Also well pleased with business here were Louis Augustino and his Wild Animal Show, Happy Arnold and his Alligator Show, and Sol Speight's Cotton Club Revue. June Thomson and James Munro are no longer with the ride staff, but several new men have been added. Elmer's novelty layout proved popular among the concessions. William C. (Bill) Mur-ray spent a few days in Dillon and Ben-nettsville.—HAPPY ARNOLD. Bob Coleman, bingo operator, is under

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#### Page Bros.

ERIN, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Week ended September 1; location, City Park; aus-pices, War Fund; weather, ideal; busi-ness, excellent. A few more fairs are scheduled in West Tennessee before the show invades the Deep South. Fats Arnold added an-other concession. Roy Little joined to take over the advance. His son, Corp. James W. Little, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents. Corporal Lit-tle has been with the Eighth Air Force in England. Mrs. W. E. Page went to Nashville on a shopping trip. Johnnie Keath was a visitor from Nashville and placed a set of diggers. Kiddie rides continue to draw well

praced a set of diggers. Kiddie rides continue to draw well under supervision of Eddie Clark. Madame Marie's Temple of Mystery con-tinues to click. Sam Bodder has rede-corated his Wax Show and enlarged his popcorn and snowball machines.— LOUIS LEBOY popcorn and LOUIS LEROY.

#### Gold Medal

KENTLAND, Ind., Sept. 15.-Week ended September 7; weather, ideal; aus-pices, Newton County Fair; business, ex-

cellent. Show enjoyed its largest week of the season. Gross was 20 per cent over a

year ago. One of the show's trucks, carrying two Diesel light plants, was wrecked en route from Princeton, Ind., but the driver and assistant escaped with slight injuries. They were taken to the Clinton, Ind., hospital but were released the following day.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Membership drive has exceeded expectations. Recently accepted were Joseph A. Fecteau, spon-sored by Jack Perry; Jacob E. Sanders, Eddie Lewis and David Dobrinsky, spon-sored by Pat Martino; Rocco Savion, sponsored by Herman Malek, and Patrick Perano, Frank Milton and A. W. Hanlon, sponsored by Ross Manning. Dave Soloman is off on another of his

Dave Soloman is off on another of his trans-continental treks. Harry Kaplan was in from Atlantic City with a pocket-

ful of year book ads and a number of

tee for the banquet, and the writer dis-cussed guests and speakers for the ban-quet. Association gratefully acknowledges the annual donation of \$100 from The

membership applications.

#### Pacific Coast Showmen's Association 6231/2 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15 .- After bypassing the meeting for a week, the regular schedule was picked up Monday. As this was the first meeting in September, the membership drive was closed.

On hand on the rostrum were Joe Mettler, Bill Hobday, Chaplain Jack Hughes and Secretary Ed Mann. Voted into membership with the closing of the summer campaign were Samuel Wolf, Louis Kish Jr., Cecll Larson, Max Walz-man, Stephen Huddlesen, Harry Suss-man, Arthur Plato, Arthur Schmidt, Morgan Floyd, Bill Kendall, Arthur Houseman, Harold Stone, Frank Gilman, Charles Laverne and Robert Goldbraith.

Letters were read from Roy Luding-ton, president; Mike Krekos, Corp. Nick Saad and Ben Beno. The last two are in the Philippines.

Among members who had not been present at recent meetings were Ed Smithson, Ed Walsh and Bill Meyer. Larry Edwards, Chicago, was called upon for a brief talk.

membership applications. Visitors have been plentiful. Included were Dave Brown; Sam Glickman, of the Cetiln & Wilson Shows; Harry Fein and son, Irving, of Coleman Bros.' Shows; Morris Black, Eddle Elkins and Eddle Kalin, all from Lawrence Greater Shows; Sidney Rifkin, Morris Blavatsky, Willie Gottlieb, Victor Weinberg, Irving Taffett, on a buying trip from Spartanburg, S. C.; John F. King, former sallor from Nauga-tuck, Conn.; Saul Saulsburg, business manager of the Bright Lights Shows, and his son, Irving, recently discharged from the army. It was a big day for Saul, who was marking his own birthday, his granddaughter's birthday and the ar-rival of his son from the Pacific. Everyone was sorry to hear of the death of Johnny McGrail. Thomas Brady, chairman of the Guest and Dais Commit-tee for the banquet, and the writer dis-Joe Glacy and Bill Hobday are reported to have done well with their drive for the Sick and Relief Fund at Long Beach. The matter of installing a plaque in honor of the members who served in the armed forces is getting much favorable comment.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Ladies' Auxiliary Marie Tait, president, presided at the Monday (10) meeting. Among those present were Lucille Dolman, who re-turned from Chicago; Gay Hilderbrand, recently returned from the North, and Nancy Myers. Ann Stewart informed that she had been to Mission Beach and that Fern Redmond is still on the stork list. sick list.

The secretary and treasurer were busy The secretary and treasurer were busy taking care of membership dues. Isabel Myers, of the West Coast Shows, sent in four membership applications—Dora Rosen, Alice Miller, Thelma Turner and Dorothy Caldwell, besides dues for 30 members. Mrs. Jo Anne Laverne is a new member from the Ferris Shows, and Minerva Boyd sent in Marie Hawkins as a new member from the Douglas Shows Shows.

A letter from Jessie Loomis reported that she and Marie Jessue celebrated their birthdays together. A long-dis-tance telephone call from the California Shows reported Gertrude Mathews in-jured her arm and that the new son of Betty Schoonover was doing fine.

Betty Schoonover was doing fine. Past President Peggy Forstall presided at the board meeting. The board will now meet the second Monday of each month. Minnie Fisher received a letter from Ben Beno, who is in the Pacific theater. It was decided to put men's names on the luncheon cloth and Ma-belle Bennett expects to get another group of names to embroider on it. Marie Morris's mother, Margaret Welch, who was injured in a fall, is much im-proved. Vivian Gorman is up and around after her recent illness. Past President Edith Bullock received the bank award while Jenny Perry won the door prize.

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# CLUB ACTIVITIES

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#### Sherman Hotel, Chicago

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—With the first regular meeting scheduled October 4, Max Brantman, chairman of the House Committee, is arranging the rooms for the opening gathering. Final meeting of the opening gathering. Final meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. October 4.

at 1:30 p.m. October 4. William E. Snyder, of the Wonder Shows of America, collected dues of mem-bers on that show. L. C. McHenry sent in applications for Dan Riley, Kenneth L. Taylor, Charles L. Bright, Frank D. Long, William H. Sargent, Albert C. Bar-tels, George M. Holman, Roy L. McGee and John R. Jones. Bob Miller and Max Goodmap sant in applications for John J.

tels, George M. Holman, Roy L. Moure and John R. Jones. Bob Miller and Max Goodman sent in applications for John J. Donahue and Stephen Porth, respectively. William J. Coultry is still on the sick list. George Terry is reported resting comfortably at the Winfield Sanitarium. Red Cross donations have been received from Bob Parker, Joe Brown, William Townsend and Jack Hawthorne. Donating to the Cemetery Fund were Bob Parker, the Wisconsin DeLuxe Company, Stephen Porth, C. A. Mann, Clinton L. English, Charles S. Bott, Anthony Pietro, John T. Smart and Petey Pivor. Orville Harris is a visitor in town. Henry N. Sheiby stopped over en route (See SLA on opposite page)

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Banquet tickets are going like hot-kes. Reservations may be made now.

Banquet tickets are going like not-cakes. Reservations may be made now. Don't forget, first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (26). A big crowd was on hand to watch the fireworks display by Fred Murray. Pleasant visits were had with Murray Spitzer, Isaac Becker, Dolly McCormick and Emma Fink. Dolly advised that her husband, Jack, already had upwards of \$300 for ads for the year book and a number of membership applications.

#### **Regular Associated Troupers** 730 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—August 30 meeting was called to order by Martha Levine, first vice-president. Those re-ceiving special welcome after a long ab-sence were Babe and Moxie (Mo) Miller, who drove up from San Diego, Calif.; Lucille King, from Riverside, Calif., and Claude Barie. New members received were Ray Hildebrand, Gall (Scotty) Henry and Teresa Starks. Letters from President and Mrs. Joe Krug state that they have been so busy in San Diego that they haven't had time

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in San Diego that they haven't had time to get to a meeting. News from all the shows indicates a good season. Dues are now payable. Remember the Rodent Bag and don't fail to sub-mit your guess. There are plenty of valuable prizes. A vote of thanks was given Al Weber for his donation of dues-reminder cards.

#### Caravans

155 N. Clark St., Chicago CHICAGO, Sept. 15. — Welcome let-ters received from Frances Hennies, Maud Green, Rose Reed, Esther Bernet, Secretary Clara Polack and Mae Oakes. Mae Taylor, third vice-president, is a patient in Wesley Memorial Hospital here. Alice Cady reports her husband, Sergeant Russell, has been released from a hospital in the South Pacific. The sergeant advises he may be home for Christmas. Christmas

The first fall meeting will be held September 28.

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#### **Miami Showmen's Association**

#### 236 W. Flagler St., Miami

236 W. Flagler St., Miami
MIAMI, Sept. 15.—Clubrooms are being painted and renovated for a spic and span opening in about six weeks when the boys arrive for the winter. New present the boys arrive for the winter. New winter, her boys arrive for the winter. New with the boys arrive for the boys arrive for the boys arrive for the boys arrive for the boys are boys and pain boys are boys and pain boys boys are been received from William E Saunders and Hen Weiss.
Club has added \$110 to its treasure the boys are held for Jack Rose, Leo boys are held for Jack Rose, Leo Chilton and William Langen. First regure and board meetings will be held arry in November.

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(Continued from opposite page) to Missouri. Recently discharged from the service were Matt E. Borup, James A. Reed, Woodrow Jones and William E. Satuders. Lleut, Joseph M. Dugas ad-vises that he has been transferred to memerton, Wash. Letters have been received from Ben Beno, L. C. McHenry, William E. Snyder, Manny Kline and John Lorman Jr. Callers at the rooms included Lew Keller, Charles H. Hall, Larry O'Keefe, Oliver Barnes, Petey Pivor, Sam Bloom, Max Brantman, Albert L. Huling, James Dewey, Al Cherner, Bob Parker, Tommy Thomas, Sam Gluskin and James Kane. Reports on the Mustering-Out Fund will be ready soon. Some of the men re-cently discharged have not sent in their papers. Early attention to this matter is requested so that records of the fund may be completed.

### American Carnivals Association, Inc.

#### By Max Cohen

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Monroe County Fair at Exposition Park here was the first spot on the visitation list. Valley the first spot on the visitation list. Valley Shows were on the midway and courtesles were extended by Owners R. D. Barnes and F. W. Smith. On the same day, Saturday (1), a visit was made to the various concessions at Sea Erecze Park, including those operated by William Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Buccini. Sam Lipseh, manager of the Jones concessions, extended courtesies.

extended courtesies. On Labor Day (3), a visit was made to the James E. Strates Shows at the Steuben County Fair, Bath, N. Y. Several matters of interest were discussed with Owner Strates and J. Victor Faucett, fair secre-tary. Pleasant chats were had with Nick Bozinis, Steve Gikas, Keith Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Dellabate, Percy Morency, the Strates family, and Paul D. Jacobs. The last named, president of the Blooms-burg (Pa.) Fair, was a visitor here. Standings in the membership race are

Standings in the membership race are unchanged from the last report

Arrangements have been completed with the WPB for the allocation of shoot-ing gallery ammunition. Members in-terested in securing an allotment should communicate with the association's office.

A list of all orders revoked by the WPB is on file. Small commercial electric motors may now be purchased without a priority. Surplus Property Board has allocated about 2,000 trucks for civilian purposes.

at the Sherman Hotel. Secretary Elsie Miller writes that she is holding mail for Rose Clawson, Artie Sue Britton, Marie Simpson, Gertrude Martin Ring-ling and Mrs. Sam Stein. Contact the secretary at 4215 West Fifth Avenue, Chicago 1, for mail.

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Opening Sunday (16), the show will have four night sessions, closing Wednes-day. Oklahoma State Fair swings into action next Saturday.

Royal American never has appeared in this city, but it should do all right as the Levands are on its side.

the Levands are on its side. Max, John and Louis Levand, whose sensational upward climb in the news-paper world from a humble beginning on *The Denver Post*, years ago were as-sociated with circus operations. Among their many friends were Col. Bill Cody and Pawnee Bill. The Levands years ago exploited the only elephant up to that time born in captivity and trouped with carnivals. Much of the showman-ship they acquired in those days is in evvidence in their operation of *The Wichita Beacon*.

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The Detects's checkation is so complete that few weekly newspapers carry on. The Levand progeny spreads into every department of the newspaper. Every-where one turns one encounters another Levand. But behind the scenes of all this activity are the same three brothers who sustained life for *The Kansas City Journal*, salvaging \$2,000,000 for its owner in the face of certain collapse. At Station KFH, Frank Mathews, pro-moter of the Ark-Valley Boys and an ex officio staffer of the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, carries the show world around on a platter. His acquaintance-ship with outdoor showmen runs the gamut from tiny midgets to the show world's most famous glants and human oddities.

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oddities. Among other show world fans in radio<sup>®</sup> business here are Clark Luther, produc-tion manager, KFH; Jack Todd, manager, KANS, and Daly McCoy, commercial manager KFBI. McCoy was national ad-vertising manager of the Levand's *Beacon* for 12 years. At *The Eagle*, Arch O'Bryant in the afternoon news slot, and Sam Kiefer, morning and Sunday news editor, slash plenty of telegraph in order to clear the way for show-world material.

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event.

### From the Lots

#### Jones Greater

Jones Greater PENNINGTON GAP, Va., Sept. 15.— Business in Virginia continues good, as does the weather. Previous stops were made at Tazewell and Abingdon, Va., where business was okay. Pennington Gap proved a red one. The grandstand attractions consisted of Hot-Shot Elmer and his troupe, Grandpappy Jones and Company from Grand Ol' Opry, Cas Walker and His Boys from Knoxville, John Reedy's troupe from Harlan, Ky., Long John and His Allied Kentuckians, and the Original Atenos, high-pole act.

#### **Bright Lights Exposition**

CLYMER, Pa., Sept. 15.—This 'spot was the first blank of the season. It followed on the heels of great business at Mercer and Indiana, Pa., fairs. Both spots were record-breakers.

spots were record-breakers. New Chairplane foreman is William White. Joe (Red) Gerber and Z. Brown were visitors at Mercer. John Gecoma's nephew, recently returned from over-seas, visited at Indiana, while another nephew, in the merchant marine, visited here.—F. A. NORTON.

#### W. T. Collins

MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 15.—This proved to be a good spot, and the Labor Day week-end was a red one. Sunday (2) was even better than Labor Day. Rides, shows and concessions all got

Rides, shows and concessions all got money. Mrs. Walter Duffy rejoined following an operation. Little George joined with the Midget Show. W. T. Wolf, concession manager, left the show. The writer leaves at Fairmont, Minn., to present Ruth from Duluth, the 714-pound en-tertainer, at the Corn Palace at Mitchell, S. D. DOC CROSLEY.

#### Ferris Greater

POMONA, Calif., Sept. 15. — Playing under auspices of the VFW, the show enjoyed good business here. Bruce Ready, commander of the post, stated that proceeds would go into the org's rehabilitation fund. Larry Ferris is owner of the show and George L. Morgan general agent. Show played on the former circus grounds at Fifth and San Antonio Avenue. Antonio Avenue.

#### Wallace Bros.

FARMINGTON, Mo., Sept. 15.—Capac-ity business was enjoyed opening night at the Flag Festival here. Ted Vinning, tattoo artist, has joined Sid Crane's Side Show. Dollar's Glass Blowers also joined. Buddy and Doris Buck, formerly of Hill's Greater Shows, visited visited.

Visited. Sid Crane, owner of the European Side Show, has changed from platform to an open-front pit show. J. E. COREY.

here and mapped plans for the 1946 event. Opening gun was fired in the project to build a large building suitable for fiestas and dancing. Tentative plans call for a \$15,000 structure with an 8,500-square-foot floor. Also discussed was the purchase of special chassis for floats to become the permanent property of Charro Days. An effort will be made to bring the country's top speedboat racers here for a race which will be sanctioned by the National Outboard Association. Board is expected to earmark \$2,000 for the regatta, of which \$1,500 will be used for prize money and \$500 for expenses. Among the top speedboat drivers ex-pected are Gar Wood Jr., of Detroit; Dick Neal, of Kansas City, Mo.; Paul Wearly, Muncie, Ind.; Worth Boggeman, Fort Worth; Frank Vincent, of Tulsa, Okla., and Fred Jacobi, North Bergen, N. J.

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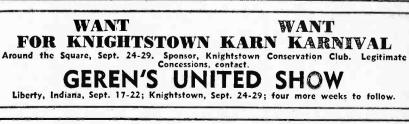
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BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 15.—With Hawkins White, president, presiding, the board of directors of Charro Days met here and mapped plans for the 1946



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# Bradna and Kelly Badly Hurt

### N. C. Spots Okay For Bailey Bros.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Sept. 15.—Despite plenty of opposition from the weather, four spots in North Carolina hit okay for Bailey Bros.' Circus.

Show drew what some residents said

for Bailey Bros." Circus. Show drew what some residents said was the largest crowd ever to witness a circus here at its night show Monday (10). Matinee crowd was cut by a storm which broke shortly before the show was to get under way. At Mount Airy, 'show drew a strong matinee, despite showers. Weather cleared at night and a full house was on hand. Arriving in Elkin after several bad days of weather, show moved onto a wet lot. Weather was threatening for the matinee, which drew a half house, but it cleared for the night show at-tended by an overflow crowd. Hickory proved the poorest of the four, due to an all-day rain. Even at that, a strong house at night was okay after a thin matinee.

### **New England Circus Orgs Meet at Nashua**

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#### New Albany, Ind., Yields **Dailey Bros. Full House**

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Sept. 15.—Dailey Bros.' Circus, first to show here this season, was greeted by a light matinee, but a full house at night Monday (10) on its lot between here and Jeffersonville

ville. Full houses both matinee and night, plus excellent press review, marked the appearance at Sisterville, W. Va., Monday (3). Two days earlier rain fell a few minutes before the matinee at St. Marys, W. Va., but a full house was seated at night. night.

Business wasn't so hot at Glasgow, Ky., Wednesday (12). Norma Davenport was unhorsed during the matinee, but worked the night show.



FATHER E. S. SULLIVAN, of Cambridge, Mass., chaplain of the Circus FATHER E. S. SULLIVAN, of Cambridge, Mass., chaptain of the Circus Fans' Association of America, flew all the way down from New England to catch the Ringling-Barnum show at Oklahoma City for a three-week vacation with friends on the show. He got a warm welcome. Here he is being greeted by Ed Kelly, acting manager of the Big Show. Father Sullivan expects to travel with the show to New Orleans, the first long trip he's ever made with the circus.

#### Henderson Scores For Toledo Grotto

TOLEDO, Sept. 15 .- Heavy billing via press, paper and air paid off for O-Ton-Ta-La Grotto's presentation of Bentley Bros.' Circus at Swayne Field here, Sat-urday and Sunday (8-9). Promoter J. B. Hendershot reported biz very good.

**5.** B. Hendershot reported Diz Very good. To meet his nut of approximately \$8,000, Hendershot bought the maximum space allowed by Toledo's two daily pa-pers, hit five Iocal weeklies and other sheets in adjoining counties, as well as three radio stations here. His billing campaign used 1,000 cards and 4,500 sheets of paper.

sheets of paper. Advertising featured Atomic Bombing of Japan and 50 Sioux Indians. Pro-gram included Mel Marcus, table rock; Connor Duo and Stanley, wire act; Don Amirta, juggler; Connor's Rolling Globe; Rita and Dunn, high wire; Corda Smith, high pole; Georgia Crackers; Kenneth Waite Troupe; Ethel D'Arcy, high pole, and the American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle Corps. War Bonds were given away at each performance.

#### K-M Gets Strong House

SEDAN, Kan., Sept. 15.—Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros.' Circus drew a strong house for its night show here Friday (7), after a small matinee crowd.

### **Brothers Have It**

KANKAKEE, Ill., Sept. 15.— "I'm combing brothers out of my hair," Ray Marsh Brydon re-marked here Tuesday.(11) on the occasion of the season's bow of his Dan Rice World-Toured Three-Ring Circus and Hollywood Threil Arange

Thrill Arena. The remark was prompted by the realization there were per-formers and employees on hand from the Lee Bros., Lewis Bros., Banard Bros., Mills Bros., Atterbury Bros., and Austin Bros. cir-

Yea, bo. The brothers had it!

### 2-Day Tulsa Stand Winner for Russell

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 15 .- Favored by excellent weather both days, Russell Bros.' Circus raked in the kale here Friday and Saturday (7-8). On Saturday the show played to two full houses. A city ordinance prohibits overflow crowds, so many were turned away.

At Friday's matinee, it was estimated that 3,500 were on hand, while the night show drew about 5,000.

# **Dallas Blow Cleans House**

Equestrian director downed in crush-quarter-pole hits manager—business is tops

#### (Continued from page 3)

he had suffered a severe sprain. The break was discovered after the show moved to Houston for its week-end stand.

Stand. Only two town folk were injured more than superficially, altho police emergency squads gave first ald to many, most of them suffering shock. Only 2,700 cus-tomers were in the top when the storm broke and most of them hit for the open air despite the rain, the rush coming when one pole sprung loose and was jammed thru the canvas. Naturally, those outside were soaked, and per-formers let them dry themselves as best they could in their tops, which had to be re-erected, and in wagons, and buildings

formers let them dry themselves as best they could in their tops, which had to be re-erected, and in wagons, and buildings on the Texas State Fair grounds. All horse tops and other tops went down during the blow, but so systemati-cally did the circus employees handle the situation that the performance was resumed after a delay of 20 minutes, and many of the patrons returned to their seats to see it thru. Police were high in their praise of the efficient manner in which circus em-ployees handled the near-panic. At Fort Worth Saturday (8), 4,600 saw the matinee, with a sellout at night. The Sunday matinee hit 5,700, with 6,400 around at night. Opening Monday in Dallas, the three matinees were light because of intense heat, but all three night shows were sellouts, despite the commotion caused by the Wednesday afternoon storm. Bradna is reported to be resting com-fortably in Baylor Hospital, Dallas, while Kelly is in Houston.

#### **Petitions for Pardons**

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 15.—Three officials of the Ringling-Barnum circus, now serving prison terms on charges of involuntary manslaughter, filed peti-tions for pardons Tuesday (11). They or involution of pardons Tuesday (11). They are James A. Haley, vice-president; George Washington Smith, general man-ager, and Leonard Aylesworth, boss canvasman.

canvasman. Superintendent of Parks George H. Hollister, presenting a preliminary sketch to the park commission, was authorized Monday (10) to install a memorial in Northwood Cemetery for the six un-identified victims of the circus fire to be paid for by the city. The inscription will read: "The plot of ground consecrated by

"The plot of ground consecrated by the city of Hartford as a resting place for the bodies of the six victims of the circus fire, July 6, 1944. Their identity known but to God."

## Arsenic Poisoning Kills Four Austin Bros. Horses

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MACON, Ga., Sept. 15.-Austin Bros.' Circus in form of poison that dealt death to four trained horses and serious illness to a number of others. The show was in Columbus, Ga., Sunday (9) day (9) when the poisoning was discov-ered. Stand had been billed for Mon-

day. Two of the black-and-white-spotted Two of the black-and-white-spotted horses in the crack troupe of six, belong-ing to Dr. E. L. Cooper, Wichita. Kan., died Monday morning. A Palomino and a Shetland pony, belonging to Harry A. Hammill, owner of the circus, died dur-

ing the day. Dr. E. A. Davis, Columbus veterinarian, worked Sunday night in an effort to save the horses. Many others stricken, including the draft stock, were prac-

tically out of danger when the show left town. However, the train teams could not work and a former army command car was used. The train was loaded by 2:30 a.m., and moved out to Opelika, Ala., a jump of 28 miles, around 5 a.m. Cause of death was given by Doctor Davis as arsenic poisoning. The horses were stricken soon after they had grazed on grassy grounds on the Southern Railway right-of-way at unloading point. A theory was advanced that the arsenic came from grass that had been sprayed with polson in an ef-fort to kill weeds. -Tragedy struck tically out of danger when the show left

Show had a small matinee, due prob-ably to a heavy rain. Threatening weather at night held the crowd down to two-thirds capacity.



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# **Foul Blow By Bad Weather**

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#### By Pat Purcell

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—The irrepressible Ray Marsh Brydon dug the ancient Dan

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—The irrepressible Ray Marsh Brydon dug the ancient Dan abbreviated fall tour, opening Tuesday (1) at Kankakee, III., and steamed into weather difficulties strongly reminiscent fete by the full-season gentry of 1945. The was a cold day at Kankakee and the from the season gentry of 1945. The was a cold day at Kankakee and the for the spring trials about strong enough the source of the season gentry of 1945. The was a cold day at Kankakee and the from the season gentry of 1945. The season gentry for the season gentry for season given and the season gentry for season given and the season gentry for season given and the season gentry fair was in progress there, the fair of the season for the season gentry fair was in progress there, the for season do the the opposition and pre-tent a general exodus of worther. The fair was proud of the move from false to marion, the 221-mile skip being fair of the season of the season gentry accident to any of the 31 pieces, housed in the season of the season gentry and the season gentry season gentry and the season season gentry season gentry fair was for the two days and the customers. The weather and the customers

So, the weather and the customers willing, the old gent with the whiskers will be ready for 'em again today.

will be ready for 'em again today. **Pretty Snazzy Outfit** All equipment was in top shape for the Kankakee opening, all canvas being new, including the 177 by 155 canopy in which the big show is offered. All prop-erties were freshly painted, and trucks were flashy red with silver lettering. Side show banner line offered five new double-heighth panels and four which had seen some service. Seating arrangements were reds (re-served) on the right side, with blues on (See Brydon Dan Rice on page 70)

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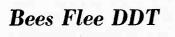
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MILFORD, Del., Sept. 15.—Pre-paring to pull stakes from this spot Sunday morning (9), work-ingmen were loading baled hay into a truck and disturbed a nest of bees. Men hiked for cover, one estebing a few hees in his bounget catching a few bees in his bonnet. It was hot until Manager Harry Hunt came to the rescue with a sprayer loaded with DDT, when the bees took off in a jiffy.

#### 140G in Prize \$\$ **For Garden Event**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Prize money at the Madison Square Garden Rodeo will reach an all-time high of \$121,065, plus entry fees, which will up the total close to \$140,000. Last year a total of \$117,048 was shared by 122 winners out of \$170 contestants. Highest-paying events are wild bronk and bull riding, with each of these

Highest-paying events are wild bronk and bull riding, with each of these events disbursing \$22,368, plus the entry fees of \$30 for either event. Calf-roping awards total \$22,080 in prize money, plus the \$150 entry fees. Bareback bronk riding prize money is \$13,440; steer wrestling, \$22,080; wild cow milking, \$12,384, and wild horse race, \$6,345. Advance sales are under way for the 48 performances of the 20th annual World's Championship Rodeo which opens at the Garden October 3 and runs thru November 4. Prices range from \$1.75 to \$5.50, including taxes.

\$1.75 to \$5.50, including taxes.

### **Clawson**, **Beatty Both Get Well as Arkansas** Yields Heavy \$\$ Crop

GREENVILLE, Miss., Sept. 15 .- Manager Ralph J. Clawson, of the Clyde Beatty Circus, reported seriously ailing two weeks ago, said here Tuesday (11) that both he and the show "got well" before they crossed the Mississippi from Arkansas.

Clawson denied rumors of a heart allhim off the lot for a day. The show, he said, had raked it on its tour of Arkansas.

Arkansas. Two packed houses made Hot Springs a stand-out stand Tuesday (4). Matinee crowd hung around two hours after starting time when a late arrival, the result of truck troubles, delayed the performance. Clyde Beatty returned to Hot Springs the following day to reclaim a two-month old tiger cub that escaped from one of the trucks. The cub was found by a farmer, but not before its escape had touched off a "wild animal hunt" for police and reporters. Moving into the southern part of the

Moving into the southern part of the State, the Beatty show again filled the big top at El Dorado for the night per-formance, Saturday (8), tho matinee attendance was light.

Greenville was given only a two-day press publicity treatment, but even that didn't appear to hurt, for there was an overflow house for the night show here Tuesday (11). Matinee was a three-quarter house.

### **UNDER THE MARQUEE**

#### COTTON money.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER BARNES and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stutz, of Hunt Bros., were recent callers at Bond Bros.' winter quarters in West Chester, Pa.

HARRY A. (PHOTOG) ATWELL outsmarted that fish! He brought back a 40-inch muskalonge, which proved sufficient to feed the entire Atwell Luncheon Club last Thurs-day (13).

WHAT BLOOMERS are to towners is tirely different than what they are to entirely showmen.

ARTHUR HOPPER and his secretary, Peter P. Kiseleff, are invading New Or-leans (Roosevelt Hotel) this week to do a bit of general agenting and traffic managing for the Ringling-Barnum show. Dan Debaugh will hold the fort in the Chicago office.

SOON VACANT: Picture the number of buildings and sidings suitable to winter shows.

FROM CIRCUS candy butcher to col-lege honors—this, in brief, tells the story of the last three years for Joseph George Nowak Jr., wearing the insigne



cently he was an honor graduate in the high-school de-partment of GMC and he's now spending a few weeks' vacation at his parents' home in Rock Hill, S. C., before begin-ning an engineering course in the college late this month. His foster father, Ray W. Rogers, is a widely known retired circus owner. His brother, Baron Richard Nowak, is a well-known midget per-former. former.

R. L. SCOTT, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex M. Ingham were guests of Owner Bob Stevens of Balley Bros. when the circus played Reidsville, N. C., Monday (10). Day before, Mrs. Myrna Karsey, Walter Powell and the Four Mil-lers were quests at the Lucham home in lers were guests at the Ingham home in Ruffin, N. C.

