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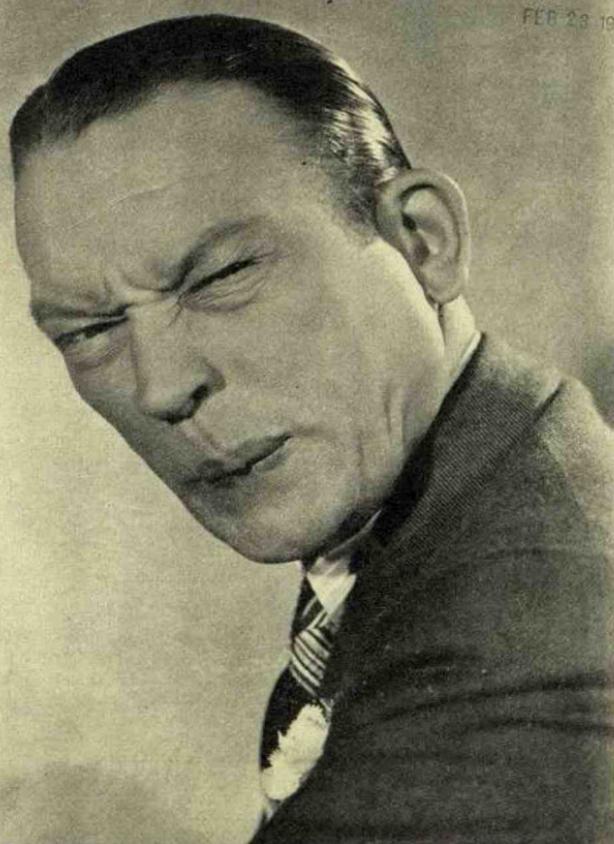
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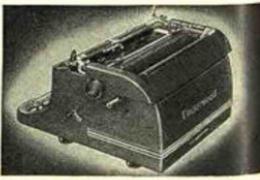
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KY. BILL THREATENS TENTS

A Change for the Better

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Loew's Ziegfeld Theater is dropping double features during midweek beginning March 6. This follows the实行 of a six-unit screen policy (single feature, cartoon, two-reel comedy, etc.), according to Manager Gilbert Marder.

Tent shows will be more honored for a return to value in some Loew spots if the double feature policy is abandoned. The manager added that opening for vaudeville on a single feature program, but rarely on double features.

P.A.'s Wooing Pix Mags for Flashy Breaks

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Instead of writing and dining feature writers, the press agents have been doing their shiniest faces and friendliest handshakes for the editors of photo magazines. This sudden abandonment of their old love for the press has been attributed to one cause—follows the waking up of p. a.'s to the fact that milliyuns and milliyuns of people are buying (pardon, looking at) picture magazines.

Came the dawn (following liberal swallowing of aspirins and racking of brains for new publication angles) and the publicity writers began laughing and beaming at the boys and girls running the new-fangled picture magazines. The photo mag writers, in turn, have begun developing a "picture magazine contact man" whose job is to devise ways and means of planting pictures, dances and beauty stories, stirring poses, posing in night clubs. (See P. A.'S WOOING on page 30.)

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Calls for County Court Permit Outside City; Now Before Senate

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 21.—The House last week passed House Bill 210 and the bill is now before the Senate. Among other things the measure requires that all outdoor amusements must appear outside the city limits must receive a permit from the county court in each county. The permit, once issued, may be published three weeks in the county papers before there is a hearing in open court, where anyone opposing said permit must be heard also. About two

Financial Aid Needed in Fight

F. H. Bee Jr., owner of the F. H. Bee Shows, has tried hard for 10 years to keep Kentucky open to outdoor shows and has paid all expenses without receiving one cent from anybody. Those interested in this new bill are asked to send him some real donations at once, as it is costing plenty to fight this measure. Bee doesn't need letters congratulating or telling him to keep up the fight but reasonable donations. His reputation should be enough guarantee that the money is needed and needed badly if any outdoor shows ever expect to appear in Kentucky any more. He can be addressed in care of The Billboard, Cincinnati, O.

months would be required to have hearing for a permit.

The bill if passed would absolutely bar all outdoor amusements in Kentucky on account of there being no vacant lots, either large enough or available, within the city limits of cities not having prohibitive licenses. In other cases there is not enough parking space, and carnivals and circuses should show where note, crowds, etc., should not be annoying to the neighbors.

Nation Is In on Ballyhoo of N. Y. World's Fair in Preview April 30

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A preview of the New York World's Fair on April 30, exactly one month in advance of official opening date, has been set. President Grover A. Whalen announced this week. The preview will be held at the nation-wide radio hook-up and the entire fairground will be available to visitors. Transportation lines will have been urged to run excursions to the fair over that week-end, and hotels, restaurants, etc., have been asked to display plans for handling the event.

Purpose of the preview, which will be entirely free to the public, is to ballyhoo the fair and squelch a certain amount of unfounded apprehensions to the effect that the corporation has been too commercial-minded and has not evidenced enough civic pride.

Exhibit divisions of the fair are continuing to be completed by leading industrial and commercial firms. Thirty additional companies have signed contracts within the past few weeks,

and building construction continues to move along regularly. By preview time it is the corporation's intention to have 100 buildings in some stage of construction.

Commerce and entertainment departments are still in the formulative stage for the most part, altho it is understood several contracts for amusement-zone participation have been signed.

Shakespearean concession details and location undetermined, is being given serious consideration by the entertainment department. Idea has been suggested by the corporation to Bruce Meredith, acting president of Actors' Equity, and Kenneth Thomson, executive secretary of the Society for the General Welfare. Concession will be strictly a private enterprise on the part of Meredith and Thomson. General theme for the Shakespearean area will be reconstructed Stratford-on-Avon and revival of Shakespeare's plays in condensed form.

Playwrights Got 42 Grand in Royalties From FTP Last Year

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—WPA Federal Theater project presented 211 plays from January 24, 1937, to January 31, 1938. Total gross receipts for the 211 plays amounted to \$2,460,000, this figure representing money returned to private individuals. Budget OTW took the lead in distributing titles and names received, having garnered \$2,745 for 16 plays. George Bernard Shaw came next with 12 plays, followed by Howard Koch, who was paid \$1,470 for two; Charlotte Cherenning, \$1,295 for two, and Paul Green, \$1,200 for four. Casually, George S. Kaufman got \$1,075 for his play *Plays Bringin' Help Yourself*, while

John G. Brownell's *Mississippi Rainbow*, \$1,265; John Howard Lawson's *Proseless*, \$1,110; John Morton's *One Step Less*, \$997; *It's a Hard Life*, \$910; Charlotte B. Cherenning's *Emperor's New Clothes*, \$997.75; Paul Green's *John Armiss Marshall's Pursuit of Happiness*, \$880; James Warwick's *Blind Alley*, \$870; Frederick Wolfe's *Professor Mamlock*, \$860; and Alexander Woollcott's *Old Men Can You Sing*, \$850; Samuel and Bella Spewack, *Boy Meets Girl*, \$792.50; Gracie Hayes' *C. C. in the Classroom*, \$715; Paul Vulpert's *Help Yourself*, while

Plays bringin' help yourself, while

A Generous Booker

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—New mode for simplicity in contract form was worked on a performer here when an agent asked him to sign a blank contract a three-by-five piece of note paper. A cabaret's address, transportation directions and hotel information were written on the paper, then the performer added the date, his name and the figure 42. That, he said, represented the performer's salary.

"What about your commission?" queried the performer, "I don't get any," the Booker replied.

Pittsburgh Acts Seek Union Tie

Autonomy under AFA preferred—otherwise local AFL charter will be sought.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 19.—Members of the Entertainers' Association of Western Pennsylvania and William Jeffries, of the People's Alliance, labor union federation, will meet Saturday evening to discuss the matter of unitizing showfolk in attempt to improve district night spot working conditions and raise wages from average \$6 to \$20 weekly being received by acts here.

Parley, to which more than 400 entertainers of district have been invited by (See PITTSBURGH ACTS on page 23)

Grisman Heads Speakers at First NSA Closed Meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—D. Grisman, prominent theatrical producer and theater operator who co-produced *Toledo Road*, headed the list of speakers at the first closed meeting of the People's Association in the Piccadilly Hotel here last night. Meeting, with President George A. Hamid in attendance, was attended by nearly 300

Producers. Grisman made available thru the efforts of Fred Phillips, later to become chairman of the NSA, maintaining that in his opinion the circus, carnival and allied fields constituted the only really legitimate form of theater entertainment, and that, accordingly, compensated NSA on its efforts to unite employers and employees in one benevolent and social organization.

The house committee advised that in all probability headquarters for the club will be established on the sixth floor of the Piccadilly Hotel, and the first meeting will be March 3 at the Piccadilly. Further details of last night's session will appear in next week's issue of *The Billboard*.

Janette Terrill Resigns As Gen. Agt. Model Show

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—The Billboard received the following wire from Janette Terrill dated yesterday from Spindale, N.C.: "Dear Friends: I am resigning as general agent of the Model Shows for the reason that the policy of the management, relating to my department, was unsatisfactory."

The Broadway Beat

By GEORGE SVELPIN

IT'S probably just an oversight, but ardent unionists have looked in vain for a union label I on the program of "Pins and Needles," the revue presented by members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. . . . Maybe it wasn't intended as a gag, but Best Picture, the magazine of the garment workers, has a column headed "Theater Talk" which criticizes, the "answer" supposed to "present the case for New Nucca" and listed as being printed on two pages of the folder received; like a good, law-abiding consumer, our reporter turned to the pages which were supposed to contain the answer. There they were, two pages of the folder, one page white, one page pink, containing a smattering of ink. . . . Was I going and the New Nucca is pure white; or was it a printer's error? . . . Martha Scott, the previously unknown ingenue who scored so sensational with her work in Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," has received some favorable press, too. Hollywood, however, has had her seen around all over town. Miss Scott is an incidentally intelligent girl. I hope that a few more stage appearances will do her good—and will also jack the ante on the Coast; if and when the dog goes to pictures, she claims, she'll see to it that the can come back for a legit spot. . . . Last week, Mrs. Simon, the author of "The Square Peg," had a hard time convincing everyone; a producer who found her down repeated a couple of mouthfuls until she agreed to sell her to him for a show on his schedule is now hollering all over Broadway that he wants someone exactly like her—for the role for which he turned her down.

A lot of the folks who review shows, it appears, have been squatting to Bernard Gorcey, Gilbert Miller press agent, about changes in their usual seats for Miller productions—and even changes from their usual house seats when a Miller production plays an outside house. For their information, it's simply because the Miller press lots were lost, looted, stock and barrel, from a usually well-conducted press department. The loss of the press lots, which were well-organized and well-arranged, have been easy enough to explain all that to the objectors, along with a friendly word or two, and to re-establish harmony all round. But instead, Simon put out some about the square which were, after all, understandable enough, and a note went out, repeated by the press, simple-minded and over-simplified, that he had the nerve to change the angle in the first place. Miller (whose plays are always put on with taste and intelligence backstage and in office routine as well as on stage) would probably be pretty upset about it; a press agent fed you can take it from one who used to be one) doesn't draw down his salary for extorting the press.

THE ALBUM: If you're one of the many thousands who call the New York office of the National Query Council to inquire about plays, casts, lengths of runs and other such details, then you've spoken to Freddie Karpis, the man who has the statistical information at his fingertips than any other man in the country. Freddie keeps the files for *The Billboard Index* of the New York legitimate Stage and, privately, has a complete file of what needs a comprehensive review of the theater (adv.). But he's a man of many parts, for example, is a casting director, has written books, and is also responsible for many other things. Another part of his job, for instance, is a casting of the office, so you'll meet him on any money dealings, too. It's Freddie's boast that he can cast a man for a part in a play, and then get him a job in the office, and end up in matron's hand, and his long record of employment includes work of all sorts. He was a milkman, for a time, and for another while confidential secretary to a minister. He's a man of meticulous habits, and amazing accuracy—and that's why he's the man you want to speak to when you're writing a telegram, a parlor accomplishment that drives the editorial ladies nuts when they're trying to write stories. He likes to get the boys to visit him and drink beer, and try to tell them what's new with expansion and general anything; but there's no sufficient demand, the boys cry. "Long live freedom!" he says, and he's still taking lessons from a recognized teacher. In the summer he closes himself away in his study, and when he comes out he's dressed in a tuxedo on the fiddle for hours; in the winter he also practices for hours—but dressed.

It's reported (not reliably) that the Rainbow Room is bidding for the services of Dick Walker as half of a numba team; the Tropic-hatched News columnist's a dancin' fool . . . Speaking of Walkers, James J. of that clan (remember?) pulled a nice one at the Winter Garden, where he was to appear in a new musical comedy. After being besieged by border collies, the ex-mayor remarked that it was a useful technique for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. . . . Speaking of the dog show, it turned out to be one of the most thrilling in the history of the Westminster Club, with 11-month-old Shetland sheepdogs, never before seen in the ring, taking the top honors. The competition was fierce, best of the sporting dog variety group and, as a grand climax, best dog in the show, among all the 3,039 that were entered. It was the first time within memory of the oldest dog breeders that a young pup had won a show that magnificently—he had to beat Maurice Walker's Shetland (pink ribbon winner at the American Kennel Show last year) and Flemell Spicypaws (blue-tinted fox terrier and best in the Westminster Show last year) to do it. . . . If you don't happen to be interested in dogs, you should have skipped that. But, as we have observed, there's always something to interest us, and this dog show we missed something. The border collies exhibition was introduced by a bargee boy, Watty, along with a small number of other lost souls, to an admiring lover of dogs—Pete "Music."

