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THE GREAT STARS IN THE GREAT

KATHRYN GRAYSON, JOHNNY JOHNSTON AND ETHEL SMITH At London Palladium

(MUSICAL EXPRESS STAFF REPORTER) LAST MONDAY NIGHT WAS THE OPENING AT THE LONDON PALLADIUM OF ANOTHER ALL STAR VARIETY BILL...

Ethel Smith gave a performance that had the audience eating out of the hands of this celebrated film star organiste.

THE QUEEN TO ATTEND THE BALLET HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has most graciously consented to attend a gala performance at the Royal Opera House on Monday, April 25, at 7.30 p.m.

"HULLO PARIS" A TWO-WAY exchange programme between Paris and London will be presented in the Light Programme on Easter Monday in collaboration with Radiodiffusion Francaise.

GELLER DOES SOLO ACT HAROLD GELLER, who is so successful with his dinner dancing music at Frascati's Restaurant, will branch out as a solo violinist in the Variety Bandbox on April 24.

RECORDED—SO FAR—BY ARCHIE LEWIS with GERALDO ANNE SHELTON with FRANK SINATRA DICK HAYMES DENNY DENNIS with TOMMY DORSEY GUY LOMBARDO MARGARET WHITING JOHNNY DESMOND

WHILE THE GALS ARE RAGGING Music by JEAN VILLARD Lyric by DIK MANNING

BANDPARTS NOW READY! BACKED WITH I LOVE YOU SO MUCH

NORMAN FOR NIGHTINGALE Jose Norman and his Rumbajeros will take over at the Nightingale on April 25, when their engagement at Churchill's is completed.

SOUTHPORT CHANGES FOR THE N.D.B.C. LESLIE DOUGLAS ORCH. BOOKED

JACK MCCORMICK and his Band, now resident at Lewis's Restaurant, Manchester, who recently secured the summer engagement at the Floral Hall, Southport, will not be appearing.

VERA LYNN AT SWINDON CONTEST ONE of the sensations of this year's contesting season was the personal appearance of Vera Lynn at the Swindon Contest.

NORMAN BAND FOR IRELAND Oscar Rabin and his Orchestra, who have just completed their first very successful week of their month's engagement at the Wembley Palais, are in process of organizing a coming trip to Ireland for the orchestra.

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McPARTLAND HERE With talented Marion Page JIMMY McPARTLAND and HIS CHARMING WIFE, MARION PAGE, ARRIVED IN ENGLAND THIS WEEK.

SWING Session at the Palladium. He and his wife will be travelling to Paris for the big jazz festival.

Tom Henry listens intently while Jimmy McPartland and his wife Marion Page play over the latest records for the Harmony Label on their Dascalini.

MORE NEWS AND PICTURES ON P. 4



Ethel Smith (left) and Kathryn Grayson (right) photographed while taking a stroll in Leicester Square last Saturday.

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AL THE BAGGAGE (London)
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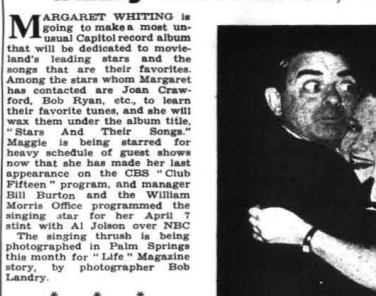
THE VOICE TAX, TAX! At last the law has fallen. CRIPPS the astute musician shows no consideration for musical instruments.

HOPE DISAPPEARS The trades attached to music have been hoping, no doubt through sheer weight of logic, that the Purchase Tax on musical merchandise would be lightened, if not removed.

WHO CAN HELP US? That is the question—who can help us? Only ourselves. The musicians of London should have fought like heroes.

THIS IS FOR THE UNION Long ago I drew a line of demarcation between the functions of the industrial worker and those of the musician.

THEIR SINGS Whiting makes unusual record album



Margaret Whiting shares an embrace with Eddie Cantor

MARGARET WHITING is going to make a most unusual Capitol record album that will be dedicated to movie-making leading artists and the songs that are their favorites.

DICK HAYMES' Decca wax package of Irving Berlin tunes has topped the quarter-million mark.

JACK SMITH'S Marmet, West Virginia, fan club is staging a special play next month and will be making a most unusual record album.

LONDON music publisher Regency has commissioned maestro Frank DeVol to write a series of original music themes.

LEW DAVIS: Once accredited as a soloist in the orchestra, he has been years in the making.

HORACE EGBOURNE: Once an eminent viola player, Egbourne is now farming in the Home Counties.

PETER MORTON: Vocalist and pianist, he has just recorded his first album.