SGT. CHESTER L. FLOWERS, who worked with his parents, Larry and Emma Flowers, billed as Flowers,

the Aerial Flowers and the Three La-Fleurs (hand-bal-

ancing), has been

a w a r d e d the bronze star. The picture, taken in

Germany, shows



him with the decoration, which he has since mailed to his mother in Chi-cago. He was in 275 consecutive days of combat following the Normandy invasion, and his outfit with the Ninth Army was given five citations. He expects to re-

ceive his discharge this fall.

BABE BOUDINOT, Ringling-Bar-num assistant general agent, reports that he saw Bob Hickey playing a nickel slot machine in Houston, which prompted Arthur Hopper, the general agent, to wonder what Babe was doing in that kind of a doint was doing in that kind of a joint.

TEX SHERMAN, who recently resigned as contracting press agent for the Clyde Beatty Circus, has taken the bill car and will contract press for Barnett Bros. He visited Arthur Bros. at Charlotte, N. C., Friday (7) with Al Humke, Ernie White, Ralph (Specs) Cautin and Ray Bogers. Rogers.

DISCHARGED VETS, dyed-in-the-wool canvasmen are arriving at the most critical time of the year-schools have opened.

BILL HENRY, one of the Dan Rice troupers of the '30s, handled the inside reserved seat sale for the opening of the Dan Rice Circus at Kankakee, Ill., Tues-day (11) just to keep in practice for what he thinks will happen when the (See Under the Marquee on page 70)

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#### **Button**, Button!

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 15.—Tul-sans got a big kick out of the advertising "war" between Rus-sell Bros,' and Cole Bros.' circuses here.

cuses here. The Russell show played here Friday and Saturday (7-8). The advertising read, "Here It Is, Just What You've Been Waiting For." Along came Cole Bros., sched-uled to show here Sunday, Mon-day, and Tuesday (16-18), with its advertising which read, "Wait, It Isn't Here Yet."

### HuntBros.'Show **Hits Win Streak**

MILFORD, Del., Sept. 15 .- Starting at Bridgeton, N. J., Labor Day, Hunt Bros.' Circus hit a winning streak, and from the looks of things it's going to continue.

Following in the wake of three carnivals, a minstrel opry and a circus, the Hunt show moved into Bridgeton Labor Day and attracted two capacity houses.

Wednesday (5) found the show at Mid-dletown, Del., and Thursday (6) at Smyrna, Del. Both spots proved red ones, with larger crowds on hand than in previous years which were considered good.

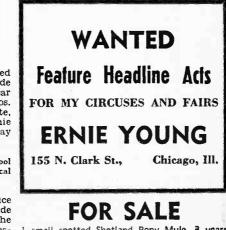
Dover, Del., proved the big surprise. The show played there Friday (7). Be-cause of the big market sales it was fig-ured this spot would be only fair. How wrong the guess was is proved by the fact that the night house was the largest so far on the Eastern Shore.

#### **Blackmon Subs for Eskew at Mineola**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Altho the rodeo grandstand attraction at the Mineola Fair (11-15), was billed under the J-E (Col. Jim Eskew) Ranch banner, the J-E (Col. JIM Eskew) Ranch banner, Lewis Blackmon actually was pinch-hitting for the Eskew crew, and it was his stock and staff running the show. Judges were Thorine Guest and Rube North. Helen Blackmon acted as a timer; Merve Johnson was arena secre-tary, and Fog Horn Clancy handled the mike mike.

About 50 contestants and trick riders participated in the various contests. Fifteen events were staged at each per-formance. Special features were trick riding of Alice Sisty, and clowning of Clyde Rogers, Andy Cardi, Tex Smith and Alkali Ike. Music was furnished by Lou Marvin's Rodeo Ramblers. Rodeo got off to a fair start Tuesday (11) in spite of brief showers which made the arena dangerously muddy. Only accident occured in the wild Brahma bull event, when a bull skidded and went down, with the rider serving as cushion. About 50 contestants and trick riders

as cushion.



small spotted Shetland Pony Mule, 3 years d, sound and broke, \$175.00. JIM MAGUIRE old. Madison, Minn



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### **DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP**

#### **Ringling-Barnum**

During the stay in Oklahoma City a group of Russell Bros.' folks visited, in-cluding Art and Antoinette Concello, Bill Antes, Buddy Richards, Fanny Mc-Closky, Mary Moore and Dummy Robinson

son. Show jumped to Fort Worth for a two-day stand. Justus Edwards, contracting press agent for Russell Bros., visited, along with Kenneth R. Waite, Mrs. Bean, Polly Morrisey, Buck Hannon, Cleon Hart, Ernest Terry and Myles Bennett. Hart, Terry and Bennett were former ushers with the Big One. Knucklehead, leather worker and former gilly driver with the show, was a visitor in Dallas. Other Dallas visitors were Frank Cook, Eddie Vaughn and Robert (Angel-Face) Gray. Grav

Eddie Miller has been spending his furlough with his wife, Bobble. Betty Brasno rejoined. Father Ed Sullivan, circus chaplain, has been with us for a week. On Sunday (9) he said Mass in the big top

circus chaplain, may see. week. On Sunday (9) he said Mass in the big top. Around the lot: Uncle George Wallenda and Papa Borza resting in the shade after driving up from Sarasota, Fla., to visit their families with the Big Show. ...Lou Jacobs happy over the surprise visit from his dog, Dixle....Lou Ward playing hookey from his duties to spend the day clowning with the gang in Fort Worth....Red Grumley, of the candy top, catching horned toads for the kids on the show.... Walter Kaner and the prop boys keep the show moving despite the heat.... Frankie Saluto and Chit-lens Chase putting on their clown white with the show half over a sight to see. DICK MILLER.

#### **Dailey Bros.**

**Dailey Dros.** When the show played Delaware, **O.**, the people came out in droves to see Ben Davenport in action. The show's owner went to college in that city and played football there. He didn't dis-appoint his admirers. He worked the main elephant act with his daughter, Norma. In Sisterville, W. Va., Daven-port's boyhood home, the show played to its largest matinee of the season and the night house was good too.

to its largest matinee of the season and the night house was good, too. Ted Deppish, CFA, took movies of our show in Ravenna. O. Visitors in Alliance, O., included Morgan Johnson, Rex Mc-Connell, Roy Wild, Ray Wallace, Jack Nedrow, Ward Snyder and Murray (See DAILY BROS. on page 70)

#### **Bailey Bros.**

No one can say we haven't had our share of rain and red mud the last week. Modoc, Empress and Judy are about the only ones who have enjoyed it. Their mud baths have given them a pinkish look that has caused many a customer to shake his head and take another look when he sees the three little pink ele-phants come dancing into the ring.

Another eye-blinker is John Pringle, driving down the highway with his pet donkey who sits right beside his master with his head sticking out of the window.

The Kellers are busy getting settled in their new trailer. Mr. and Mrs. Pete LaRuse and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Russell have replaced Cy Murray and family on the cookhouse. Keller is the show's purchasing agent and Russell is the steward steward.

Rex M. Ingham, general agent, now located in Rùffin, N. C., entertained royally at his home. Guests were Bill, Jack, Mack and Myrtle Miller, Myrna Carsey and Walter Powell. Gladys Chest,

Carsey and Walter Powell. Gladys Chest, sousaphone player with Mike Guy's band, is back with the show after spending several days in a hospital. Raymond Riley, candy floss, celebrated his birthday by tearing up another rail-road ticket. Visitors this week were Mrs. Frederick Werzel and daughter, Sylvia, of Morgantown, N. C.; B. W. Huddleton's father and Ralph Hoit of Burlington, N. C. We all regretted hearing of Pete Neese's illness. Neese's illness

Neese's illness. Bruce La Blonde, of the La Blonde bar act, is still on the sick list. George Myers is very unhappy. He can't find an act that doesn't beef about following the new bomb gag on account of the smoke and flying debris. -- DOLLY JACOBS.

#### Austin Bros.

Luckily, Friday the 13th, didn't come on Tuesday, or it might have been worse. For that matter, there was a whole week of mishaps. But it was Tuesday when Equestrian Director Alloway carefully hung his dress suit over a light bulb, that was before he backed into the bucket of water. When the light was turned on, a large hole burned thru his coat, shirt and pants. It was only a little later, during the spec, that he stepped back to avoid being run over (See AUSTIN BROS. on page 70)

#### Cole Bros.

Falls City, Neb., hometown of Jake Newman, proved the larry of the season. The mysterious disappearance of Armida Loyal's dog has been solved. Armida locked it in a wardrobe trunk by mistake.

Aside to Dick Miller: Sorry I missed

you that Sunday. Birthdays the past week have been marked by Zack Terrell, Bill Spaulding, Bobby DeLochte and Frances O'Connor. Francis Stilman was called home by the serious illness of his father. Visitors in-cluded Fred and Bette Leonard, Mr. Bernard and Mary Anne, and Charley Dryden.

Biggest news of the week for the writer and wife is that Freddie Jr. is coming home after two years over there. Dressing Room Scenes: Paul Nelson talking horses with Alabama Campbell.

Laiking horses with Alabama Campbell. ...Bert Dearo laughing to himself.... Charles Forrest and Don Robinson hav-ing bar-rigging trouble....Horace Laird counting his route card money. ...Slayman Ali doing his washing.... Otto Griebling just talking....Lee Vertue spangling a clown hat....Rube Simons trying to put the midget on the right track....Dr. Harold Voise giving the boys their iodine shot....Milt Herriot complaining about the poor fish he's getting for the seals....Harry McFarlan reading his favorite literature, the racing form....There's Elmer just the racing form.... There's Elmer just scratching.... Hank Linton trying to teach our Mexican friends English and the racing form. . . . There's Elmer just scratching. . . . Hank Linton trying to teach our Mexican friends English and not doing so well. . . Con and Winnie Colleano trying to keep themselves and Snookie cool in the Kansas heat. . . . Lou Walton rolling his own. . . . Harry Thomas looking as if he'd come out of Saks Fifth Avenue. . . And John Smith looking as tho he'd like to go in. . . Francis Riener looking over Elmer and Felix for his Museum of Odditles. Justino Loyal grooming his own horses. . . . Noyelles Burkhart using a lamp on his sore shoulder.—FREDDIE FREE-MAN.

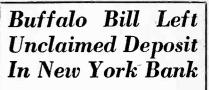
#### **Russell Bros.**

Chickasha, Okla., brought visiting po-tentates from the Big One, including Merle Evans, Paul Horompo, Robert Ringling, Mrs. Charles Ringling, Pat Valdo and Father Ed Sullivan. Father Ed distributed religious medals. Tulsa, Okla., came thru with big busi-ness and cooler weather. Visiting at this spot was Bob Kellogg, of Ringling-Bar-num clown alley.

ness and cooler weather. Visiting at this spot was Bob Kellogg, of Ringling-Bar-num clown alley. The event of the week took place in Joplin, Mo., at the home of Paul Van Pool, rabid Missouri circus fan. Paul invited all the show's personnel to a barbecue at his near-by ranch. There was fried chicken, baked ham, potato salad, etc. Besides all the eats, there was boating and swimming. This is where our "Olympic swimming champion," Maury Fein, went bathing. He was pushed out of a boat. We were enter-tained by the mystifying card tricks of our own Prince Omwah, of Baton Rogue, India. The Prince showed such finesse with the cards that the president of the pinochle club. Bob Reynolds, expelled him from future membership. Visiting and joining clown alley at Springfield, Mo., was Wilbur Storey, one-time Adam Forepaugh performer. He last clowned professionally 57 years ago, when a boy of 16. Rotogravure Brevitles: Connie Thomas has joined to help her husband operate the pie car. . Mrs. Emil Pallenberg

has joined to help her husband operate the pie car. . . . Mrs. Emil Pallenberg left for Los Angeles to enroll Butch and Sylvia in school. . . . June Cristiani is back from Chicago. . . . Ray Willis en-joyed a visit from his mother in Springfield. . . One of the touching scenes enacted nightly is the crooning of Charlie Roark. His favorite melody is *Shame*, *Shame on You*, and his inspiration is Smithy of the band. Smithy is a hillbilly song fanatic.

First man to the cookhouse and the st one out is Scotty Davis. . . The (See RUSSELL BROS. on page 70)



NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Advertisement of the Chase National Bank in Saturday (8) news sheets reveals that the late Buffalo Bill has a dormant account at that bank in New York. As required by State law, the bank published a list of 1,599 depositors whose accounts have here untruched for 15 years or more

of 1,599 depositors whose accounts have been untouched for 15 years or more. In the last was the notation: "W. F. Cody, Cody, Wyo." Buffalo Bill died January 10, 1917, and his widow survived him by four years. Among Cody's assets at the time of his death was a 4,600-acre ranch, which was sold by his estate in 1941.

Hamid Show Hits Big Biz At Six-Day Rutland, Vt., Fair RUTLAND, Vt., Sept. 15.—Rutland circus fans, without a circus this season, got a chance to witness the next best thing when the George A. Hamid Revue appeared at the Rutland Fair twice daily September 3-8.

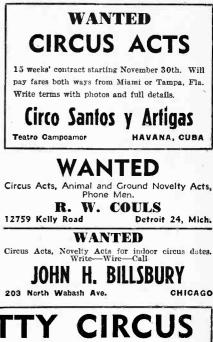
Show played to a capacity grandstand of 6,500 at each show, with the exception of Tuesday (4), when the matinee numbered 4,000.

Montgomery Under Stars WEED, Calif., Sept. 15.—The C. R. Montgomery Circus performed under the stars here Saturday (1), instead of under the regular big top. Because of the high wind which had been blowing since early morning, show officials called off the matinee and corraled the night show rather than risk trying to put up the big top. top.

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COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS

#### Fall season starts at Wichita Falls, Tex. Many dates booked. Chip Morris, call. JOHN DAROS Kemp Hotel Wichita Falls, Tex.



# **CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS** WANTS FOR BIG SHOW Acts Strong Enough to Feature; Teeter Board Act; Big Acrobatic Act. Steward for Cook House. Ticket Sellers. WANTS FOR SIDE SHOW Freaks of All Kinds, Musical Acts, Organized Jig Band of 6 Pieces or More. Ticket Sellers. LONG SEASON UNTIL MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER. MOST ACTS WILL BE USED ON WINTER DATES AND TOUR OF MEXICO. All Address: RALPH J. CLAWSON, Mgr., Clyde Beatty Circus. Greenwood, Sept. 19; Yazoo City, 20; Brookhaven, 21; Natchez, 22; McComb, 24; All Mississippi; Then Per Route.

## WON, HORSE & UPP COMBINED CIRCUS

An Equine and Canine Paradox-The Show With a Leaf of Gold -By Starr De Belle

#### Long Haul, Miss September 18, 1945.

September 18, 1945. Dear Pat: This show revived the old method of drawing patrons by arranging excursions on railroads and bus lines. Last Sunday we arrived at Mud Delta, Miss., over a logging road. Due to the loggers and mill hands being well overloaded with cash, the lumber company wanted to lower the help's bank rolls to get them back on the job. It didn't take much arguing to get the company to agree to run its logging train from the mill to the show, a distance of 23 miles. Our heralds carried the stops and ex-cursion rates, which ran as follows:

Our heralds carried the stops and ex-cursion rates, which ran as follows: "Lumber Mill, Miss., 54 cents plus a gen-eral admission and reserve seat ticket; Choppers Hollow, Miss., 49 cents plus a general admission and reserve seat ticket; Dull Axe Station, Miss., 37 cents plus a general admission and reserve seat ticket; Water Tank, Miss., 28 cents plus a gen-eral admission and reserve seat ticket; Refuel, Miss., 19 cents plus a general admission and reserve seat ticket, and Last Stop, Miss., 11 cents plus a general admission and reserve seat ticket. The excursion train will arrive in time for everyone to witness the street parade of gold and glitter. The mammoth side show and annex will open in time for everyone to see the world's strangest acts, people and Hollywood dancers. Do not bring lunches, our de luxe catering stands will be stocked up for the occa-sion." sion.

was understood that our uptown Tt It was understood that our uptown bus, big si ticket agents would sell the long ducats reserve sea at each stop along the route to insure no riding to visit relatives. When the excursion train of 10 logging flatcars worked up arrived loaded with men and their fam-

illes, the bosses knew their idea was a success. Both shows were straw houses because we insisted on those who wanted to ride the excursion back after the night show buy big show and reserve combination ducats. It was either see it again or walk.

Again at Delta Sticks, Miss., we had a similar tie-up with a lumber company. The company had only one flatcar avail-able, so we added our three flats to the train. It worked okay in the morning, but when the night show was over the bosses discovered that our trainmaster had already loaded two of the cars with side show. cookhouse, menagerle and had already loaded two of the cars with side show, cookhouse, menagerie and horse tent wagons. All we could do was to let the patrons ride under our wagons as we passed thru the lumber camp on our way to High Pine, Miss., which is 18 miles on the other side of the camp. Rather than overload the train with deadheads, we made every excursionist buy a big show and reserve seat com-bination ticket for the next day's mat-inee. No one was forced to ride on thru and all of them dropped off while en route. route.

route. We were lucky in doing so. The mat-inee the next day had only about 100 patrons, altho the box-office receipts for the performance figured a straw house. We advertised a bus line excursion at Knotty Knoll, Miss., with our two gilly trucks hauling the patrons in from a lumber camp. From 5 a.m. until parade time the patrons arrived on combination bus, big show, side show, pit show and reserve seat tickets. It was a case of either pay for all or walk in. How they got back that night isn't known, as we worked under the one-way excursion plan only.

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Auto Race Orgs Vie For Fairs

# **Battle Looms** After Layoff

**Promoters**, sanction bodies gird for scramble-setting shifts since '42 speed ban



CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Blessed by ODT, America's dirt-track auto racers are back in a cloud of dust, rumors and speculation. What about the auto race promotional picture in 1946? Thru the early race meets that have been sched-uled since ODT removed its wartime ban on the speedsters soon after V-J Day, the eyes of fair managers have been leveled on behind-the-dust developments among promoters and sanctioning orgs.

There is unanimous agreement that the promotional set-up will be vastly changed from July, 1942, when racing was ruled out as a war measure to conserve rubber and gas.

serve rubber and gas. Then, three governing bodies domi-nated the speed game. One of these, the American Automo-bile Association, had its principal strength in the East but was locked in a contest for supremacy with the Cen-tral States Racing Association. The CSRA, originally designed to rule over competition in Ohio and Indiana, had expanded beyond its title and was al-ready employing the secondary name, Consolidated States Racing Association, to cover sanctions in more distant cover sanctions in more distant

to cover sanctions ... States. In the great State fair belt of the Midwest, the long-established Interna-tional Motor Contest Association, founded and fostered by fairmen them-selves, still dominated racing from Min-nesota to Louisiana and controlled com-netition at such widely scattered points petition at such widely scattered points as Springfield, Mass.; Tampa and Bir-mingham. The venerable IMCA, how-ever, was also challenged by CSRA in 1941, when the South Dakota State Fair,

1941, when the South Dakota State Fair, the famed Clay County Fair at Spencer, Ia., and a dozen other Midwest con-tests were run under that org's sanction. In 1942, four or five promoters held what amounted to an iron grip over auto races at fairs from Vermont to Arizona. The dean of these was the veteran Ralph H. Hankinson, whose Hankinson Speedways operations ex-tended from New York to South Caro-lina. and frequently turned westward to include such points as Milwaukee, Davenport, Ia.; Springfield, Ill., and others. others

Two other leading Eastern promoters were Ira Vail, impresario at such speed shows as those at Mineola, L. L.; Blooms-

were Ira Vall, impresario at such speed shows as those at Mineola, L. I.; Blooms-burg, Pa.; Syracuse and other cities, and Walter Stebbins, well entrenched at a number of Eastern spots. John A. Sloan's Racing Corporation of America, successor to the organiza-tion built up by the late J. Alex Sloan, held contracts with more 1942 fairs than its single competitor in this area, the National Speedways firm organized by Al Sweeney and Gaylord White in 1940. As the speed game is restored to the nation's fairgrounds raceways and the first contests in more than three years get under way, first signs indicate a radi-cal transformation of the 1942 setting. In the sanctioning field, CSRA has, issuing sanctions for all meets that have been reported to *The Billboard* since ODT restrictions were raised. However, insiders believe that IMCA is biding time until the 1946 season, and that AAA (See AUTO RACE ORGS on page 61)

#### **Blair Co. Plans Centennial**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—Plans have been dusted off now that the war is over for the 100th anniversary of Blair County Fair in 1946. Tentative plans for the centennial call for a full week's celebration.



DR. J. S. DORTON, widely known fair manager, who has launched an ambitious plan for a year-round mini-ature world's fair at Raleigh, N. C. He is manager of the North Carolina State Fair

#### Hamburg Wins Over **Bad Weather Breaks**

HAMBURG, N. Y., Sept. 15.-Rain and cold had their innings but failed to stop 'em from coming to the 104th annual Erie County Fair here August 20-25. Fred Hauck, treasurer, estimated gross receipts at better than \$75,000, and at-tendance only 1,100 less than the record 1941 high.

Total paid attendance was 94,000. The total gate was \$47,355. Both the grand-stand and midway sold flat for an ap-proximate \$30,000.

George A. Hamid, Inc., again leased the grandstand and the James E. Strates Shows were on the midway. Hamid pre-sented six free acts headed by Whitson Brothers and Peaches's Ballerinas. Two complete thrill shows shared billing, Jack Kochman's Hell Drivers and Jole Cihtwood's Hell-on-Wheels.

CONYERS, Ga., Sept. 15.—Ninth an-nual American Legion Fair to be held here September 24 to 29 will stress agri-cultural, livestock and poultry displays. It will be tagged "Victory Fair."

### **Dorton Points** For Year-Round **Raleigh** Event

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 15.—North Carolina's annual six-day State Fair would be converted to a year-round miniature world fair mirroring the State, its resources and products, under a longrange \$3,000,000 expansion program pro-jected by Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager of the fair.

such an exposition, said Dorton, manager of the fair. Such an exposition, said Dorton, who is now on leave as State Director of the War Manpower Commission, would serve as a one-stop tour of North Carolina for thousands of visitors finding it im-possible to see various points of inter-est in the State. Dorton, whose long career as a fair manager began with the successful Cleveland County Fair at Shelby and includes active management of the Southern States Fair at Charlotte, as well as the State Fair, sees in his project a fair devoted exclusively to North Carolina and its 100 counties. He said the 1945 Legislature "started the ball rolling" when it passed an en-abling act authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to borrow on bonds as

abling act authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to borrow on bonds as much as \$100,000 to improve and enlarge the State Fair. To this would be added \$62,000, which the fair now has on hand. "This amount," Dorton asserts, "will be enough to get the board program in motion." He indicated that the re-mainder would come from other sources, mainly private contributors.

mainly private contributors. Dorton's plans include the construc-tion of a collseum seating 10,000 and a memorial building dedicated to vet-erans of the two world wars. The former would accommodate conventions, stock and poultry shows, industrial, automobile and textile shows. The memorial would house war souvenirs and trophies. A series of 100 massive pylons, each bearing the names of service men and women, would represent the 100 North Carolina counties. On the grounds would be, under the

North Carolina counties. On the grounds would be, under the Dorton plans, an athletic stadium, ten-nis courts, lakes, swimming pools, tour-ist camps and scores of small buildings. Dorton said plans for the exposition were not new. An architect's drawing of the collseum was completed in 1940. Actually, the plans were started in 1949.

Actually, the plans were started in 1930, but progress was interrupted by the war.

#### Handicaps Stymie **Utah State: Lowest** Attendance in Yrs.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 15.—The 1945 Utah State Fair and Victory Exposition, September 3-11, came a cropper. From a money and attendance standpoint it was a resounding flopperoo. Altho it was the first full State fair since before the war, and all restrictions were off, paid at-tendance was the lowest in more than a decade. The weather was near-perfect.

decade. The weather was near-perfect. Troubles for the 1945 fair stemmed from the 1944 war-streamlined presenta-tion, when a few exhibits and a grand-stand production featured the show. Complaints were made to the newspapers by the State Health Department on the condition of the grounds from a sanita-tion standpoint. The feud between the two State departments, health and State Fair board, carried over into 1945. Sheldon B Brewster secretary-man-

Fair board, carried over into 1945. Sheldon R. Brewster, secretary-man-ager, previous to the opening of the 1945 event originally billed, under ODT re-strictions, as the Salt Lake City Exposi-tion, asked for a list of recommenda-tions for improvements on the fair-grounds from the State Health Depart-ment. He announced all requirements had been met and the fair opened to a new record opening attendance of more than 15,000. Then the troubles detailed in last week's issue descended, and on (See ILLS CRAB UTAH on page 58)

#### **Quebec Wins Laurels** With '45 Exposition

QUEBEC, Sept. 15.—Quebec Provincial Exposition, stepping ahead for several years as one of the Dominion's foremost exhibitions, strengthened its position here, August 31-September 9, with an event marked by success in every department.

Attendance measured up to pre-fair expectations, and receipts, particularly those of Conklins Shows' Frolicland, was those of Conklins Shows' Froliciand, was heavy. All space for manufacturing and retail exhibits in the Industrial Building was sold for displays that unfolded a preview of items to expect in the post-war world.

Agricultural and livestock departments, traditionally an important cog in the exposition, surpassed former record fig-ures and from the point of quality were acclaimed the best in history.

acclaimed the best in history. Fair visitors were greeted by grounds that were spic and span, lighted bril-liantly and glistening with paint. Much new paving was added this year to that laid a year ago on the fair midway. Mayor Lucien Borne, president, and Emery Boucher, secretary, were com-mended for the appearance of the plant.

#### Faucett "Tired, But Happy" After Big Bath, N. Y., Event

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### Dayton Event Draws 120,000; Banner Year From Every Angle

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played a prominent role. Grange ex-hibits were particularly effective and complete.

complete. Governor Lausche spent most of the afternoon Labor Day at the fair, making a talk at the race track in which he re-ferred to the fair as the "composite soul" of the country. Here also that day were Ex-Governor Meyers Y. Cooper, former president of the Ohio Fair Man-agers' Association and president now of the Hamilton County Fair board; Law-rence Lake, first vice-president Ohio Fair Managers' Association and vice-president of the Hamilton County Fair board; John M. Hodson, State director of agri-culture, and Bryan P. Sandles, assistant director. director.

#### Attractions

Attractions The grandstand was packed every day for the races. The speed program of-fered purses totaling \$11,500, with three races each afternoon and two each evening. Paul Blagg, local cornetist and band-man, furnished band music in the grand-stand every afternoon and evening. Mid-way rides and shows were all booked by the Gooding company. All did excellent business. All grandstand attractions were furnished by the Gus Sun Booking Agency. They included: Ethel D'Arcy, (See Dayton Draws 100,000 on page 61)



FAIRS-EXPOSITIONS

Topeka Scores In Spite Of Rain

# Sunday Crowd CNE Sure in '47; Near 100,000

#### Hope of record week killed by two-day downpour good entertainment

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 15. — Kansas Free Fair set an all-time high attendance record Sunday (9) when it was esti-mated by Maurice W. Jencks, secretary and general manager, that nearly 100,000 attended the fair. However, hopes of a new record for the week were dashed when heavy rain fell thru Tuesday and Wednesday, and the weather turned cold Friday, the closing day. In spite of these handicaps, the fair had a big week, and Manager Jencks expressed himself as well pleased with the results. Saturday (8), opening day, was on a par with last year's opening. Estimate of the Sunday attendance was arrived at from the grandstand attendance, which

Saturday (8), opening day, was on a par with last year's opening. Estimate of the Sunday attendance was arrived at from the grandstand attendance, which was right at 27,000 for the day. Receipts for the day soared to an all-time high, with grandstand showing an increase of about \$500 at the afternoon show and \$1,600 at the night performance over the corresponding Sunday last year. Royal American Shows topped their last year's mark by approximately \$2,000, net receipts from rides and shows only being in excess of \$15,700 for the day. All concessions, both on the Royal American midway and the independent midway, also reported better biz than last year. More concession space was sold this year by Jencks than ever before both on the independent and the show midway. Monday night was big, with grand-stand doing capacity biz and the car-nival midway also enjoying splendid business, topping last year's corres-ponding day. However, the rains came Tuesday and Wednesday, which cut down attendance on those days. Grand-stand shows were presented in the rain regardless, both afternoon and night, but naturally cut down the grandstand receipts for both John Guthrie and Mike Barnes. Comfortably filled stands were on hand for the two days. The 66th annual Kansas Free Fair and the 14th under the guidance of Jencks was produced under difficulties, as there was little time to prepare for a large fair due to the original ODT edict can-celing State fairs. When Jencks finally

the 14th under the guidance of Jencks was produced under difficulties, as there was little time to prepare for a large fair due to the original ODT edict can-celing State fairs. When Jencks finally got the green light, it was too late to arrange for harness and running horse programs or line up a livestock show and secure the choice agricultural and other exhibits which usually are on dis-play at the annual. As a result the fair was held without a speed program and livestock show, but nevertheless a splen-did annual was presented and the people came to to the grounds in droves. Thru a hast-minute arrangement it was made possible to have a good 4-H Club live-stock exhibit, which was well attended. Thru arrangements with the War De-partment, two army exhibits were on hand, the trained army police dogs from Fort Riley. Kan., and the soldiers with their pack mules who saw active duty in Italy. These were housed in the Agricultural Building and were presented daily in front of the grandstand. With these last-minute exhibits the fair still carved an enviable niche and set out to establish new attendance records. In order to get everything in readiness for the opening in short order, it was neces-sary for Jencks to recruit help from (See Rains Breaks Chance on page 58)



# Maybe '46 Prevue

TORONTO, Sept. 15.—Elwood A. Hughes, general manager of the Cana-dian National Exhibition, and Toronto's Mayor Robert Saunders, report that the CNE will not be in full swing until 1947. The announcement was made after both men had conferred with Alex Ross, Deputy Minister of National Defense in Ottawa.

However, it was strongly hinted that there might be a partial fair, including a motor show, next year if the services vacated the grounds by May, 1946, allow-ing time to revamp some of the buildings.