There are gurus floating around Broadway concerning the differences between Marquis Welles and Maurice Evans in "Richard III." One of the more dubious ones left off "Julius Caesar" after the anti-sexy orthodoxy got thru, in Philadelphia, with the trout of Maurice Evans' "Henry IV," also directed by Miss Webster. A decent group have been educated, however, by a man named Frank, who insisted that the two did not differ much. They sat and listened to him, while Miss Webster asked Welles what he thought of the Evans performance. "A nice enough acting job," he's supposed to have replied. "But when I play Henry IV I'm going to make it look like hell." But when he got up to speak, he was silent. Then, said Welles, remarked, "I'm sorry my people won't come with the play until next season. You would have been a perfect world-up for us!" It sounds incredible, but the yarn for once happens to be true.

PLANO: The Brattleboro Players were in Brooklyn last week with what's called a sun-realistic production of *The Man Who Ate the Popcorn*, and Mr. Svelpin, having gotten himself a stomachful of self-conscious new-artiness on Broadway itself, stayed away. But one of his most intelligent and tasteful scouts covered it and, with enthusiasm, reported: "The play is a smash hit. It's a real hit, and it's really worth while. While the play is confused in its attitude, it has a definite purpose, writing, and the experimental production denotes courage—but intelligent courage. They exhibit great dignity, good taste, talent, intelligence, and have unflinchingly held our theatrical future. They are not out for money but for accomplishment. I came away greatly enthused and feeling that they deserve all the help they can

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Wichita Tries To Ban Return of "Road" After Smash Engagement

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 19.—City commissioners in a regular meeting last week deadlocked on a motion to refuse to permit Toledo to send to them in their building. Toledo seemed to many interested in the theater, seemed strange, inasmuch as Rock broke records here last November and no objection had been made before that booking by Bill Photo.

With announcement by Photo that the play would be shown in Wichita on February 17, the Legion of Decency and an unnamed group put the question to the board of commissioners. One preliminary hearing, approximately 200 signatures registered a protest over al-

lowing use of Arcadia Theatre in the city-owned Forum-Exposition building. "The 'author' of the play is the author," it "insulted the Negro population," that "scenes attack principles of the American government." It was "un-American" from beginning to end with vulgarity and obscenity" and "many cities have passed ordinances for communistic and immoral traits."

City girls noticed similarity between petition forms of Legion of Decency and unnamed group.

When final vote revealed two to one in favor of banning, with only Comm. (See WICHITA TRIES on page 12)

Immediate Test of New NAB Not Expected; President, Secretary Still To Be Chosen

Sixteenth annual convention surprises attendants by peace and quiet—no battles on reorganization plans—new dues adopted—Loucks temporarily in charge

By JERRY FRANKEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The net results and values accruing from reorganization measures adopted by the 16th annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters will not be evaluated until some time in the future. The old NAB, a society of 1,000 members, has been replaced by what the industry hopes will be a strong organization able to show tangible benefits for its members. The broadcasters are the first to admit that almost any change in the structure of the old NAB must be temporary.

The first crucial test confronting the new NAB—the demands for further minimum employment by the musicians' unions—was the beginning of the end. Now, to establish the actual differences in strength between the old and new NAB, no one need be directly confronted with a major industry problem.

No such problem seems to be an immediate factor. A possibility exists that it may crop up when the American Federation of Musicians starts to get after stations that have not yet signed contracts of employment. There are many stations which claim the Independent Radio Network. After reorganization when the old NAB started to take action, the affiliates down the river by making a musicians' deal terms of which will be far superior to those of the independent stations. Thus the new NAB may soon face two tests: strong internal strife and outside pressure from a powerful union. The chain stations have felt the power already.

Should these two tests not develop, it is likely that the association will avoid a crucial period until 1940, when contracts with the American Society of Composers and Authors, Publishers and the AFM, begin to expire. However, there is always one point to be considered in discussing any unified industry action. That is, there is no other group in the country or other trade group in the United States is quite vulnerable. An International war might easily convert a musical strike into a great extent; a stoppage of ASCAP music could do the same. There is only one answer to this: that the new NAB, with the association presenting a solid front, and even this might not suffice. There was the talk of a strike after the reorganization, and proponents of the new radio deal were quite proper in demonstrating with this fact, demanding that the new NAB be given time to prove itself.

Peaceful Okeh

Before the convention, there was much talk that the reorganization plans, which had been in existence for many years, were to be hotly contested. The almost total lack of discussion and the complete unanimity with which the new corporation was accepted by all stations at the convention, however, indicated that everyone at the convention. Many took this as an unhealthy sign, a sign of dissatisfaction with the organization, trade and otherwise, favored a certain amount of internal strife as a healthy outlet that the members were then about to undergo over industry problems. Others, however, said that the concern and thinking had been removed by the fact that the members had that the broadcasters had finished mulling over the new set-up and came to Washington prepared to do a specific job. Whether or not new strife would develop.

Reorganization was enabled thru adoption of a new set of by-laws. Chief among these changes are a president and vice-president to be elected, a paid secretary-treasurer, doing away with the present managing director's office, establishment of a new District Three in the Upper Midwest and Alaska and Hawaii; a board of directors of 23, 17 coming from the districts and one from each state. The new board will be made up from large, medium and small stations, ranked according to wattage, and a new and higher scale of dues, based on the receipts of time sales.

Committee

The reorganization committee of Edward Allard (WLVA), Ed Crancey (KGIM), Edwin Craig (WSM), Walter Damion (WJLB) and John H. VanFossen (WBZ) made their report.

(See IMMEDIATE TEST on page 8)

Welcome Josef Cherniavsky

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—Josef Cherniavsky, who joined WLW's musical staff from WLS, Chicago, and William Stoenes, was tendered a reception at the Netherlands Plaza here last night by members of the National Society with local newspaper men and trade-paper editors as guests. Speakers welcoming the Russian maestro in a special broadcast were Mayor Frank J. Shultz, William Stoenes, WLW-WSSL musical director, and James D. Shoupe, new Crosley general manager.

New NAB Directorate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—List below shows both the districts and district directors approved by the 16th annual NAB convention.

DISTRICT

DIRECTOR

1.—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.	John Shepard III, Yankee network.
2.—New York.	
3.—Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.	
4.—District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.	
5.—Florida.	
6.—Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee.	Edwin W. Craig, WSM, Nashville.
7.—Alabama, Ohio.	
8.—Indiana, Michigan.	Mark Ethridge, WIBA, Louisville.
9.—Illinois, Wisconsin.	John E. Petter, WKZO, Kalamazo.
10.—Missouri, Nebraska.	Walter J. Damion, WTMJ, Milwaukee.
11.—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.	John J. Gillin Jr., WOF, Omaha.
12.—Kansas, Oklahoma.	Earl H. Gammans, WCCO, Minneapolis.
13.—Texas.	W. Walter Tison, WPJA, Tampa.
14.—Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Montana.	
15.—California, excluding the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial, Nevada, Hawaii.	Mark Ethridge, WIBA, Louisville.
16.—Washington, California, including the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial, New Mexico.	John E. Petter, WKZO, Kalama.
17.—Alaska, Oregon, Washington.	Ralph R. Brunton, KJBS, San Francisco; KQW, San Jose.

C. W. Myers, KOIN-KALE, Portland.

The other six directors were chosen from 12 nominees. It was explained by Mark Ethridge that when the tickets drawn had no NHO officials, the slate had to be filled by the next best man in Washington, in opposition, with Russell winning. These six directors (other than the names in parenthesis being those who ran against them. In the clear channel field)—Hansel House, WIBA, Fort Worth (J. O. Maland, WHO, Des Moines); L. E. Johnson, WJLB, Louisville (Lester Benson, WJLB, Louisville); In the regional station field, Frank Russell, WIBA, Washington (Kenneth Beckley, WMAL, Washington), and Elliott Roosevelt, Hearst Radio (Samuel Broome, WJLB, Louisville); in station directors, John Elmer, WJCBM, Baltimore (Lester Benson, WJLB, St. Louis), and Edward Allen, WLVA, Lynchburg, Va. (James Hopkins, WJBK, Detroit).

Stations in 3d NAB District Burned at Caucus Vote Switch

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Owners of stations in the National Association of Broadcasters' newly created District Three (Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey) are plenty burned at the election of Clair Streibert, president of the Upper Midwest, as president of the organization, election of the board of the organization.

Election of the Lancaster manager was said to have been made possible by WIP's Benedict Gimbel, who was reported privately with others to have won.

Theodore Streibert, vice-president of the Mutual Broadcasting System and general manager of WOB, Toledo, and WJLB, Philadelphia and operator of

WLW, was taken two members of the board. The other two members of the board counted McCullough had been elected by a vote of seven to five. A count of noses showed that it was learned that Gimbel had decided to accept his win.

McCullough, who is a political power in central Pennsylvania, is reported to favor WIP and is reported to chain with WIP as the eastern terminus.

WIP now has several important accounts that are fed by stations all over the Mutual system. Mutual has been strengthened its relations with WFLD, ending possibilities of a schism between stations. WIP has been instrumental in getting Mutual business now on WIP may no longer get that clearance and revert in to WFLD. Latter has dropped its close WLW line attention.

NAB Coverage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Important developments in the reorganization of the NAB are illustrated by the numbers of trade papers covering the meeting. There were, of course, the usual publications of the radio press, publications which have covered pre-meeting. In addition, however, *Tide*, *Printers' Ink*, *Apex Business Week* and *Advertiser* gave special coverage to events. *Tide* was represented by its editor, Davis Fredericks. News stories were numerous, and some active speeches of the bigots getting considerable play.

Local radio lads were kinda miffed when they were told they'd have to pay \$10 for registration, this decision later rescinded. With Washington radio stations, the radio men urged this step necessary, until the lads told 'em it seemed funny for newspaper men to have to pay for stories.

Report Chi Hotels In No-Radio Pact

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Authoritative sources revealed this week that local hotel men have signed an agreement among themselves stating they will not turn off the radio for a period of one year unless the \$100 weekly service charge imposed January 15 by the radio stations is lifted.

Lewis B. Farnsling, secretary of Chicago's Greater Hotel Association, flatly denied the reports, adding that he did not know if such a pact had been adopted.

Reasons given for conflict of reports is that the radio stations have agreed to the year's ban on paid radio, it would be a bad piece of public relations for them, however, to admit a radio station as a client of Chi until the year's recess ended. Therefore hotel owners are tight-lipped about the whole situation.

It was also reported that a move might be frowned upon by the made-up local, claiming the agreement would make it tough for traveling bands.

For the past year, the Chicago Midtown Club leaving WBBM next week due to cancellations of contracts made prior to the January 15 ruling, there is but one radio station left in the city.

Only spots so far to return to the air since stations started charging the \$100 are Coliseum and "Three Deuces," night spots. The former is located in the right along were the Blackhawk Restaurant, Yar, Swingsland, Grand Terrace and the Three Melody Hall, all of whom are kicking in with a century note to WGN.

Met Life Decides To Stay Off Air

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has decided to shun radio in favor of printed media. Met recently gave a large share of its advertising budget to radio, but insurance men were hoping that the insurance firm would swing back into radio. Radio houses were mixed this week, however, some stating that radio would not be used.

Further hope that insurance firms would take to the air to defend their interests in the radio advertising campaign. Insurance companies have been subjected to strenuous attacks in recent months. Late in January, the Scripps-Howard New York World Telegram, while results of a State investigation are also expected to emerge, the insurance men were hoping that insurance houses are still standing pat.

A Fast No

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—In an effort to cut down its overhead, WENX has taken down its WENX-FM from the American Federation of Musicians to cut its house band from 12 men to eight. The station's manager is Fred C. Johnson, formerly A. Tomel, AFM's president. It was, "Nothing doing."



MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM agents taking pictures at last week's NAB meeting would get 'em. Flashing the smile in the above photo, they figured right. All pictures show service men in a good mood after hearing the Mutual flosser passed on 'em. Flashing the smile in the top picture is Elliott Roosevelt, son of a world famous man, and president of Hearst Radio.

Tiny Windfall From Used Car Radio Wk.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Used Car Week, March 5-12, will toss about \$150,000 to radio. Sun is being spent in a quick ad campaign to unload last year's best as well as the late 1911 models with good rubber.

Kitty for ads comes from manufacturers who are clipping from a pro rata basis. The car companies are getting a percentage of the total of its 1937 sales, and auto firms' agencies are handling disbursements. N. W. Ayer's Detroit office is placing the ads for the National Auto Dealers, Manufacturers and Suppliers' Association of New York.

Several hundred stations will be signed by Young & Rubicam, Bechtel, Williams & Conyngham; Gever, Cornell & Newell, U. S. Advertising Corporation, J. Walter Thompson, Brooke, Smith, French & Dornance and others.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 19.—A year's contract for four 15-minute weekly shots for Kellogg's has been signed with KCOO. Stetson, secured by representative William Hagedorn, will consist of aviation sketches.



REGGIE SCHEUBEL, of the Bow Advertising Agency, getting the Mutual decoration and looking as tho she's happy about the whole thing.

Offer Radio as Legit Training Corps; Orson Welles and Others

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Radio has suddenly gone and done the totally unexpected. It has served as a testing and proving ground for many talents, but it is now playing to good notices and box office in several highbrow legit shows. Radio, however, has been a success, however, been so casual—cynics will say unintentional—it comes as a surprise to radio itself to find that its talents have been noticed from the first-string critics on the dailies.

Radio training responsible for this has consisted largely of sending in crummy commercial and extremely unimportant skins to boost the sale of soap, toothpaste and dental polish. But the training's been high class, too, since the days of the rehearsals tramped radio's hopefuls. Quick study, hasty rehearsals and rushed programs have produced players in writing as much as anything else in the business. Make-up and costumes have been lacking to make them better than they actually were. While such "training" paid divi-

dends of \$300 to \$600 weekly for the successful handful, their rate was something akin to that accorded actors who were cast in the early days of the flying tittypes.