HENRY REED: Famous as a producer of a radio feature "Bandstand" and other successful productions.

DOUG BASTIN, well-known as a multi-instrumentalist.

LEN BERMON, popular drummer with Henry Reed's band.

to Paul Robeson!" says MALCOLM RAYMONT three trombones, tuba, timpani, harp, two piano players, and every other string instrument.

ARMED FORCES RADIO SERVICE These four sides have, I presume, been selected from the complete recording.

CHICK MADISON THE Page Cavanaugh Trio are due for build-up by MGM as a result of their performance in "Big City."

WHAT ARE THEY NOW? N.A.M.E.S. Famous names. Milestones in music. People who left their mark on the music of our time.

Do you remember any old-timers and do you know what they are doing now?

"ANYTHING I DREAM" By Olwen Everybody loves to do shopping. Well I know I do.

IT IS SAID... CHARLES ("Dream of Olwen") WILLIAMS has written another beautiful piano piece called "Jealous Lover."

JACK IMMONS has been offered a series of concerts in the U.S.A., with the New York Philharmonic.

ROBERTS (British Tenors) B.B.C. radio series, which has been postponed twice.

JACK BRITISH TENORS SIMPSON is to play the bones! Many years ago Jack played bones with the Mohawk Moore and Burgess Minstrels.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir, My, through the columns of your excellent journal, I am allowed to appeal to the seemingly apathetic Union throughout the country...

BIELLI QUARTET via PARIS

The Bielli Quartet consisting of Bielli, Johnny Blackburn, Eric Isaacs and Bernie Woods together with Alan Durrill, Paris B.N.W. broadcast.

THE NATIONAL DANCE BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1949 Wiltshire Championship, Majestic Ballroom, Swindon, Thursday, April 7 WINNING BANDS

(Large Bands) JOHN HENNESSY AND HIS NEW MUSIC Norman M. Mostyn (Leader), 71 Commercial Road, Swindon, Wiltshire.

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CAMP HOLDS NEW BRITISH JAZZ RALLY

ON April 21 the authorities at Caterick Camp are sponsoring a "Grand Jazz Rally" which will be held in the ballroom of the Services' new NAAFI Club...

NAME BANDS FOR GRIMSBY

THE Galety Ballroom at Grimsby, one of the largest dance halls in Great Britain, has until the bookings will be weekly engagements with great success.

TWELVE DANCE NUMBERS IN NEW SINATRA PICTURE

"MOVIE TALK" by Ken Ryan TWELVE dance numbers are stage history in "Annie Get Your Gun"...

Contest Fixtures List

SWINDON, Tonight, Thursday, April 7, Dancing 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Majestic Ballroom, Wiltshire...

HARTLEY'S For Orchestras DOUBBLE Bass, Tenor, Alto, Soprano, Trombone, Trumpet, Drums, Percussion...

OLD-TIME DANCE ORCHESTRAS ALL WITH SAX PARTS YOUNG JACKSON'S TRUMPET MOUTHPIECE

WAIT until Gaby hears this!

Spencer Tracy is about to burst out a song on the screen in the rôle of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Malaya"...

BARTOK IN SCANDINAVIA

The distinguished Hungarian-American pianist, Andor Foldes, has been engaged to give a recital at the Southwark Cathedral on June 1st...

"SAINT NICOLAS" FOR LONDON

The first London performance of Benjamin Britten's cantata, "Saint Nicolas"...

AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

NORTH-EAST OF ENGLAND (large bands), Empire Ballroom, Newcastle, 14th September.

MIDLAND MUSICIANS 24 hour REPAIR SERVICE TO ALL BAND INSTRUMENTS

REPAIRS: Saxophones and Clarinets thoroughly repaired...

NO TICKETS FOR KAYE

The Skyways manager, who it is made known to their many fans that it is absolutely impossible for them to obtain tickets for Danny Kaye...

ROSENKAVALER in Brussels

The Vienna State Opera Company have been invited by the Belgian Government to give two performances of Richard Strauss's opera, "Der Rosenkavalier"...

"I RECOMMEND"

Incidentally, why put the date of composition in large type and the composer's name in small? Worse things have happened...

INSPIRING MOZART

The Wigmore Hall was packed to overflowing (many had to be turned away) for the concert given by the Wigmore Chamber Orchestra...

CLUBS: MEET US HERE: Monday 8.15, Tuesday 8.30, Wednesday 8.15, Thursday 8.15, Friday 8.15, Saturday 8.15, Sunday 8.15

PUBLICATIONS: HAVE YOU GOT your copy of "The Music of the Future"...

THE SOUND TRACK

Paul Weston Orchestra set up between them. One English band has been chosen to be the most successful...

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