During wartime, the exhibition grounds and buildings were taken over by the armed services. At present the plant is being used as a release center for discharged soldiers. Deputy Minis-ter Ross has given assurance that all service personnel will be out by May 31, 1046 1946.

1946. This would not allow time enough to remodel and prepare the buildings and grounds for a full-scale show next year. The amount of interior decorating re-quired to bring the exhibition to its pre-war standard is estimated at \$750,000. The cost of work which must be done to exteriors of buildings and the grounds has not been calculated.

Under agreements between the CNE, the city of Toronto and the Department of National Defense, the department is responsible for the return of the CNE in the state in which it was taken over for the services.

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for the services. In the meantime, a new civic stadium, to be built on the present site of the CNE grandstand, has been approved by this city's board of control. It is es-timated that the work could be com-pleted by the fall of next year. The stadium, with a capacity for 35,-000 people, would be established thru conversion of the present structure and remodelling of the grounds at an esti-mated cost of \$40,000. The make-up of the field will be changed, with a 750-foot playing field, a quarter-mile track, a third-mile track and two racing strips, one of 220 yards and the other of 100 yards. Tunnels will be built under the track to the enclosure. Hughes and Toronto's park commis-sioner, C. E. Chambers, have been ap-pointed to handle the project.

#### **Convention Ban Off Oct. 1: Clears Way** For Winter Meets

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—All restrictions on holding conventions, trade shows and group meetings will be removed October 1, it was announced this week by the War Committee on Conventions. Step was taken on recommendation of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion

with the off recommission and Reconserversion. With restrictions removed, the way is cleared for the IAFE and various State associations of fairs to go ahead with plans for their winter meetings without having to worry about the number attending. Since last February 1 the ban on large fatherings has been in effect. Prior to August 17 no meetings could be held with more than 50 non-local participants except by special permission. Since that date the limit has been 150. This still feft the situation doubtful, as hotels were hesitant about accepting reservations for fear of coming in conflict with the ODT. With the limits off, plans now can go forward as usual.
IAFE, largest of the fair conventions, attracts fair men and women from all parts of the United States and Canada. While as a rule there are no more than 150 official representatives in attendance, many other fair men, especially from the Midwest, always make the meeting here. Also time to coincide with the IAFE meeting dates are the conventions of the NAAPPB and the American Carnivals Association, with the annual meeting of the site of the fair convention of the site and the fair for the fair

### Cincy's Annual Cottontail Stymies Establishes \$\$, AttendanceMark

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.-Conclusion of the four-day program of Carthage Fair here tonight will show the biggest financial returns and largest attendance since the Hamilton County Agricultural So-ciety held its initial fair 90 years ago. Gate receipts showed increases daily over corresponding days a year ago, with rain cutting in little Thursday night.

Horse show events afternoon and night were stressed. Plans have been prepared for construction of a coliseum that will house the event in the future and leave the grandstand open for nightly enter-tainment features. Speed races were the grandstand open for nightly enter-tainment features. Speed races were afternoon features, with Ohio Standard Bred Futurity stakes bringing out a number of swiftles. Clarence A. Peters, fair secretary, is a devotee of show horses. Earl Bernhard, Cincinnati, man-aged the horse show, and Earl J. Coburn, Lebanon, O., presided over the speed events events.

events. Former Ohio Governor Myers Y. Cooper, president of the Hamilton Coun-ty Agricultural Society, presented Gov-ernor Lausche and other distinguished visitors from the grandstand, at the opening Wednesday (12). Cooper an-nounced that many entries in the cat-tle and horse divisions could not be taken care of, despite the erection of temporary stalls and tents. Additional facilities are planned for next year, he says. says.

Charles Monjar, Cincinnati, again had the concession privilege, with 35 spots. F. E. Gooding Amusement Company Unit No. 2, with John F. Enright, manager, had numerous rides operating.

had numerous rides operating. Free-acts line-up, booked by Bob Shaw, of the Gus Sun Booking Exchange, included Ethel D'Arcy, high act; Will Hill's Circus; Connor Due, wire and globes; St. Clair and O'Day, bikes; Royal Whirlwinds, speed rollers; Slivers John-son and his auto; Johnny Dailey, comic; Mel Marcus, table rock; Homer Meecham, hillbilly; Hoosier Cornhuskers; Mark and Marsha, balancing, and Smittie's Band. Earl Huffman, Aurora, Ind., emseed the grandstand and horse events.

#### Williams & Lee Units Playing to Big Crowds

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Gladys M. Wil-liams, of Williams & Lee, reports that the office's three night units, Hollywood Follies, Star-Spangled Follies and Flying High have been playing to terrific crowds. Weather has been good, and the Wis-consin fairs played have broken all previous records.

The three units will close September The three units will close September 25 after having played 12 weeks of fairs each. Several contracts for 1946 have already been signed, Mrs. Williams states. Williams & Lee will furnish the acts for the VFW Circus at Aberdeen, S. D., September 21, 22 and 23.

the Women's League of America. IAFE meeting will be held at the Hotel Sher-man December 3-5.

With the exception of the Iowa meetthe Chicago meet, practically all of the State association gatherings come after the first of the year.

# Politician's Plug

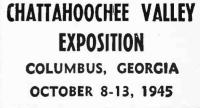
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Unscheduled event on the track in front of the grand-stand at Mineola Fair on opening night (11) brought howls of glee from spec-tators in the stands and anguish to ora-tor on the speaker's stand.

Nassau County Executive Sprague was Nassau County Executive Sprague was just getting in some neat pre-election plugs for his party mates when a small dog flushed a scared rabbit from the edge of the race track and under the glaring floodlights staged a wild race which the cottontail won easily after leading its pursuers the entire length of the grandstand. Sprague ignored the race but temporarily lost his audience.

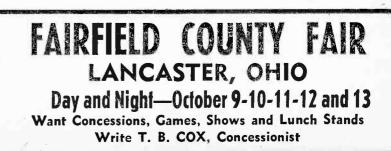
#### Algona, Ia., Draws 10,000

ALGONA, Ia., Sept. 15.—Highly successful was the Kossuth County Fair here August 28-29. A. L. Brown, secre-tary, announces that outside gate at-tendance was 10,000, with grandstand attendance, 5,000. William T. Collins Shows were on the midway with 10 rides and shows and 35 concessions. The grandstand shows included the WLS Barn Dance. Seneca Saddle Club, 4-H pageant, and six acts.





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#### Trenton's 200th Anni Has Auspicious Start

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 15.—Excellent weather and a continuous flow of people thru the turnstiles greeted the opening of the 200th New Jersey State Fair here Sunday (9). George A. Hamid, opening of the 200th New Jersey State Fair here Sunday (9). George A. Hamid, president and managing director, ap-peared before crowded grandstands and introduced a long line of visitors who made the trek from all over the East to help commemorate the granting of a charter of the first fair in 1745 by King George II of England. Among visitors were Sir Gerald Campbell, minister at the British Em-bassy. Washington, representing the

bassy, Washington, representing the King and Queen of England; Charles A. Nash, head of the Eastern States Exposi-Nash, head of the Eastern States Exposi-tion, Springfield, Mass., and Mayor An-drew Duch of Trenton. Hamid was cheered when he read a letter from President Harry S. Truman wishing the fair success. Sir Gerald made a brief address after which he was presented with a key to the city by Mayor Duch. On the platform with him were Mary A. Roebling, noted clubwoman, and Lieut. George A. Hamid Jr., vice-president of the fair, just back from two and a half years's service in the navy. Exhibits were among the largest ever

Exhibits were among the largest ever displayed at the fair, and an excellent entertainment program was presented. On opening night a historical pageant depicting the early fairs was staged be-

depicting the early fairs was staged be-fore the grandstand, and it was repeated Monday night (10). Monday (10) was Children's Day, but due to pollo, coupled with threatening weather, afternoon attendance was cut sharply, but night brought out a fair-sized crowd. Norman A. Marshall, secretary-manager of the fair, was kept bues greating vicitors

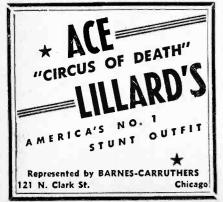
secretary-manager of the fair, was kept busy greeting visitors. Bert Nevins, publicity director, and Edward Connelly, director of special events, did a bang-up job. Grandstand show was furnished by George A. Hamid, Inc., and included a colorful revue, Song of Victory, a number of acts, and Monday Jack Kockman's Cavalcade of Thrills. The revue, an elaborate production becutt number of acts, and Monday Jack Kockman's Cavalcade of Thrills. The revue, an elaborate production, beauti-fully costumed, won acclaim from the customers. Music was furnished by Joe Basile and his band, with Jack Glick-man wielding the baton and Winifred Duncan as vocalist. Acts were Wat-son's ponies and mules; Capt. Roy Simms, high act; Jack Andrews and His Brahma Bull; Watkins's Chimps; Janet and Paul, high act; Sylvia's (Watkins) Dogs; the Victoria Troupe, bike act; Rosita Royce and Her Doves; Whitson Brothers, acro stunts; Jadine and Li Sun, Chinese act, and Reg Kehoe and His Marimba Queens. Cetlin & Wilson Shows were on the midway with an excellent line-up of rides and concessions.

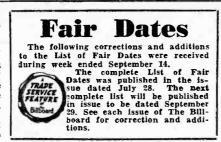
#### Baker at Sedalia in '42

SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 15 .- In the story SEDALIA, MC., Sept. 15.—In the story of the Missouri State Fair published re-cently, it was incorrectly stated that this year's fair was the first under the management of Ernest W. Baker. Sec-retary-Manager Baker and Commissioner John W. Ellis were in full charge of the fair in 1942.

#### Wyoming Event Pulls 5,500

BUFFALO, Wyo., Sept. 15.—Two-day Johnson County Fair was attended by crowds estimated between 5,500 and 6,000 by William B. Long, secretary. Excellent weather marked the event, August 23-24. Limited to Johnson County exhibits and largely attended from the same area the fair was handifrom the same area, the fair was handicapped by lack of grandstand and car-nival attractions. Efforts to secure at-tractions were made but none were available, according to Long.





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Columbus—Chattahoochee Valley Expo. Oct. 8-13. Felix L. Jenkins. Milledgeville—Middle Georgia Fair. Week Oct. 22. F. Palsley Davis. Indiana

Fairview—Fairview Fair & Celebration. Sept. 27-29. Wm. H. Myan, Bennington, Ind. Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI Jackson-Miss. Livestock, Poultry & Mechani-cal Expo. Oct. 8-13. J. H. Martin. Jackson-Miss. Negro State Fair. Oct. 15-20. H. H. Young, Box 2372, W. Jackson. Liberty-Amite Co. Livestock Show & Fair. Oct. 22-27. G. C. Harrison. Yazoo City-Yazoo Co. Fair. Oct. 1-6. J. N. Ballard. North Carolina

Ahoskie-Atlantic District Fair. Oct. 16-19. E. M. Weaver. Henderson-Golden Belt Fair. Oct. 8-13. C. M. Hight.

South Carolina

Manning-Amer. Legion Clarendon Co. Fair. Oct. 29-Nov. 3. John G. Dinkins. Rock Hill-Rock Hill Colored Fair. Oct. 22-27. Rev. B. J. Anderson. York-York Co. Colored Fair. Oct. 15-20. L. A. Wright, Route 3, Clover, S. C. **Texas** 

Iowa Park-Wichita Co. Fair. Oct. 15-20.

### beam's auto dare-devils were a one-night feature and running races, replacing the trotters, were billed three matinees. Maggie Fallon had the midway rides. Concessions were operated by Larry Fal-lon, Charles Martin, Clarence Smith, Barney Fleeger, Lester Rodgers and others **Rains Breaks Chance** For Topeka Record

(Continued from page 57) near-by army bases, with hundreds of soldiers being employed to do much of the work around the grounds.

#### **Grandstand Attractions**

The Free Fair Follies of 1945, super-production of the Barnes-Carruthers ofproduction of the Barnes-Carruthers of-fice this year, was the nightly attrac-tion. Mike Barnes was wreathed in smiles all week as a result of the terrific business. Admission to grandstand was \$1.20 including tax, while reserved seats cost an additional \$1. Three thousand additional seats were put on the track to accommodate the overflow crowds.

additional seats were put on the track to accommodate the overflow crowds. Approximately 100 people comprise the cast of the revue in which the Byton-Morgan-Land Dancers are featured. Show was well taken at all performances, with the five elaborate ensemble numbers well presented. Bob White was emsee; Marie Singer, prima donna, and Marie Jones, the featured dancer. Izzy Cervone was musical director. Acts and attractions presented between the en-semble revue numbers were Capt. Dick Clements and his lions; Gautier's Steeplechase; Lowe, Hite and Stanley; Three Bobs; the Lang Troupe; Ernie Wiswell and Company; Gillette and Richards; the Song Welders; Carl Bry-son; Bozo Harrell and Company; Johnnie Gibson's Aerial Ballet, and "Miss Vic-tory" Zacchini, the girl shot from a cannon. cannon.

John Guthrie's Championship Rodeo and Congress of Oklahoma Indians was the afternoon grandstand attraction Saturday thru Wednesday and he gave them the best rodeo ever presented in these parts, this being the opinion of Jencks and visiting attractions men as well as the public. Guthrie has aug-mented his group considerably and got better stock than he has shown at any previous annual. He chalked up splen-did business, with capacity houses the John Guthrie's Championship Rodeo

better stock than he has shown at any previous annual. He chalked up splen-did business, with capacity houses the rule and two turnaway preformances. Ace Lillard's Thrill Drivers were the attraction on the two final afternoons, this being their first appearance at this annual. Bush & Laube had the grand-stand concessions and reported swell business at all performances.

#### **Boyal American on Midway**

For the third successive year the Royal American Shows furnished the midway American Shows furnished the midway attractions. As previously mentioned all records were broken Sunday and biz ran ahead Monday. Last year the show doubled any previous midway record, their receipts totaling \$72,593, and the total was really something to "shoot for" this time.

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#### **Records Toppled As** Ills Crab Utah; **Ohio Events Cash In** Attendance a Flop CLEVELAND, Sept. 15 .-- Northeastern Ohio's county fairs are cashing in on flush pocketbooks, the end of gas ration-ing and a run of fine autumn days that

have already toppled records at four im-

Attendance and receipt marks of 20 ears standing passed into history at anton, September 3-6, when the 96th nual Stark County Fair drew crowds

of 125,000, including a 40,000 Labor Day turnout, and jumped its receipts from last year's \$21,000 up to \$31,000. Former high was 1925.

high was 1925. Harness racing headed the Monday (3), Wednesday (5) and Thursday (6) matinees and culminated under lights Thursday night. Grandstand show in-cluded Border Legion Rodeo, Monday thru Wednesday, supported by Joe Hod-gini's Riding Act and Will Hill's Circus, both booked from Gus Sun, who was on hand personally. Bands from 15 county high schools participated in Children's Day programs Tuesday (4). F. E. Gooding furnished rides, and Ed

F. E. Gooding furnished rides, and Ed Strassburg's Ape Show and Brooklyn, big horse, were added midway attrac-

In adjoining Mahoning County, the 99th annual at Canfield also scored a record smasher, August 29-September 3, with Labor Day crowds of 60,000 virtually

equal to previous highs for the entire fair. Secretary Edwin R. Zeiger reported that 20,000 saw the major grandstand feature, Greer's Rodeo, Monday (3) after-

noon. An extra performance was given that night. Youngstown Symphony Orchestra played before 8,000 in its an-nual Sunday (2) appearance. B. Ward Beam's auto dare-devils were a one-night

Two earlier fairs, at Painesville and Wellington also set new attendance fig-ures. Lake County Fair at Painesville,

ures. Lake County Fair at Painesvine, August 21-24, resumed after a three-year layoff, drew 30,000, and Lorain County Fair at Wellington celebrated its 91st year with a record 56,000. Highlight of later event was the 89th visit paid to the fair by Walter D. Warren, 94-year-old

Wellington man. F. E. Gooding rides were midway features at Painesville. Another Ohio event this fall was the

Another Ohio event this fall was the first Pickaway County Fair to be held in 50 years, staged at Circleville, Sep-tember 5-8, with Mack D. Parrett serv-ing as secretary. He reported that ex-tremely hot weather curbed attendance, estimated at 40,000. Governor Lausche visited the fair Friday (7), inspecting the 373 head of livestock and other exhibits.

At Chardon, John K. Sullivan has been elected head of a commission appointed to build a \$75,000 grandstand on the Geauga County fairgrounds. C. C. Graber

Walton, N. Y., Has Big Week; **Rainout Cancels Thrill Show** WALTON, N. Y., Sept. 15.-Rain on the

WALITON, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Rain on the closing day broke up a perfect week of weather and heavy biz at the Delaware County Fair here, August 21-24, accord-ing to Paul Williams, secretary.

The August 24 rainout canceled ap-pearance of B. Ward Beam's Auto Thrill

Grandstand acts were furnished by Frank Wirth, the line-up including Three Modernettes, acrobats; Friscoe's

Bob; Ruton's Dogs, and Chris and Rae, wire act. Dee Shaw was mistress of ceremonies.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Charles Burke, chairman, announces that cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be offered in the third annual Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored 4-H Club Fair here, October 5-6. Funds have been provided by Knoxville business firms, the East Tennessee Rural Improvement Commit-tee, State Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Denartment of Agriculture

tee, State Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture. A special feature will be community educational stunts presented by boys and girls of Knox County communities under direction of local teachers.

List Totals \$1,000

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**Knoxville 4-H Prize** 

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 15.-

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was named secretary.

Show.

(Continued from page 56) Thursday attendance dropped to an all-time low of 1,897.

time low of 1,897. The pay gate of 60 cents for adults, 40 cents for enlisted military and 25 cents for kids was abolished for Friday and Saturday, as was the "off limits" ban on the military, but attendance (esti-mated) was little more than 2,000 for Friday and about 3,500 for Saturday against a normal of from 10,000 to 20,000, depending upon weather conditions. In the meantime, one of the fair's feature exhibits, an ordnance exhibit of the U.S.

depending upon weather conditions. In the meantime, one of the fair's feature exhibits, an ordnance exhibit of the U.S. Army's Tooele Ordnance depot, was pulled and never re-installed. "There's more to the developments at the State Fair than just physical condi-tions," Secretary-Manager Brewster al-leged. "Whether it is politics or per-sonal enmity, I don't know, but propose to find out. We tried to meet every con-dition imposed by the State Health De-partment, but learned from the news-papers that we weren't complying. We have been told by concessionaires, carni-val men, fair men, both on the grounds and visitors, that the grounds and in-stallations were either the cleanest or among the cleanest they have ever seen. This came even from those who were suf-fering financial losses from the develop-menter. fering financial losses from the developments

"With absolutely no disparagement of local fairs, we believe we have equaled them all in sanitary precautions, yet the local same sanitarians inspecting our fair, left them unbothered—and we are happy that they did. The same is true of local celebrations."

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 15.—On the closing day of the Utah State Fair, Man-ager Sheldon R. Brewster told the press that there was an apparently organized attempt to discredit the fair, and he said results of an investigation now being conducted would be made public when events were linked together. The local press, particularly *The Salt Lake Tri-*bune, was blasted over the grandstand mike on the closing day. Fair wound up with a total attendance of 37,943 for the nine days, of which 32,543 was paid. Normal gate for nine days is about 80,000. Brewster declared receipts were "near normal" and the financial position good, but Monte Young's rides and shows on the midway

receipts were "near normal" and the financial position good, but Monte Young's rides and shows on the midway and Art Teece's Western Service Com-pany, with all food and drink conces-sions, were on the mourner's bench.

#### **Rain Fails To Mar Opener at Mineola**

**Opener at Mineola** NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Rain and the Mineola Fair are closely associated as ham and eggs, and exhibitors, showfolk or visitors are seldom seen there sans raincoat or umbrella. Rain was no stranger this year at the 103d annual Nassau County Fair, Mine-ola, L. I., N. Y., which opened Tuesday (11), but rainfall was so well timed that it interfered little with feature events, nor did it keep down attendance to any great extent, with the possible exception of Friday (14) when it rained most of the day. According to J. Alfred Valen-tine, president of the fair organization, attendance the first two days of this year's fair broke all records. Mineola is primarily an agricultural fair, and this year's exhibits are almost up to pre-war standards. Midway, with the I. T. Shows, was larger than usual, with big variety of rides, shows and con-cessions. Grandstand attraction was a redeo put on by the Lewis Blackmon

cessions. Grandstand attraction was a rodeo put on by the Lewis Blackmon Ranch.

Ranch. There were many special events during the week, biggest of which was celebra-tion of Nassau County School Centennial Tuesday (11) night, with a concert in front of the grandstand in which a massed band, comprised of nearly 2,000 musicians of 22 Nassau high-school bands and a chorus of several hundred students, took part. Event drew a big crowd. As a finale, there was a display of aerial fireworks handled by the Inter-national Fireworks Company under national Fireworks Company under supervision of Fred Murray

Legion Plans Newberry Fair NEWBERRY, S. C., Sept. 15.—American Legion here, taking over Newberry County Fairgrounds from the fair asso-ciation, is planning an early fall event, first to be held since the beginning of

### **RINKS AND SKATERS** Communications to 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati 1, 0.

### **NightlyProgram Change at Arena Gardens**, Detroit

DETROIT, Sept. 15.—Arena Gardens, Detroit, reopened for the season Wednes-day (12) with an attendance of 800, after being redecorated and remodeled during the summer. Policy this year in-cludes a new program for each evening, designed to give the maximum variety of appeal for all classes of skaters. A new feature is the provision of lounge space at the near end of the rink floor for patrons on wheels, as well as spectators. New skate repair depart-ment, with complete shop equipment, has been installed. It is under the di-rection of Eddy Martin. Skateroom capacity has been enlarged to hold 2,100 private pairs of skate-shoes instead of the former 600 capacity. This is in addition to the 1,200 pairs of clamp-style skates provided for rental. Spot is again under the direction of Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer of the RSROA, and opened with Russell Btee at the organ for his 10th consecu-tive year here. There were a number of professional visitors and noted skaters in attendance, including Paul Bacon, manager of the DETROIT, Sept. 15 .- Arena Gardens,

visitors and noted skaters in attendance, including Paul Bacon, manager of the Rollatorium, Jackson, Mich., and son of the well-known Frank Bacon; George Zindel, manager of the Coliseum Rink, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Arthur Karslake, of the Lincoln Rink, in the suburb of Lincoln Park, and Father Alfred, skating military chaplain. visitors and noted skaters in attendance.

#### **Curvecrest Rink Resumes**

MUSKEGON, Mich., Sept. 15.—Curve-crest Rink here has reopened following a 10-day shuttering for redecorating and installation of a dustless surfacing com-pound. Twenty out of 23 who took the first ARSA Bronze Dance test to be held in Muskegon, received their awards re-cently. Event was sponsored by Curve-crest Dance and Figure Skating Club, with Emil M. Quistead and Oscar Jochim, Chicago, judges. Classes was tutored by Mr. and Mrs. Perry B. Giles.

**Davisson Gets Opening Okay** 

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Sept. 15.—Fire Chief W. H. Hazzell and Sheriff O. W. Stapleton gave the okay to A. L. Davis-son to reopen his rink here after wiring solid to hopen his hint hick the area while repairs had been made. Spot has been closed since June, when it is reported a child was killed when it is said to have walked into the ventilating fan.

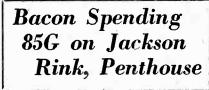


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DETROIT, Sept. 15.—A new \$85,000 rink to be called Rollarena, on Francis Street, Jackson, Mich., is being set up by Paul Bacon, operator of the Rolla-torium on the Jackson County Fair-grounds. Plans are being drawn by the Pittsburgh architectural firm of Ackley, Bradlaw & Dave

Bradley & Daye. Building will have a floor 200 by 80 feet, capable of holding 2,000 skaters. A separate beginners' rink will be pro-

ree, capable of noising 2,000 shades. If separate beginners' rink will be pro-vided. Plans incorporate many unusual and original ideas in rink construction and operation. One is the provision of space for the skateboys, who will be located along the outer wall, in a position where they cannot interfere with traffic. Ade-quate provision will be made for the checking of shoe skates. An unusual feature will be the con-struction of a penthouse at one end of the rink, to provide living quarters for the Bacon family. It will be sepa-rated from the rink proper by special glass, allowing visibility from the pent-house into the rink but not the reverse.

#### RSROA Reply By Fred A. Martin-

Martha Tevelue's open letter in The Billboard, September 8, is an-swered by the secretary-treasurer of the RSROA. This concludes the mat-ter, as both sides have now spoken.)

You write of "amateur unity" and ask, "Why does the RSROA defy and ignore the AAU?" It is quite probable that you, an AAU

It is quite probable that you, an AAU member, do not have access to the in-formation which stands as published fact. Then, too, perhaps you are trying to keep the issue hot. We, the RSROA, stand not defiant but defensive. Our acknowledged field of in-fluence was invaded . . . without public trial and without representation . . . in fact, behind doors which were slammed in our face. The ASU was ordered by the AAU to demand "reforms" which were impossible for our organization to

in our face. The ASU was ordered by the AAU to demand "reforms" which were impossible for our organization to accept and continue. Only the RSROA was interested in the sport. Only the RSROA had done anything about roller skating which had lain in discard, for-gotten by the AAU and the ASU (sup-posed to be the "governing body over all American skating"). The Amateur Athletic Union has ab-solutely no interest in the sport of roller skating. This is not conjecture. It is the truth. Past performances are the scale by which we are all judged. Stack up the records of the two organizations, AAU and RSROA. What have they done for roller skating? All of the evident progress in roller skating has come about thru the effort of the RSROA. It might have been more but for the hinderance of the AAU and ASU jurisdictional dis-pute. The Roller Skating Rink Operators'

have been more but for the influentative of the AAU and ASU jurisdictional dispute.
The Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association, since its founding in 1937, has progressed unfailingly and has steadfastly stood for fair play. There have been instances of individuals, who as members of this body, got into hot water because of their wrongs, but never at any time was the RSROA at fault either in policy or action. We have professed our organization in structure and action from the very first and have surmounted every obstacle which has arisen. You can now point out that we admit wrongs by some of our members. Certainly. This is a matter of record. Can you say that the AAU has never had jurisdictional disputes or that one of its members have never been penalized for a wrong action? Don't try to sell that idea to the public because they know that some great scandals have occurred right under the wing of the AAU.
Now you mention "decency or organization" and "healthy conditions." We can only reply that the RSROA is growing. It is expanding in all of its phases and not a single branch of this organization need deal in "back-door politics," as you suggest.

Zation need deal in "back-door pointes, as you suggest. I note also that you feel our "rink operators join in recognizing the AAU as the outstanding control for this and all sports." You are utterly ridiculous. The AAU will have absolutely nothing to do with any that operator. That was the do with any rink operator. That was the

#### **Metcalfs** Acquire **Great Falls Spot; RSROA** Items

SPOKANE, Sept. 15.--Julia and Jim Metcalf, RSROA pros, who were at G. C. Hubbard's Monterey Rink, Spokane, for two years, are now operating their own rink at Great Falls, Mont.

Lieut. James R. and Maxine Barry, who placed second in the novice dance at the Washington State meet this year, have turned pros and are now teaching three times a week at the Sand Point (Idaho) Rink. Both are RSROA members and the tink is a new member members, and the rink is a new member of the organization.

Dorothy Appleyard, formerly with Im-perial Rink, Portland, Ore., has taken over classes at Monterey here. She specializes in free-style.

Guy Chandler, another new RSROA member, is enlarging his Merryland Rink at Ellensburg, Wash.

W. H. Whittimore, Columbia Rink. Kennewick, Wash., RSROA newie, holds two classes a week, and is getting good results in this atomic bomb factory area.

#### **Trippe's Trio Resume**

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 15.—Carl F. Trippe, owner of the Ideal Roller Rinks Com-pany, reopened the No. 2 Ideal Rink at Lemay and Bayless Roads in St. Louis County September 8. No. 3 Ideal Rink, which has been operating in Westlake Park in Robertson, St. Louis County, is being moved from the building there to the large Westlake Park dance hall, which has an 80 by 250-foot floor. Camp Crowder Rink, Jonlin, Mo., also

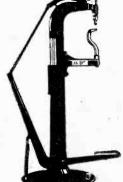
Camp Crowder Rink, Joplin, Mo., also owned by Trippe, reopened August 30. It has been doing okay business from both the military and civilians at 35 cents admission cents admission.

sole reason for the original grab. The recent decision of the RSROA to form its own amateur body is neither recent nor is it unhealthy. The ama-teurs were told back in 1937 that by 1947 they would have just such organi-zation. Ten years is not long for such development. You try to picture cur

zation. Ten years is not long for such development. You try to picture our organization as affording situations parallel to those of federal government. It cannot be compared in the same light but I'll bet we are every bit as democratic—with the additional support as given by the rink operator—to whom this is more than a sport—or a pastime. This is his business and he can't afford to make mistakes (such as we have seen made by other organizations during the last few years). We are not alone in our views. Bowling and other great sports feel very much as we do. We don't need the AAU. They did not help us to function when we were a struggling, new group . . and are only interested now because this whole thing looks like big business to them.

whole thing looks like big business to them. In closing, let me point out that other sports associations and officials, both national and international, have advised us on our stand. We did not need their advice but it is nice to know that others believe as we do. America is a free country—sports organizations are not banned here. We feel that we don't need the "benevolent guidance" of the AAU because our progress was made without the AAU and we plan to con-tinue just that way. tinue just that way





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### Marshall Hall, In 77th Year, Has Big Season

MARSHALL HALL, Md., Sept. 15.— Battling thru rainy weeks, continual labor change-overs, material and equip-ment shortages and other handicaps, Marshall Hall, one of the oldest amusement centers in America, now in its 77th year, came thru with an excellent season.