Back in those days the Broadway actor who could not sing was regarded as one the cameras was a rash fellow. The standbys visualized pictures as passing film which would be quickly forgotten. Actors of the same type are still here, but now radio has developed its own crew whose playing is making Broadway

While some of these younger radio actors received stage training at various dramatic talent factories or on the straw circuits, others have turned to radio and relied upon radio for practical training in show business. Orson Welles has derived much of his income from experience in radio (See the lead in *The Shadow*). His Mercury Theater, well staffed with radio players, has been one

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New NAB Dues Scale

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Scale of dues voted at by the NAB is herewith given. New stations are classed as Class A until they have been operating for one fiscal year. Net receipts govern, this applying also to net receipts paid to stations affiliated. Scale is effective after March 1, 1938, and figures shown are monthly dues.

CLASS	INCOME	MONTHLY DUES
A—8	0- 15,000	\$ 5
B—	15,001- 36,000	10
C—	36,001- 60,000	15
D—	60,001- 120,000	20
E—	120,001- 160,000	30
F—	160,001- 200,000	40
G—	200,001- 250,000	50
H—	250,001- 300,000	60
I—	300,001- 400,000	100
J—	400,001- 500,000	125
K—	500,001- 600,000	150
L—	600,001- 800,000	175
M—	800,001- 1,000,000	200
N—	1,000,001- 2,000,000	400
O—	Over \$2,000,000	500

WBBM Favors Farmers; Wants Tractor Biz

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—WBBM is making a definite play for a piece of the farm advertising market, now being upped plenty by International Harvester Company, Allis-Chalmers and the like. Outlet has started a 15-minute

early-morning slot aimed directly at farmers with the idea of using it as a sample in talk to prospective buyers.

Program consists of a bulletin service from INBS and UP on live stock, weather and general conditions from Midwest Stations.

Livingstones Adopt a Son

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Charles (Chucky) Livingstone, prominent drama director of station WXYZ, here, and his wife, Harriet, have adopted a three-week-old son. His name is Russell. Tom Dougall, author of the radio drama, "The Double Chin," heard over WXYZ and the Michigan radio network, is the youngster's godfather.

WFIL's Waxery

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—WFIL is opening a recording service within the next few weeks for the benefit of general public. Ad agencies and industrial firms have been circulated and enough response has been obtained to warrant the new department. This department will be under the supervision of R. W. Clipp, WFIL business manager, and Ed Paraphilon, studio engineer.

KOAM's DX Biz

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Feb. 19.—DX Goliath has signed on KOAM for six 15-minute broadcasts weekly for one year. Another new customer is Frigidaire, which has been inked for five 15-minute shots daily for a six months' run.

JOHN ELMER, who at the time of writing was NAB president, goes into the radio business. Sporting the double chin, this dower girl and Elmer, is Lester Gottlieb, MBS press head.



Fizdale Points To "Oversight" In Billboard Publicity Survey

NEW YORK. Feb. 19.—The letter published below was received by The Billboard from Tom Fizdale, in connection with the Radio Editor Press Department survey published in the issue of *Feb. 11, 1938*. It is submitted in fairness to Fizdale and his co-authors.

"Strictly and positively with the attitude of getting a square deal—and definitely not with the intention of acting like a wise guy—I would like to comment on the returns of your Radio Editors' Publicity poll in *The Billboard* of Feb. 11."

"At the outset I'd like to make clear the fact that I consider the poll of tremendous importance to the trade, doubly so because it was honestly conceived and conducted. However, I would like to point you can understand my desire to amplify certain portions of the poll that seem to indicate that organization runs second in what is apparently a two-horse race: Ferris vs. Fizdale."

"On page seven, under the back-shug-type heading, 'Your editorializing finds little justified comparison with pressmen Josselberg and Alber's mathematical showing in the survey because they are conducting their organization in the matter of national operations.'

"I am surprised at the obvious over-sight in which you neglected to explain the manner in which you may have come to Bob Taplinder's business for consultation with my own."

"In the first two paragraphs I hope to show you the mitigating circumstances for our rating in the number two position on 'best copy,' rather than the number one position."

Merger

"After operating in Chicago with a happy degree of success I purchased the Taplinder business when Bob became West Coast director of publicity and radio for the Wm. Morris Brothers. The time was October, 1937."

"This business was merged with my own Chicago enterprise at great expense in time of day and money. I subsequently acquired a New York and Hollywood office conducted by another man. Taplinder's work was discontinued. He was given no job if any type of newspaper or publicity work is directed by the policy of the man in charge. Too many things in this business are emotional and no two techniques correspond."

"Briefly, Taplinder worked well, but there was a time when I would have done differently assuming the responsibility in any outcome. In publicity, like in any other business, there is more

than one approach. And, like in any other business, each man believes his own way is best."

"Thus, for all practical purposes, Fizdale had been in the national publicity field. Actually, he had been serving service stations, mostly from Chicago only, short of personal attention in New York and Hollywood."

"This is analogous to a newspaper reporter who has never seen his editor in person with a sheet that can afford him exclusive correspondents to point up a story."

"Assuming that *The Billboard* Survey was initiated about two months ago, Tom Fizdale has been engaged on the job for three months' work. I honestly think this reflects editorial credit for our second-place status."

Exploitation

"To my notice the absence of any mention of publicists that deserve recognition in the typewriter. You are probably preparing such comment on exploitation and advertising as you see fit to include in your report. If such is the case, be sure I am sorry in urging attention for our organization's work in exploitation."

"With respect to exploitation, I hope, I would like to say that we have done the outstanding exploitation work in radio. Here's the part of the record:

"The celebration of Eddie Cantor's 25 years in show business was promoted by our office. Original plans were engineered by Taplinder, but he left the scene for Warner Bros. before the 'big show' came off."

"On Broadcast Day—documented by that brought together S. Hurek, the impresario, and the William Eddy Advertising Company on the matter of presenting the broadcast—was handled by our office. I think you're sufficiently familiar with those results to appraise the public job, I hope."

"Without attempting to be little, let me point out that Goodman's professional, personal, and as part of the Cantor program, was handled by other sources again. First, the plan was made. It was just a 'natural' for them—if they had tried."

"We were the first independent publicity office that ever added to the convenience of radio editors through the country by pressing press sheets, etc., to them."

"We are anxious to have an explanation of our status rather than an opinion on apologetics which don't fit we have to sign." **TOM FIZDALE, INC.**

"(Signed) Tom Fizdale."

Decca Writes Stations To Quit Using Records for Broadcasting

PHILADELPHIA. Feb. 19.—A warning to radio stations to cease the use of its records was sent out this week by the Decca Record Company, Inc., in the footnotes of a Decca-Victor, which issued a similar warning several weeks ago.

In a letter to studio execs the company points out that it reserves a property right in the records of the station and the commercial use of the records are illegal.

"Use of Decca records for commercial purposes, such as radio broadcasts, constitutes an infringement of our rights and breaches the spirit of the agreement with the original purchasers of the records," the letter declared. The company asserted that the use of the records for "profit-making purposes" constituted "unfair competition," for which it had the right to enjoin and claim damages. Decca also asserted that stations which operated recording machines, the latter are also under fire of the National Association of Performing Artists, planning suits to compel operators and dis-

tributors of the machines to pay a license fee to the organization. A test suit against several operators and distributors will be filed in Philadelphia.

Complaints were filed with the NAPAs two weeks by Herbert Speiser, NAPAs counsel.

IMMEDIATE TEST—

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Philip G. Loucks as counsel, submitted an original reorganization plan, said to have been mainly conceived by Loucks and now temporarily in charge of NABA, and now temporarily in charge of NABA's Washington office. This plan was then adopted not only by NABA members but by nonmembers, the industry having voted 700. It is reported that there were only 80 letters of criticism and advice received.

These letters were the basis of changes made in the original draft. Second draft resulted in the by-laws adopted by the association, now known as a postscript, but will remain with the NABA until the new constitution is adopted. Baldwin was severely criticized by some for his actions of the past half year. However, impartial observers feel that the new constitution is a definite improvement. Baldwin, in his post, could not set for the industry, as it is claimed he has done, the power which he had. This, it is claimed, was the focal point of a specifically self-seeking group associated with the industry. In his annual report, mailed to

Air Briefs

New York

By BENN HALL

RUTHRAUFF & RYAN man did a burn-up recently when he heard *You Took Advantage of Me* warbled over the NBC WEAF. Had been peevish at NBC's censoring of the song, Ruthrauff, who wrote the song on a sustaining spot did a blow-up. P.S.: His stuff still gets selected on NBC's *New Twist* 8000, Rusty Pierce is getting new material, but he doesn't know what to talk about. After listening to the amateur repeat them—familiar, he says—he is getting ready to put something to good use and is sending out special releases to them. Hams will probably spend most of their time in the air during the winter, according to Warden Met auctions and other Cetech, Warwick & Leger shows.

Casting Bureau: Jay J. Weston directing an amateur show, is just what he wanted for his "space time." Also, Kent spending his spare time listening to that 25-minute player his NBC brethren gave him. He has been writing to stations to obtain their farewells and other data. . . . Bob Carter has resigned as WMCA's bookseller. . . . George Gandy, CBS announcer, . . . Ralph Edwards, CBS newsman, did 45 shows weekly in his salad days at KSPQ, San Francisco. . . . Lawson Zerbe has written an air drama

tagged *When I Grow Up*, . . . Betty Williams set for Nick Kenny's new show . . . Joey Nash doing e.t. show for Camay soap.

Agency Trivia: Hoeyco, despite reports, won't do a network show this fall. . . . Don B. Smith, president of the newly formed Beatrice Fairfax and Carburetorine. . . . A picture mag is slated to fold soon as an agency exec will try to forget cameras. . . . The Colgate-Palmolive-Peet may switch to Benton & Bowles, Chicago, and that Bill Benton may quit University of Chicago's quiet clutches for an ad exec, but it's all hush-hush.

One of the most unusual stations continue to drag thru the courts, but the plaintiff continues using the station's name, *Playtime*, and rating. WHEN, charged that the station has changed it on time. Station denies this, and latest development is that Barney's station has been sold to a new owner. . . . Station's loss and contracts. Meanwhile sponsor continues to air shows over stations. . . . The new equipment is now on the market for amateurs. Costs \$200 for major gadgets to trap ether-pictures. . . . Spencer Hale shifted from WMC to Mills' Artists publicity.

Chicago

By HAROLD HUMPHREY

TOWN was all agog this week over the pandas and playmate for Su Lin, another of the species, which has garnered a reported \$100,000 gate increase for the show. The new cast member, WHBM literally slept a whole day following the newcomer around with a make, and NBC picked up a broadcast of the show, and Mel McDaniel, who formerly sponsored by Fox *De Luxe* Brewery, Station didn't like the idea of a beer sponsor on an educational shot.

Pete did another of those strange twists this week when Al Williamson, former press chief at NBC here, returned to the station to take over the management of the *Mary Martin* show, the Minneapolis newspaper, to join Tom Fizdale, Tami radio publicist, in his Chi. office. Tami used to work under Williamson at NBC not so many years ago! . . . George

Baldwin criticized the reorganization plan and reallocation steps taken by the reorganized conference.

Many names have been talked about in connection with the new post of paid president. The board of directors now empowered to select the officer and that of executive director. It was agreed to do so for at least one month. Ed Spence, convention chairman, has been urged to remain in his post, but no selection was made by the executive board. Directors named Mark Ehridge temporary chairman and names of Russell, Edward Allen and John Elmer Russell team reps. Elmer's post as NABA president expired with the revision of the association.

Speeches

Three speeches were made to the convention, which cut short one day because of the blizzard. One was made this afternoon instead of Wednesday. Chairman Frank McNinch, of the FCCC, commented on A. E. Ladd's speech, and Senator Burton Wheeler made the address. McNinch diverged from his original manuscript. Highlights were the political pull in attempting to further or improve their positions individually or collectively, not to further phoncy or ornate. The FCCC's main contention was that the cooperation really meant that the FCC should adopt the broadcasters' favored policies; that improper conduct would bring emphatic federal regulation that

the industry should desist from liquor advertising, and be threatened possible anti-monopoly (chain) action.

Craven spoke in favor of the American system of broadcasting, but took sharp exception with Baldwin's comments on the Havana conference. Baldwin in his report said U.S. stations would suffer from the Cuban system, but Craven, noting nothing in the treatise would injure the clear channels established for the nation or other nations upon reallocation. Craven said he had the opportunity to settle this "difficult international problem."

Monopoly, the focal point of suspicion, was raised by Senator Wheeler, who was placed under fire. Montana senator warned on this point called licensing temporary control of a national radio station. Said that the radio industry "would bring governmental ownership and operation; warned against failure to keep the public interest in view of indie stations by time sales on the latter by the former. He also referred to the Mac West affair. Chairman McNinch also received a letter of welcome from President Roosevelt.

Resolutions passed were not very important. There was a batch of them, but they were either for the same cause or hotel. One resolution agreed to approve allocations worked out by the NAB board while the stations to the radio to the FCC's Radio Education Project. Another was for three-year license terms.

WKEZ, Fort Worth, and WINS, New York, were admitted as members.

Dice Get Chill

PITTSBURGH. Feb. 19.—comes a claim that a commentator has closed a gambling house by his words. Lee Sellar, lawyer, began a series of vocal editorials over KQV recently. First tirade was about a game of dice. Sellar said that the game was "so effective was his talk that the gambling casino closed voluntarily next day."

Program Reviews

EST Unless Otherwise Indicated

"The Weather Man"

Reviewed Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. CST. Style—Weather reports. Sustaining on WHB (Kansas City, Mo.). What might be just another weather report to most listeners is a show by WHB program directors and Andrew M. Hamrick, government weather observer for Kansas City. It makes up an interesting and informative early-morning show.

Hamrick, known via the newspapers to Kansas City's Westerners and radio listeners, has a modest way of describing what nature has on tap in the way of rain and snow. His voice is received, and adds to the interest of the show. After WHB broadcasts the temperature readings every hour the remainder of the day after Hamrick has finished his stint.