Tournament Day (August 22), always the biggest day of the year, brought huge crowds to the resort for the 60th staging crowds to the resort for the 60th staging of the jousting tournament. The ancient sport attracts tremendous interest. Some of the entrants have been contesting for 40 years and use lances handed down thru many generations. The day was a record one for all attractions. The Wilson Line steamer, Mount Ver-non, had the best season in years, its moonlight bookings being far ahead of other seasons.

other seasons. The resort will have a number of new rides next season. Plans and specifica-tions have been drawn and accepted for construction of a Roller Coaster as soon as materials are available. A new mini-ature railway is under construction, as are several other kiddie rides. Arthur E. Walsh, who installed new Skooter cars in 1944, this season put in a new Tilt-a-Whirl which did record business.

#### Season's Personnel

L. C. Addison is manager of the park; Lloyd Hurlburt, office manager; Mrs. H. A. Pou Jr., office assistant; Thomas J. Pou, superintendent, and Ernest L. Bladen, maintenance.

Games: Lehman & Hennings, owners and operators. Ida Griz, string game; John Grix, milk bottles; Leo H. O'Neil, pitch-till-you-win; Leo H. Grady, cat rack; Isadore Blum, Atlantic Fleet (fish-pond); "Pop" Foley, Devil's Alley; George Bennish, guess your age; the Reinhardts, darts; Linn Haddicks, cigarette wheel.

darts; Linn Haddicks, cigarette wheel. Concessionaires: Arthur E. Walsh and Lillian Walsh, Tilt-a-Whirl and Skooters; Lehman & Hennings, Crazy House and all games; John and Jean Sella, Penny Arcade; Martin F. Harp, popcorn, tobac-co, California ice and bulk drinks; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, kiddie rides; Charles P. and Sylvia P. Jackson, res-taurant and refreshments. Bide operators: Joseph K. Baldwin

Ride operators: Joseph K. Baldwin, Melvin J. Mays, Herman H. Krumeri, Wil-liam O. Martin, Claude C. Anderson, Charles I. Bowie and Bill Underwood.

#### Where They're Going

Where They're Going With the closing of business on Labor Day night, the members of the Marshall Hall family departed as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Walsh for a rest at Hot Springs; Earl Hennings, Tampa, for the winter; John and Jean Sella, after gathering pen-nies all summer, will return to their California home and gather walnuts for the Christmas season; John and Ida Griz will John a traveling show and make the fairs, as will Linn Haddick. The Jacksons plan a rest of several months after an unusually heavy season. Harry Lehman and the Harps plan wintering in Florida. The Thomas Pous will scram to South Carolina. Office Manager Hurl-burt will peddle his insurance.

#### Jantzen Season Off; **Oaks Equals 1944**

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15.-Portland's PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15.—Portland's two amusement parks are concluding the season, with one finding business about the same as last year, and the other reporting a 15 per cent decline despite a record gross during August. Oaks Park closes October 1, except for the roller rink and Scooter ride, while Jantzen Beach winds up about Novem-ber 1, except for dancing and the res-taurant. Ira S Shellenberger Oaks manager.

taurant. Ira S. Shellenberger, Oaks manager, said business held about even with last year's despite a 20 per cent slump Labor Day, when cold and rain kept the cus-tomers away. June, he said, was poor, partly made up by good business during July and August, aided by lifting of gasoline rationing.

Jantzen Beach, under management of Paul H. Huedepohl, reported a record business in August but a 15 per cent decline for the season. Lifting of gas rationing brought no noticeable results at Jantzen.



HENRY A. GUENTHER, owner of Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., who has just closed a successful season and is losing no time in lining up new rides and attractions for next season.

### **Crowds Jam NY** Spots on Post -Season Wk.-End

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.-Hot and humid

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Hot and humid week-end brought crowds and business to beaches and parks in the New York area. Rockaway Beach, which officially ended its season Labor Day (3), drew a record-breaking post-season crowd of 550,000, including 50,000 at Jacob Riis Park. Skeleton crew of lifeguards re-maining on duty at Rockaway had a strenuous day, registering 240 rescues. Coney Island, enveloped in a damp fog most of the day, was host to 870,000 Sunday (9). Business was brisk on rides, shows and concessions. Eaterles and refreshment stands ran short of supplies early in the day and many shut up shop before the evening crowd ar-rived. Surf Avenue was flag-decked for final wind-up Salute to Victory Week, with fireworks nightly and an American Legion parade Tuesday (4). Jones Beach fared well, drawing 40,000 Sunday (9). Orchard Beach had 18,000. Olympic Park, officially closed Saturday (8) but was taken over Sunday (9) for annual outing of Hyatt Bearing plant employes. Palisades (N. J.) Park was jammed closing day, Sunday (9).

#### **Olympic Preps for 1946**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., is losing no time in preparing for next summer. Henry Guenther, owner, has already lined up several new rides, including an auto speedway and an elaborate Old Mill. New boats will be acquired for park's Water Skooter and other attractions will be modernized. Ben Willis will discon-tinue his Freak and Magic shows at tinue his Freak and Magic shows at Olympic and will install an up-to-date wax museum in its place next season.

Success in Law, Sheck Prefers **Amusement Biz** 

AKRON, Sept. 15.—The story of the rise of Edward S. Sheck, both in law and in the amusement business was told here in the Sunday editorial maga-zine of *The Akron Beacon-Journal*. Sheck holds controlling interest in Akron's largest park, Summit Beach. Each Sunday *The Beacon-Journal* pub-lishes a "Biography in Brief" on its "op-posite editorial page." In his college days, Ed Sheck worked at the Old Silver Lake Park, running the Roller Coaster. In his last school year he was made general claim agent for the U. S. Amusement Company, which operated 36 Roller Coasters. When Summit Beach Park was opened in 1917,

for the U. S. Amusement Company, which operated 36 Roller Coasters. When Summit Beach Park was opened in 1917, Sheck persuaded his father to get the Roller Coaster and Merry-Go-Round concessions. Side by side with his legal career has grown up his substantial stake in amusement enterprises. With him in Summit Beach Park is attorney Tom Sawyer. More recently the Sawyer-Sheck combine has acquired a park at Coral Gables, Fla. According to Kenneth Nichols, Beacon-Journal columnist who wrote the blogra-phy, Sheck's friends believe he cut short a brilliant career as a criminal lawyer in fear of what it might do to his fam-ily. "He looked around him and saw too many great mouthpieces following out the tradition of Bill Fallon. He understood, too," said Nichols. "Ed is no longer encouraging people to walk into his law office. He'll take a case if a friend is involved or if it has a queer O. Henry twist which might ap-peal to his fancy. "Evidence of his intention to con-centrate on his remaining law practice and his parks is found in the report that he recently turned down a chance to join a high-ranking Washington law firm."

Irm." Ed has sewed up with a lease the only lot available for carnivals downtown. That's why Summit Beach has little competition from itinerant shows.

#### Streamlining, New Lighting in 1946 For Summit Beach

AKRON, Sept. 15.—Plans already are under way for further streamlining of buildings, new lighting and new signs for the season of 1946 at Summit Beach Park here. The funspot closed its regu-lar season Saturday night (8) and Sun-day (9) a huge Negro celebration was held held.

held. Business 'was substantially ahead of last year, park officials said, despite the Monday closing at the park all season. C. M. Anspach, Florida landscape de-signer, spent most of the summer at the park modernizing buildings. He will resume his work after the first of the year. Edward S. Sheck and Tom Sawyer, who have a park at Coral Gables, Fla., have not yet determined opening day of the season there.

### CONEY ISLAND, N. Y. - By Uno -

Victory week celebration, plugged as "Coney Island Salutes Victory," for the finale of the 1945 era, proved a money-getter for most ops, despite meager pub-licity in outside channels. Principal getter for most ops, despite meager pub-licity in outside channels. Principal thorofares were specially lighted and festooned by streamer banners to lend the necessary patriotic touch. Other decorations were bolstered by "Welcome Home" signs over individual establish-ments. Fireworks every evening and a parade under the auspices of Kings County American Legion, September 14, comprised the program of events. Pageant was concluded with a dinner at Gargiula's restaurant on West 15th to which John G. Ward, chairman of Coney's Chamber of Commerce, invited the three mayorality candidates, William O'Dwyer, Jonah Goldstein and Newbold Morris, and Mayor LaGuardia. Review-ing stand was at Feltman's. Aquarium site will affect about 50

Aquarium site will affect about 50 amusement operators who will be forced to vacate the premises on Surf Avenue, between West Fifth and West Eighth,

when the city starts the \$4,000,000 construction project.

#### Shorts

Shorts

### .22 Shorts Freed For Gallery Ops

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Harry A. Ackley, consultant in the Office of Civilian Re-quirements, WPB, Washington, has been successful in getting a blanket order signed which gives him authority to allo-cate the entire production of spatterless .22 short cartridges for shooting galleries. This will assure gallery operators a fairly good supply almost immediately, and a plentiful supply by the first of the year. Ackley already has allocated 30,000,000 cartridges to gallery operators thruout the country and expects to continue to improve allocations up to the pro-duction rate of the manufacturers. Only application required is a letter to Ackley, stating the op's need for the month and address of gallery. Ackley will then send him a suitable letter to attach to his order, and this will au-thorize him to purchase the ammuni-tion thru his regular dealer or jobber. Applications should be addressed to Harry A. Ackley, consultant, Recreation Section, Office of Civilian Requirements, War Production Board, 2421 Social Se-curity Building, Washington 25. All ap-plications should reach him during Sep-tember. Only item that is holding down pro-

Dilcations should reach him during Sep-tember. Only item that is holding down pro-duction and making allocation neces-sary is a scarcity of lead. Ackley states that it is his opinion that by the end of October ammunition can be bought thru regular trade channels with no reference to the government. "I urgently request that park opera-tors and others who do not need am-munition now wait until about January 1 to seek their supply for next year," says Ackley. "All the bureaus will be gone by then, and operators can then purchase thru regular trade channels, and supples will be built up by that time."

#### San Antone Playland **Closes Lush Season**

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Jimmy Johnson, owner and operator of Playland Park, San Antonio, is in Chicago on a busi-ness trip and reports that his funspot, which closed its season last week-end, had a highly successful year. Favored with excellent weather thruout the spring and summer, the spot drew heavy patronage and closed 35 per cent ahead of 1944. of 1944.

of 1944. Johnson told *The Billboard* that he plans a number of improvements for next year, among them the building of a 2,400-foot Coaster ride, which will be constructed by H. O. Schmeck.

#### **Extensive** Improvements Set for Pleasure Beach

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 15.—Perry W. Rodman, managing director of Pleas-ure Beach Park, municipally operated amusement spot here, reports the past season as the most successful in its history.

history. Rodman states that plans for next season include expenditure of between \$350,000 and \$400,000 for erection of a combination outdoor boxing and wrest-ling stadium and midget auto racing track; a midget auto concession for youngsters; modernization of the bath-ing houses; improved beach front; en-largement of the swimming pool, which will be combined with an outdoor stage for concerts and pageants, and restaufor concerts and pageants, and restau-rant facilities over the bathhouse pavilion.

#### **Fireworks Protests Filed On Grounds of Fear, Panic**

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 15.—Halifax had enough pyrotechnics last July to last awhile, in the opinion of many residents who protested the use of fireworks at the celebration held recently in near-by Dartmouth.

Dartmouth. An aftermath of the explosives at the Bedford Basin naval magazine, a series of blasts that drove thousands of resi-dents from their homes in Halifax and near-by towns, the fireworks issue has been a lively one in the maritime provinces. Despite objections that fireworks might cause panic and uneasiness, they were an attraction as Dartmouth cele-brated its anniversary.

IRVINGTON, N. J., Sept.

Olympic Winds Up

Successful Season

week-ends and war-plant layoffs not-withstanding, Olympic Park, which closed last Saturday (8), has had one of its best

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tion.

**Revere Beach Ops** 

Plan '46 Jubilee

REVERE, Mass., Sept. 15.-The most

extensive program of publicity, advertis-

ing and special weekly promotional fea-

tures ever carried out at Revere Beach

will be utilized in 1946 in observance of that resort's Golden Jubilee Celebra-

The sum of \$25,000 has been set with which all sorts of suitable outdoor acts, fireworks, a 10-day mardi gras, and a New England "Miss Revere" contest will be featured starting Decoration Day and

be reatured starting Decoration Day and continuing for two week-ends beyond Labor Day. The reorganized Revere Beach Business Men's Association, of which the late ex-Mayor Andrew A. Casassa was formerly president, will have charge of the program, assisted by the Revere Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Newly elected officers include Harry

#### **PARKS-RESORTS-POOLS**

#### Dayton Draws 100,000

(Continued from page 56) aerialist; Slivers Johnson and his comedy auto; Conner Duo, wire artists; Hoag-lan's Hippodrome; Hoosier Cornhuskers; lan's Hippodrome; Hooster Coriniuskers; Lang Troupe, ground acrobatics; Mel Marcus, balancer; Fisher's Circus, fea-turing Miss Ruby and her dogs, and Judy, elephant act; Luke and Marsh, acrobatics, and the Royal Whirlwinds, roller skaters.

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roller skaters. Everyone seemingly had money to spend. There were long lines at all the rides and shows. It was next to im-possible to secure a coke or ice cream under en hour's waiting Labor Day. Liberty Church conducted the dining room with country meals, they being allowed the concession without charge in gratitude for their undertaking the job in these rationing days.

#### Plan Improvements

Plan Inprovements With resumption of peacetime activi-ties, it is likely the fair board will con-sider a number of major improvements, such as new grandstand, dining hall and agricultural hall, all of which are old and not fireproof. Tents got past the local fireproof ordinance here thru a temporary restraining order issued by Common Pleas Court at the request of the fair board a few days before the fair. The fact that the board could use 15 to 20 additional acres for automobile parking and expansion may give rise again to the question of establishing a new fairgrounds further out from the city. city.

#### Idaho Annual Goes Over Top

BURLEY, Idaho, Sept. 15.—Attendance hit a daily average of 4,500 during the three-day Cassia County Fair here, Au-gust 23-25. Saul H. Clark, secretary, re-ports. Weather was good. Siebrand Bros.' Shows furnished midway features. Grandstand entertainment was supplied by Dick Griffitla, trick rider; Bus Car-sons, horse act, and the Cassia County mounted sheriff's posse.

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Newly elected officers include Harry Della Russo, night club and beach at-tractions operator at Revere Beach since 1927, president; Charles S. Freeman, city councilor and president of the Nautical Amusement Company, largest operators at Revere Beach, vice-president; Mayor Raymond E. Carey, who also operates two hotels and several licensed places in the beach area, vice-president, N. George Sabbagh, operator of the Cyclone and 500 feet of beach front attractions, treasurer; Victor Shayeb, secretary, and Saul Feldman, attorney, advisor. The promotional features will be in charge of committees, co-ordinated and directed by George C. Clarke, manager-consultant of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, who has had 25 years experience as a community builder. Backing these men are 13 additional directors, representing all lines and interests. interests. City of Revere will open a "Great White Way" on Ocean Avenue, and new extensive parking areas will be created. An area of 75 acres will be opened to new development. Commonwealth of

An area of 75 acres will be opened to new development. Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be asked to recognize the occasion with special "jubilee" ex-ercises, weekly band concerts, new boulevard lighting extensions, and the publication of a 50-year historical booklet

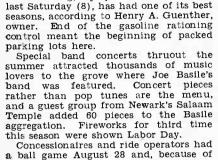
publication of a booklet. The State has expended \$3,000,000 in the beach since 1896, the beach operators an additional \$5,000,000 in land and structures, and the city an additional \$2,000,000, making it a \$10,000,000 beach.

#### **PARK NOTES**

HANK SHELBY, who operates the concessions at Flint Park, Flint, Mich., was a business visitor in Chicago last week, stopping off on his way to Missouri to settle up his late wife's estate. He expects to spend the winter in the South

South. MILDRED VIDAL, organist, September 9 closed an 18-week engagement at Sea-side Park, Virginia Beach, Va., where she had her own Hammond organ in-stalled in Frolics ballroom. After a brief rest, she will fill several engagements in New York then go to Florida January

movies, television and large productions.



aggregation. Fireworks for third time this season were shown Labor Day. Concessionaires and ride operators had a ball game August 28 and, because of aching bones, worked the rest of the week standing up. Ball game ended 12-12, whereupon all attacked beer and franks. Bob Guenther, park manager and the owner's son, was a voice casual-ty but managed somehow to continue announcing the week's free vaude, of which top act was the Flying LaForms. Son and brother of the two feminine LaForms was a lot visitor, home on fur-lough after 22 months as a paratrooper. It is estimated that in four years the park has given free admissions to 1,000,000 servicemen.

#### **Excelsior** Winds Up

Its Biggest Season EXCELSIOR, Minn., Sept. 15.—Excel-sior Park wound up its 21st annual regu-lar season Labor Day with the highest gross business in the funspot's history, Joseph Colihan, manager, said. Gross, said Colihan, was up nearly 20 per cent over a year ago. Weather permitting, Ex-celsior will operate week-ends for about a month. Colihan said both attendance and spending reached a new all-time peak. Addition of several new fun devices at the start of the season paid off well, he reported. The dance hall, operated week-ends, **Its Biggest Season** 

reported. The dance hall, operated week-ends, drew huge crowds all season when weather was good, and refreshment stands did business estimated at about 25 per cent better than a year ago, Colinan said.

Collinan said. Excelsior this year learned that the Minnesota State Fair, which each year was blamed for drop-off in park at-tendance during fair week, had little ef-fect. Fair this year didn't operate. At-tendance over Labor Day was the same as in 1944.

**Rockaway Recreation Bldg.** NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Parkbay Cor-poration, Irving Glaser, vice-president and director, has purchased a plot 150,-000 square feet fronting on Jamaica Bay, at Beach Channel Drive and Beach Listh Stret Rockaway Beach on which bay, at beach channel Dive and Beach 116th Stret, Rockaway Beach, on which a large recreation building will be erected. Plot is assessed at \$298,500 and is located near the site of New York's mammoth new airport at Idlewild.

**Compounce Opens Thursdays** Compounce Opens I nursdays HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 15.—Com-pounce amusement area will open Thurs-day nights and run thru the week-ends during September. Dancing continues Thursday nights with Johnny Solek's band. Stan Kenton orchestra played here Sunday (9) for only Eastern stand prior to six-week date at New York's Hotel Pennsylvania.

#### CONEY ISLAND, N. Y.

CONEY ISLAND, N. Y. (Continued from opposite page) me, new on the Bowery this season, yas the first to shutter. Since Labor pay, the machines are being removed by the machines are being removed by the season of the coney term. . . . Florida shuther, to judge by what the ma-point claim will be their destination ofter the close of the Coney term. . . . So of the late Dr. Charles W. Hall, is back on a furlough after two years of aloo per cent patriotic family are bounded in the army, and three sisters, Edno, a WAC: Jeannette, a Red Cross worker, and Rena, a nurse, still func-tioning in Europe. . . . George C. Tilyou John McCooey Tilyou recently completed bombardier School in Carlsbad, N. M. John McCooey Tilyou recently completed baviating re-assignment as a hospital aprentice.

### L. B. Brown Resigns From Playland Staff

RYE, N. Y., Sept. 15.—L. B. Brown, since 1930 associated with operations at Playland Park, resigned his position with the Westchester County Park Commis-sion. He did not disclose future plans.

Brown served as general manager of the Playland amusement center under the Playland amusement center under Frank W. Darling, its builder and first director, and continued the complete reorganization in 1933 as assistant to Director Herbert F. O'Malley. He was operating superintendent of the park under the present director, George B. Currier, at the time of his resignation.

In addition to his other duties, Brown managed the Ice Casino during the win-ter seasons until the cutbreak of the war. He was instrumental in bringing Sonja Henie, Vera Hruba, Hedy Stenuf and other skating stars to the Casino. Brown's wife is Winifred Colleano, noted circus aerialist.

### **Auto Race Orgs** Vie for Annuals

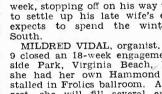
(Continued from page 56) is quietly mapping plans to swing into action next year. Norman Witte, secretary, has reported from CSRA headquarters at Dayton, O., that no less than five promoters, four of them in the East, have been licensed to operate contests this season in Ver-mont, Pennsylvania, New York, Kansas, New York, Kansas, New Jersey and North and South Carolina.

mont, Pennsylvania, New York, Kansas, New Jersey and North and South Caro-lina.
The race among promoters for Eastern fair dates appears a wide-open scramble, with the death of Hankinson in 1942 leaving more than a score of select tracks open to newcomers.
Sam Nunis, for many years a Hankin-son aid, was quick to jump into action, his initial meet at the Flemington (N. J.) Fair drawing a Labor Day crowd of bet-ter than 30,000. Nunis, presumably working in close alignment with George A. Hamid and operating under the CSRA banner, also is running meets at Tren-ton, N. J.; Raleigh, N. C.; Greensboro, N. C., and Spartanburg, S. C. His top stars are Jole Chitwood, Bobby Sall, Mark Light and Bill Holland.
Ira Vail, perennial AAA promoter, will probably race under CSRA sanction at the Bloomsburg (Pa.) Fair, September 29, the only date he has scheduled, ac-cording to Witte.
Ted Nyquist, a few years ago a well-known driver hailing from Reading, Pa., has tossed his crash helmet into the ring of candidates for Eastern dates. Nyquist, also sanctioned by CSRA, has already conducted programs at Essex Junction, Vt., and Hughesville, Pa., with Lehighton, Pa., another choice pre-war date, following today (15). Nyquist's bid is strengthened by Ted Horn, famed Indianapolis pilot and former Hankinson star, who is currently campaigning for him.

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CSRA-sanctioned contests are also scheduled at the Altamont (N. Y.)
Fair, with Secretary Roy F. Peugh listed as the promoter.
Jack Kochman, whose auto thrill show was organized when his midget and big-car race activities were suspended by ODT, will return to race promotion at Allentown, Pa., one of Pennsylvania's important "Big Four" fairs, September 22, with a card of CSRA events.
Along the Eastern front there is speculation that the return of Stebbins, now an army major, will further complicate the outlook along the Atlantic Seabdard.
In the IMCA territory, Sloan, the lone IMCA promoter, is also still in service, and the time of his discharge is expected to count strongly in developments thru this area. In the meantime, the rival National Speedways will get a line on top Midwestern drivers in its first post-war meet at the Kansas State Fair, September 17. Al Sweeney, discharged from the army but four days ahead of the program, will be on hand to handle the events. Emory Collins, national dirt-track champion of the peacetime era, will top the NS field of drivers, and CSRA will sanction competition.

petition. Between now and the annual winter meeting at Chicago, close observers be-lieve, others may announce bids for 1946 fair dates in the Midwestern sector, veteran thrill-show operator; Aut Swen-son, former Soan staff man, and his such likely candidates as B. Ward Beam, partner, Frank Winkley, figuring in speculations.

rest, she will fill several engagements in New York, then go to Florida January 1 for a 12-week club date. THE BOARDWALK at Wildwood, N. J., is to have its first completely fireproof building soon. It will be erected by the Hunt Enterprises to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Hunt Theaters. Building, to seat 2,000, will cost more than \$100,000 and will be suitable for movies television and large productions





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LETTER LIST

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Nevertheless, I had many friends in the profession, and as I get older I think of them more and more. I knew all the members of the old Meppert Stock Com-pany in Louisville; Oscar Eagle, Esther Lyon, Adolph Lestini, Tom Reynolds, Ralph and Robert Cummings, LaVerne Castno, etc. I also knew Viola Allen when she appeared in *The Christian*. Later, my wife (now departed) was her understudy when she played Chicago in *The Garden of Allah*. Would it be possible for me to find out anything about any of these people?

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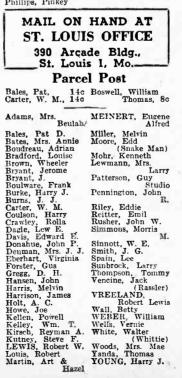
tian? That would start me oil; then, I could follow up and see if I could pro-duce any results. The complexion of the stage has changed so much since I was on, that one hardly recognizes it. The Billboard, however, is still carrying on in fine style. FRED R. HUBER.



H. L. ATKINS will have a religious in Shasta County, Calif. . . . J. L. MARSTON will open his three-people flesh circle trick in the Manchester, N. H., area late this month. . . . BEN SCHULTZ will open his two-people school show at Troy, Idaho, next week. Dramatic sketches will be used for flesh. . . . CHRISTY OBRECHT is still at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., with a skin infection. He expects to rejoin his show in a week or two. Tent season closes in Rochester September 30, and theater run opens at Roxy Theater, Owatonna, Minn. Cast will remain in-tact. No changes have been made this season. . . . CORP. RALPH BLACK-WELL, now at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., ex-pects to be released soon. He left Cal-cutta, India, May 23, docked in Newport News June 22, doing 13 shows on the tip across. Blackwell has been at New-port News since July 30. The return to the States, via the Suez Canal, has put the corporal around the world by water.

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ton (N. J.) area this fall and winter, playing under auspices. . . . GLORIA PLAYERS, three people, will make Easton (Pa.) sector the coming season, offering short-cast bills. . . TIDD'S SHOW, three-people flesh unit, reports favorable business in Western Idaho. Org will soon add a picture outfit. . . E. D. MURPHY writes that George D. Floyd has sold the Florida Blossom Show title and all equipment, and that details will follow. Show will make most of the Southern States and play in Florida this winter. . . . . GRIFF, formerly of the team of Griff and Hi with the Van Arnam Min-strels, is doing a comedy act with Em-mett Miller (Black and Tan), playing theaters in the South. Griff operates a turkey ranch in Winder, Ga., in his spare time. spare time.

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#### **MERCHANDISE-GENERAL OUTDOOR**

#### **Brydon Dan Rice AUSTIN BROS.** Hits Road Again; Weather Hurts

(Continued from page 54) the left. Rear was used to house ring stock for flash, as whites constructed for those sections were too flimsy, and Brydon said he would not attempt to seat patrons in that end until more suit-able lumber can be obtained for plank-ing ing.

Behind the new marquee, which is flashy, indeed, was a menagerie top which served as a foyer and will be used for ring stock when additional seats are obtained for big top.

#### **Program Features Stock**

Snappy program, featuring horses, dogs, ponies and goats, ran an hour and 30 minutes when caught at the opening matinee. Grand entry kicked it off, with 23 riders carrying flags and pennants, clowns hoofing, and the lead stock ex-clusive of the Liberty horses.

clusive of the Liberty horses. The program: Mae Lewis, pony (8) drill; football mule, assisted by clowns; the Great Frisco, slack wire; Mae Lewis's dogs; clown stop; first concert announce-ment, with 12 riders on the track, six more than were introduced; clown stop; Fotber Glade Faith King and Jake more than were introduced; clown stop; Esther Glade, Faith King and Jake Boone, menage; Lewis's military mules; snappy elephant act presented by Bob Atterbury and Vernis Dazal; clown stop; Faith King working Buck Lucas's dogs and Mae Lewis's goats; whip manipulat-ing by Al and Carroll Bailey and Al Bailey Jr.; clown stop; second concert announcement; Mae Lewis's Liberty horses. horses.

Aerial Lakes were on hand but could not work opening performance, as rigging was not suitable for canopy top. This, Brydon assured, will be corrected.

Earl Woltz furnished music with a calliope, as the band was not entirely assembled.

#### Ward Producing Clown

Bozo Ward, veteran funmaker, is pro-ducing clown, with Billy F. Nelson, Cherry Blossom, Wyatt Davis and Charley and Peggy Kline. The last named duo worked come-in.

Worked come-in. Brydon's staff includes Hubert B. Shive, agent; Honest Bill Newton, gen-eral superintendent; Harry Lamond, legal adpuster; Al Balley, equestrian director; Nathan L. Carl, transportation and chief electrician; Harry Newton, boss canvas-man; Mrs. Leona Halligan, treasurer, and Dr. Joseph Hefferan, front door.

The advance staff has Mike Pyne, brigade manager; Glenn H. Ingle, boss billposter; Bill Drake and R. Brewer, billposters; Jack Thomas, boss litho-grapher; Harry Stephens, Johnny Pyne and Bert Brown, lithographers; Charles Smith, programs and cards.

#### Side Show Line-Up

Side Show Line-Up Side show is under management of Bob Atterbury, who also has the candy stands. The line-up includes Jackie Stephens (Little Lord Leo), midget; the Nevadians (Billy and Marle Horner), accordion and guitar: Carol Bailey, chalk talk; Dave Lano and Chaney, marionettes, knife throwing and Punch and Judy; Johnny Fohrman, anatomical; Jean-Jeanette, annex feature; tickets, Charles W. (Deep Sea Red) McClough; public address, Phil C. Mathew; equipment, Dick Burns. There was no shortage of visitors at the opening, as the boys and Ida E. Cohen rolled down to Kankakee from Chicago, including Burt Wilson, John Haviland, Bill Green, Pittsburgh Yellow, Dr. and Mrs. Otto Schlack, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zemater and son, Mickey Doolan, Morris Haft, Jack Ferdy and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry. Vernon Reaver was down from Milwaukee, and James Dewey, gen-eral agent for Mills Bros. was on hand, as was Gaylord White of The Billboard.

#### **RUSSELL BROS.**

RUSSELL BROS. (Continued from page 55) hot weather didn't bother his appetite. ... Big Jim, of the property department, is that way about a Miami, Okla., girl. There may be wedding bells when the season closes. ... One of the unsung heroes of our press department is Walt Mathie, formerly of clown alley. Outside of being contracting press agent, squar-ing a spot for the downtown ticket sale, taking care of the school sale and visit-ing radio stations, Walt is at leisure. ... To Jimmie Green, George Morris, Frank Panisko, Rube Curtis, Foy Cooke and G. B. Hubler—a kind thank you for the letters.—DICK LEWIS.

AUSTIN DRUS. (Continued from page 55) and—you guessed it—sat down in a pail of water. It wasn't dry water, either. And Jack Shelby had his cornet stolen. So the gang got together, "cast their bread on the waters and it returned a hundred-fold," for the horn they got turned out to be a four-foot E-flat tuba. Another unbappy enjode came Mon-

turned out to be a four-foot E-flat tuba. Another unhappy episode came Mon-day (10) morning when the cookstove in the cook wagon exploded as breakfast was being prepared. J. D. Dison, one of the cooks, was severely burned and received hospital attention. That after-noon a near cyclone hit the lot, and the matinee was stopped while the crowd was evacuated. To continue, Monty Knight was somewhat embarrassed when she lost her brassiere in swing ladders. she lost her brassiere in swing ladders. And your correspondent missed the wire with one foot, caromed off on her chest and landed anything but gracefully on

and landed anything but gracefully on Old Mother Earth. But the worst misfortune of all, and by far the most serious, occurred at Co-lumbus, Ga., Monday. While unload-ing, the horses ate poisoned grass. Two of Doctor Cooper's Arabians died, and Boots, one of the four Palominos, and favorite pony of Donny Hammill, as well as one of the large monkeys, were also fatally stricken.

as one of the large monkeys, were also fatally stricken. Due to the late arrival in Anderson, S. C., there was no matinee, but the night show was straw to the ring curbs. Jerry Worth joined the show at Colum-bus, Ga.---KAY BURSLEM.

#### **UNDER THE MARQUEE**

(Continued from page 54) Voice of the Turtle completes its run, which probably will be 1947.

JOHN EVANS, who had booked a route JOHN EVANS, who had booked a route of dates for an indoor circus this fall, wires from San Jose, Calif., that he has canceled all booking because he cannot assemble a first-class program. . . . BILLY PAPE called at *The Billboard's* Chicago office last week en route to the Allegan (Mich.) Fair.

WE OFTEN WONDER what two opposi-tion general agents tell each other while dining together on brotherly terms.

A. J. (HAPPY) MEININGER, manager of Strand Theater, Cincinnati, made ef-fective September 11 a resignation sub-mitted in July because of ill health. He will rest in Wisconsin during which time he will consider an offer to manage the Garrick Theater, Chicago. Happy was formerly with the big tops.

ELLIS (SKINNY) GOE, band leader and The Billboard agent on Mills Bros.' Circus, returned to his home in Lexington, Ky., after the close of the season Labor Day. . . JOHN ANDREW reports from Houston that he has signed Count Ernesto Wiswell and his Funny Ford for Houston and Fort Worth Shrine the circuses

REMEMBER WHEN EARLY-DAY circus agents booked into opposition pockets, which were hard to get out of? That day has re-

BILLY BREESE, of Austin Bros.' Cir-cus, writes in with a mild beef because A. J. Duffer, uptown lithographer, was omitted from the advance line-up. He also infos that he spent two enjoyable days in Birmingham with J. C. McCaf-fery, and that Vernon McReavey was around there handling promotion for the Hamid-Morton Shrine Circus.

HENRY NEWTON, who has been HENRY NEWTON, who has been in retirement for 30 years at Eldorado, Kan., has returned to the road for the fall season with the Dan Rice Circus. . . CHARLIE DUBLE, Jeffersonville, Ind., an old-time trouper and CHS, and Ken Robison, formerly with the last H. B. Gentry Show on the road, visited Dailey Bros. at New Albany, Ind.

INVADING TERRITORY: With circuses reaching an all-time high in number, the number of pins sticking in a general agent's map leads one to believe that opposition war is hell.

PAUL RINGLING, who has served in Italy since the invasion of that country, is spending a 30-day furlough at the Ringling ranch in Montana. JACK SMITH, former Cole Bros.' agent, was lo-cation manager for the Montgomery County Fair, Dayton, O., and has re-turned to his regular job in the lease department for General Outdoor in Dayton Dayton.

E. F. HILLHOUSE, Chillicothe, O., rounding out his 35th season as a circus



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fan, has renewed his interest in model building, and is now working on a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch scale parade of the early 1900's. He visited shows from Coast to Coast this season, and gathered a lot of in-teresting material from Arthur Bros. and Dailey Bros. on their recent visits to Obie to Ohio.

THEN THERE WAS the old-time overland THEN THERE WAS the old-time overland circus governor who wanted only smear trombones, screeching cornets and a tuba, which he pronounced too-be, in his band. When a peckhorn jammer joined, the gov-ernor asked: "When will you learn to play a tune? All I hear you play is peck, peck, peck."

HARRISON B. WAITE and Ralph Buchanan, Waco, Tex., enjoyed a great hand-shaking fest with executives and performers of the Ringling-Barnum show at Fort Worth, and are now anxiously awaiting the billing war between Cole Bros. and Russell Bros. at Waco. Russell is contracted there for Sunday (30), with Cole hopping in four days later. Mel Dodson's World's Fair Shows will midway 'em there this week.

WHEN THE BEERS-BARNES CIRCUS when the BEERS-BARNES CIRCUS played Ephrata, Pa., Labor Day quite a few visitors were on hand. They included Mr. and Mrs. Russell Campman and son, of Norristown, Pa.; J. R. Conway, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Douglas, West Chester, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kistlar, Allentown, Pa.; Jim MacInnes and son, of Alburtis, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. William O. Moll and sons, of Norristown

STANLEY F. DAWSON writes: "It was visitors' week with Dailey Bros. thru Ohio. Charley Katz, Jack Mills, Gene Haerlan, Don Howland, Doc Ogden, Mat-tux brothers, Mr. Tetlow and Dick Cava-naugh, general agent for Byers Bros., were at Coshocton, Lancaster and Wash-ington Court House. . . WILLIE RAWLES, Eddie and Golda Grady called on Yellow Burnett's mother in the last-named city. Ben and Eva Davenport and Butch Cohen comprised the show's welcoming committee. STANLEY F. DAWSON writes: "It was

MYLES M. BENNETT, Dallas, Deputy MYLES M. BENNETT, Dallas, Deputy sheriff and former Ringling-Barnum usher, caught Russell Bros. at Gaines-ville, Tex., August 31. . . CORP JOHN ROSKO, formerly with the American Eagles, high wire act, is now in the Philippines after being in the European theater. Corporal Risko would like to



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(Continued from page 55) Powers. In Ravenna, visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory, Carl Elwell, Bill Stewart and son, Earl Kregar, Mr. and Mrs. Waiter L. Main, Mrs. Snyder, Shirley and Jonesey Jones, Naomi Flouresque, H. J. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Henig, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wagner, Sleepy Strubel, Willie Moon, Jack Knight Jr., Erma and Louie Nickolson, and Jeanette and Bill Mack and children, Nita and Bill Jr. Johnny Wyatt joined clown alley just for the fun of it for a couple of days. He snapped plenty of pictures and also displayed his picture albums. His wife and mother also visited. The Charles Slegrist Club, Canton, O., presented Norma Davenport with a basket of flowers in Uhrichsville, O. Representa-tives of the club making the presenta-tion were Lloyd W. Bender, George Gib-bens, Glenn Bush, Floyd McClinoch and Happy J. Elson. Jean Allen and Red Rumble purchased

Happy J. Elson. Jean Allen and Red Rumble purchased a new candy floss machine. Ray Morrison is proud of his new popcorn machine.— GOLDA GRAY.

#### PIPES

(Continued from opposite page) (Continued from opposite page) Courteaux, who has been vacationing in Canada with her parents. The Cour-teauxs have been residing in Miami the last two years, where they purchased their own home a year ago. They plan to make it their permanent abode, while Charley pitches Miami and the sur-rounding area.

YOU CAN'T eat meals cooked in a jackpot.

J. R. BRENNAN FAMILY was out en masse with needlework and needles at the entrance to the agricul-tural building at Carthage Fair, Cincin-nati. In addition to J. R., workers in-cluded Elizabeth, Helen, Vincent and Gertrude.

#### BUREN THORNBERRY

and Al Eisenberg were seen sheeting it with a swell wild-life display in the floral building at Carthage Fair, Cincinnati, last week.

CURRY BROTHERS

CURRY BROTHERS . are operating a service station and eatery at Verona, Va. Amos Curry has recently been discharged from Uncle Sam's forces after a trek thru Europe. Father of the Curry boys is an officer on the Harrison-burg (Va.) police force.

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(Continued from page 4) soap sets, lotions, drugs; stationery; nov-elties, and travel kits.

Amounts Not Set

Amounts Not Set While specific amounts of any one item which will be available have not been made known, SPB heads say there are literally "thousands" of each of the above items for immediate disposal. SPB regional offices thruout the country an-nounce sales and best tip-off to enter-tainment interests in search of surplus goods is to keep daily liaison with re-gional units.

gional units. For example, under SPB conditions for sale of utility stools, they will be sold only in lots of 800 or more. Price to wholesalers is 55 cents; to chain and mail-order stores, 65 cents, and to re-tailers, 75 cents. In a typical SPB sales flier, information is given that stools are now warehoused in Atlanta, Boston; Charlotte, N. C.; Chicago, Fort Worth; Jeffersonville, Ind.; Savannah, Ga.; Salt Lake City, Seattle; Kansas City, Mo.; Memphis; Pueblo, Colo., and Jersey City, N. J. N. J.

#### **Jobbers Concession Source**

Jobbers Concession Source Small concession ops, under this con-dition, would probably rely on their reg-ular jobbers for smaller lots of the sur-plus stools which, in this case, may be had at considerably more attractive prices than standard commercial models. Meanwhile, army officials, looking to actual disbandment of army and navy recreation centers, post exchanges and commissaries in many world areas, hold out hope of some secondhand sales of electrically operated games, coin and vending machines, as well as quantities of other "play" equipment. However, the war concessionaires

of other "play" equipment. However, the war concessionaires should not expect too brisk trading here, since army has frequently made rental arrangements with private ops rather than outright purchase of coin and vend-ing machines. Strictly local deals will be the typical method of disposing of this post-exchange equipment, they pre-dict. At the same time they look to schools, hospitals and welfare institu-tions of all kinds to absorb large amounts of these items. This seems likely in view of preferential treatment given schools and other tax-free institutions under terms of the Surplus Property Act which enables these purchasers to buy surpluses at practically "give-away" prices. **Ons Eve Film. Projectors** 

#### **Ops Eye Film**, **Projectors**

**Ups Eye Film, Projectors** Showbiz and entertainment ops also have an eye out for the movie films and projectors now in use by army and navy thruout the world. About 40,000 films and projectors have been contracted for army and navy use, but only a small percentage will be declared surplus, SPB warned. Both items will probably be declared surplus "in small continuous dribbles rather than in large lots," it was emphasized. Some films, now on hand at the De-

emphasized. Some films, now on hand at the De-partment of Commerce surplus property division, cannot be distributed until legal restrictions, such as copyright re-leases, are cleared. The department has no 16mm. projectors but expects some models shortly. School and recreation outfits are expected to be first-priority users of this equipment, little of which may find its way to small operators, the board feels. board feels.

#### Keep in Touch

Meanwhile, SPB advises that shows, fairs and carnival operators above all keep in touch with nearest SPB regional office for up-to-date announcements on surplus sales. SPB's 11 regional offices, each serving several States, are located as follows: Region 1, headquarters, 600 Washing-

Region 1, headquarters, 500 Washing-ton Street, Boston 11, serving Connecti-cut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hamp-shire, Vermont and Rhode Island. Region 2, headquarters, Empire State Building, New York, serving New York State and New Jersey.

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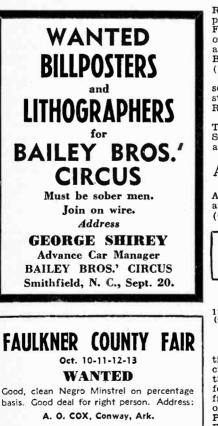
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15. -- Hamid-Morton Circus will open in the Arena here October 25 for a six-day stay. Show, to follow Col. Jim Eskew's S. Q. Ranch Rodeo, now appearing in the Arena, will be under auspices of the Shrine. Profits go to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children

Children. Alfred Court's wild animal act, featur-ing Joe Walsh, will be the main attrac-tion. Top billing also will go to La Tosca, performing on a bounding rope, and Zacchini's cannon thrill, with Edith Torelli, billed as Miss Vito Victory, be-ing shot out of a cannon. Other acts will include Pallenberg's trained bears; South American Liberty horses; the Georgette Brothers, French clowns; the Wen Hai Troupe, Chinese acrobats; the Great Francisco, on a high swinging pole; Robinson's elephants; Janet and Paul, aerial thrillers; the Flying LaMarrs, trapeze; the Famous Bryants, comedy act; the Rice-Davidson Trio, clowns, and Betty Rooney and Vera Gorton, with an aerial ballet of 10 girls. aerial ballet of 10 girls.

#### Here's a Town Where New **Business Is Appreciated**

DETROIT, Sept. 15.—Solid recognition that the small circus is a definite boon to the community was given recently by the civic leaders of Sutton's Bay, an isolated community at the end of a population of 470. There had been con-siderable opposition to a show playing the town for some time, but Patterson Bros.' Circus, of Holly, Mich., moved in anyway when conditions seemed favor-able. able

Result was an audience of 1,500 at the show—over three times the total popu-lation of the town. When Owner J. C. Patterson went over to pay the license fee to the mayor he was informed that the local merchants were so impressed with the benefit the show had done them in bringing the surrounding farm-ers and others into town that they wanted to waive the fee and let the show play the town gratis.



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## **Hollering** Copper?

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 15. ---When Ralph J. Clawson, busi-ness manager of the Clyde Beatty

---When Ralph J. Clawson, busi-ness manager of the Clyde Beatty Circus, really wants fast action, he calls the police. From Poplar Bluff, Mo., where the show was playing August 29, Clawson telegraphed the Wilkes-Barre Police Department. "Do you know address of John Pugh, well-known elephant trainer? Have good job for him handling elephants with this cir-cus. Wire at our expense." Within a few hours Pugh, work-ing as a coal miner here, was in-formed of the wire. "Where is that telegram?" he asked. "This business of mining was never meant for me. Training elephants is in my blood. I'm going over right now and get that message. You know what my an-swer will be."

#### **Midget Autos Whirling On** Northern Ohio Tracks

AKRON, Sept. 15.—With gasoline ra-tioning off, the midget autos are again whirling around two Northern Ohio tracks and the fans, eager to go some-where, are doing their best at the box office.

Don Zeiter has again started his races at Sportsman Park, near Cleveland, and in Rubber Bowl here. Sportsman Park races are operated Sunday afternoons, and the Rubber Bowl races, Wednesday nights. To date, approximately 50,000 persons have seen the six races at the two spots. Zeiter hopes to continue the programs until mid-October. Between 30 and 35 of the midget drivers are back racing for Zeiter, many of them getting out of service. Many, too, held technical jobs during the war. Zeiter now owns Sportsman Park and hopes to have four or five spots in operation next spring. Don Zeiter has again started his races

### **Staunton Fair Execs Host**

**To Sproul Saints & Sinners** STAUNTON, Va., Sept. 15.—Charles B. Ralston and Gus Dull, secretary and president, respectively, of the Staunton Fair Association, were hosts to members of the Hugh B. Sproul Tent Circus Saints and Sinners at a dinner in the Exhibition Building on the fairgrounds here Friday (7).

(7). Entertainment was furnished by per-Entertainment was furnished by per-sonnel from George A. Hamid's grand-stand show, Endy Bros.' Shows and the Royal Hawaiian Troupe from Endy Bros. Dr. Fisher, potentate of Acacia Shrine Temple, Richmond, Va., was emsee. Short talks were made by David B. Endy and Louis A. Rice of the Endy Shows.

#### Anderson Gets a Winner

WOODWARD, Okla., Sept. 15.—Bud E. Anderson Circus drew a strong house at its one performance here Thursday (6). There was no matinee.

## With the Circus Fans

By The Ringmaster OFA

President THOMAS M. GREGORY 12039 Edgewater Drive Lakewood 7, 0. (Conducted by WALTER HOHENADEL, Editor "The White Tors." care Hokenadel Printing Company, Rochelle, Ill.)

"The White Tors," care Hohendel Printing Company, Rochelle, III.) Members of the Circus Fans' Associa-tion, Circus Historical Society, and Cir-cus Model Builders and Owners' Associa-tion at Hagerstown, Md., held a banquet for Pvt. Eugene Virts, CFA, who is home from Germany after spending 18 months overseas. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hemphill Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Austin B. Harper, P. C. Hepperle, P. D. Stilts, Philip W. Shockey, John Heckman, Syd-ney H. Charles, Seth Charles and J. L. Harshman. A short business meeting was held at CFA headquarters prior to the banquet, at which time plans were laid for winter activities. The "Circusiana" exhibit, sponsored by Hagerstown fans at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, drew large crowds during August. From the collec-tions of local and out-of-town circus fans, an extensive assortment of price-less photographs of circus scenes at-tracted wide interest. They include every phase of circus life in North America and Europe over a span of 50 years.

#### **Cole Bros. Plays to Big Houses in Kansas Spots**

The Billboard

IOLA, Kan., Sept. 15.-While not up to the crowd which saw the show at Salina, Kan., Thursday (6), Iola gave out with a strong house for Cole Bros.' Circus here Monday (10). Salina was the red one, the matinee drawing almost a full house and the night show playing to a turnaway. Manhattan, Kan., proved okav. too.

At Parsons, Kan., Wednesday (12), the at Parsons, Kan., wednesday (12), the matinee was skinny, but the reserves and blues were filled at night, despite a lot which resembled a quagmire, 3.65 inches of rain having fallen the night before.

#### Circus Fans To Convene In 1946; Montague Named

CLEVELAND, Sept. 15.—President Tom Gregory, of the CFA, announced this week that members of the organization will meet sometime next year in their first national convention since the 1941 gathering at Springfield, Ill. Gregory said he was anxious to set the 1946 convention dates late enough in the season so that most of the CFA members now in uniform would be dis-charged and able to attend.

heinbers how in uniform would be dis-charged and able to attend. He named W. L. Montague, publicity director of the association, "contracting agent" in charge of advance arrange-ments for the confab. Montague served in the same capacity for 1941 convention.

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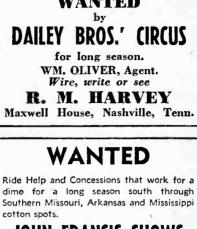
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Bee's Old Reliable: Nicholasville, Ky.
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Belton: (Unit No. 2) Walnut Cove, N. C.; King 24-29.
B. & H.: St. Matthews, S. C.
Bill's Rides: Abbeville, Ala.
Blue Ribbon: (Fair) Sevierville, Tenn.
Bluebonet: (Fair) Geary, Okla., 20-22; (Fair) Purcell 27-39.
Bowen's Joyland: King City, Calif.; Salinas 24-29.
Border State: (Fair) Geary, Okla., 20-22; (Fair) Purcell 27-39.
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Bortton's Better: Sumrall, Miss.
Brownie Am. Co.: Medford, Okla.
Buck, O. C.: (Fair) Great Barrington, Mass.
Bufdao Shows: Adams, N. Y.
Bullock Am. Co.: Mt. Gilead, N. C.; Troy 24-29.
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City Rides: Clinton, S. C.; Newberry 24-29.
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Coleman Bros.: (Fair) Rochester, N. H.
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Crescent: Armstrong, B. C., Can., 17-20; Vernon 21-25; Kelowna 26-30.
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Denton, Johnny J.: Sparta, Tenn.
Dickson United: Britton, Okla.
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Dodson's World's Fair: Waco, Tex.
Dudley, D. S.: Stamford, Tex.
Dumont: Winchester, Va.; Richmond 24-29.
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Endy Bros.: Burlington, N. C.; Raleigh 24-29.
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Fleining. Mad Cody: (Fair) Jasper, Ga.; Cumming 24-29.
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Campbell, Loring: Williams, Minn., 19; Karlstad 20; Fosston 21.
Cogswell, James (State Fair) Hutchinson, Kan., 17-21.
Couden, Doug & Lola: School Assemblies, Hot Springs, Ark.
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17-22. Roth, Joe (Fair) Bloomsburg, Pa., 24-29. Silas Green Show: Columbus, Miss., 17-19; Winona 20-22; Greenwood 24-28. Slout Players Tent Show: Waterloo, III., 17-22; Chester 24-29. Virgil, Great: Arbuckle, Calif., 19; Woodland 20; Colusa 21-22; Marysville 24; Grass Valley 25; Auburn 26; Roseville 27.

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September 22, 1945

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## **Seeks Dollars** To Buy in U.S.

#### British coinmen doing good biz, but machines wearing out-lack cash for exports

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—While the trade waits word on new machines, distributors and operators are chafing at the bit to get started on those post-war plans which every experienced coinman already has made. Not the least of those post-war plans is the renewal of export trade, which has lagged from a pre-war high to a wartime low. Along those lines U.S. coin machine

Along those lines U. S. coin machine are interested to note the comtraders are interested to note the com-ment made by Ed Graves, coin machine editor of *The World's Fair*, British amuse-ment world paper. Graves' column, en-titled "Automatic Gossip," has the fol-lowing comment on the resumption of trade: traders trade:

"What effect will the stoppage of Lend-Lease by the United States and the seri-ous economic situation created here as a result have on the immediate hopes a result have on the immediate hopes and plans of our coin-operated machine industry? In general it is perhaps not too easy to say. As regards importation of machines from America I have for long expressed the opinion that some considerable time would elapse after the complete end of the war before any such thing would be permitted. This latest development strengthens that opinion.

#### **Personal Opinion**

development strengthens that opinion. **Personal Opinion** "I feel, too—and this must be accepted as a purely personal opinion on my part – that it would be a mistake for anyone or any collective body to press seriously for any such importation. If an arrange-ment is made for the purchase by this country of goods from the United States, only essentials will be considered. Our own particular interests from the import atom of view are bound to be looked upon as luxuries which can wait. "A vital cash need of this country is follars to enable us to buy ultimately for any essentials be able to sell automatic machines to America is one of those roblematical matters. But for the next way years—or even longer—the need for new coin-operated amusement devices will probably have to be met by our own how that given the will to co-operate on the part of all parties this need can be new. Any question of importation on concentrate their attention on home pro-dutions. There is no doubt that British distributors and operators with mixed protions. There is no doubt that British methates to absorb all of the British manu-facturer's products and still there would obsord be to absorb all of the British manu-de able to absorb all of the British manu-distributors and operators want coin ma-chiens in the opinion of some observers. **Drae Dwindle** 

#### **Trade** Dwindled

Trade Dwindled Trade between this country and Great Britain has dwindled to practically noths in the searcity of may be and the fact that the U. S. coin in the sand the fact that the U. S. coin in the searcity of make exerct trade with England impossible. The Jong however, before German sub-marines made the Atlantic dangerous, the United Kingdom purchased a total of 10,224 U. S.-made coin machines which were valued at \$432,591. Of this which were juke boxes, 186 were which were unofficial records show a point where unofficial records show (see ENGLAND NEEDS on page 78)

#### - Editorial-

### Veterans Return

#### By Walter W. Hurd

ONE of the many happy features U to the ending of war is the re-turn of millions of men who have been in the services. No accurate record of the number of men from the coin machine industry who entered the services has been possible. It is assumed, however, that the number would run into a few thousand.

Letters from men who entered the service from the coin machine industry have begun to increase in recent weeks. All of them have one common message, that they want to get back into the coin machine industry as soon as possible. All of them express enthusiasm about the great possibilities which the indushas in the post-war era. Most of them express the hope that the coin machine industry will start at once on building better public opinion for itself.

One of the privileges of the industry is to welcome these men back home and back to their old business or employment. The nation as a whole is anxiously planning to get all the veterans back into good jobs. The coin machine industry must perform its work in this field as quickly and as com-pletely as possible. The coin machine industry will not only want to take back all of its former employees and operators, but it will also want to take new men into the business who are coming back from the armed services.

One interesting fact about the personnel of the coin machine in-dustry is the large number of its pioneer members who were veterans coming back from World War I. The industry was somewhat different then, in a sense it was a wide-open field, a new business awaiting any man who had the courage and the grit to get into it and work for himself. The types of machines were somewhat more limited then, and many of the returning veterans at that time entered the vending machine field.

**News Digest** 

**TOURISTS**— The trade, watching movements of tourists and tourist trends, is looking forward to a long sea-son this year which may extend into early winter at many resorts. Victory Travel Year may be proclaimed in 1946, in which case there might be an un-precedented boom in trade circles.

**EXPORT**— Survey of distributors and operators in the British Isles shows that they have been enjoying a post-war holiday season comparable to that here at home. If economic conditions iron out, Britain will be a lively market for American-made coin machines.

**TAXES**—One Senator forecasts that there will be no change made in federal excise taxes during the rest of 1945. If Congress decides the date of the "termination of the war," however, some excise taxes will be reduced or ended six months afterward.

**DISKS**—Indications of the strong bid record manufacturers are going to make for the peacetime market came this week when one of the major platter makers announced plans for building

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TOURISTS \_\_\_\_ The trade, watching

Other veterans of the first world war who had not already entered the coin machine trade ćame into it during and immediately following the big depression of 1929 and 1930. The sudden rise of the amusement games industry, including the birth of pinball, was ready to wel-come them at that time and provided new opportunities for an independent business.

It really holds true that the coin machine industry was able to pro-vide some good business opportunities for veterans of first world war. Let's hope that the industry can

provide even greater opportunities and for a much larger number of veterans at the end of the recent war. The industry itself is ready to launch a big program of expansion, and promises in two or three years to practically double its former business. It also has a much greater variety of machines from which veterans can select new fields of enterprise.

The first job is to get as many former members of the industry back into the fold as soon as possible and offer them better oppor-

tunities than ever, if possible. Then the industry as a whole must join the rest of the nation in trying to provide work or an in-dependent business for as many new men as possible. It is taken for granted that it will not be as easy granted that it will not be as easy for a newcomer to get into the busi-ness now as it was following the first world war. Thousands of op-erators are already established in business and all of them are plan-ning orbundon ning expansion.

The best avenue for veterans to enter the coin machine industry now would be probably to learn the business from the ground up by working for firms already estab-lished in the industry. At the same time, there will be many veterans who can start from scratch and learn the new business quickly and join the thousands of other successful men. The industry welcomes all of them.

two new plants, one in Chicago, the other in Los Angeles.

**CIGS**—Cigarette production is defi-nitely hitting a normal stride. Only problem remaining to iron out is equal-ity of distribution. Some cigarette vender operators are not getting as many packs as they could use. Situation is expected to continue improving with normal reached shortly.

**CANDY**— Candy manufacturers still aced with the problem of growing demand for bars, and no sugar to make the bars. Large corn crop will bring some relief unless the weather intervenes.

tributors.

**TRUCKS**— Operators and dis-tributors, wondering just how long their old light trucks would hold out, got a bit of good news this week. Govern-(See NEWS DIGEST on page 78)

## Talk for 1946 **Meet Revived** As Travel OK

#### Majority Still Say No

CHICAGO. Sept. 15.—Coin machine convention talk, which reached its peak at the first post-war meeting of Coin Machine Industries, Inc., here September 6, as members by a strong majority voted not to hold a national convention in 1946, was revived this week.

Spur to the convention was brought about as the Office of Defense Trans-portation suddenly announced that as of October 1, all restrictions on conventions and trade shows will be lifted.

CMI, the national organization of coin-machine manufacturers, which has for-many years sponsored national conven-tions and exhibits for the industry, voted against having a convention, contend-ing that the hotel situation was bad in Chicago for convention accommodations and would remain so for some time. And and would remain so for some time. And it also based its vote on the statements of a number of manufacturers that they would not have machines in quantity to fill orders taken at the show. Mem-bers felt that unrest would be brought about in the trade if machines were dis-played and then not immediately available for distribution and placement.

#### Majority Opposed

Majority Opposed A survey of leading coin machine man-ufacturers here, all of whom are mem-bers of the CMI, revealed that the ma-jority are still not in favor of holding a convention in 1946. Ranking reason for holding to their negative vote of September 6 was that manufacturers would not be in full production swing until early summer or fall. Others feel that the hotel situation will not get better now that the ODT has ordered lifting of restriction. They contend that demand for hotel accommodations from other organizations will strain the situa-tion and it will become more adverse as discharge of army and navy personnel discharge of army and navy personnel increases.

One manufacturer in favor of holding an annual convention in early 1946 is Dave Gottlieb, D. Gottlieb & Company, who said: "In view of the fact that the ODT has lifted restrictions on conven-tions, it might be well for the tradeto reconsider the convention issue. I be-lieve that the trade needs a convention, and it will definitely be good for the industry. The hotel problem will clear up sufficiently by March and manu-facturers will be well on their way to producing machines which can be ex-hibited. "Our industry is no different than One manufacturer in favor of holding annual convention in early 1946 is

hibited. "Our industry is no different than others and the men in the trade are anxious to get together and see and hear what the manufacturers are planning," he said.

Time Not Now Jack Keeney, J. H. Keeney & Com-pany, altho in favor of holding annual conventions, said: "I don't think that a convention should be held before fall of 1946, as the ODT lifting of the conven-tion ban will not alleviate the hotel situ-stion here sufficiently enough to wartion ban will not alleviate the hotel situ-ation here sufficiently enough to war-rant calling men in from all over the country. We, for one, still have war work to complete and will not have ma-chines to show the trade. The time for holding a convention definitely is not now."

holding a convention definitely is not now." It was the opinion of one manufac-turer that, there will be terrific pressure from operators thruout the country for some kind of a "get-together" so that the manufacturers can sit down with them and tell them just what the pic-ture is, and just how soon they can ex-pect new machines, and what to do and how to plan until they hit the market. Others contacted were of the opinion that the time is a little too premature to decide whether or not to have a con-*(See 1946 MEET on page 78)* 

The Billboard

Coinmen Keep Eye On Travel Biz

77 **COIN MACHINES** 

**Coin** Players

Improvements on rail, bus, plane, boat facilities may offer many new locations

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at Pearl Harbor had grown to a \$5,000,-000,000 a year bonanza. Altho hotel and resort facilities will not be able to meet the avalanche of tourists early in the year, plans of ex-pansion are already in the works and by the time summer trade hits its height, it is expected that adequate quartering facilities will be available. Another important phase of the travel business, which determines the volume

business, which determines the volume each year, is the transport situation. To be considered greatly is the improvement of auto, rail, bus, plane and boat trans-portation to carry tourists to their des-tingtions.

portation to carry tourists to the tinations. Success of the 1946 tourist business will depend largely on whether the Na-tional Park Service decides to re-establish complete resort and transport dacilities in all parks in 1946. During the war, in most cases, the parks were operated fully but sightseeing services were discon-tinued. Bus operations within the parks were continued to some extent but hotel and resort living facilities were kept at a bare minimum. Rail and bus service park entrances were discontinued entirely.