D. E. D.

"College Views and News"

Reviewed Tuesday, 8:30-9 p.m. Style—Interviews. Sustaining on KQV (Pittsburgh).

Three Lowell Thomas of the campus being heckled by a Professor Quiz for total color manager to be improving both his knowledge and chattering and this might be smart for firms that seek because youth trade.

Program director has station answer man Ernie Neff cross-examine editors of three college papers about news on each campus. A blitting 10 minutes space is given to the students and a quick dig blithes humorously sportswriter for Duquesne University Duke; more formally Pennsylvania Herb Rackett, sportsman, and finally Cornell's Harry Scoville, reporting No. 1 man for Carnegie Tech Tarzan.

Breadth of talk and colorful editing should have wide interest for non-collegiates as well as the blazed folk.

M. F.

"Our Next Door Neighbors"

Reviewed Wednesday, 6:45-7 p.m. Style—Serial. Sustaining over WICC, Bridgeport, Conn.

This serial combines education and entertainment and is designed to further educational interests thru portraying the home life of children and explaining the importance of school work. Rich in dramatic material, it takes place in a home, with four children, Jack, Robbie, George and Joan, being the principal characters.

Produced under direction of Mac Parker, with continuity written by James Weston. Musical interludes are transcribed. S. A. L.

"How About It?"

Reviewed Thursday, 8-8:30 p.m. Style—Questions. Sustaining on WHN (New York).

Man and woman are pitted against each other in this battle of questions. The same question is asked of a male and female and the comparison of answers is at times mildly interesting. In the first two shows the star, Ray Saunders announces and both attempt to kid each other to create an informal atmosphere. The effect, however, is that the artificial heaving is nothing to make about.

Such questions as: "Did you ever wish you belonged to the opposite sex?" "Why don't you look at home?" "What would you do if you were President?" and "Do you prefer living alone to living with your mate?" are typical queries to the hopefuls. Prizes and invites to witness the show help build an audience.

B. H.

Morris H. Siegel

Reviewed Thursday, 7:45-8 p.m. Style—Musical-entertainment. Sponsor—Philadelphia Advisory Council, St. Louis—WMCA (Intercity Network).

Here's one that's out of the ordinary. As unorthodox as plum pudding in July, Morris H. Siegel's show is a hodge-podge of good results. It concerned two sets of honeymooners who went to Moscow to do their heavy spooning. One pair of

snaps-box, but he is here with a rating which compares to those in insurance practices. He cites *The New York World-Telegram's* series of articles "exposing" phases of the business as well as other incidents which recently front-page the insurance business.

But the effect of the program is to cause dissatisfaction to distrust some of all types. Whether he is foolish to suggest to receive advice on policies Siegel knows, but it is probable that some who were asked for advice did not like the suggestion of his bluster. One of the few instances in which a sponsor slams many "products" offered by firms in his business.

Insurance firms haven't as yet made any attempt to combat these growing criticisms. B. H.

Pete Wasser Quits Furgason Rep Firm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—G. E. (Pete) Wasser quit his sales and managerial staff at G. E. Furgason, station 1230, at the NAB convention in Wash. quit Tuesday night, when the convention closed. Had been with the firm since 1934, and was vice-president in charge of sales. Now he is president of his own firm, Furgason & Aston until recently.

Wasser is figuring on a Florida vacation for a fortnight before returning to New York.

Promotion Shorts

New Yorkers will have a chance to can in on their love of the home town in a new contest on the air show with under way. Utility outfit is spotting an easy contest on its air show with \$50 top prize for the best representations of the city. The contest, "Love Your Town," is evidently sincere when it said, rather profoundly, that the winner will get the cash and the rest of her name will be put over the air. Also radio art pictures of New York's scenes all set for framing.

A recent WNEW Sunday swing show was presented by Hearst's News of the Day. Shots of the swing cast and highlights of the show were interspersed with pathos interviewing the "cases" are included in the reel. Lucky Millender's Band also took a bow.

Current Program Comment

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

There's little change to report on the Amos 'n' Andy routine now that they are set under the Campbell umbrella of 2,500 cases of soap, debts to be paid to the Kingfish and the prospect of a settlement in the coming weeks. The plug continues to make this stanza seemingly firmly implanted in the air as well as with radio stations. The plug can be. But Campbell's plugs won't implant themselves as well unless they are a trim shaved. Go overboard in style of self-praise

George H. Combs, who spoils news for WHN, New York, displays a tendency at times to overdo on variety. He has the ability to manage to stick close to the news. While Combs doesn't use any artificial vocal device to get the news across, he does appear somewhat strained. Listeners, however, probably lose sight of this after a few minutes as Combs' competent enough to make his hammy-heave stink. At times the ex-legislator over-uses so-called colorful, dramatic verbs to be himself over, but again his range of topics helps balance this.

Deft and farce-light, a recent Grand Hotel playbill, *Honeymoon for Two*, was a hodge-podge of good and bad, good results. It concerned two sets of honeymooners who went to Moscow to do their heavy spooning. One pair of

G Men in Person

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 19.—Real G men are making weekly personal appearances on WSGN, local NBC station. The show is presented by a G man in Alabama, personally authorized by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Gs, answers questions thrown by Dennis Deacon, host of the *Hoover Craft*. Friday night at 8:15. Material for the program is prepared in Washington. Other members of Hugo's staff also appear.

KTHS Litigation Over; Sale to Barton Upheld

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 19.—The Arkansas Supreme Court has orally upheld the application for sale of KTHS, which upheld sale of Station KTHS, Hot Springs, to Colonel T. H. Barton, oil magnate, of El Dorado. Lawyer for the station had argued that the sale was invalid as negotiated by a former Chamber of Commerce of the Teplid Spa was valid. This disposition of the case in the court and the sale is to proceed. The opposition to the sale will go on to Washington.

KTHS has yet to hear application by Broadcasters for removal of KTHS from the Spas to Little Rock where it is claimed "better broadcasting conditions and added popularity" will result in a "new" KTHS over wider areas of the country."

Ex-Broadcaster Sings WHB; Replaces Wax

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Continuing its recently implemented system of replacing transcribed programs with flesh shows, Station WHB this week added two new variety offerings to its schedule.

Don Dewhurst, baritone, a former broadcaster, will sing every Monday and Friday on a program called "The World of Love." On Tuesdays and Thursdays a show called *Reveries* and starring Dick O'Hearn, tenor, and Tiny Marker, soprano, is going over well with Kayce listeners.

Novel on Lone Ranger

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WPG Reports \$364 Loss During '37

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 19.—While it showed a profit in direct operation, municipal Radio Station WPG during the year 1937 was conducted at a loss of \$364,000, due to the expense of operation on studio equipment." Annual report of station was submitted to Mayor C. D. White this week by Manager Norman H. Smith. Receipts during 1937 of \$105,559.01 as against \$104,721.65 in expenses. Equipment cost \$200,000, leaving a balance of \$283,79, making the losses \$1,820,720. The big improvement in 1938 over 1936, which showed a setback of \$7,495.53.

WPG has been in operation during the five-year period the station was operated by CBS the annual average loss was \$20,000. During the year WPG was on the air 1,000 hours. Facilities of the station have been extended to conventions and, according to the report, "while the station has been facing the music in the early days of the depression, it has managed to keep pace with the corresponding period of 1936, and the orchestra is hoped that the 1938 report will reflect an even greater improvement."

King Features Maybe

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Althea Kings Features will not replace its recently dropped radio department. Chester Weil will look after any possible radio sales. Kings Features has a large number of features to film and novelty manufacturers, such as Pop-Eye flickers and toys.

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of the few sensations of a humdrum legit season. Martin Gabel, Elliott Reid and George Coulouris were others who were popular. The girls were Jeanne Arthur, Anderson and Stefan Schnables, also Mercury players who learned much from radio.

A dozen of directors, Irving Reis and Charlie Martin, radio-developed megaphones, have been grabbed by Hollywood. Reis, who was signed several months ago and Martin leaves next week for the Universal lot.

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LOOP HAS 100% AVERAGE

Every Legit Show in Chi This Season Has Played to a Profit

Season still without a new musical, but dramatic shows get heavy play—and some musicals expected later—prosperous 1937 grosses are bettered—no let-down

CHICAGO. Feb. 19.—There's no big recession on the local legit horizon, judging by reports from the four Loop houses. Every attraction this season has been a grosser, and the average is considerably higher than the prosperous '37 figures. While Chicago patrons have yet to see a musical, the season's any day now is being saliently supporting the dramatic vehicles, star-studded comedies, and weirdly exploited attractions drawing them in from a wide radius. Gertrude Bergmeyer, Mrs. George S. Kaufman, and others are reporting that the house managers state that the houses have been playing to larger audiences in seven years and that there is no apparent box-office decline. Last week, for example, the run of the Abbey Players at the Grand, which was expected to establish a low for rentals in that house, managed to pull thru, due to improved balcony business.

Current season attractions that have polled the highest grosses so far include *Madame Bovary*, two weeks at the Grand; *You Can't Take It With You*, which closed a record-breaking run with a record-breaking week at the Selwyn; *The Hayes' Man*, January 10; *Brother Rat*, rolling up 17 weeks at the Selwyn; *The Show Is On*, an old comedy that has been running for the season and remained for two weeks; *Yes, My Darling Daughter*, a four-week run at the Grand; *Death in the Dell's House*, which followed its two weeks there for two weeks; *Torcher*, closing a nine-week stay at the Selwyn tonight; *Stage Door*, which had a record run of 12 weeks after a month at the Grand due to Jean Bennett's rush return to the Coast; *Cornelio Ott's Skier's Idea*, *His Wife*, a two-week run at the Howard, and *W.C. Coward's* play cycle. Tonight at 8:30, which extended its successful run from two weeks to three.

The Erlanger, which opened its legit season December 13, bowed in with Miriam Hopkins in *Wine of Choice*, a rock-bottom attraction for women, and followed with another so-so, Helen Hayes in *Victoria Regina*, which closes an eight-week run Saturday night. Letter box had no major SHO houses.

Advance indications point to a couple of musicals which have missed this city, to date, *White Heat* and *One Touch of Venus*. One of them will be *Babes in Arms*. More straight plays penciled in include *House Sees Red*, having an indefinite run at the Selwyn, too; *Mr. Mauritus Evans* coming into the Grand Monday for three weeks in King Richard II; *Two Weeks in a Small Boat* opening March 7; *Susan and God*, *Herring Womderful Time*, *The Star Wagon* and *Amphetamine*.

The Federal Theater Project, too, reports a best financial season. Under the supervision of Harry Minturn, plays set in Negro life are finding the best commercial possibilities. Examples include Eugene O'Neill's *The Strand*, an eight-week resident at the Blackstone, and George Bernard Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple*, which had a similar run at the Great Northern.

Chi FTP Schedule

CHICAGO. Feb. 19.—Federal Theatre will present its first legit show in two months February 23 with the opening of David Pinney's *The Taffetas*, a Stockwell production. Jewish plays have been in rehearsal for weeks and will be presented by the Yiddish F.T.P. at the Grand. A tenant slated to follow the current run of *See Naples and Die* at the Blackstone is Harry Minturn's production of *The Green Buttercup*. The former will close February 27, giving it a run of eight weeks.

To Manage Chi Erlanger

CHICAGO. Feb. 19.—Fred Crowe, manager of the Auditorium theater here, is to succeed Rolle Timpton, Graham Theatre manager, who was forced to take a leave of absence due to continued ill health.

tions—was furnished with the announcement of James H. Nixon, Municipal Auditorium treasurer, that four additional plays have been booked for Music Hall for the spring.

Taboo Road, which played here successfully last November, will return for two matinee and four night performances starting March 10. The women also will show six times, beginning March 8. Walter Hampden made his debut on the stage this day to play the title role of *Frome*, which will be followed by *Star-Wagons*, starring Burgess Meredith and Lillian Gish, later in the month.

Nixon, in charge of legit attractions in Music Hall, previously booked Helen Hayes, in *Victoria Regina*, which opens April 10.

Advance ticket sales for the Hayes are establishing new records and capacity audiences are expected to turn out for her opening. Her appearance was moved up a week recently, originally having been booked for April 17.

When the season is completed here early in April it will mark the conclusion of Kansas City's most attractive season ever. The city's best known, public response has been gratifying, which means an even greater 1938-'39 season will result.

New Plays on Broadway

Reviewed by EUGENE BURR

HENRY MILLER'S

Beginning Tuesday Evening, February 15, 1938
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A play by Frederick Lonsdale starring Ida Claire. Staged by Gilbert Miller. Setting and costumes by Robert McDaniel. Construction Company and painted by Triangle Scenic Studios. Presented by the Circle in the Square.

Ede Linden.....John Williams

Lady Phryne (Dorethy).....Margaret Evelyn

Lord Rayne (Reggie).....Archibald Hatch

Lady Whiteleaf (Molly).....Nancy Ryan

Lord Phryne (Aghast).....Willard Scott

Baroness of Hampshire (Nancy).....Ira Caine

Charles Fleischhacker.....Eric Connelly

Duke of Hampshire (Johnson).....Hugh Williams

A Footman.....Guy Kingsford

ACT I. Sunday Morning—11:30 a.m.—

ACT II. Sunday Morning—11:30 a.m.—

ACT III. One Month Later. ACT III—That's

On the stage of Henry Miller's Théâtre, those nights the curious may see on display Mr. Frederick Lonsdale's newest theatrical toy-balloon, a brightly colored, thin-walled balloon filled entirely with hot air. Mr. Gilbert Miller presented it Tuesday night. For the most part it looks exactly like a real hot-air balloon, though it is going in no particular direction, even the Miss Ida Claire wastes a great deal of time trying to make it descend by the breath of her commanding contralto.