#### **Facilities Pressed**

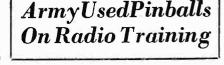
Facilities Pressed If the volume of touring is anywhere near as close to expectations it is feared that facilities will be pressed to the hilt, and one means of alleviating this situa-tion lies in the establishment of many more motor parks to accommodate auto tourists. As a result many "motels" are being planned. These facilities are espe-cially adaptable to the placement of cially adaptable to the placement of coin machines of an entertaining and service nature, as most of these stopping places for the tourists are in outlying sections of the metropolitan areas of sections of the metropolitan areas of principal cities and resort sectors where shopping services can be set up easily thru coin machines.

Expansion of these facilities is expected to get under way as soon as building re-strictions are lifted. It is predicted that many existing hotels catering prin-cipally to tourists will install their own "motor courts" adjacent to the hotel

"motor courts" adjacent to the hotel proper. If the parks thruout the country can obtain sufficient manpower and ma-terial to open early in the year, and if conditions reflect a banner season from the standpoint of giving full park serv-ice, it is very likely that the travel and resort business will launch their long awaited desire to exploit "Victory Vaca-tion Year." This theme, originated by the National Association of Travel Of-ficials, will have an organization of State and regional tourist promotion groups to promote it. These groups will be employed by all agencies interested in promoting tourism, and will number among their proponents hotels, resorts, transportation companies, travel agents, chambers of commerce and retail estab-lishments. Campaign would follow a hoped for government proclaimed "Vic-tory Vacation Year."

Since cutbacks in war plants thruout the country have been completed and war workers have either shifted to peace-time pursuits or decided to take vaca-tions by now, the travel situation can be watched more closely with some certain-ty that trends will be reliable. Thousands of Americans have worked thru the past four years with little vacation time spent away from home, and it is felt that many plan hitting the road now that gas is back in the tank and there is a prom-ise of 500,000 new automobiles by the end of the year. end of the year.

#### National Trend



CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Pinball machines played a part in helping the army teach radio and electrical technicians, it was disclosed here.

At several army technical schools, such as Truax Field, Madison, Wis., and Sioux Falls (S. D.) Army Air Field, parts from discarded pinbalis were used by instructors to demonstrate the working of the "holding relay," which is an important mechanism in aircraft and mobile elec-trical installations as well as in pinballs.

The relay, which is of the double switch type, is set by the action of put-ting the coin in the slot. Then it "holds" when the ball touches a bumper, which actually is simply a contact type switch that flies back open after closing the circuit. Commonest use of the device in the army was to switch on call lights similar to those used in hospitals.

tions being taken, without exception it has been found that tourists have taken to the road regardless of the mechanical condition and age of their cars. The Chicago Motor Club travel bureau re-ported a jump of over 600 personal and telephone contacts the day after gaso-line rationing was discontinued, and in-cutring ranged from routes information quiries ranged from routes information to near-by vacation areas to both Coasts and the Southern States.

Equipment problems have also hit the airlines, railroads and bus companies, and they, too, just as the automotive industry, will have to wait for replace-ments before full service can be offered the American tourist.

Return of overseas veterans will take much of the service offered by the railmuch of the service offered by the rail-roads for at least another year and con-sequently the bulk of tourist travel will be put on the shoulders of the bus com-panies. Airlines, being used to a large extent by military personnel and busi-ness men travelers, will not carry too many tourists. Railways now have 1,300 specially built troop sleepers which will go back into the civilian pool as soon as the peak of traffic is over, in addition to about that many now in service. It is accepted that the railroads as

It is accepted that the railroads, as they did before the war, will be leaders in promoting peacetime travel thruout America, and it is estimated that they will spend about \$1,500,000,000 for 20,000 new lightweight passenger cars by 1950.

new lightweight passenger cars by 1950. Intercity bus lines, whose equipment was sadly depleted during the heavy wear received thru the war, plan extensive expansion, and expenditures of over \$40,000,000 for constructing and remod-eling terminals and garages. Bus termi-nals, like railway stations, have proven themselves ideal coin machine locations and operations of arcades and vending machines in them have led many a list of industry members deemed most suc-cessful during the past four years, de-spite problems of manpower, machine and parts. and parts.

#### **Ready Campaign**

Domestic travel authorities are anxious to get a full-blown tourist campaign un-der way before foreign travel restrictions are lifted. It is the intent of the travel industry to sell Americans on seeing America first, their own continent sec-America first, their own continent sec-ond and their own hemisphere third. By the time foreign agencies begin com-peting for the American tourist dollar it is hoped that domestic agencies will be able to spend some of our money promoting "See America" in other countries.

Before the war, many first-class hotels in the principal cities of the country, not only in resort sections, welcomed various types of coin-operated equip-ment as a complement to their business of servicing the public and many of these persons so served well remember these devices. Some of the most modern railway stations and bus depots and air terminals now have coin-operated materminals now have coin-operated ma-chines for the convenience of the public.

National Trend Many more air and bus terminals are being planned and possibilities of plac-



#### Supply Off Two-Thirds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Shortage of soft drinks will continue until sugar rations are increased considerably, Joseph W. Milner, president of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Bev-erages, declared this week.

"The soft drink industry at present is receiving only about 250,000 tons of sugar as compared with approximately 650,000 tons in 1941 and a post-war need of more than 750,000 tons," Milner said.

Hopes of any lifting this year of the sugar allocation, now set at 50 per cent of 1941 use, appeared to be completely dashed. But some sources in the bot-tling industry still harbor the hope that the allocations may be boosted early in 1946.

Milner, however, did not appear to share this optimism.

"While some relief may be forthcom-ing in the form of lower military re-quirements of sugar as a result of the end of the war, housewives, food manu-facturers and other sugar users cannot expect normal supplies until production of sugar has been increased, or until it becomes possible to reduce shipments to foreign nations," he said. Sugar exports however are reported

to foreign nations," ne said. Sugar exports, however, are reported to be dwindling now that foreign coun-tries have to arrange payments. Russia, which took all the sugar allotted to her under the lend-lease program, is said now to find that she has enough on hand. France now is expected to pro-duce 500,000 tons of beet sugar, or about helf a crop. half a crop.

ing coin machines of a service and amusement nature are very good. These ing coin machines of a service and amusement nature are very good. These terminals will need thriving business establishemnts connected with their centers to finance their upkeep and the building of them, and these companies have learned that coin machine locations are most stable.

have learned that coin machine locations are most stable. Based on past contributions of the coin machine industry to the success of seasonal travel movements, it is pre-dicted that the coin machine industry will add greatly to the expected boom in travel to start during 1946 and con-tinue for many years thereafter.

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# Gave Author Title

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Maybe we should just drop this stuff about the "atomic age" and call this the "coin machine era" instead.

Now the machines have taken a hand in the bookwriting business.

Fanny Butcher, literary columnist for The Chicago Tribune, reports that a coin slot wrote the title of the auto-biography of Gertrude Lawrence, the fa-mous actress. It is called A Star Danced. "When Miss Lawrence was a little girl her prepare cose took her to Brighton

"When Miss Lawrence was a little glrl her parents once took her to Brighton for a holiday," Miss Butcher writes. "She put a penny in a slot machine with a gypsy painted on it. . . Out came a slip which read: 'A star danced—and you were born.' . . . Not an entirely original remark by the slot machine, however, since Beatrice, in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing replied to Don nowever, since Beatrice, in Snakespeares Much Ado About Nothing, replied to Don Pedro's 'To be merry becomes you; for, out of question you were born in a merry hour,' with 'No, sure, my lord, my mother cried; but there was a star danced, and under that I was born.'"

So the slots not only are in the book-writing business, but at a very high-brow level--teamed up with Shakespeare.

### **H. Schwartz Returns To Atlas Novelty Co.** After Army Service

CHICAGO Sept. 15 .- Most recent of ChickGo Sept. 15.—Most recent of the returning servicemen to take up his former position with the Atlas Novelty Company is Harold Schwartz, well known to many coinmen thruout the nation.

nation. Schwartz, who saw 20 months of army service, began his career with Atlas in the early 1930's. Thru his contact with all phases of coin machine activity he is known as one of the most experienced younger men in the business. At the time he entered military corve

At the time he entered military serv-ice, Schwartz had advanced to the posi-tion of general supervisor of service, and in addition, was active in sales work

for the company. Upon returning to his desk Schwartz said, "My personal post-war plans are off to a good start because the future on to a good start because the future promises exceptional opportunities for all of us who are in the coin machine industry." A number of returning veterans al-ready have been placed at Atlas, accord-ing to company officials.

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#### **ENGLAND NEEDS** (Continued from page 76)

(Continued from page 76) one amusement device—exported from this country to the United Kingdom. Confirmation of the existing demand for phonographs comes from British op-erators' reports. Like their American counterparts, English arcade operators in the resort region of the Isle of Wight and the Southern seacoast of England did a thriving business during the V-J Day holidays. Similar reports come from operators of Northern resorts and arcades. Operators are expanding their business as fast as they can, what with the handi-cap of not being able to get replacement machines for those devices which have seen service thruout the war years. **Finance Obstacle** 

#### **Finance Obstacle**

Finance Obstacle One of the big difficulties of immediate reopening of the export trade to England is financial. Until rumors and differences are solved concerning the rate of ex-change between England and America, traders may have to sit and wait. Eng-land is naturally anxious to recover her export business and must recover that business to stand with the United States as a great power.

export business and must recover and business to stand with the United States as a great power. Outlook for coin machine exports then depends on whether or not England is able to accumulate sufficient American dollars with which to buy goods from this country. Until the British trade is on its way to being firmly re-established that trade is most likely to consist of essentials, and permits to import coin ma-chines may be scarce. That is the pessi-mistic side of the picture. The optimistic side is that English dis-tributors and operators want and need new machines to expand their operatons. Past experience has demonstrated that the British distributors and operators have a preference for U.S. coin machines. As a result, it is most likely that the English trade will ask and receive per-mission to import American machines as soon as the industries at home and abroad get back to nearly normal produc-tion and distribution. tion and distribution.

#### **1946 MEET**

(Continued from page 76) vention and they were definitely on the fence as to when to hold the meeting, some preferring a date in December, 1946, at the earliest, to give manufac-turers an opportunity to "really have something to show and to sell." Of these, it was suggested that another vote be taken late this year as to the feasibility of holding a convention in March, if ac-commodations are available. On the "yes, the trade needs a con-vention" side of the fence was R. W. Hood, H. C. Evans & Company, who said, "Wouldn't be surprised if we have a bit of action in the early part of the year. There is quite some dissatisfaction among distributors and operators which can only be straightened out by having a convention, which will be good for the trade." (Continued from page 76)

The most emphatic assertion that the industry should not have a convention this year came from one manufacturer who stressed, "I don't believe that a con-vention at any time is good for the in-dustry, especially if the public is in-vited to attend. In my opinion, the manufacturers could do a better job of selling and distribution if they held their own individual exhibits and gath-erings for operators and distributors. In this manner they could spread out their display of machines over the year and get a greater benefit from their invest-ment. So far as I'm concerned if we don't have the usual pre-war convention this year, or the next, or the next, it'll be all right with me." Dave Gottlieb, president of the CMI, said a meeting of the CMI will be held next month at which time the conven-tion question may be brought up again, and if a good representative meeting of members takes place, another vote may be taken. The most emphatic assertion that the

be taken.



#### NEWS DIGEST (Continued from page 76)

ment will halt all rationing of these trucks effective December 1, according to an announcement from Washington.

TRAVEL\_ ODT removed its ban conventions. Majority of trade, howon con ever, still are reported opposed to a con-vention for 1946. Other travel restric-tions on planes and trains will be re-moved October 1. This spells good news to resort owners.

**SOFT DRINKS** Soft drink manufacturers and bottlers saw no hope for an immediate increase in supply as beverage venders continued short. Sugar is main reason for shortage. Bottlers hope for relief some time early in 1946.

**TEEN CLUBS**—Freckles, nation-ally distributed newspaper comic strip, started giving a big boost to teen-age clubs and juke boxes this week. Syndi-cate handling the comic strip announced the comic character would continue to plug for teen clubs at least for six weeks, Juke boxes and beverage venders are likely to come in for good publicity here.

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## **COINMEN YOU KNOW**

#### New York:

DAVE LOWY dropped 30 pounds since entering the service — looks lean and hard but he's still humming those senti-mental ballads... HYMIE ROSENBERG practically settled in his new quarters after the arduous task of moving next door... "BIP" GLASSGOLD, Arthur after the arduous task of moving next door. . . "BIP" GLASSGOLD, Arthur H. DuGrenier, Inc., sales manager, in New York for a few days. . . JULIUS LEVY, DuGrenier New York representa-tive, is leaving on a trip thru upper New York State. . . GEORGE PONSER is spending more time at Schaeffer's Broadway Sportland than his office these days. First Pilot Trainers on location were installed there recently and George gets a kick out of kibitzing with opera-tors who drop in to watch the Trainers in operation. . . JACK BREIDT, of U-Need-A-Vendors, is back from a quickle to Chicago. . . ED RAVREBY, of Associated Amusements, seriously considering buying a helicopter to help him in commuting between his offices in Boston, New York, Springfield, Fall River, Mass., and Portland, Me.

#### Chicago:

JACK KELNER, owner and operator of Kelner Vendors, a boating enthu-siast, ran into some tough luck this week with his cabin cruiser docked in Belmont Harbor. Somehow the ropes came loose and Jack had to get out there to direct recovery of the boat. He finds little time for his watery avo-cation now, tho, as business is picking up and Jack is spending most of his



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time getting his cig venders out. An-other activity of Kelner's which takes some of his business time is spent with the Chicago Tobacco Table, a group of tobacco men who meet for the mutual benefit of men who earn their liveli-hood with tobacco. Jack was recently elected secretary of the group and is highly enthusiastic about their work. JIMMY MARTIN, distributor of the Cosmo disk here in Chi, is being kept on his toes with his new line, as opera-tors express a liking for the diskery symphony-toned renditions of pop sides. No little of his time is being spent get-ting his cig venders out either, now that the cig shortage is over. . . . Coin distributors and operators once again are popping into the Sherman with pre-war regularity, and many of the local manufacturers are doing a good cus-tomer's relation job arranging local hotel accommodations for them. . . C. E. VET-TERICK, O. D. Jennings, cn the move again out in the territory, just back in town. . . JACK PASCHKE and RAY KUNLIFFE and other members of their Associated Buyers' Club, a group organ-ized for co-operative buying, held their first fall meeting Tuesday (11), and they deem this combo social and business gathering held regularly is time well spent and a benefit in keeping each in the know as to what's going on in the trade. . . HY FRUMKIN, who was as-sociated with Jack Kelner in operation of the Clix Service Company, is once again are the cin way by the is service. trade. . . . HY FRUMKIN, who was as-sociated with Jack Kelner in operation of the Clix Service Company, is once again active on his own and is seriously con-sidering re-establishing his pre-war con-nection with Rowe Manufacturing. . . . WILLIAM F. CROUCH, executive pro-ducer of Film Craft Studios in New York, spent some time in Chicago this past week talking business with Soundies.

#### **Roston:**

EDWARD M. RAVREBY, of Associated Amusements, Inc., Boston, and Playland Arcade, New York, will be installed as Master of the Brotherhood Lodge of the Master of the Brotherhood Lodge of the Masonic Order at a reception to be held here September 18. Coin machine man-ufacturers' representatives from New York, Chicago and Detroit have been in-vited to attend the installation. Ravreby a 32d Degree Scottish Rite Mason and

#### Indianapolis:

ndianapolis: PVT. LEWIS GRAY, a former em-ployee at Indiana Automatic Sales Company, now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., in the armored replace-ment division, is home on a 10-day furlough. . . JACK GUNN, son of Carlyle Gunn, who operates the D. & G. Novelty Coin Machine Com-pany, is expected home after his dis-charge from the navy. . . . SAM BERMAN, who heads the Sicking organization, was in Cincinnati where he spent several days on busi-ness. He leaves for Chicago Thurs-day (13) looking for information about the arrival of new equipment. . . . FRANK WIXCEL, Rock-Ola dis-tributor for Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, is busy calling on the trade in the southern part of his territory.

#### **Detroit:**

**Detroit:** EMERY FLINN, of Miami Beach, is incorporating the Spacarb Detroit Dis-tributors, Inc., with a capitalization of \$50,000 to deal in all types of vending machines. . . BILL HEMMINGER, di-rector of manufacture and sales for Permo-Point Products, was in town briefly Monday on a trip by company private plane with his pilot, Mike Ryan. They visited with MAX LIPIN, of Allied Music and Sales Company. . . ARNOLD FLESIHER, who is the new president of the Music Maintenance Workers' Union, was installed this week as finance of-ficer of Theatrical Post No. 371 of the American Legion, made up almost enficer of Theatrical Post No. 371 of the American Legion, made up almost en-tirely of showmen. . . JACK CHASKIN, former serviceman with the Brilliant Music Company, has been released from the navy, where he held the rank of ensign, and will rejoin the Brilliant or-ganization. . . T. SGT. EDWIN PAL-MER, son of WILLIAM K. PALMER, a partner in the Brilliant Music Company, is coming home this week-end after dis-charge from the army and will join his father in business. father in business.

#### **Buffalo:**

BERNIE SIMON, of Music House, a leading record outlet in the East and one which supplies many juke box ops, bas accelerated his plans for moving

to larger quarters. Remodeling has been started on the new building which he purchased some time ago with a view to post-war expansion. It is at 295 Dela-ware Avenue, just a short distance from his present quarters. The building has an 81-foot frontage on Buffalo's swankiest business street, three large display windows, and the store will be 4 to 5 times the size of the present layout, giving ample room to display records, radios, combinations, sheet music and other new lines which Simon intends to add. The architect's plans indicate that this will be one of the most modern stores in the country, with many innovations which have not been seen any other place. It will also have adequate storage and shipping space to handle Simon's two branch operations. Simon is well known in music and coin machine circles, being an extremely en-terprising and likable guy as well as a good business man. BICKFORD'S, local distributor to larger quarters. Remodeling has been

BICKFORD'S, local distributor of Victor records, is looking for an improve-ment in the record situation. It supplies ment in the record situation. It supplies 14 counties with disks; Buffalo and Rochester (N. Y.) area, Western New York and part of Pennsylvania, and has made it a rule all thru the shortage to split the supplies evenly. RCA-Victor radios and combinations, etc., are ex-pected after October, and Bickford's will distribute these thru eight counties, but so far no dealers have been franchised.

pected after October, and Bickford's will distribute these thru eight counties, but of ar no dealers have been franchised. HARRY WINFIELD, well-known Buf-falo coin man, has taken no vacation this year but may still get one when help situation improves. . . . MAY-FLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to the RED DISTRIBUTINGG COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to the RED DISTRIBUTINGG COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to the RED DISTRIBUTINGG COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to the RED DISTRIBUTINGG COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to the RED DISTRIBUTINGG COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to the RED DISTRIBUTINGG COMPANY, wurlitzer outlet here, has been sold to has been sold to the sold to the bot thas headquarters in Boston, Mass, SI RED is the owner. . . VINCENT R. McCABE, Mayflower's manager, is still new jot with RCA-Victor. All the other Mayflower employees are staying on. . . . distributing firm, is going to Chicago on business in September. He postponed this trip several times because of the sumer heat in the Windy City. J. H. WINFIELD COMPANY re-forts that country locations are really good this year, especially since gas rationing is over; city spots, hou-ewe games are expected about No-ember. Record supplies are still quite poor, but this jirm hopes for improvement soon. Winjeld's, as some other old-timers in the busi-ness, has been increasing its routes gradually but is holding off now an-tin arew equipment comes out. . . . BOB MILLER, formerly of Iroquois Amusement Company, now S/Sgt, in army and in India for a long time, just wrote that he is looking forward eagerly to his return to U. S. and Bujjalo, and that he plans to re-en-bujfalo, and that he plans to re-metia. Bubital is still in a hospital in India.

India.

#### **Philadelphia:**

SAM STERN, Scott-Crosse is back home after a few days in Chicago, . . . NAT RAKE, Rake Coin Machine Ex-change, writes from Japan that he'd like to receive *The Billboard* to occupy his spare time while there 'occupying' the Nips. . . DAVE ROSEN has built a dance floor in between floors in his newly floor in between floors in his newly redecorated building to hold company parties.

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## FutureViewed YANKEE

Tacoma Times in Labor Day special issue prediction sees big things ahead

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 15.—In a spe-cial Labor Day edition of *The Tacoma Times*, August 31, Paul Busselle wrote a summary of the prospects for the coln machine trade during the peace years. Busselle, as the article states, collected some of his material from recent issues of the Dillbeard of The Billboard.

For the interest it will have to the trade, Busselle's story, which appeared under a three-line double column head,

is reprinted below: Reconversion is a popular topic now that Japan has thrown in the sponge and peace once more reigns thruout the universe

Industrialists are talking about post-war plans, how to put them into opera-tion and keep unemployment to a minimum during the reconversion period. Probably many folks are not ac quainted with the plans one industry-one of the greatest of money-makers-has for the post-war period. ac-

**Revolutionary Ideas** 

That industry is the coin and vending

machine trade. With revolutionary ideas—some al-ready under way and others ready to start as soon as materials are available

The coin and vending machine industry is expected to make great strides. A review of recent issues of *The Bill-*board magazine, one of the trade papers of the coin and vending machine in-dustry, shows that the fellows in that business have not been asleep at the switch during the past few years. While the war was on, plants formerly turning out pinball, slot and vending machines and juke boxes were converted into the manufacture of war material that played an important role in bring-ing Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito to their knees.

#### **Future Is Studied**

Future Is Studied But all the while, the keen brains of the engineers and designers in the trade were studying angles to promote the popularity of coin and vending machines during the post-war era. In juke boxes, slot and pinball ma-chines, you'll find many improvements, soon on the market. The machines will be snazzier, more fascinating and the lure much stronger to coax coins from pockets and purses. And, the vending machines—the ones that have been in operation the past few years—will be "pikers" compared to what is ahead. You are likely to find many innova-

You are likely to find many innova-tions in the retail field.

Tou are interfy to find many minora-tions in the retail field. Take for example a manufacturer in Chicago. In the windy city one plant is reported studying the possibilities of a vending machine to dispense roasted eggs. These are not to be confused with hard bolled eggs. There is a difference. Roasted eggs now are going over big in the Illinois metropolis thru counter sales and the possibilities offered retail-ing them via the coin in the slot are unlimited, the manufacturer believes. Another firm plans to market com-pressed dehydrated foods in packages with vending machines. In connection with the food lines, a special display dispenser has been devised for self-serv-ice stores.

ice stores.

#### Sale Is Tallied

Each one of these food dispensers holds Each one of these food dispensers holds 12 stacks of food briquettes. Labels are in plain sight and each stack is priced. The briquettes are so small that each dispenser is equipped with a light which flashes and a cash-register-type bell tal-lies up the sale when the customer makes a purchase. Another vending machine soon will be out which will dispense coffee in briquette form

briquette form.

## Revolutionary, Predict Frozen Food Sales of **Ten Billion for Next Three Years**

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Prediction that frozen food sales in the next three years will amount to \$10,000,000,000 a year, including retail sales, bakery, institu-tional, etc., was made recently by the Independent Grocers' Alliance in New York York

Frank Grimes, president of the asso-ciation, and Vice - President Howard R. Berhard in announcing the entry of IGA into frozen food distribution under the brand name of "Orchid," also gave members a preview of what is fore-seen in possible trends in food mer-chandicing chandising.

seen in possible trends in food mer-chandising. This vast sales and merchandising program which will be promoted thru-out the country was outlined by both executives as including plans for selling frozen foods from self-service cabinets in retail stores. At the present time there is one manufacturing firm which has developed a coin-operated vender for frozen foods which is to be the pattern for many more of the same type to be produced and sold to retail stores. In their outline of plans they also pre-dicted that grocery wholesalers will serv-ice food stores with pre-cut and pre-packaged meat. Grocery wholesalers will also eventually handle all fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as a complete line of dairy products with the exception of milk, frozen baked goods and frozen foods in general.

foods in general.

#### **Packaged** Meals

Consumers, according to Berhard and Grimes, will be able to purchase com-plete meals in one package. Main courses are to be staggered with supple-mental frozen foods to give a variance mental frozen foods to give a variance of meals. Meals for as many as four persons will be available, from soup to dessert. Meat will be prepared before-hand, being trimmed, boned and cut and dipped into a solution which will hermetically seal it until removed from the frozen food container. It will then be dissolved and the food will be ready for cooking and preparation. Plans of IGA hold for grouping the frozen food sections of stores separately from other sections so that consumers when shopping can spend as much time

Other merchandise is expected to find its way to vending machines and likely to be one of the features of the selfservice markets.

service markets. Many of the new home appliances— the larger and more expensive type— may be installed with coin boxes to be used in place of the installment buying. A collector likely will come around at the end of the month to pick up the coins to be inserted daily as "rent" and be applied on the purchase price. And, if "no coins," your contract will be broken and then there will be "no appliance."

#### **Coin Slot Typewriter**

One fellow has invented a coin-slot typewriter. He says that his idea will prove as important as post office pens and telephone booths.

and telephone booths. The inventor thinks that these type-writers will eventually find their way into all major hotel lobbies, writing rooms, terminal stations, libraries and wherever people gather and need writing oids

aids. There will be other types of vending and coin machines on the market besides the old standbys such as scales, peanuts,

the old standbys such as scales, peanuts, candy, gum, soft drinks and cigarettes. In case you didn't know it, an average of 46 tons of metal money a day was turned out by the United States mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. This represented a total of more than 4,-000,000 coins in 12 months. During the seven days a week, 24 hours a day schedule for the year, the output broken down was:

a day schedule for the year, the output broken down was: Nearly 2,000,000,000 pennies; some 176,-000,000 nickels, 342,000,000 dimes and 126,000,000 quarters. It is a safe bet these new coins found their way into many machines, many, many times.

as they care to in selecting their frozen food products. For some time, trade members of the

For some time, trade members of the coin machine industry as well as manu-facturers of frozen food equipment have been giving much of their thought to adapting coin slots on these self-service units. It is becoming very probable that many of the retail freezers located in stores in busy shopping centers will be so equipped to afford faster movement of customers thru the stores proper to avoid congestion about the containers as customers mull over their choice. Frozen food venders would be adequately labeled and chuted to make for rapid selection and delivery of the item chosen. It would also tend toward keeping units in operation continually with less chance of refrigeration breakdown. **Retailers' Preference** 

#### **Retailers'** Preference

Additional proof of the expansion in store for the frozen food industry was indicated in the results of a survey re-cently completed in the New England States by J. R. Poole Company, Inc., food States by J. R. Poole Company, Inc., food brokers with offices in Boston and New York. Approximately 500 food firms were contacted in the course of this opinion poll and included groups of wholesale grocers, chain stores, bakery suppliers, retail grocers and others. In all, 28 per cent are now handling frozen foods and of these 72 per cent not now handling it, 89 per cent intend to do so as soon as facilities are available. Some of the firms expressed a preference for use of "public" frozen food facilities, while others nod toward "private" op-eration.

of the 72 per cent not now handling frozen foods, it was found that lack of storage and warehouse space and insuf-ficient merchandise was their reason ficient merchandise was t rather than lack of interest.

Tather than lack of interest. During the war, the government has needed most of the available storage space thruout the country and it is felt that much of this, now being released by the government, will be sufficient to take care of civilian needs, but inade-quate by far to cope with the expected expansion in the field as public interest heightens heightens.

#### **Expansion Seen**

Some idea of the vastness of the in-dustry volume handled was revealed in the fact that frozen storage facilities of the firms queried have capacities ranging from 1,000 to 400,000 pounds. Over 54 per cent with facilities now, say they intend to expand. Of these 17 per cent have already started building larger storage plants. The significance of this revelation is that consequently a much larger volume of frozen food products is to reach the retail store, now being con-sidered for location and use of coin-operated venders as a means of stream-lined distribution. Some idea of the vastness of the inlined distribution.

As a follow-up, subsequently the Poole Company sent questionnaires to 900 food dealers in New York and surrounding metropolitan areas and replies indicated that 60 per cent are now in the frozen food business. Of those answering this tabbing, quantities on bulk sizes varied from 200,000 pounds to 150 cars annually in the institutional size packages, and in the retail sizes, the volume varied from 600,000 pounds up. Fifty per cent of the frozen food deal-ers contacted have their own refriger-ated trucks, the survey showed. As a follow-up, subsequently the Poole

ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 15.—Virginia Cigarette Service, Roanoke, took sizable ads in the local papers this week to an-nounce that the firm would have all popular brands of cigarettes in its vend-ing machines. Extra kicker on the ads was that the price would be 15 cents while the cell-

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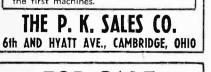
## **Gleam in Candy Bar Gloom:** Supply of Corn Sugar May Rise as New Crop Rolls In

Rationing Expected To Continue Thru First Half of 1946

Kationing Expected 10 Contin CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Candy bar picture doesn't get much brighter as the clouds of war gradually clear away, but there was one small gleam of light this week from Midwest cornfields. Production of corn sirup and sugars is expected to increase somewhat as the 1945 corn crop is brought in, according to a Department of Agriculture review of the world sugar situation. The depart-ment does not mention any specific fig-ures but it says that processors are hav-ing much less difficulty in obtaining corn than last year. Otherwise confectioners still are frozen at about 50 per cent of their 1941 sugar use since the cancellation of war con-tracts. This is expected to continue into the first quarter of 1946, with possibly a 10 to 15 per cent increase after that. Rationing of sugar along with some other scarce commodities is expected to continue at least until June of next year. July sugar deliveries from all sources ran more than 240,000 tons behind last year, the Department of Agriculture re-ports. It totaled 517,000 short tons com-



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pared with 760,000 tons in July, 1944.
But for the first seven months of the year deliveries were down only about 140,000 tons. Total for the period, January thru July this year, was 4,057,000 compared with 4,194,000 in the same period a year ago.
Candy bar makers face the toughest nut to crack. They are agreed that there is no way they can stretch their sugar supplies further since they long ago dropped all items requiring big quantities of sugar. Nuts, dried fruits and similar ingredients, which now are becoming more plentiful, may ease the situation by making more varieties possible.
Candy the arrival of bars from foreign counties free of rationing, such as Argentina, Brazil and Cuba. But the flow of these may be curtailed under the recent import control order limiting the amount of candy that may be imported. World sugar stocks are the lowest this year of any time since 1939, largely as a result of the drought which cut deep into the Cuban crop, according to the Department of Agricuiture.
World supply is expected to be larger in 1946 with a better Cuban crop in prospect and the beet-sugar areas of Europe coming back into production.

#### No "Set-Aside"

In the domestic candy industry most In the domestic candy industry most government contracts were canceled two or three months ago, including the so-called "set-aside" order which required candy makers to withhold half of their production of 5-cent items for govern-ment purchase. In 1944 approximately 66 per cent of the total output was 10-cent, 5-cent and 1-cent numbers. How-ever, this is not expected to ease the bar shortage much because much of the war output was made on sugar outside the regular quota.

output was made on sugar outside the regular quota. Bar outlook is further darkened by Department of Agriculture reports that it bought up 2,250,000 pounds of choco-late in mid-August for the English army, navy and air force administration, the British equivalent of the USO. But despite cutbacks, confectioners re-port that they have been able to keep their working forces virtually intact by shortening hours and eliminating over-time.

## Los Angeles Co. To Make Candy, Nut Vender Mch.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—Two former employees of Victor Vending Corporation, E. H. (Dusty) Rhodes and G. S. (Gil) Welton, have struck out for themselves. Rhodes has opened a modern plant, Los Angeles Manufacturers, in Santa Monica and is building a candy and nut vender. Feature of the design is that the machine has a convenient tray in front for catching the overflow of salt, nuts, etc. "It will be a dandy for cock-tail bars and booths," Rhodes said, "and it is finished with a high luster that is durable. The vender can be supplied for the very best locations." Welton has opened an office in Penn-sylvania. A Victor man for many years, he has turned from ships and airplanes to venders.

### **Cincinnati** Parking Meter Collection Up

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—Parking meter collections rose 28.4 per cent during the last two weeks of August, reflecting the increase of automobile driving since the elimination of gasoline rationing, Walter B. Bassett, Cincinnati city treasurer, re-ported

B. Bassett, Cincinnati city treasurer, re-ported. Total city income from the meters during August rose to \$8,762, an increase of \$401 over the July revenue, Bassett said.

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## **Senator Forecasts Excise Tax Will Stay Rest of '45**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Much dis-cussed proposal for a 15 to 20 per cent tax cut for individuals and corporations is very unlikely to extend to any of the excise levies, according to Senator Wal-ter F. George, Georgia Democrat, who is chairman of the Finance Committee.

Only prospect of immediate post-war change on excise taxes that George would forecast is the possibility that the tax bill might set a date for "termination of hostilities" for tax purposes only. Most of the excise levies either expire or are dropped to lower rates automatically six months after such a date, he said.

The senator said the date, he said. might be V-J Day or some later date ac-cording to when the committee wishes to have the excise taxes expire. This fall his committee plans only "in-terim" tax legislation covering changes upon which members can reach an easy agreement

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#### Excise "Debatable

Excise taxes he placed or batable" list. He said it was interested parties might drag tax hearings interminably, th

## Govt. Set To Tires, Auto I WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.-

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—A rationing ended, several subse nouncements issued in the nat tal as the tire, truck and a parts situations heartened th and commercial drivers of th Of prime importance to com converting was their need for commercial vehicles. Office of Property announced this week for nearly every type of truct available to dealers, garages operators. Parts were also m able to private car owners. Parts varying from cotter ke plete engines will be sold on a price basis. Previously such property was sold only on bids mum order of \$500 will be however, on release. Coming hand in hand with release was the announcement Office of Defense Transports rationing of all new commerts vehicles, including trucks, trut and trailers, will end effective 1. This is of great interest to chine firms thruout the con have been struggling along fo four years with trucks limp under the load of service can necessary thru operation of equipment. On and after December 1, ac Guy A. Richardson, director

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the danger of thwarting any tax vision.

Only possible exception might be the automobile use tax, he said. This levy might be included in the interim legis-lation if it was found that committee opinion substantially favors its abolition.

Whatever tax changes are made must be on the statute books early in No-vember in order to make the appropriate revisions in tax forms, he said as his committee got set to begin meetings early next week.

Once the "emergency" tax measure is out of the way, however, his committee plans to start immediate work on a thoro revision of the entire revenue code, he said. This action probably will not get under full steam before mid-1946.

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## **Cigs as Prizes Up for Debates** In New Orleans

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Question of using clgarettes as prizes in diggers and other coin-operated amusement devices landed like a bombshell in the laps of the district Office of Price Administration in. New Orleans recently.

Campaign against the use of cigarettes as prizes came as a sidelight to another campaign launched August 26 by a New Orleans newspaper and certain reform leagues who seemed intent on investi-gating the OPA and who found they could use coin machines in an attempt to get at that organization.

Reform groups, seconded by the news-papers, alleged that cigarettes were be-ing sold for as much as \$1.25 thru dig-gers and gaming devices and demanded that OFA look into the matter. District office in New Orleans did look into the matter and declared that the practice of matter, and declared that the practice of giving cigarettes as prizes was perfectly legitimate so far as that office was con-cerned, since no violation of price was involved.

This statement, from one official of the OPA in the New Orleans district office opened the way for a revelation of in-ternal disagreement in that office as another official in the same office chalanother official in the same office char-lenged the interpretation and prepared to cast his lot with the newspapers and reform league. This came about after August 20, when the district OPA ruled that that office had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Leaders in the reform league were quite honest that it was their original intention to investigate the activities of OPA and they seized upon coin ma-chines to make those machines the

chines to make those machines the scapegoat. Said the district OPA official who was of the opinion that the affair was not OPA's jurisdiction: "The general maxi-mum price regulation provides that cig-arettes can be sold in iron claw ma-chines and other coin-operated devices if this practice of selling was prevalent in March, 1942. Anyone selling cig-arettes today that was not in business



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## **Mobile Tax Revenue** Shows Cig Sales at 50,000 Packs Daily

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 15.—With cig-arettes back on the market in quantities, Mobile residents are really burning up the fags.

County Treasurer George E. Stone Sr. reported that his office has received a check for \$6,485 to cover cigarette tax receipts for the first six days of Sep-tember tember.

That is better than \$1,000 a day, representing more than 50,000 packages.

in March, 1942, can adopt prices of a competitor who was using the same means of selling in March, 1942. This also applies to other items sold thru also applies to other i coin-operated machines.

"At the present time cigarettes are plentiful and they will continue to grow more plentiful as time goes on. They are now on the shelves of many stores, so that the person who now patronizes gambling devices does so only to satisfy his gambling instincts."

Whole issue has since been referred to the Dallas Regional Office of OPA, and is now awaiting a ruling from that office.

Meantime, however, the reform league announced that it had drawn up a reannounced that it had drawn up a re-port requesting Senatorial investigation of the New Orleans OPA. The report, sent to Senators Wherry of Nebraska and Stewart of Tennessee, requested that the Senate committee immediately send

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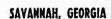
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# RecordSupply Still Problem

Music box men say jobbers insist they take "blanket" orders to get hit platter

Orders to get hit platter CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Mixed emotions for present conditions and future pros-pects in the juke branch of the coin machine industry were displayed this usek in a survey of Chicago area juke operators. Still the major problem of juke op-erators here, as in many other parts of the country, is the record supply sit-uation. Operators are still tussiing try-ing to get adequate supplies of top tune get records. The general opinion of Chi-cago operators seems to be that distrib-utors here are holding juke supplies to operators consider themselves ex-turnely lucky if they get that. Trowing steadily is the operators' feel-out distributors are favoring retail out distributors are favoring retail out distributors are favoring retail out bushing off the oldies on them when they get a.

#### "Blanket" Orders

"Blanket" Orders "Blanket" Orders Doe spokesman said most of the op-erators realize the headaches suffered by record manufacturers have not been easy. "But the one practice which we feel un-necessary, is that invoked by the dis-tributing firms making it almost compul-sory for operators to make 'blanket' orders when ordering disks." Under this system, according to the spokesman, op-erators must order by "band name" and not by number. Thus, if the distributor has a series of one band, a selection of sides are sent to the operator and he must take "pot-luck" in getting what he really wanted. Operators much pre-fer to order by number. Criticism of the race record situation was also forthcoming. Many operators contend that "most race records are hard to get and especially hard to tab as 'hot' juke numbers, and in order to stay on top of customers' preference it is well to rely on connections which you might have in sections where the race records go. Otherwise, operators must depend on recommendations of distributors which

to rely on connections which you might have in sections where the race records go. Otherwise, operators must depend on recommendations of distributors which to some degree are not too accurate." Operators, on this score, say that they rely greatly on *The Billboard* disk prefer-ence chart published in each issue. Concern was shown toward the practice of combining "natural" juke tunes with "elebrity" artists on some records. This was done largely by the diskers, according to the ops, to pull a bigger price for these particular sides. Consequently, in order to get the side ops wanted, it has been necessary to take the pressers' "celebrity" choice too. Sides, for in-stance, which formerly carried Crosby on both sides for 21 cents were raised to 50 cents before the OPA began opera-tions, and now a combination of Crosby, termed a natural on jukes, sells for 53 cents or thereabouts with the "celebrity" pressed on the other side.

#### **Favor Retailer**

All operators interviewed were con-cerned at the distributors favoring retail disk sales outlets with top tunes and the greatest allotment of records. Opera-tors feel that much of the present day popularity of records and record players in homes was provoked by the juke "pushing" of recorded music. Most are tolerant of the situation and fully con-done their allocating a good percentage tolerant of the situation and fully con-done their allocating a good percentage of records to the retail outlets, but most operators feel the juke men have been getting the short end of consideration. Operators were to some extent critical of the quality of disks coming out of the pressing factories and altho annoyed, they were again tolerant of this condi-tion. Many operators interviewed found frequent fault with "cutoffs," but at-tribute this to the stress under which the manufacturers produced their warthe manufacturers produced their war-time outputs. Some criticism of "cutoffs" was sent (See SIZE UP FUTURE on page 86)



HERE'S YOUR GAVEL, MR. PRESIDENT. Charles Eckart, temporary chair-man of the Pacific Coast Record Manufacturers' Association, turns the gavel over to Otis Rene, owner of Excelsior Records, who was elected president of the new organization in Los Angeles. Looking on at the right is Jack Gutshall, of Jack Sushall Distributing Company, who distributes Excelsion and other labels. Gut-shall was named vice-president of PCRMA, composed of independent record manufacturers. Rene and Gutshall are now in the East lining up distributors for their records, as the latter is associated with Leon Rene, owner of Exclusive Rec-ords, as well as Otis Rene in the RGR Company. Firm handles raw stock, pro-duces distributes them duces disks and distributes them.

## West Coast Platter Makers **Pick Rene of Excelsior To Be President of New Group**

#### **Disk Producers Hold Second Meeting in Los Angeles**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—A record label owner, Otis Rene, of Excelsior, was named president, and Jack Gutshall, of Jack Gutshall Distributing Company, vice-president of the Pacific Coast Rec-ord Manufacturers' Association, at a dinner-meeting held here Thursday (6). A board of directors, two from each divi-sion of the industry, was also named.

sion of the industry, was also named. Named to serve on the directors board were: Lou Goldberg, of Allied Record Company, and Charles Eckart, manufac-turers; Leon Rene, Exclusive Records, and Cliff McDonald, Four Star Records, producers; William Moffett and J. F. Bard, distributors; Hank Fine and How-ard Courthey, miscellaneous products. There was some discussion of Fine's

There was some discussion of Fine's There was some discussion of Fine's selection to the board. Since he was absent and not a member of the asso-ciation, some argued that he could not serve in this capacity. James B. (Bud) Kyser, of Key Laboratorles, agreed to join by proxy for Fine, which added to the discussions. Gutshall took the stand that a membership could be filed by proxy and came up with the money for Fine's dues.

#### **Read By-Laws**

Kead By-Laws Reading of the by-laws drafted by a group of 16 men appointed by the vari-ous fields of the recording business also drew fire. Some members contended that the by-laws as read by Eckart, act-ing chairman, should be mimeographed and mailed to all members so they could digest them in their leisure. Contention filed by the opposition that at this time no association had been formed and it was a mystery as to people to receive the copies. copies.

Eckart also explained that four weeks Eckart also explained that four weeks had passed since the initial meeting and that mimeographed would take addi-tional time in this procedure. Bard, well-known local and Chicago distrib-utor, challenged some of the points. But these were clarified as this distributor requested. Gutshall explained that the by-laws as they stood were not accented and

as they stood were not accepted and would not be until after having been read with proposed changes at two more meetings. He argued that the associa-tion be formed with the members com-

ing forward with their dues or pledges. All in the meeting had been qualified during an introduction by Otis Rene, who announced those present over a walkie-talkie radio, to Eckart, who was conducting the meeting from a mike at the speaker's table.

at the speaker's table. Dick Elwell, of Bel-Tone Records, pro-posed that a discussion of each section of the by-laws be taken and that they be accepted in some form, allowing the association to get underway. Otis Rene sanctioned Elwell's views to a certain extent by urging that the draft be ac-cepted with provisions for revisions. Goldberg praised the men who had de-voted time and labor to the drafting of the rules. Elwell again took the floor to request a roll call to learn how many favored an association. favored an association.

#### 34 Sign Up

34 Sign Up The by-laws draft was passed among the members with 34 signing to join. Following this, Eckart asked that those who intended to join or had joined move to one side of the banquet hall. Voting for the president and vice-president fol-lowed with Rene polling 10 votes and his nearest opponents, Leon Rene and Cliff McDonald, seven each. Twenty-eight votes were cast. In the vice-presi-dent's election 27 votes were cast with Gutshall receiving 11 and his nearest opponent, Harold Yorgason, seven. Goldberg and Eckart declined nomina-tions for the presidency. Meeting was preceded by entertain-

Meeting was preceded by entertain-ment with Gloria Court singing to Leon Rene's plano accompaniment. Horace Pease, of Chase Brass, offered cockney dialect monologs.

### Sterling Disks Says Western Outlets Set

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Albert E. Mid-dleman, who recently announced formadieman, who recently announced forma-tion of a disk-making concern, Sterling Records, has returned from Los Angeles with the report that he has completed all arrangements for his company's West Coast operations. He said negotiations for Eastern outlets are going forward.

## Pan-a-Mer, New Disker, To Cut For Juke Trade

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Paul Shahin, Chicago composer of Latin tunes, an-nounced that his firm, Pan-American Publications, will enter the record field with release of two disks under the label Pan-a-Mer in the next 30 to 60 days."

Master platters for the releases already Master platters for the releases already have been cut here by Dick LaSalle, who is playing in the Blackstone Hotel's May-fair Room. Shahin said he now is dicker-ing for pressing of the disks and national distribution distribution.

The tunes, all compositions of Shahin, are Give Me All of Your Heart, Let Me Take You in My Arms, I Dreamed About You Last Night and Siempre Eres Tu-It's Always You. Lyric of the latter is a combo of Spanish and English. All are sumbas rumbas.

Shahin said his concern is especially interested in distribution of the disks to juke operators, but plans for it have not yet been completed.

He said he also has Will Back, WBBM orchestra leader, signed for recordings in the near future.

He has a backlog of about 50 of his own tunes available for recording, Shahin said. In addition, he is seeking excep-tional rumbas, tangos, sambas and other Latin melodies. The firm will specialize in the Latin tempos.

Besides the 10-inchers, Pan-a-Mer also has a 16-inch transcription of 10 melo-dies recorded by Kiki Ochart available for radio thru BMI, he reported.

### Scully, Russell Take **Over Stahl Specialty** As MacombMusicCo.

DETROIT, Sept. 15.—The Stahl Spe-cialty Company, large northeast Detroit music distributing firm operated by H. Stahl, has been taken over by Philip Scully and Earl Russell. It is being re-organized as the Macomb Music Com-pany, and headquarters will remain at 16700 E. Nine Mile Road, East Detroit.

Scully was formerly a mechanic with the S & W Coin Machine Exchange, and Russell, who is Scully's father-in-law, formerly was a service man with Robin-son Sales Company.

son Sales Company. They will continue to operate an ex-tensive route of juke boxes. In addition, they will also do jobbing and servicing of various types of amusement games. At present they are bringing out a spe-cial type of conversion of "Shoot the Japs" and similar games featuring vari-ous animal figure targets.

### **JackKennyPlanning Own Label: Shrum to** Launch Platter Firm

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 15.—Jack Kenny, of the act of Gallagher and Shean, plans to enter the recording field here in the near future. A songwriter, Kenny has his own publishing firm, Lone Star Mu-sic Publishers, which recently released *there's a New Star in Heaven Tonight*. It was recorded by Ozle Waters with the Colorado Hillbillies for Coast records. Kenny will release disks under Lone Star, which ties in with his publishing firm. He will feature Western music, principally tunes of his own. Cal Shrum, well-known Western mu-sician recently discharged from the army, plans to launch Western Records. First releases will include Oklahoma Hills, Forgive Me One More Time, I Lost You and Smiles Are Made Out of Sun-shine. The artists will be Cal Shrums and His Rhythm Rangers. Shrum's brother, Walt, who has the Colorado Hillbillies heard on Coast Records, will soon record for Western, Cal Shrum said.

of the expansion program announced a week ago by Max Lipin, head of Allied Music & Sales Company, a week ago, were disclosed this week.

Expansion centers around the acquisi-tion of a new three-story structure of brick construction at 51 Temple Avenue, at the rear of the old Bohemia Night Club and Temple Ballroom, which the

at the rear of the old Bohemia Night Club and Temple Ballroom, which the company is taking possession of today. This is a move of only a block and a half from their present headquarters on Woodward Avenue. It is emphasized by Lipin that the new structure will have to undergo thoro re-modeling and will be used chiefly as a storage depot for bulk merchandise and larger items for the next several months. Actual removal of the offices and dis-play rooms will not take place until some time after the first of the year, according to Lou Salesin, new sales man-ager of the company. New building contains about 26,000 square feet of floor space, or about four times the present room. In addition, there is a parking lot 178 by 26 feet, de-signed for an unlimited number of visi-tors and customers at the new location. In continuation of the policy of ex-pansion, the sales force under Salesin has been increased with the appointment of three new experienced men, from nine to 12 members. New men are Morry Kaplan, who has long been associated with the automatic phonograph business here and will specialize in contacts with the coin machine and juke box industry; William Finn, who will handle contacts

the coin machine and juke box industry; William Finn, who will handle contacts with music dealers on the lower west side of Detroit, and Charles Jaquomette, who will contact music dealers in the northwestern section of the city.

### **Modern Vending Set To Distribute Jewel** Disks Thru NY Area JAN BART (Seva)

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 15.-Ben Pollock, HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 15.—Ben Pollock, of Jewel Records, who is in the East lin-ing up distributors for his disks, has signed Modern Vending Company to han-dle the line in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. En route to the Coast, Pollock will stop in Chicago to sign distributors in the Midwest

the Midwest.

Deal with Modern Vending is for five years with Jewel to deliver approximately 1,000,000 records annually.

### **Irving Schwartz To Open Line of Radios** And Electrical Goods

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15. — Irving Schwartz, well-known Baltimore juke box operator, announced that he will expand his company to include the sale of radios and other electrical appliances. Schwartz said that the expansion would not interfere with his music ma-

he operations which he has kept at h pitch thruout the war in spite of shortages of materials, machines and chine

### **Packard Weighs Idea** ForProducingTruck

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 15.—An an-nouncement by one of the National News Services quotes Senator Homer E. Capehart, owner of the Packard Manu-facturing Corporation here, as saying that his firm may manufacture light trucks in conjunction with a British firm firm

Capehart is quoted as announcing that Capehart is quoted as announcing that the agreement between Packard and the British firm of James Cycle, Birming-ham, England, is just a tentative agree-ment. The press association reports that Capehart will make a final decision on the plan to manufacture the trucks after William Struby Packard's president. rethe plan to manufacture the trucks after William Struby, Packard's president, re-turns from England, where he has been in consultation with officials of the James Cycle Company. If the agreement is confirmed, the light trucks will probably be produced at the Packard Indianapolis factory, the reports added.

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**Clubs Boosted Via** National Cartoons

The Billboard

CHICAGO, Sept. 15 .- Freckles, the famous comic strip youngster created by cartoonist Merrill Blosser, this week an-nounced to his parents that he is help-ing organize "The Skitt Club," an or-ganization of "Shadyside kids in their teens "

Blosser decked his character out in the customary sweatshirt bearing the big block letters, "Skitt Club."

"We're gonna promote jitterbugging, juke boxes and jive!" Freckles declared. "We're going to give our talents to the world."

Representatives of the Newspaper Endicate which distribute Blosser's strip, said that the teen-age club idea would be boosted in the cartoon for several weeks.

Jukes, of course, are expected to play a large part in subsequent episodes as they have in the development of the real-life clubs. The strips coming up immediately, however, will center on the usual comic incidents that accompany 'initiation" of members into such clubs

The strips nevertheless should offer a tie-in for juke box and soft drink op-erators who are fostering such organiza-tions in their communities.

tions in their communities. Authorities on youth problems have given the club high praise as means of combatting juvenile delinquency thru-out the nation. Heart of such organi-zations, of course, is the juke, but other coin machines, such as venders and amusement games, also have played im-portant parts in attracting boys and girls to the spots.

CHICAGO CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Juke operators' prospects for a plentiful supply of rec-ords brightened this week as Decca Records, Inc., announced that it will double its manufacturing capacity with establishment of two new plants in the next few months. Decca also claims it has some new ideas

establishment of two new plants in the next few months. Decca also claims it has some new ideas for records that will virtually free the disks of surface noise and flaws. Accord-ing to company officials, these will be put into production immediately. A new plant in Los Angeles is sched-uled to start production about November 1, and another in Chicago is expected to get into operation about the first of next year. Capacity of the firm's present four plants also are to be considerably expanded, it was said. With industry circles predicting that sales will skyrocket 200 to 300 per cent above pre-war levels, Decca will double the number of dealers handling its prod-ucts and increase its branch offices from the pre-war 33 to 65, officials said. By the end of 1946 the concern expects to have at least 45,000 dealers compared with 25,000 before the war. Jukes Salesmen

#### **Jukes Salesmen**

Jukes Salesmen Juke trade observers were quick to point out that the jukes will play a large part in any such post-war development of the record business. They are the rec-ord makers best advertiser of a superior recording as well as themselves makers of hit tunes and recordings. Among new ideas Decca plans to in-corporate in its records soon is a new shellac formula which officials assert will greatly reduce surface noises. Also the firm has in store for the trade a new recording lacquer. Radical changes also are planned in

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grip on the listener. Nor does she bring out any of the gay and carefree spirit that both songs invite. Nothing here to excite the phono fans.

DUKE ELLINGTON (Victor) Every Hour on the Hour-FT; VC. Time's a-Wastin'-FT.

Duke Ellington rings the waxed bell

Duke Ellington rings the waxed bell with a resounding smack for this dish needling his characteristic music. An Ellington ballad that looms big, Al Hib-bler gives full meaning to the Don George song story for Every Hour on the Hour. To make the spinning all the more tempting, there are some tooth-some alto sax improvisations by Johnny Hodges at the start and finish. Tempo is stepped up to exciting jump proportions for the Duke's Time's a-Wastin', a stand-ard blues riff opus that the Negro bands have been beating out for some time. ard blues riff opus that the Negro Danue have been beating out for some time. The hot horns, prominently the alto sax, trumpet and trombone, develop the blues theme in real Southern style, with sax, trumpet and trombone, develop the blues theme in real Southern style, with the band adding a boogie beat to the trombone's blues blowing. The jump fans will waste little time taking in "Time's a-Wastin'" with the ballad entry on the mated side also holding much meaning for the jule set

for the juke set.

JERRY WALD (Majestic)

Gotta Be This or That-FT. That's for Me-FT; VC.

That's for Me-FT; VC. With an infectious rhythmic beat to the band, along with the Jerry Wald clarinet to pepper the ensemble cliches, the maestro makes these two toe-tapping sides count for much. Wald shares the instrumental beat with the other solo-ists in the band for a lively instru-mental pattern cut for Gotta Be This or That. The rhythm base is just as pro-nounced for That's For Me, wistful Ham-merstein 2d-Rogers ballad from the movie State Fair, with Dick Merrick's baritoning providing good lyrical acbaritoning providing good lyrical ac-count for the song. Plenty of youthful enthusiasm in the band and the maestro's clary for this couplet, and the spin-ning should manifest its greatest strength among that set. Both of these tunes spin brightly and should

go a long way in keeping the phonos lit.

PAUL WESTON (Capitol) How Deep Is the Ocean?—FT; VC. It Might as Well Be Spring—FT; VC.

It Might as Well Be Spring—FT; VC. Paul Weston, long giving musical sup-port for the label's singers, gets a deserv-ing spotlight on his own orchestral ca-pabilities. Emphasizing a rich Strad body, with the strings smartly phrased, Weston presents a most tasteful and

which up to now most recordings have been made on wax. Decca spokesmen de-clared that tonal quality of the new platters will be far superior to the pre-war output

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output. At the same time, operations at two Decca plants in Bridgeport, Conn., and Richmond, Ind., are snapping back to pre-war levels as the manpower situation

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### **Doc Eaton on Swing Thru West for Talks** To Automatic Distri

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15. — DeWitt (Doc) Eaton, sales manager for Auto-matic Instrument Company in Chicago, arrived here for a series of talks with AMI's distributor in California, Nevada, Arizona and the Hawaiian Islands, Bill Wolf, of California Amusement Company.

won, of Cantornia Andesement Com-pany. Eaton's trip here is part of his trek to the West Coast, which has already included San Francisco, where California Amusement has a branch. It is possi-ble that Eaton will swing back north thru Portland, Ore., and Seattle on his return trip to Chicago. After commenting on the weather, Eaton got down to facts on his trip. Joining AMI in July after several years with Buckley and as an operator in Chi-cago, Eaton has been making trips thru-out the nation visiting distributors. This is his first trip west. He lauded the Coast for the unlimited possibilities that it offers columen. While here, Eaton

Coast for the unlimited possibilities that it offers coinmen. While here, Eaton and Wolf will map out plans for sales and service of the Automatic line. Wolf will follow up Eaton's Coast visit with a trip to Chicago to go into the matter of marketing these machines more thoroly. Wolf takes off for Chi-cago the latter part of this month.

tuneful setting for both of these picture ballads. With the honeycombed voice of Margaret Whiting piping out the wordage as smooth as balsam, this double is thoroly delightful disking. How Deep Is the Ocean? is the Irving Berlin standard to be spotlighted in the forthcoming Blue Skies movie depicting the life of the composer. It Might As Well Be Spring is a buoyant love ballad by Hammerstein II-Rodgers for the movie State Fair. With two important screen songs back to

With two important screen songs back to back, the phonos at the smarter spots will delight in the instrumental and vocal bril-liance contained in this couplet.

## BILLY ECKSTINE (National) Lonesome Lover Blues—FT; VC. Last Night—FT; VC.

A purposeful swoon-singer for the sepia set, Billy Eckstine goes a long way in satisfying his own set with Last Night, an indigo love ballad. Sam Koval's song and the maestro's singing is strictly in the race register, as is Eckstine's own *Lonesome Lover Blues*, a typical race doggerel. Shouting out the song, with a lively beat for the tempo, Eckstine has his band and featured hot horns domi-nating the disking. However, the band's efforts may be easily dismissed, interest monopolized entirely by the singing maestro an indigo love ballad. Sam Koval's song maestro.

The race fans will find their fill in Billy Eckstine's swoon singing for "Last Night."



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JAN BART (Seva) Two Guitars—FT; V. I Love a Gypsy—FT; V. It's an appealing blend of romany and rhythm that introduces Jan Bart on this label. Manifesting the carefree spirit and passion of the gypsy in his song, Bart offers a listening delight in presenting English lyrics for the fa-miliar Two Guitars. And makes it just as gay for I Love a Gypsy, also singing the English adaptation as devised by Buddy Kaye. A colorful and rhythm background is provided by the Gypsy Swing Orches-

Raye. A coloriul and rhythm background is provided by the Gypsy Swing Orches-tra directed by Sam Medoff. The famillar "Two Guitars" in American rhythmic dress may count for some coinage in the music boxes.

RANDY BROOKS (Decca) I'd Do It All Over Again—FT; VC. Land of the Loon—FT; VC.

The first new band name to be added to the label's roster since the platter ban was lifted, Randy Weeks brings to the disks a full-bodied and well-modulated disks a full-bodied and well-modulated aggregation. Shading the tonal qual-ities to a degree of perfection that brings to mind Glenn Miller's effectiveness, Weeks makes a marked impression in his exposition of these two ballads. Con-trasting the rounded tones of the exposition of these two ballads. Con-trasting the rounded tones of the trumpet with the subdued nuances of the tenor sax, Weeks makes his musical force felt right from the edge for the torch tune I'd Do It All Over Again. For Billy Usher's pleasant vocal roman-tics, weaves a colorful background of sustained harmonies. While it affords little contrast, Weeks spins the same effectiveness for Land of the Loon, with Usher again for the utterances of this Indian love lullaby. A newcomer to disk circles, Randy Weeks, may catch them with "I'd Do It All Over Again."