Miss Claire, it may be well as said at once, does one of her finest jobs in recent times, charming, knowing, beautiful, and delightful; but even Miss Claire, with all of her vitality and ability and charm can't save a show that is nothing but nostalgic memory of the days when epithets and atergoes relished a few assorted lords and ladies mated with infidelities and scandals. Mr. Lonsdale's play is almost tenaciously to an old formula—an old formula that at one time he made personal to his own taste; he seems a bit tired about it. Undoubtedly his earlier Lonsdale efforts had at least some faint tinge of action to offset the brittle, vacuous, and thoughts that flooded like water through the pores of his imagination. He has been unable to recapture any such tinge since, however, his efforts seem destined to break a little at the knees.

Allowing for those fundamental differences, however, it is the old formula, Mr. Lonsdale's to the old formula, with the expected sum of lord and lady, all of them busily engaged in being as British as a tepid drink—an occupation program or an infidelity or a combination of both. The scene is very properly the home of the Duke of Hampshire, a British peer and aristocrat, with a pompos English-accented talk at a pompous piano. And the two chief characters are, as very properly, the Duke himself (Johnson) and his intimate, his Duchess, Nancy.

After seven years of happily married life the Duke has taken up with a cheap little wench (so the playwright insists) without giving much evidence of it, whom he invests with all the glowing qualities of a woman of the world, of imagination. Nancy, a wise lady who loves him, speaks to him about it, forces her opinion on him in every nice and decent and kind and finally gets him to give the girl up. Like a wise woman who has seen the error of her ways, she decides to go away to South Africa.

A month later Johnny has returned again as witness of romance and marriage, and she has decided that Nancy learns by eavesdropping. She forces Johnny to admit it, and then confronts him with the fact that, I imagine, intended to play the big hand. She overwhelsms the lass with a flood of Mr. Lonsdale's choice withisms, and ends with a speech that is the equal of Johnny's statement that makes Ida Caine everything in a different light. Like

KC's Heavy Legit; Four More Bookings

KANSAS CITY. Feb. 19.—Proof that the current legitimate season here is the best in history—both from standpoint of profit and quality of attractions—

From Out Front

By EUGENE BURR

It may have been gathered last week in the course of a review of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, that this corner's citadel of lowbrow lack of taste—was altogether impervious to the soul-stirring beauty created by Mr. Wilder when he described a New England town thru reed stage directions rather than scenery. That in his play, he was representing all of America's sins in life, to the point where he gave a complete panorama of American small-town philosophy, thru the somewhat simple medium of a tribe, treacle-dried and spiced with a dash of the exotic, was greeted in this precinct by something dangerously akin to a Bronx cheer. Of course, the low life story was padded out with descriptions of the town—descriptions distinguished neither by any observation nor by any originality, nor by any routine acts of other inhabitants and much pretentious philosophizing. But the fact remained that the scheme of *Our Town*, if Mr. Wilder had had the time and the opportunity to play with it, would have had a much more interesting but a stagier of saccharine-tainted pseudo-philosophy. Without scenery it became a theatrical novelty, a Times Square beauty pageant, a series of gaudy, showy art aesthetics into a series of beats that sounded like cheer.

Anyhow, an enterprising reporter for *The New York Sun* saw Mr. Wilder, and asked him how come, and in fairness to the author, this reporter quotes his reply: "I reserve the right to make (within the usual sacred confines of the editorial parentheses) my own comments."

Said Mr. Wilder: "If the intention of the play had been merely a description of village life, its incidents, its joys and its dejections, the play would certainly have employed scenery. But, the subject being such a life against the larger background of the world, I thought it better to let the stage be bare, so that the audience could be more easily drawn into the play." The absence of scenery calls upon the imagination of the spectator to fill in what is missing. This, as Mr. Emanuel Eisenberg would say, is categorically deny. Absence of scenery, being an arresting and eye-fascinating novelty in the theater of today (as even a man capable of perpetrating Mr. Wilder's "philosophical" opinion must admit), is the reason why the stage scenes hardly rilest attention upon itself. Far from being carried "autonomically" into "the world of generalities," the imagination of the spectator is forcefully chained to the particularities of the stage life, incidents, its joys and its dejections, the play would certainly have employed scenery. But, the subject being such a life against the larger background of the world, I thought it better to let the stage be bare, so that the audience could be more easily drawn into the play." The absence of scenery calls upon the imagination of the spectator to fill in what is missing. This, as Mr. Emanuel Eisenberg would say, is categorically deny. Absence of scenery, being an arresting and eye-fascinating novelty in the theater of today (as even a man capable of perpetrating Mr. Wilder's "philosophical" opinion must admit), is the reason why the stage scenes hardly rilest attention upon itself. Far from being carried "autonomically" into

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EUGENE BURR

"A Slight Case of Murder"

(WARNER BROTHERS)

Time, 85 minutes. Release date, not given. Screen play by Edward Sutherland and Joseph Schenck. Music by Sam Coslow. Story by Lloyd Bacon. Cast: Eddie G. Robinson, Howard Lindsay, Directed by Lloyd Bacon. Also: Jenkins, John, Donnelly, William, John Lyle, Edward Brophy, Harold Huber, Eric Stanley, Pauline Starke, Jenkins, John, Douglas, Margaret Hamilton, George E. Stone, Bert Hanson, Jean Benedict, Harry Segmeyer, Peter Copley, Joe Cutts, George Ladd, John Wengraf, John Pat Doherty, Harry Tischbrook. President of Warner's Hollywood.

Without the trouping of Ed Robinson this piece would be a slight case of nothing. But the star's walk, top speed and carries the remainder of the cast along with him. A *Slight Case of Murder* is a good old Hollywood hoke, plus implausible situations, but Lloyd Bacon has turned out a plot that should please a good many.

Story deals with a bear-harbor of prohibition days who goes legit at repeal. He becomes involved with financial swindlers, who try to take his brewery away from him unless he is paid. Robinson takes his family and a kid from his own alma mater orphanage to safety. The gangsters and the long-gang enemies of Robinson's are found in the house. A scene that really hits the bone is when Robinson and his homies distribute the bodies of the doctypes of their enemies. The plot involves a \$500,000 bank truck stick-up. Story is well told by James Bryan, falls for a State trooper, reforming the story moves to a gay climax that is put up by Brophy. Supporting players Allen Jenkins, Eddie Brophy and Harold Huber are good. Althea Jane Bryan doesn't have much to do, she shows something.

Dean Owen.

"The Affairs of Maupassant"

(PANTAI FILMS)

Time, 85 minutes. Release date not given. Adapted from the diary of Marie Bashkirtseff, with scenario by Felix Greene. Story by Lynn Sherr. Directed by Galina Films, Inc. Reviewed at the 5th Street, New York.

It is difficult to believe that it stems from the life of De Maupassant, but this connotation is mostly phony.

De Maupassant's affair may not part in the life of the author, but his affection for Marie Bashkirtseff. Development of love between the two stems up from the girl's plot with the girl getting up for the girl's sake.

After the girl's death, when she was studying art, she was tubercular (the pretty as all-get-out) and therefore stymied the realization of the author's path. This is the only real flaw in the American

exhibit. The story is told in the American fashion can't hope to make money with the picture which is definitely slated for foreign audiences and graduated of normal sales.

Lilt Darvas and Hans Jaray in the lead do enough with their material and don't Sorel. Story is the girl's foster-father. Scheme of the whole business, it is lightweight. Henry Kotter, director, is not really Hollywood drawing down important mystery.

Paul Ackerman.

"Bringing Up Baby"

(RADIO)

Time, 105 minutes. Release date not given. Directed by Howard Hawks. Screen play by Budd Schulberg and Hugo Wilder. Original by Hugo Wilder. Cast: Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant, Charlie Ruggles, May Robson, Leo G. Carroll, May Robson, Fritz Feld, Leon Roberts, George Irving, Taft Babbitt, Virginia Walker, John Kelly. Reviewed at the Paramount, New York.

Topnotch comedy—you will undoubtedly find *Bringing Up Baby* at the top of the b-o. list for the year. It is the key to the success of the picture. Baby seems more at home in this picture than in most of her dramatic offerings and she plays her part with zest. Cary Grant, though established as a comic character, of course, does not seem to fit the type of film, does a grand job as the self-conscious curate of a museum.

The picture is filled with the goony antics of Miss Hepburn and Grant. Miss Hepburn is the niece of a rich philanthropist who is bent on giving away a million dollars to the poor. She wants the million for science. Miss Hepburn's frantic search for love smashes the romance between Grant and his secretary, Virginia Walker. But love finally emerges from wreckage.

As long as audiences go for slightly broad comedy, *Bringing Up Baby* will undoubtedly do smash business wherever it is shown. Continuous laughs will make this offering a smash hit. Together, the cast and word-of-mouth exploitation, it will be easy to sell.

Dean Owen.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"

SELZNICK (UNITED ARTISTS)

Time, 92 minutes. Release date, February 23. Directed by Norman Taurog. Story by Marion Chesney. Screen play by J. W. A. Venters. Cast: Tommy Kelly, Jackie Moran, May Robson, Walter Brennan, Victor Jory, Coretta Scott King, Lynne Overman, Dorothy Hale and Ann Gillis. Reviewed at the Music Hall, New York.

This is an offshoot of the original book. It is an offshoot of the original book. This version ought to make money, since the title is still box office and it's in

technicolor, too. The technical is superb and Taurig did that in mind all the time when he played up the river and cave sequences. There are some exciting, pictorially speaking, and they will draw audiences.

Another selling angle is the selection of Dorothy Kelly, a Bronx kid and an unusually charming kid with tremendous personality. He looks like another Freddie Bartholomew. Ann Gillis plays the other girl, and that is Bobbie.

The picture is well made, but it is not quite as good as the original. Guy Kibbee plays his part with humoristic gusto.

Of Human Hearts leaves much of the original intact, but it is a splendidly produced picture. Clarence Brown, who never lets the characters become unbelievable.

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For the story, everybody (well, almost everybody) knows it. Taurig has given it a different treatment, or, course, he has added his own touches, sliding over the humor—the there are some exquisitely amusing bits. Although we found his directing not completely matching his picture has all the marks of a box-office hit.

Paul Dravis.

"Love, Honor and Behave!"

(WARNERS)

Time, 75 minutes. Release date not given. Directed by Alexander Scouras may by Clarence R. Rife and John Robert Buckner, Lawrence Tibbett. Original by Stephen Vincent Benét. Cast: Thomas Mitchell, Dick Foran, Barbara O'Neill, Morris Barie, Minor Watson Donald, Briggs, Margaret Irving, Gregory Ratoff, Helen Twelvetrees, John Crawford Kent. Presented at Warner's Hollywood.

Morris' acting of Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane as the punch which lifts this film out of the groove of ordinary entertainment to a bell-ringer for the box office. While the story itself is crammed with obvious situations, the natural man-

ness of play brought price varying from \$10 per week to \$150 per week. John Brown almost grabbing the booby prize with *The Pageant of the Shearmen* and the *Shawshank Redemption*.

Usual basic fee per rental had been \$50 per week per play per company. In October of 1937 the PTA developed a new scale, which was to be used for the first two weeks, \$75 for the second two weeks and \$100 per week thereafter. Playwrights get no percentage on the box office. No set price for musicals.

FROM OUT FRONT

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in the immortality of the soul separated from the specific survival of personality and memory. My image was drawn from the first six cantos of Dante's *Purgatory*. But, he says, he provides no angel to guard the newly dead. "In my play they themselves must be the masters of their weeping away from terrestrial things."

An ignoramus, I look upon those statements, I'm afraid, as boasting brashly, but I suppose, as I am, and so muddled as the phony "philosophical" in the United States, I am not surprised, but I wish Mr. Wilder would explain his explanation. It doesn't seem to make much sense.

Also, it is what may, for politeness' sake, be called a major inaccuracy. A "belief in the immortality of the soul, separated from the specific survival of personality and memory" is not the same as belief in the immortality of the soul. Mr. Wilder's corpos retain their personalities; they are recognized by the new-worlders. They retain their memories, for they gabble boringly about people they knew in terrestrial life. Is it possible that Mr. Wilder himself doesn't know what he was writing about?

But to return briefly to the absence of scenery, Mr. Wilder says: "The interest lies not so much in its presence as in the relation it has in its relation to the central ideal that lay in the aesthetic life." Perhaps with that in mind, (Thomas and Chekov), for the larger life of literature, the method (realistic reporting) came to a close. The stream of consciousness novel, the breakdown of the well-made play, the breakdown of the well-made film, the breakdown of the well-made stage, all feel like to be alive. (The well-made play, be it noted, was anything but a "realistic method.") Moreover, no stage could depict the external details of living as the stage can. And I should like to think that again, as in its greatest ages, the theater was wide open for a creation of time, of place and behavior, in broad generalities, freedom and poetic life.

Aside from the fact that the two clauses of the final sentence have nothing whatever to do with each other, a great deal of sense makes much sense, nothing in the statement has really anything much to do with time and place. Surely even Mr. Wilder can recall one or two plays—ever modern plays—that have opened the theater for treatments of "time, place and behavior, in generalities, without forcing the customer to stare self-consciously at the brick wall of the theater.

A nasty boor, I persist in thinking that Mr. Wilder eliminated scenery, first because such a simple-minded person would appeal to any pompos, pretentious, sentimental and emotionally shallow literary worker, and second, because he lacks the ability to write a play in plain form.

An honest, conscientious and able craftsman, working in an art-form chosen by him, could live and work that way. Wilder tried to do—and failed to do—without debasing himself by ringing in the red herring of a circus treatment.

"Of Human Hearts"

(MGM)

Time, 100 minutes. Release date not given. Screen play by Bradford Poole. Original by Horace Morris. Musical score by Alfred Newman. Directed by Clarence Brown. Cast: Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Donald, Guy Kibbee, Charles Coburn, John Goss, May Robson, Leo G. Carroll, Hobart, Chester Grayson, Leona Roberts, Gene Lockhart, Clem Bevans, Irene Rich, Charles Fiterman, Sterling Holloway, Charles Freer, Robert Young, Milton Watson. Presented at Westwood Village, Hollywood.

Story is that it is aimed to stir the emotions of any audience. *Of Human Hearts* is a creditable mixture of pathos and undiluted humor which should find the ticket buyers willing to part with their coins.

Story, laid in the Civil War period, concerns a woman named Mrs. Brewster, who comes to a new town with his wife and boy. Struggle is between the boy and his father. Huston is excellent as the son, and he is good for his family as part of his salary. The boy resents this. Beulah Bondi, as the mother, is the boy's helper, and she tries to heal the growing breach between father and son. Huston and the boy

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her of Morris before the camera and the dramatic delivery of Miss Lane are responsible for audience appeal.

Story concerns a boy reared according to his mother's code that a good boxer is bound to be a good man. His mother, Miss Lane and Morris are children of divorce. Morris' father, played by Thomas H. Ince, tries to get his son to be assertive, but the influence of the mother is too much.

Various episodes showing Morris losing his temper, his mother's efforts to lead him to a rather slapdash but effective climax. Miss Lane, the bride, is shown to walk out on Morris but is stopped by his mother. Morris' mother, Mrs. Morris administers a good, old-fashioned paddling to his erring honey and finally punishes him.

Obviously produced as a program pin, *Love, Honor and Behave* will do better business than lots of heavily plugged films.

Dean Owen.

PLAYWRIGHTS GOT

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FRANKENSTEIN—AUGUSTA—Language, George Korda. The Show—John Barrymore. The Devil's Disciple, Jonah Speaks' Monks and Hatched Hatches. The Sun and I and Ernest Poller's No More Peace.

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A Balmy Bedfellow

Detroit, Feb. 19.—The psychopathological manifestations of a music arrangement, as shown in a submitted manuscript, were partly answered by Frank "Pump" Haenlein, who scores the swing piece, "I'm a Star," which the band went to England and was broadcasting via the short waves to the States. "I'm a Star" is the title of a record which came out that the pick-up in America was n. g. Samson sent my to New York in a speedboat to score the piece. And when "Pump" was asked he claimed he was completely fatigued from traversing the Atlantic in a speedboat.

*Tuneful Chatter
Bout Tunesmiths*

MURRAY GILLER and Buddy Kaye, two of the composers of this year's Columbia Valley Show, "You've Got Something to Be," have been writing their clippings in The Pan Alley past few weeks. Their *From a Scientific Point of View* has been published in the columns of Major Music since Ralph Smitman, the comic man, has left. Exclusive for A. B. C. Irving Berlin's show, "The Marks Men," Fred Fisher, and Milt Gabler from the West Indies... Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Viennese composer, is writing his memoirs, "Adventures of Robin Hood" for Warners.

Also in the Holly-mood are Pollack and Mitchell, teaming the tunes for the next Rita Rivers' nightmare, Warren and Moore, and the new musical comedy, "Jebel"; Boris Morros scoring Harold Lloyd's *Professor Beware*, and Harry Owen, who has just met Letitia Landon from Dreamy Hawaiian Moon.

In Atlantic City are Rodgers and Hart putting down the notes for their next musical, *An Angel*, and the composition *On Your Toes*. In the lounge suite of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel there... Mills Music has the score of the next *Love Me or Leave Me*... The *Music Box* opening next month on the Main Stem... Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong has recorded a dance tune called "South-Swing." Clarence Williams, publisher of *Swingin' High*, has a new *South-Swing* album... Sam Fox has a *Little Careful* (it's a safety song, intriguing on its first hearing), "I'm a Man," (by Allian Zee, Elektra Allison and Frank Roehrsbeck), and *My Days Are Just an Interlude*, by Fred Meter and Lucille Coleman.

Art Shaw Returns to R-O-K

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Figuring that the other bands in the city are too good for him, Art Shaw did a turn-about in his booking office affiliation. Formerly handled by Rockwell-O'Keefe, Shaw pulled out several months ago and signed with the American build-ups and banner.

This Shaw came back on the R-O-K books again, once spotting him to open next month for the big weeks at the Normandie Ballroom, Boston.

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10. Ten Little Girls
11. Moon of Manuscaria
12. True Confession
13. Sail Along, Silvery Moon
14. You've Got the Right Out of My Heart
15. Sweet Someone

It's swingin' in sweethearts time for the ADRIAN ROLLINI QUINTET (Bobby Baciotti, trumpet; Frank Victor, guitar; Eddie Miller, piano; Eddie Miller, drums; and Sonny Schwuler to add the wordage). There's not much seasoning to their You're a Sweetheart and Josephine (D).

Hearts and Flowers

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*Click-With-Vic Meyers Enters
The Ring for the Hizzoneriship*

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—Vic Meyers, not long ago famed as a jazz-band leader and local nitry nabob, has once again come into the limelight of the maturities. And this time keeping the circus out of the ring is conceded by politicians to grab off the voting, this time. His latest venture, however, using a "Click With Vic" battle-cry, was a gag gesture that included everything necessary to please a wide a cumbrous elephant there in to prove a show measure good. But his sense of humor and knowledge of human nature gained from his years in politics have found the voters lifting him later from Club Victor bonanza to Stashouse residence where he is now awaiting his next political appointment as lieutenant-governor of the state.

For his initial entry in politics Meyers cracked the nation's front pages by serving cracked ice on the trolley lines. And he has been a showman in his political cubicles. Even had Laura LaPlante, former screen siren, make a train trip as a guest of the new Mayor, however.

Tex Lewis, "I'm everybody's honey" trick

only rated a Major Bowes audience comment to Victor Alloysius Meyers. Voters

are reminded of the night he carted his wife away from the stage door of the annual marathon of *Happy Days Are Here Again* to rout the depress and capture

general votes thru the streets of Seattle.

Replete were Vic's Joe Millersburg

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NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Latest to board the Hizzoneriship band wagon in the wake of Bei Mir's success is Marks Music Corporation, which has taken over the rights to The Center's Son, Duke Puskin Americanized the lyrics to A. Olephant's music. Latter is a Second Avenue Avenue hit. The new version has the same lyrics from current Molly Picon operetta, *Bubbletchi*.

*Satch-mo Is in the Groove
But Band Ain't in the Mood*

RECORDS: Reviewed by M. H. ORODENKER

Abbreviations: V-Victor; B-Brunswick; D-Dcca; BL-Birdie; V-Vocalion.

Taking It Straight

Scrambling slick on the straight stuff with plenty of snap and zip to distinguish the dancemaster. GLEN GAY COUPLES *Did an Angel Kiss You* and the yesterday Hitler in the vogue and the *Music Box* opening next month.

Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong has recorded a dance tune called "South-Swing."

Clarence Williams, publisher of *Swingin' High*, has a *Little Careful*

(it's a safety song, intriguing on its first hearing), "I'm a Man," (by Allian Zee, Elektra Allison and Frank Roehrsbeck), and *My Days Are Just an Interlude*, by Fred Meter and Lucille Coleman.

The Patent Staff Weakens

LOUIE ARMSTRONG's specialties in

satchmo sendings and usually tools it out in the called-for decorum. It's a gabriel here for *Two Confess*.

Frankie Laine, *Double, Double* and *Satchel Mouth Swing* (D), but he has to carry the sides alone. His own band (*Elvis Bluebird*) is the best, but they never make it in front.

LIONEL HAMPTON surrounds his sticks with what is a sure-fire combo.

Johnny Hodges and Edgar Sampson for *Two Confess* and *Double, Double* and a satchie section in Bill Taylor, Sonny Greer, Alies, Bues and Jess Stacy, it all sounds swell on the piano.

Sammy Kaye, *Two Confess* for tonight and *You're My Ideal* in a sickening affair. Hampton has never been accused of being a good dancer, but the rest of the wated shekels for the sides, and it's unfair the way Victor's high-and-mighty force the assignation with him. Words can't be put into words are still stuck by buy labels alone.

Hearts and Flowers

It's swingin' in sweethearts time for

the ADRIAN ROLLINI QUINTET (Bobby

Baciotti, trumpet; Frank Victor, guitar;

Eddie Miller, piano; Eddie Miller, drums;

and Sonny Schwuler to add the wordage).

There's not much seasoning to their

You're a Sweetheart and Josephine (D).

*Click-With-Vic Meyers Enters
The Ring for the Hizzoneriship*

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—Vic Meyers,

not long ago famed as a jazz-band

leader and local nitry nabob, has once

again come into the limelight of the

maturities. And this time keeping the

circus out of the ring is conceded by

politicians to grab off the voting,

this time. His latest venture, however,

using a "Click With Vic" battle-cry, was

a gag gesture that included everything

necessary to please a wide a cumbrous

elephant there in to prove a show

measure good. But his sense of humor

and knowledge of human nature gained

from his years in politics have found

the voters lifting him later from Club

Victor bonanza to Stashouse residen-

ce where he is now awaiting his

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Shifts Among

Band Bookers

Glaser sticks with R-O-K

—Oxley deal with Mar-

shall—Zerkers at Mills

Wanders •

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Changes among

the band sellers have been fast and fur-

ous since the first of the year, all offices

attempting to keep out of the red side of the

line. Now that Harry Moses has made his home

at Music Corporation of America, after a

year in the Bronx, he has moved to Bryant,

Louis Armstrong and Andy Kirk.

A deal where Glaser would take over

the management of all colored ensembles

and the Columbia Artists' Contracting

Company, and Oxley has signed with

the new CBS Artists' Bureau under

Ralph Winters, the new manager of

the Winters regime, moved in this week to

replace the Mills *Artists' Bureau.*

Reg Marshall, India Coast booker,

has made tie-ups with Harold Oxley, Ed-

gar Hayes on the Coast, while Oxley

dates Marshall's roster on those shores.

Wander's •

Wander has opened his office at the Apollo March 25

for his Eastern debut. Bay is the only

sepian boy fashioned along the Fred

Waring-Horace Heidt style.

ASCAP Seeks Screen Credit

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 19.—Members of

the American Society of Composers and

Performers, Songwriters, Authors and

Arrangers and the American Society of

Musical Arrangers want screen credit

written across the title page of the

titles for motion pictures.

All ties up with general policy of the

music industry to make itself more

known, and the screen credit of the

composers and arrangers is the only off-the-screener

getting affiliation credit on the silver

screen.

Finzel Doing Fine

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—William Finzel

booker, coming up a pick-up in his

spotting Lee Walter for an indef stay

at McBride's Cafe, biggest roadside

hangout and grabbing off a trio of

girls for a date, and the Viscounts, finger-

ing eight more weeks at Hotel Statler's

Rockford Lounge, three-month term

has been added to Vicksburg, and his

trip to the bitters bite of Detroit-Leland

Hotel and a similar holdover ticket for

Dorothy Bell, accordion-entertainer, at

the same crook.

Graham Subs With Quintet

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 19.—Johnny Wil-

iams, drummer, who has been with the

Raymond Scott Quintet since its inception,

is laid up as the result of an auto

accident for a one-month

period. The Cantors show brought several

drummers for the temporary spot, finally

picking Al Graham, formerly with Ben

Griffiths' band, and the band's crew at 26th Century Fox, will

probably stay with the quintet for a

month or so until Williams recovers.

Newman a Ruby And King Has Royal Rhythm (Airing the Bands)

By MARIE ZOLOTOV

For Dancing Feet

A hand that makes dancing a necessary pleasure is Ruby Newman (Rainbow Room, New York). With his corps displays, band, and sterling musicianship and performs his steps with a rhythmic smoothness that is listenable as well as lookable. He has a touch of flash and sparkle. Band is not on the sweet or sentimental side but tries and succeeds in doing out thoroughly the typical and interesting rhythm. Offer novelties on "Whistle While You Work, a little hot in "The Big Dipper," and the like. His arrangements are thorough enough to satisfy the pushy dancer.

Newman himself does a bit of announcing in a light manner, and adds a dash of comedy to his accomplished commercial dance outfit.

Satchmo

One of the greats in the evolution of jazz is Louis Armstrong. Louis Armstrong (Grand Terrace, Chicago, WGN) Rep and showmanship of satchel mouth make him a great bandleader and theater attraction. The radio personality and personality is lost. While not as powerful a musician as he was in his palmy days some 10 years ago, Armstrong is still worth hearing. The great driving and inspiration of those days is gone, but the shrewdness and ideas still remain. Louis Armstrong's band is still doing most of the work to his band and only singing a few vocal and taking two solos with his trumpet. Satchmo swings out in jubilant mood.

Band is a good live outfit, numbering outstanding men like trumpet Red Allen, who plays superbly, and a sax section and interesting hot arrangements. Band does not always hang together, but when it gets in the groove it is a real sensation. The tenor sax is tops and worth hearing.

Bobby Keaster, who has a sweet, melodic voice, is another good singer.

In spite of John B. Royal; Sonny Woods handles the ultramodern wordage, and Satchmo contributes some of his buckily voiced piping.

East Meyer

Just a group of good musicians playing what's written with energy and enthusiasm in "Music in the Moonlight" at Gardens, Philadelphia, (WMCAT). Arrangements feature a muted horn and are plenty listeners. Took themselves off to the moon, the earth, and other stuff. Vocals by Sid Goodman. Band does its work with finish and gratifying rhythms.

Finnissimo

Standard style orchestra of the refined sort is Henry King (Hotel Fairmount, San Francisco). AABCBC. King has been around for years but still hangs in its class. Music is built around King's bushy piano work and is toe-tapping and toe-swinging. Arrangements are subtle and highly polished. Emphasis is on rhythmic figures rather than melody or vocals, making for sure-fire cancellability. Band has class and musicianship.