### XAVIER CUGAT-LEAH RAY (Columbia) No Can Do-FT; VC. You Forgotcha Guitar-FT; VC.

You Forgotcha Guitar—FT; VC. Remembered as the fetching songbird with Phil Harris, Xavier Cugat provides the musical backdrop to bring back Leah Ray (Mrs. Sonny MCA Werblum). While both No Can Do and You Forgotcha Guitar provide plenty of melodic and lyrical substance, not overlooking Senor Xavier's smooth Latin rhythms, Miss Eav makes a back-seat impression Pos-Ray makes a back-seat impression. Pos-sessing low-pitched pipes, and displaying no warmth or appreciable quality in her masculine throating, she never gets any

## Jukes & Teen-Age | Decca Doubling Factories, **Promises Better Platters**

## as is for use of police and fire depart-ments, railroads and others; mobile radio communication units, field telephone sets, mine detects, code practice sets and radio direction finder units. Very few **RFCLaunches** Sale of Radio direction finder units. Very lew of the items will be sold in their orig-Parts, Relays Emerson Buys Radio

#### **Makers Handle Jobbing**

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Big turnback of amplifiers, relays and other radio and electronic equipment declared surplus by the armed forces went into high gear this week as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation announced that an esti-mated \$3,000,000,000 worth of such stocks will be sold thru 225 U.S. manufacturers.

According to A. W. Lee, who is han-dling disposal of the electronic devices in the Chicago area, many of the vacuum tubes already have gone back to the makers. The amplifiers and relays also are being returned rapidly.

He said that the equipment will be sold in same fashion as private goods with the customary trade terms and dis-counts. The manufacturers simply will be acting as agents for RFC, he said.

#### **Manufacturers** Distributors

Some manufacturers Distributors some manufacturers have declined to take back goods declared surplus, he said. To remedy this situation, the RFC has contracted with certain manufac-turers in New York, Chicago and on the West Coast to take over distribution of all excess equipment. all excess equipment.

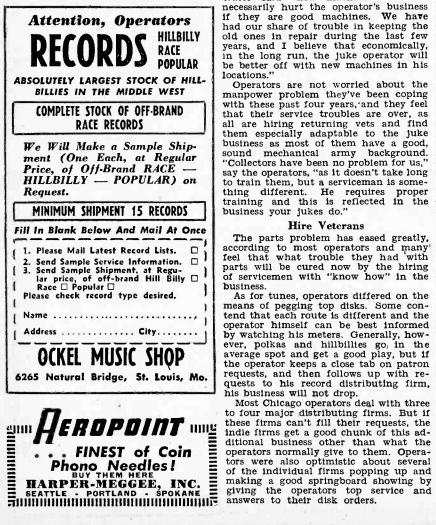
He emphasized that there will be no public auctions under present arrange-ments. All sales are to be made thru regular trade channels.

Surplus equipment now is arriving every day, he reported.

every day, he reported. In Chicago, radio concerns agreeing to handle all the "excess surplus" equip-ment are Belmont, Hallicrafters and Ma-jestic. Supplies of these companies and others in this region are expected to be large because it is estimated that 50 per cent of all military electronics equipment was manufactured in the Chicago area.

RFC said the manufacturers will make repairs, tests and modifications before the equipment will be offered for com-mercial use.

Devices up for sale include "walkie-talkie" sets, which probably will be sold



# Speakers; M. Abrams

The Billboard

**Takes Over as Prexy** 

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corporation has acquired all authorized capital stock of Radio Speakers, Inc., Chicago, one of the largest producers of high quality radio and pho-nograph speakers, Emerson officials an-nounced.

nounced. Max Abrams was elected president of the firm to succeed Henry C. Forster, who will remain for a time as special consultant. Morton E. Ornitz was chosen vice-president and treasurer. George S. Holly will remain as vice-president in charge of production and Bertha Engel will remain as secretary and assistant treasurer.

#### SIZE UP FUTURE

(Continued from page 84) the manufacturers way, however, for using their machines for too many press-ings, operators contending that the rec-ords pressed on the tail end of the run usually are not too good.

#### Supply Improved

Supply Improved On the whole, Chicago juke operators feel that the record supply situation has eased somewhat and most are showing some elation over the efforts of the dis-tributing firms to interest the operators in sales thru personal sale contacts. "We've come a long way," one of them said, "since we last had a salesman call in person at the office. I guess the war is really over now." As for the volume of present day purchases of records from distributors, the average juke operator here in Chi-cago is spending from \$50 to \$100 for disks weekly if he can get them. Prior to the war, it was nothing for weekly sales to hit as high as \$200 to \$300 for some operators. "We'd still spend it," they say, "if they give us as many as we want."

The new juke boxes expected from The new juke boxes expected from manufacturers have taken many mo-ments of Chicago operators' thoughts, and it can't be denied that they are anxious to see what's coming. One op-erator said "new machines will not necessarily hurt the operator's business if they are good machines. We have had our share of trouble in keeping the old ones in repair during the last few years, and I believe that economically, in the long run, the juke operator will be better off with new machines in his

yeas, and I beneve that economically, in the long run, the juke operator will be better off with new machines in his locations." Operators are not worried about the manpower problem they've been coping with these past four years, and they feel that their service troubles are over, as all are hiring returning vets and find them especially adaptable to the juke business as most of them have a good, sound mechanical army background. "Collectors have been no problem for us," say the operators, "as it doesn't take long to train them, but a serviceman is some-thing different. He requires proper training and this is reflected in the business your jukes do." Hire Veterans

#### Hire Veterans

The parts problem has eased greatly, according to most operators and many feel that what trouble they had with parts will be cured now by the hiring of servicemen with "know how" in the business.

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God Bless Our Flag and Boys With Victory......Marion W. Rinchart Gonna Keep on a-Dreamin' ('Till My Dreams Come True)......Grimes Good, Good, Good.......Berlin Got a Penny, Benny?....Vanguard Songs Gotta Be This or That.....Harms, Inc. Green, Green Hüls of Home.....Lincolb Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out To Dry Marlie

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Autry Back in Hollywood

Autry Back in Hollywood Cowboy star Gene Autry went back to Hollywood last week from a 10-week "walking tour" of Pacific islands and said he was glad to be home with his horse, Champ. Gene, with Rufe Davis, Will and Gladys Ahern, Marjorie Allen and Sandra Shaw, played approximately 85 shows to G.I.'s on a USO Camp Shows trip arranged by the Hollywood Victory Committee.

Autry troupe visited Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Kwajalein, Angar, Peleliu, Ulithi and Iwo Jima, covering approximately 35,000 miles by plane in addition to the distance Gene walked.

distance Gene walked. Cowboy star reported that his troupe played to approximately 1,000,000 men. "We never had less than 3,500 in the au-dience," he said, "and a lot of times we played to a whole division of 15,000 men in a day. The boys are a wonderful audience, and next to wanting to come home, they want entertainment. There is still a big job to be done, and it will continue as long as we have armed forces overseas."

"Opry" Stars for Fort Worth

Minnie Pearl and Whitey Ford (Duke of Paducah) have been booked to appear at the Coliseum, Fort Worth, the last week in Septemebr. R. G. McElyea, man-ager of the building, has had several other stars from the *Grand Ole Opry* in recent months and reports that they have attracted large crowds. Roy Acuff played the Coliseum a few weeks ago to 11.000 people.

Ritter To Become Pub

Tex Ritter, Capitol recording artist, will launch his own music publishing firm this week with offices in Hollywood. Company will be known as Tex Ritter Music Publications, Inc., and will feature songs written, recorded or introduced by Bitter

Ritter. Ritter recently has been touring East-ern cities with a troupe of Western en-tertainers that include Cannon Ball Taylor, Western comic; Walt Shrum, Jeannie Akers, Slim Andrews, the Milo Twins, Bonnie Dodd and the Colorado Hillbillies.

**Cactus Cowboys Recordings** 

Cactus Cowboys Recordings The Cactus Cowboys recently com-pleted the recordings of 45 songs on transcriptions. The boys will open their fourth season with Roy Rogers Septem-ber 23 at the Forum, Montreal, then play Ottawa. In the group are Bobby Greg-ory, accordion; Jake Watts, guitar; Pee-Wee Menard, fiddle, and Windy Bill Mc-Kay, bass.

Shrum To Tour

Shrum To Tour Cal Shrum writes from Hollywood that he has a tour lined up thru General Amusement that will take him thru Kentucky, Tennessee and North and South Carolina, starting October 1. Shrum also states that he has formed a company called Western Recordings and so far has released four numbers. They are Smiles Are Made Out of the

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## Sunshine, Roy Rogers' theme song; For-give Me One More Time, I Lost You and Since You've Gone Away.

Vincent's "Other" Hobby

Nat Vincent's Other Hobby Nat Vincent, of Southern Music, in Hollywood and more familiarily known to the boys with the guitars as "the bald-headed Indian," has been hiding a secret hobby, his friend, Ray Tibbets, re-veals. Tibbets, who owns and operates the Hollywood Kennels, tells that Vinthe Hollywood Kennels, tells that Vin-cent spends the wee small hours of every morning watching the progress of 12 Great Dane pups. When Vincent was asked about it, he couldn't resist the temptation to get in a plug. He said, "Yes, Peer International produces blue ribbon folk songs, and I'll take the blame for raising blue ribbon Danes." That mention of Peer was an opportunity for Vincent to reveal that Roy Rogers has just recorded two new tunes by Curt Barrett for Victor Records, You Should Know and Don't Blame It All on Me. Ezra Pallette with the Beverly Hill-Should Know and Don't Blame It All on Me. Ezra Pallette with the Beverly Hill-billies have done Smiles Are Made Out of Sunshine, Down Houston Way, I'm Thru Wastin' Time on You, and the new Lum and Abner song, Where There's Someone Waiting Just for Me, for Rich Records. Bel-Tones has just released two from the pen of Jack Kenney, I'm Ridin' the Rails and I'm a Roundin' Up My Love for You. If Vincent can pick Danes like he picks songs, the boys agree that he'll have some fine canines.

#### **Tunester** Tattle

Spade Cooley has sold the publication rights to his autobiography, *Fiddlin' Fool*, to W. B. Donnelly, of Tulsa, Okla. W. A. Watson, of the W. A. Watson Music Publications, writes from Deep Gap, N. C., that the firm has just issued *Selected Songs*, a folio of 35 hillbilly and country songs

country songs. Cliff Japhet, Gloversville, N. Y., says he has been writing and placing many songs in recent months. Latest is When It's Tumbleweed Time in Texas, written with

In recent months. Latest is When It's Tumbleweed Time in Texas, written with Max Terhune, and to appear in Max's new song folio. Dick Hart, songwriter and singer on KWKH, Shreveport, La., recently intro-duced Mrs. Bill Nettles' new song, You Don't Treat Me Right Blues, which Bill Nettles and his group plan to put on a Bluebird disk soon. From Calgary, Alta., Ramblin' Red Ross advises that Gordon V. Thompson, Ltd., of Toronto, has signed him up for three years on all his song material. Thompson shortly will issue Ramblin' Red's Saddle Songs, first of three folios. Red appears on the Old-Timers' program on CFCN, Calgary, every Friday night, playing bass. October 1 he starts his own quarter-hour program on the sta-tion, pedding his own guitar instruc-tion books.

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Maguire Industries To Hike Working Capital \$2,000,000 WORKING Lapital \$2,000,000 NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Maguire In-dustries, Inc., has just been authorized by its stockholders to increase the com-pany's working capital by negotiating loans for \$2,000,000. Company will pro-duce radio phonographs, record changers and a variety of other electronic and transport products. Principal plants are in Chicago, Mount Carmel, Ill.; Bridge-port, Conn., and Stamford, Conn.



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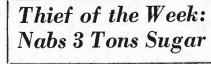
## **Floridian Said** MakingDevice

Newspaper says squeezertype juice vender is now on way to practical use

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 15.—Maj. Tracy Acosta, of this city, has been getting a great deal of publicity lately in the local press, not only because of his military exploits but also for an automatic orange juice squeezer which the local papers credit to his inventive gentus genius.

genius. Not long ago, The Florida Times-Union, published in this city printed a syndicated art panel entitled "Looking Ahead" which showed a picture and briefly described the automatic orange squeezer which is credited to Major Acosta.

This machine, say the reports, was the same one which was successfully demon-strated in Chicago several years ago. At that time the trade viewed the machine with great interest, since it was operated by a coin slot and seemed to offer wide possibilities. The Times-Union reports (See JUICE VENDERS on page 92)



PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—Here's a whodunit strictly for the trade: A truck loaded with 6,000 precious pounds of sugar was stolen from the garage of the Quaker Products Company. Also on the truck was five barrels of molasses.

With shortages what they are, local candy bar venders are putting the thief down as the kind that would rob a blindman's tin cup or steal toys from an orphanage.

## **U.S. Supplies of** Sugar Off Third

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Sugar stocks on hand in the continental United States as of July 31 totaled only 604,140 tons, the Department of Agriculture reported. This is one-third less than the stocks one year earlier when pile totaled 971,654 tons.

Sugar distributed for U. S. consump-tion during the first seven months of 1945 amounted to 3,828,573 tons, a drop of only 130,000 tons from the 3,948,311 tons delivered during the same period last year last year.



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#### Three Years in Navy

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 15.—Coin ma-chine business may seem a little tame to Louis Boasberg after 18 months at sea on the much-hit aircraft carrier Intrepid, on the much-nit aircraft carrier interplut, but the broad smile on his face told plainly how happy he was to be back. But before his hard-won points turned Chief Petty Officer Boasberg back into plain Mr. Boasberg, head of the



#### LOUIS BOASBERG

New Orleans Novelty Company, he had seen plenty of action in his three years in the navy. The Intrepid ran up the unfortunate record of having been hit by more suicide planes and torpedoes than any other ship in the entire fleet. Boasberg, however, was lucky enough to come thru without a scratch. Aboard her, he took part in the invasions of Guam, Saipan, the Philippines and Oki-nawa, besides two carrier raids against Tokyo.

Tokyo. The Intrepid was in the famous Task Force 53, and took part in every major action the Third Fleet encountered. Smiling boyishly, Boasberg admits he was "scared to death" on several occa-

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sions. One of the worst days, and one that sticks plainly in his memory, was when the Franklin, a companion ship of the Intrepid, was blasted as Boasberg's ship

"Those by. "Those Kamikazes were coming in droves," he recalled. "Now, after that, don't ask me if I am glad to get back to the coin machine business again."

## **Timm Aircraft To Make Mills Drink Machine**

VAN NUYS, Calif., Sept. 15.—Timm Aircraft Corporation here is tooling 70 preparation for turning out a number of bulk beverage machines for the Mills Company. A spokesman for the company, elaborating on a statement made by Roy B. Buckley, executive vice-president of Timm, said that the deal was for \$1,000, 00 worth of machines "plus tooling." Timm will make the standard model of the Mills Vender or No. 120. Tooling will take several months, but the first ma-chine is scheduled for delivery from this plant the latter part of November. This contract for Mills is the only one Timm has and no other coln machine deals are in the offing, the spokesman declared.

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### Milwaukee Writer Sees Big Things To **Come of Coin Slot**

Sentinel, gazed into his crystal ball and came up with the following prediction of things to come:

"Now that victory is won, look forward to robot salesmen or coin-in-the-slot machines as one of the bigger post-war industries. Inventors have them perfected so that by insertion of a coin, out will come either stockings, a bottle of beer, a hotdog sandwich, complete with mustard, a dry Martini, a cup of orange juice-and so ad infinitum."



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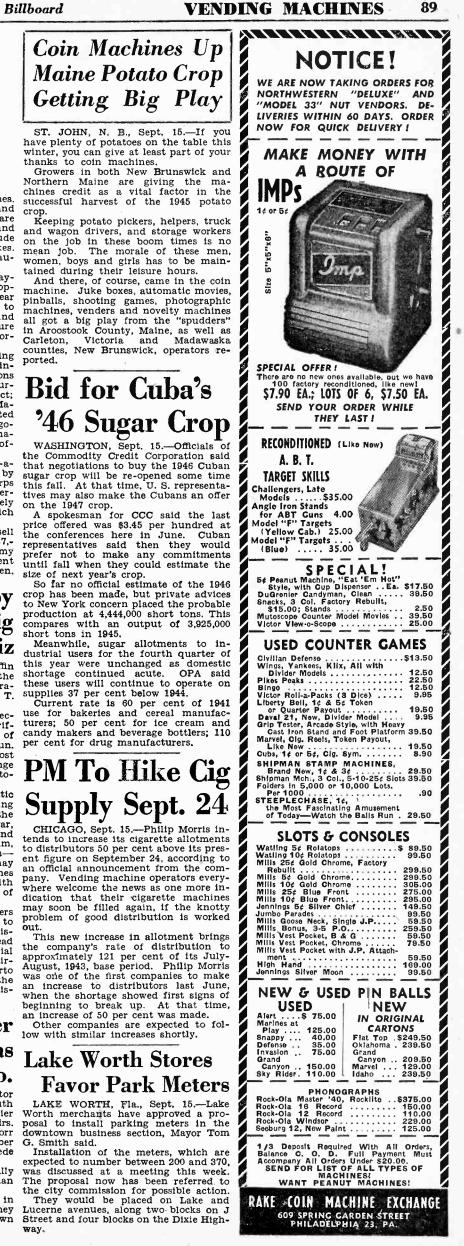
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**Army Post Locations May Draw Good Play for Many Months Despite Releases** 

PX, Ship Store Sales Still Run to 11/2 Billions a Year

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Vending and sand vending and amusement machines. amusement machines operated on army venders are principally soft drink and bases are expected to get a heavy play for many months to come despite the located in service clubs, dayrooms and fact that the Army Exchange Service is steadily slashing estimates of future mer-chandlse needs as more men are dis-charded.

charged. Col. F. R. Kerr, chief of the service which operates 11,000 post exchanges around the world, revealed this week that sales here and overseas still are running more than \$89,000,000 per month. Individual PX's. however, are in a

Individual PX's, however, are in a position to close down on about 30 days notice, Colonel Kerr said. He reported that their world-wide inventories are ap-proximately equal to total monthly sales and PX-stocked items have a turnover of bout once a month Marchandice is about once a month. Merchandise is chiefly such fast-selling items as food, tobacco, soft drinks and candy. Exchange also operates several thou-

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rooms on the continental U. S. are op-roams on the continental U. S. are op-erated by route men from towns near the camps. Part of the proceeds go to the squadron or company welfare fund to supply magazines, games, furniture and other equipment needed in the or-ganization ganization.

ganization. According to army regulations, vending and amusement machines may be in-stalled in posts, camps or other stations in any one of four ways: 1. Outright pur-chase for cash or installment contract; 2. rental purchase; 3. loan; 4. rental. Ma-chine operators, of course, are interested only in the two latter methods. Nego-tiating agent for the procurement of ma-chines is usually the post exchange of-ficer. ficer

Incer. In addition to the army's billion-a-year sales, the ship stores operated by the navy, coast guard and marine corps retail nearly \$500,000,000 worth of mer-chandise a year. There are approximately \$,500 of these stores, \$5 per cent of which are on ships or at overseas bases. In an average month the stores call

In an average month the stores sell nearly 56,000,000 of cigarettes and 37,-750,000 bars of candy. As with the army exchanges, profits go for entertainment and other morale services for the men.

### **Griffin Promoted by** Automatic, Sees Big **Changes in Coin Biz**

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—C. Field Griffin has been elected vice-president of the New York Automatic Canteen Corpora-tion, New York, according to John T. Collins, president. In a statement to the board of direc-tors immediately after his election, Grif-fin declared that the development of coin machines has just barely begun. He forecast that there would be almost no limit to the size, type and price range of articles that might be vended auto-matically. matically.

"The rate of development of automatic vending machines will be faster during the next five years than it was in the last 20," Griffin added. "Before the war, the machines were limited in price and size of the article to be sold—gum, candy, beverages, tobacco and so forth— but during the post-war period it may also be possible for the vending machines to be operated with dollar bills and with an electric eye for the distribution of higher-priced articles. "It is the responsibility of the leaders

'It is the responsibility of the leaders "It is the responsibility of the leaders in the vending machine industry to maintain high standards of merchandis-ing in the unlimited expansion ahead for office buildings, theaters, industrial plants, filling stations, road stands, air-ports, restaurants and many hitherto unexplored places which will adopt the automatic machines as methods of dis-tribution to the consumer."

**Roy Torr Takes Over** Old Estate in Pa., as Site for Jobbing Co.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—Distributor Roy Torr, formerly located at 2047 South 68 Street, has purchased the old Javier estate, in Lansdowne, from the heirs. After considerable rennovating, Torr moved into the new address September 12. He is now reached at 30 Runnemede Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa. Torr's new address, as he says, is really closer to the center of Philadelphia than the old one. Fellow commen are invited to ston in

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#### Don Yates Rigged Up Vital Device From Old Game Parts

DES MOINES, Sept. 15.—Part played in World War II by some former pinball and phonograph servicemen could not be told while the fighting was still going on, but the case of one serviceman and the outstanding bit he performed at the Glenn L. Martin-Nebraska Company at Omaha has been revealed. Omaha has been revealed.

Omaha has been revealed. He is Don Yates, who formerly worked for the Nelson Music Company at Des Moines until the war came along and then went to the engineering laboratory at the Martin plant which was one of the four factories in the country turning out the B-29 plane which did a major share in bringing Japan to her knees.

Work of the B-29's in devastating huge parts of Japan has been disclosed with pictures showing the destroyed cities, but the real story behind the B-29's was the construction of the huge planes in this country

Virtually all of the country's resources at one time were centered on one thing —making B-29's in a hurry.

#### High Priority

This Billboard correspondent happened to be going thru the Omaha plant at this time when the B-29 had the highest priority. Employees were told they could help shorten the war, and it was this spirit that enabled the successful pro-duction of the mammoth ships.

Plenty of things were wrong with the first ships and the nation's experts were called in to make the adjustments without stopping production.

out stopping production. The fact that a former pinball service-man could fit into this picture and come forth with an intricate machine that saved not only thousands of dollars and thousands of man hours of labor, but with a machine fashioned out of pinball parts is a credit to the entire coin ma-chine industry.

Yates designed an automatic wire tester which the Martin Company of-ficials explain was built at the engineer-ing laboratory. The machine was used to test the miles and miles of wires in-stalled in the B-29's and to insure that no damage had been done to the wiring during the manufacturing processes during the manufacturing processes.

The test, as described by the army, was to include a 1.000-volt wire to wire test. to ground insulation breakdown

Here is an explanation of the machine and the work by the Martin Company public relations office:

"To apply 1,000 volts to the thousand feet of wire in a B-29 meant first of all isolating the airplane for the time necessary to perform the tests.

"The tester was designed to speed pro-duction and keep the constant moving production line in operation.

### Coin Parts Used "Two (Genco) stepping relays were used, one on each end of the wire bundle under test. One stepper selected a wire,

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the other tests all other wires in that bundle against that wire and ground. Then the first stepper automatically moves to the next wire testing it against the remainder of the wires and ground thence all the way thru the bundle stop-ning when a pre-set number of wires ping when a pre-set number of wires have been tested. A (Bally-Variety) free play step-back motor timed the machine.

"High voltage is applied to the wires thru the outside set of contacts on the stepper where the spacing is the widest. Continuity and shorts are indicated by a neon lamp."

Altho the Martin plant in its release on the machine said that it was built in its engineering laboratory, the actual story is that the machine was made by com-panies that manufactured pinball machines long before the war.

Paul Nelson, head of the Nelson Music Paul Nelson, head of the Nelson Music Company and one of the veterans in the business, tells of this part of the story. Nelson related that after Yates left to work in the Martin plant his former em-ployee kept asking for certain parts from old pinball machines. He never once indicated to Nelson what he wanted them for.

After the Martin plant revealed the details of the plant and carried a picture of it in a house organ, Yates mailed a copy to Nelson and enclosed a note which stated:

#### Surprises Boss

"Dear Paul: I thought you would get a bang out of what happened to those parts you gave me some time ago. "Don Yates."

Nelson describes Yates as a "wizard" He pointed out that he was the type of serviceman that always could figure things out for himself and when it took some new way to hook up a phonograph, such as remote-control boxes and similar problems he always accomplicated his problems, he always accomplished his work.

Altho Martin has not released some Altho Martin has not released some other developments accomplished by Yates, it is known that his invention of the tester machine was not his only achievement. One little item, which Yates is believed to have had a hand in, was elimination of a radio beam cracking when the pilots landed. By a simple device the pilot was not bothered by a sudden radio screeching which sometimes required tossing off the ear-phones. phones.

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(Continued from page 88) that the orange juice squeezer is now on the market.

#### **Describes** Machine

The local paper describes Acosta's ma-

The local paper describes Acosta's ma-chine this way: "When 10 cents is inserted, the vend-ing machine automatically cuts the orange and squeezes the juice into a paper cup. Major Acosta got the idea for the machine while he was engaged in the citrus growing and citrus juice processing at New Smyrna Beach before entering the army. "He had the invention patented and it was demonstrated in Chicago to prove its practicability. Providing fresh orange juice quickly and sanitarily, the ma-chine was an instant success." Trade members will recall the unusual atten-tion this machine caused because of its novelty. novelty.

'The machines are now being manufactured in Detroit where Major Acosta is stationed," according to the local newspaper reports. The trade as yet has heard no official announcement concerning the manufacture of the squeezer vending machine other than this an-nouncement in the major's home town. Acosta is a graduate of Yale University, where he starred in football.

#### Trade Interest

Trade interest before and during the war ran high on fresh juice vending machines. Drugstores, railroad and bus stations and several other locations stations and several other locations might do a big business in such ma-chines, but the trade has been awaiting the perfection of a foolproof vender, and has likewise been studying scientific re-ports on the food value of such julices since there was some controversy on that point when the machines were first pro-posed posed.

posed. One of the most recent developments, which was started during the war, was the project for reducing citrus juices to powdered form. In powdered form it was thought the juices could be mixed in vending machines in much the same way Coca-Cola and other carbonated beverages are mixed. The drink would then be dispensed in paper curs

way Coca-Cola and other carbonated beverages are mixed. The drink would then be dispensed in paper cups. This idea revived the argument about the vitamin content of such prepara-ijuices lost their vitamins within 30 minutes after they were silced and squeezed. Experiments, conducted by the Florida Citrus Products Station, working with department of agriculture experts, claim that both oranges and grapefruits retained their vitamin con-tent for several days with and without refrigeration. The scientists reported, however, that much of the flavor was lost when the juices were kept for periods of several days. And the trade was naturally interested in this fact, since the consuming public never buys a product which doesn't taste all right, even tho it might contain all the vita-mins from A to Z. This fact has been demonstrated in the vitaminized candy, where candy manufacturers have spent years and many thousands of dollars trying to get vitamins into candy with-out destroying the original taste appeal.

#### Growers' Aid

Citrus growers, as well as the coin machine trade, have long been working on the idea of perfecting a fresh fruit beverage dispenser, since the develop-ment of such a device would greatly aid the growers as well as prove a boon for the trade.

the growers as well as prove a boon for the trade. Last year, Plymouth citrus growers announced that they were building a test plant for the purpose of reducing the juices to powdered form. This plant was intended to "work out the bugs" in the process and to perfect the equip-ment to meet post-war manufacturing demands. Since the original announce-ment of the plant, little has been heard of the organization, altho they have been conducting experiments and are still reportedly doing research. Officials at the time stated that the plant's research was but a forerunner of many new developments in the fresh juice field. Last year the officials re-vealed plans for setting up a number of non-commercial plants and factories, and eventually establish a chain which would have consumed a tremendous quantity of fresh fruit for juicing pur-poses. This announcement came at a time when people were expecting the war to end in 1944, and the pinch dur-ing the last months of 1944 and early this year have probably cut the growers' plans short until now.

#### One of the Many

The possible perfection of a squeezer-pe vending machine for oranges is type

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but one of many new developments which the trade is looking for in the vending machine field. The fact that the entire coin machine industry was engaged 100 per cent in war work dur-ing the past several years served to slow down latest mechanical developments, but at the same time the wartime work gave many manufacturers a broader pic-ture of all sorts of mechanical problems. Armed with this "know-how" it is likely that many of the mechanical bugs, which have hindered the manu-facture of many new type vending mafacture of many new type vending ma-chines, will be eliminated.



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## **Coin Locations On New Trains**

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Coin machine op-erators who visited the spectacular ex-hibit of Tomorrow's Trains Today in Chi-cago's Museum of Science and Industry came back with some new ideas on possible locations for machines.

Most impressive display among the life-Most impressive display among the life-size models of the railway passenger cars of tomorrow was one of a club-cinema car. Half of it was fitted up as a bar lounge and the other half as an ob-servation lounge. At night the bar sec-tion could be converted into a night club and the observation section could be changed into a movie theater.

changed into a movie theater. Both sections would offer possible op-portunities for installation of coin ma-chines. Most obvious, of course, would be the need for a juke box in the night club car which would be too small to permit use of flesh music. The observa-tion lounge also might make use of coin-operated movie devices, and venders of cigarettes, candy, soft drinks or other items. items.

Railroads already have revealed consideration of self-service or "automatic" restaurant cars, and for these, coin venders seem to be a natural.

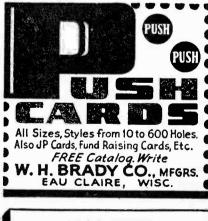
venders seem to be a natural. Other rallway innovations in the dis-play, which was presented by the Pull-man-Standard Car Manufacturing Com-pany, included a day-night car, which provided full-length leg and foot rests on the deep-cushioned overstuffed chairs; a dining car with tables placed diagonally so that each diner would have a side of a table to himself; triple-deck chair cars which would increase seating capacity nearly one-third, designed especially for commuter trains.

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Newell said new mechanical equip-ment has been ordered and the plans are to begin erection of the new build-ing as soon as restrictions on building materials are lifted, possibly next spring. Newell now carries on his distribution business largely from St. John.

Frank Hanlon, Halifax, N. S., coin machine operator-distributor and car-nival concessionaire, has had an anxious time on the road in recent weeks. A child of his underwent surgical treat-ment in a Halifax hospital and he made an emergency trip back to see the nation. patient.



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