Pitt Inns and Union Co-Op on Club Date

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 19.—Sixty-day pact of AFM, Local 60, with hotel guitarists, clowns, showmen, and others at amateur private parties as well as in public dining rooms, has increased business for AFM. Local 60 said the local hotel officials informed until agreement was made in effect February 1 corporations holding private parties were prime offenders in the new regulation, which covers 60 men. But now hotel officials are adamant about leasing premises unless they're headed comply with music code.

Strength of position was so assurance that longer contract will be drawn between AFM and hostellers April 1 when current agreement expires.

Local 60 is also asking members to patronize only firms bearing union label, thus opening further from proxy Clair E. Meader appealing "If you expect to receive the highest wages make it possible

Non-Cuffo Comes Clean

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Willie Horowitz, professional manager for Miller Music, turned brutally frank the other night.

Present with a score of other pub. and rec. people, Horowitz opened Tuesday night. Horowitz was introduced by Dolley to do a tap-dance as a gag. Bellowed Horowitz into the microphone: "I don't know what I want to know is you are getting a wire, or did I waste my time and money coming down here?"

For those who engage you to pay them high wages by patronizing them and buying union label goods. Don't expect anything and give me nothing in return. Unionism can't exist and prosper without the combined efforts of all its members, and the union musicians who demand payment in return for their work are money for cheap non-union products are not a credit to the labor movement."

Chi Dancers Like the Hoof Incentive Dished Straight

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Balloons here definitely prefer dance bands to so-called show orks for the simple reason, operators explain, that patrons come to their

Canadian Union Heads Alarmed Over Spread of Canned Music

Turn on tears because they let mechanization get the jump in theaters—complain that disks are used for dances—single house uses trench crew

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 19.—Heads of the local musicians' union muttered threats of action against the public playing of phonograph recordings. And in the same breath mourned their lack of foresight in failing to force theater owners to make a decision in their behalf at the time of the original motion.

Cause of the stir was not entirely known, but it resulted in protests made to the union by orchestras up country at Wingfield,

which complained that coin machines playing records were supplanting the music at dancing places.

Arthur Dowell, secretary of the Toronto Musical Protective Association, claims there are none of the mechanical players in use yet. And that there won't be if he has his way.

"We were foolish to have ever allowed theaters to fire musicians and install canned music," he said. Negligence on the part of management to take action under control has resulted in only a single house in Toronto, the Canadian, using the new method. That is about the Royal Alexandra, playing light and rolling in the biggest take that it has experienced in years.

Air Plugs Pop an Angel From Ethereal Space to First Place

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A Brain Trust of Cats to Cut Rugs

Songs listed are those receiving 10 or more network plugs (WJAF, WEAF, WABC) between 5 p.m.-1 a.m. week days and 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Sundays, for the week ending February 12. Independent plugs are those received by WOR, WNEW, WNYC and WQXR. Film songs are determined by general production name, bers as "M." Based on data supplied by Accurate Reporting Service.

Position	Title	Publisher	Plugs	Net Int'l.
Last WK. This WK.				
1.	Goodnight, Angel (P)	Berlin	35	27
2.	I Double Dare You.....	Shapiro, Bernstein	32	29
3.	It's a Long Way to Love You (P)	McGill	29	26
4.	Thank for the Memory (P)	Parkhouse	27	20
5.	You're a Sweetheart (P)	Robbins	25	27
6.	Sweet as a Song (P)	Robbins	24	16
7.	Can't Help Lovin' You (P)	Robins	22	17
8.	Whistle While You Work (P)	Berlin	20	21
9.	I Met Bla-Du Schon	Harms	20	18
10.	Two Dreams Get Together	Bennicks	20	8
11.	More Than Ever.....	Miller	19	17
12.	Just a Simple Melody (P)	Willmark	18	22
13.	One More Time (P)	Feist	17	11
14.	Always and Always (P)	Welch	17	11
15.	You Took the Words Right Out of My Heart (P)	Parsons	17	0
16.	I'm Young, You're Beautiful (P)	Parsons	16	21
17.	Rosalie (P)	Chappell	16	29
18.	Somebody's Thinking of You Tonight	Schuster-Miller	16	9
19.	New Work If You Can Get It (P)	Parsons	15	6
20.	It's a Long Way to Love You (P)	Werds & Music	14	16
21.	I Live the Life I Love (M)	Santy	14	13
22.	Outside of Paradise (P)	Parsons	13	13
23.	Wonderful (P)	Southern	13	34
24.	Take Me (P)	Harms	13	9
25.	I've Hitched My Wagon to a Star (P)	Feist	13	8
26.	Sweet Someday (P)	Chappell	12	11
27.	Soul Along Silvery Moon (P)	Select	12	9
28.	My Heaven on Earth (P)	Willmark	12	7
29.	The Tramp (P)	Kalmer-Ruby	12	2
30.	Modern Music (P)	Remick	12	2
31.	You're an Education	Marks	11	22
32.	In My Little Red Book	Famous	11	10
33.	I'm Easy Said The Done	Famous	11	10
34.	True Confession (P)	Shapiro, Bernstein	11	11
35.	Someones From a Chimney.....	Spirer	11	9
36.	Let's Sail to Dreamland	Parsons	11	9
37.	The Girl of the Night (P)	Parsons	11	6
38.	One Song (P)	Berlin	11	0
39.	With a Smile and a Song (P)	Berlin	10	20
40.	Once in a While	Miller	10	14
41.	Swingin' Pretty Girl (P)	Witmark	10	14
42.	Bob White	Remick	10	6
43.	Goodnight, Sweet Dreams, Goodnight	Shapiro, Bernstein	10	5
44.	Everyday a Holiday (P)	Famous	10	4

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ORCHESTRA ROUTES

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

A

Adams, Johnnie: (Rhythm) Columbus, Ga., 24-26; (Capitol) Atlanta 27-Mar., 4, 5, 11.

Agnew, Charlie: (Merry Garden) Chi., ne.

Allen, George: (Palm Beach) N.Y.C., ne.

Anderson, Kenny: (Variety Inn) Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 12.

Antibor, Max: Asbury Park, N.J.

Appleton, Al: (Hibbert) Birmingham, N.Y., ne.

Armande: (Vagabond) NYC, ne.

Arnold, Zion: (Glenwood) Brooklyn, N.Y., ne.

Austin, Sid: (Lucky Strike) Lakewood, N.Y., ne.

Awful, Fred: (Flamingo Club) Orlando, Fla.

Azpira, Don: (Mirador) NYC, ne.

B

Bachelder, Royce: (Highway) Pittsburgh, Pa.

Baker, Fred: (Tropicana) Bay View Beach, Fla.

Band Boys: (Ulysse) Inn Sidney, N.Y.

Barilo, Jerry: (Grandoffy) NYC, ne.

Barton, Jimmy: (Blossom Show) Bridgeport, Conn.

Bauer, Bill: (Old Nash Tavern) NYC, ne.

Brecher, Gene: (The Wilt Clinton) Albany, N.Y., ne.

Berdon, Hal: (Milwaukee) Atlanta, Ga., ne.

Bell, George: (Arcadia International) Falls, Pa.

Bellamy, Duke: (Highway) Durley.

Bennett, Jack: (Soda House) New Haven, N.J., ne.

Bentley, Eddie: (Webster Hotel) Boston, Mass.

Blaine, Jerry: (Park Central) NYC, ne.

Block, Bert: (Blossom Grill) NYC, ne.

Bloom, Artie: (Chi-Am Chinese) Westfield, N.J., ne.

Bradshaw, Troy: (Sunset Terrace) Indianapolis, Ind.

Brandywine, Nat: (Statler) Detroit, Mich.

Bright, Bob: (Orchestra Parades) Hollywood, Calif.

Bridge, Ace: (No Elm) Youngstown, Ohio, ne.

Brinkley, Charles: (Loch Caith) Aurora, Ill., ne.

Brooks, Alan: (Collegiate) Rochester, N.Y., ne.

Brooks, Billy: (Garden) New Haven, Conn., ne.

Brunck, Yvonne: (International) Casino

Burke, Clarence: (Gardens) White Plains, N.Y., ne.

C

Calloway, Cab: (Cotton Club) NYC, ne.

Calloway, Harry: (Commodore Perry) Toledo, Ohio, ne.

Carroll, Joe: (Billy Rose's Casa Manana) NYC, ne.

Carroll, Jimmy: Kelly's NYC, ne.

Carroll, Billy: (San Antonio) San Antonio, Tex., ne.

Carroll, Tom: (Theater Royal) Boston, Mass., ne.

Carey, Irene: (Broadway) Boston, Mass., ne.

Cassini, Delmar: (Tally Ho! Club) Dayton, Ohio.

Castro, Amanda: (Vassari) NYC, ne.

Chamberlain, Bob: (Detroit A.C.) Detroit, Mich.

Chandler, Paul: (Cafe) NYC, ne.

Coffey, Jackie: (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., ne.

Coneman, Emily: (El Regis) NYC, ne.

Connolly, Patti: (The Sketch) Louisville, Ky., ne.

Cox, Diane: (Tilly's Tavern) Albany, N.Y., ne.

Costello, Charles: (Commodore) Detroit, Mich.

Cook, Eddie: (Majestic) Atlantic City, N.J., ne.

Cook, Eddie: (Majestic Hall) Parkersburg, W.Va., ne.

Cooley, Chancy: (Harwood) Rochester, N.Y., ne.

Craig, Xavier: (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, ne.

Cullum, Ruth: (Silver Screen) Galveston, Tex., ne.

Cunningham, Mrs.: (Polo) Houston, Tex., ne.

D

D'Acy, Phil: (Mayfair) West Orange, N.J., ne.

Dale, Frank: (Oxfordwood) Cedar Grove, N.J., ne.

Dale, Eddie: (Glasgow) Washington, D.C., ne.

Dale, Eddie: (Chicago) Cleveland, O., ne.

Davis, Jimmy: (Lido) NYC, ne.

Davis, Jimmy: (Milan) Milwaukee, ne.

Davis, Jimmy: (House of Jacques) Glen Cove, N.Y., ne.

Davy, Arthur: (Cotton Club) NYC, ne.

Day, Eddie: (James) (Prohibition) Albany, N.Y., ne.

Deane, Shirley: (University Club) Kansas City, Mo., ne.

Dee, Vicki: (Radio City Rainbow Room)

Dibert, Sammy: (Webster Hall) Detroit, Mich.

Dixon, Dick: (Gloria Palace) NYC, ne.

Dobson, Eddie: (Olympic) London, Eng., ne.

Dobson, Tommy: (Astoria) Kansas City, Mo., ne.

Duke, Herman: (Heidelberg) Baton Rouge, La., ne.

Dunhill Sisters: (Broadway) St. Louis, Mo., ne.

Dunn, Jim: (University) East Alton, Ill., ne.

Dunn, Carl: (Courts Corner) Inn E. Hartford, Conn.

Dustin, Edy: (Oceanus) Grove City, Ohio, ne.

Dunn, Delph: (Green Derby) Cleveland, Ohio.

E

Edmund, George: (Loew's) NYC, ne.

Elliot, Lee: (Fenimore) Boston, Mass., ne.

Ellis, Eddie: (Dinner) Club) Albany, N.Y., ne.

Evans, Robert: (Endley Chatau) Birmingham, N.Y., ne.

Fain, Paul: (Odeon) Palm Beach, Fla., ne.

Fair, Dick: (Mary Journey's) Bridgeport, Conn.

Felix, Pepe: (The Pines) Newton, Mass., ne.

Feldman, Morty: (New London)

Ferguson, Eddie: (Hibbert) Boston, Mass., ne.

Fitzgerald, Frank: (Hibbert) Boston, Mass., ne.

San Fran Clubs Warned by AFA

March 1 deadline for closed shop — acts lined up—negotiations continue

SAN FRANCISCO. Feb. 19.—Regulations set down by the American Federation of Actors, which provide minimum working conditions for entertainers here were voted night club employers here during the week.

The minimum terms with the APA local to cover all phases of working conditions, salaries, hours, etc., and are effective March 1. The local has been attempting to bargain with each owner individually since nearly two months of negotiating with the Cafe Owners Association collapsed when the latter announced its dissolution.

The rules provide that night clubs employ only APA members in good standing. Members of the APA already under contract were advised that they must complete their engagement under the terms specified, but in the event they are unable to do so, they are entitled to not to accept salary for the week ending March 5 less than the minimum wage. In its attempts to secure contracts, the SPA has been told that if the SPA would continue a policy of negotiations with each individual owner until a minimum wage is adopted, Smith will make a few out-of-court arrangements had been reached, but that as yet no local contracts had been signed.

Name Scarcity Forces Repeats

CHICAGO. Feb. 19.—Scarcity of night clubs has the leading spots here emerging familiar notables for repeat engagements—and happy to get them. Pictures of the new opening at the Palace and the prospects of handing fat roles in forthcoming Broadway musicals are keeping the others away from the Windy City.

Chez Paree managed to land Lou Holtz for limited engagement repeat. The College Inn bought out the Palace and Eugene Howard recently at the Hi-Nat, opening with new show Friday, while the Hi-Nat re-engaged Willie Shore and Arnold Sturz, who had been given a week's engagement in that spot. Dolly Kay returned to the Royale Frolics yesterday. Last year she was there for nearly a full season.

Kalcheim Joins CRA's Chi Office

CHICAGO. Feb. 21.—Jack Kalcheim, artistic director, has joined the Consolidated Radio Advertising Co. as manager of the new theater and act department here. The appointment was made by Charles E. Green, CRA prez, before departing on a 10-day business trip to Hollywood.

Bob Sanders, formerly with the CRA Hollywood branch, has transferred here to take charge of the hotel and night division, with Cress Courtney and Hank Linder in as assistants.

Bain Oak at Spokane

SPokane, Wash. Feb. 19.—Bain and orchestra opened a month's engagement at the Desert Roadhouse here Wednesday night. The "Bainettes" might club by Bernard A. Glavin.

Spot will offer dancing, "clean" spot shows and will be operated with the best in girls and girls' entertainers. A contest among youth organizations to name the spot is planned.

Snow White Club

MILWAUKEE. Feb. 19.—Plans are under way for the opening after Easter of "The Snow White" night club by Bernard A. Glavin.

Spot will offer dancing, "clean"

Anti-Toxin

CHICAGO. Feb. 19.—One movie producer during a stopover here reported that he had just received a strong comeback note that Lou Holtz, under contract to Seznick-International, Fred Allen, at Paramount, and Eddie Berle, at RKO, are making pictures. "They should help chase audiences from movie houses," he explained.

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Lester & Eddie's, New York

With Eddie Davis away resting up for the next three weeks, Jack Waldron has been brought in to head the new *Chez Eddie's*.

Don't ask us what connection the title has to the show, which is a typical Lester & Eddie's. It's a good old fashioned affair. It has the usual ingredients of a showmanly L. & E. floor show: a snappy, double entendre emcee; a hot dancer; a red-tinted tap dancer; a garter girl; and a novelty act or two. It always makes good Davis.

Opposite *Chez Eddie's*, is Waldron, who used to play stock at the Hollywood Restaurant. He is a fast, clear-voiced, crisp punster who sits along the gags like a well-oiled machine. He's able to handle noisy out-of-towners. We can't think of a better substitute for Eddie Davis.

George Southern, burlesque star, is making his night club debut here, in what promises to be two or three red-hot minutes in which he will be a sex item which L. & E. patrons always expect. Jean Scott, cutie brunet in a pleasing military outfit, on for a pleasing military tap, is blonde and vivacious. Boeck offers a flashy personality and an eye-filling figure, but pretty same old story. She's a garter girl, a novelty act, or stick to straight talk.

Bland and sweet Mildred Fenton makes a solid impression, her clean-cut personality and rhythmic numbers enabling her to stand out. The Li Flous Troupe, three boy and two girl Cretins, present a mélange of piano, tap, and table contortions, high kicks and what not. Good flash stuff, but the contortion number is a bit too much for the dinner show.

Fitzgerald, Williams and Gregory, colored trio, get the show off to a good start with some good piano playing and dancing. Lillian Fitzgerald, beautiful and versatile, sings and dances, with her partner, on a trio of songs on the piano and hoof fast and firmly. The show was closed by Lana, Lane and Edwards, three youths doing many stunts, mostly singing and dancing. Their lyrics, topped off with a dash of hoofing. Their breezy personalities and amusing mannerisms make them a hit over, winning a couple of encores.

Aside from the show, there's Lou Martin's band (playing both dance and show music) and the vocalists, the girls' singer's staging and swing outfit for relief. And, of course, there's the friendly Leon Eskin doing the handshaking and bringing in the public (mostly) about the good food and liquor.

Harry Davies is still p.a.ing. Four shows a night. *Poul Deniz.*

Savoy Hotel, London

Three good acts on view. Rebla English, a tall, slender blonde, with a slight Kent and Eddie body, heavy-set Continental aero-medians, interpolate some surprising and difficult body bends into their bright comedy routine.

Harris, Claire, and Shannon, only American entry, are in their fourth and

last week here. Two shapes to the best act of its type to be seen at this spot. Orchestration is keenly noted, whilst the costuming of the two girls reaches a high mark. *Bert Ross.*

Club Tivoli, Juarez, Mexico

Current show at Club Tivoli has three new acts and two holdovers. The new talent is only fair.

Bonnie Allen, one of a trio of dancers, emcees, and does some Oriental dance which brought a fair hand.

John County, handsome emcee, finishes up a long run was on next, singing and dancing. *He's a good boy* and *Enclosed with Met Me Best Du Schen.*

Frank and Betty Hall, comedy tap duet, are a good team, though not quite as good as the last.

Bugle Call Girl and got a good hand. Routine is ordinary.

Nina Cavaliero, new in her eighth week, is a good dancer, singing and dancing to rest in her songs. *Sang My Hero* and *Sympathy* to good taste, but appeared tired and pale. Sings without microphone.

Anthony, Allen and Dodge, new dance troupe, finished well with a waltz medley not difficult, though not well executed. Team needs more polish. *Hol Middelworth.*

400 Club, Wichita, Kan.

Artie Simmonds, one-time Kansas University matador, with his sweet-swinging guitar, Bertie Bentle, on the electric organ, and Thelma Mitchell on vocals are current example of combat clicking best with mixed crowd here.

Wanda, a blonde, is a good dancer, keeping couples seeking night life, with sprinkling of Western Kansas visitors. You pay or make her beer and sandwiches, and she'll keep you company.

Simmonds is a big draw with the collegiates and the organ interlude on "I'm a Little Teapot" is a hit, drawing continuously. Band's style keeps sit-downers as well. Bertie and Miss Mitchell are assets to Simmonds, and comment is best comment on his drag here.

Joe Landwehr, owner, has a radio outlet over KTFW being heard, once a week locally. Joe is being very, emcees, does neat job of radio plugs nightly. Landwehr is at present skipping floor shows due to *Pinky Curteens.*

Yacht Club, Chicago

Another small theater in Chicago's Greenwich Village, attracting a late crowd, is the place now for some of the recent tappers having been imported from Cinemaland.

Curiouser and curiouser are Billy Gray and Jerry Bergen. Gray returned after a long absence, having previously made the rounds here as an emcee. He has a good personality, though a bit too mature personality and some class that is dominant in his delivery of both gags and parades. His partner, Bergen, has a number of good bits on the floor to help him stay that way. Probably their best bit of business is in the "I'm a Little Teapot" number, Bergen coming out from the audience as the film star. Garnered some solid laughs. Some of Gray's lyrics are off color and are strictly for cafes and late-hour patrons.

A line of six heavyweight gals open with fast, rhythmic numbers. Girls are plenty, and stage overkill for the spot. June Glory, blond dancer, followed with a tricky turn, and a flashy cardigan. The girls were good, though the vocalists, moved in for a warbling session. Opening night she did some worn-out tunes which placed her in a disadvantageous change of pace. She should make her as popular here as she managed to be in other local theaters. The girls, the both of them, were rather unrealistic stage fantasy, but beyond the digestive imagination of the average night clubber. Their costumes were rather tame, though they were in the producer's main idea in the first place. Gray and Bergen walk off with a fairly take-off of this number.

Alma Warren, a blonde, was doing considerably since the last viewing, playing a better show and consistently good dancing.

Norman Warren is doing a commendable managerial job pinch-hitting for the vacationing Sunny Goldstone. Opening

show played to a capacity room. Minimum is \$2. *Sims Hoenigberg.*

Hi Hat, Chicago

Namies, favorites with local night clubs, are proving drawing attractions in this near North Side saltry, still operated by Bertie and Elmer Valentine. For several months the place has been concentrating on two or three strong acts (usually singles) augmented with a good band, a good dancer, and a light dance team. Business has been holding up, and the \$1.50 week day minimum is not to be drawn.

Nan Blanton was scheduled for this date for nearly a year, finally left the Swing Club in Hollywood to take in the new place. She is a good dancer, a low performer, possesses a brilliant personality and enough showmanship to keep her on the program even at the price. Just as long as she stays.

Her material is good night club matter, just enough for after-dark tastes and appetites. She is a good dancer, well set-up. Nan sitting at one piano and her accompanist, Darryl Rogers, at another, are a good team. *She's a Lastest Gal In Town* Never in a Million Years and special material with double meaning lyrics.

Wanda, blonde emcee here, is back in the night club scene, clowning away between acts and on her own command. She has a good personality, cumulative title of *All-American Show*. Willie is a hard worker, a light-footed solo shoe dancer and a likable chap. Arriving here from the south pole, also a return engagement, is a girl who is a fiery personality, both in song and dance. She has a few new songs back, but all of Latin flavor.

Bruce and Manners, youthful tap team, pleased with a couple of early numbers, and a good time.

The kids make a nice appearance and the girl is an eye-catching blonde. Do stock girls, but are presented in a pleasing manner.

The Four Hi Hat charmers parade thru the opening and closing night, dressed in the opening and closing attire.

Openers, *Openers*, a neat ten-minute routine and finale to the swingmania lane.

Both the girls and boys do well in their third year, playing show and dance mateo. Jimmy Cassidy still on hand as international pianist. *See Hoenigberg.*

Rendezvous Villa, Youngstown, O.

Despite curtailed industrial production, keenly felt in recent weeks by night club operators, this spot, just outside the city limits, is holding its own with its grind policy and 25-cent admission charge.

Food and service are nothing to brag about, but the waiters are more than a dozen acts are on tap from early evening until the wee small hours, and house is the club without a good crowd.

The girls, blonde floor shows of the season is current. Corinne and Costello present a violin-ballroom dance that is a hit. Jimmie Jordan, a young man artist on the fiddle, plays the instrument throughout a ballroom routine, with Costello swishing her thru the air and end with a bang.

Phyllis and Evelyn Marbil provide top novelty with routines in modern and classic styles. Diane Costello, a blonde, singing Old Mac Rister, doubtful in a male voice, and soprano. Blond Rita Zane does a burlesque number that is more risqué than the others. *She's a Little Teapot* is the hit. Jerry Jordan adds more spice with her scantily clad pose number.

There's many jazz Manics, see Negro hand, and many jazz, play sweet and hot music for the large dancing crowds. *She's a Little Teapot* is the favorite for the hour-long floor show. *Rex McConnell.*

Casa Havana-Madrid, N. Y.

With Mario (Mario's Mirador) owning 50%, this spot is expected to be better able to compete for the trade of Broadway. The shrewd addition of the "Casa" to the old tag was probably the best move. The manager's attitude in policy that is evident. Dinners remain at \$1.50 and there is no cover charge. Three shows a night and two

alternating bands are still offered. Cuisines of Spanish and American dishes is an attraction at moderate tariffs.

Entertainment feature of the new show is Name Longitude and his band of six, including the piano player, Eddie. The outfit, besides having gained some repute as a relief band in a few of the smaller night clubs, is known as "Happy Chalice" by its versatility in providing Latin and American tempos in a tempting manner. Accompaniment to the all-night shows close.

Entertaining is handled by Don Casanova as personable and ingratiating an accented spider and singer as his name is. Casanova is a good dancer, too, very rose and flowery but his manner is charming, and there is power as well as appeal in his high-pitched lyrical tones.

Sammy, a blonde, a good dancer, pair in native offering that make them make up in meal and seemly abandon what they may lack in technical fitness. Sammy is a good dancer, too, very rose and flowery but his manner is charming, and there is power as well as appeal in his high-pitched lyrical tones.

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the dance intriguing and exciting. La Milonguera, a dark lass, sings a tame number, "Explosion," and La Gitanita, striking-looking girl, adds bits of graceful stepping and castanet accompaniment to her stirring Flamenco song.

Only holdover is Cesar Tapia, little dancer equally adept at intricate heel-clicking and at castanet clacking. In addition, there's a young girl, who dances with Mile, Doree, a golden-haired looker, for a ballroom turn on ease and grace.

The Socceroos (Mardi Gras) Band supplies alternate dance rhythms with the bedding bunches.

Published for the spot now handled by Zemuska. —George Cohen.

Marie's Crisis, New York

One of the standard Greenwich Village spots, a country, intimate eating place run by Marie Dumont is still a popular rendezvous.

Only three singers and a pianist—and Marie—make up the troupe, though enough for a spot this size. Newcomer is Nena Aquilera, vivacious, lovely brunt from Mexico, whose Mexican songs are the most popular American pup stuff is good but not as fine as her native tunes.

Here for more than a year, blind Minnie Martin is singing again; then, over, a rich soprano with a range of three octaves gives her numbers, especially those two-ton songs that extra quality. Her accompaniment is Fred Yost alone, written by Bill Corrigan, is superb. Corrigan, another veteran here, is also a master.

Tall blonde Eleanor Nielsen, from her soprano to operetta and pop tunes, displays control and an easy-to-hold tone. She's here for the moment.

Dinner is excellent and prices are moderate. —Peter Dennis.

Madrid Cafe, Detroit

The thing that makes this spot interesting is the Mexican band, new to this territory. Arturo Waters and his Latin Americans have here a few months ago from Texas where they had built a reputation, and have built up this Michigan avenue cafe into a leading dancing spot. The band has been here more than 80 per cent attendance of probably native Americans as well. The band now has six pieces and will shortly expand to 10. Waters does his own arranging and piano work, and

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sings as well. Band men have their specialties such as the clarinetist's solo or the xylophone. Mr. Schreiber, style of the band ranges from jazz to sweet, with an ability to adapt playing to both types of music in an instant. Instruments stand out, altho some individuality is lost in the horns on occasion. It is, instead, a well-matched ensemble, capable of first-rate playing.

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net of the tux and tails type, but extreme opposite. Nevertheless, she is a swell spot in which to see fair sets and superb material at the minimum cost. And that's how it goes.

Service excellent, waitresses even consoling to dance. The club is in city's west bottoms, near packing houses.

Bert Deeter Jr.

Ritz Hotel, London

This noted spot has two acts, both American, on view. Three Music Hall Boys, plenty popular in London's West End, get hearty laughs with their witty repartee, and sing with gusto, mostly by loud but true-to-period dressing. Boys have cocking pipes, too.

Nellie Goodloe is one American singer who has a voice of clear eyes and ears. Fascinating brunet has tons of personality and a fine voice, hitting the highest notes with ease. Earns several encores.

Bert Ross.

Big FTP Revue Is Canceled

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The elaborate vaudeville revue scheduled by the Federal Theatre Project for the Great Northern Theatre here has been canceled by Harry Minturn, local head, who, it is reported, was not satisfied with the program. The Billboards' intention with regard to the Bureau is to provide a means of establishing priority of ideas as it is not within the scope of the Copyright Office.

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Acts that would have been used in the review will be spotted in the FTP units now playing schools and other public institutions in this area.

Vaude Spurt in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—Vaude is on the upswing in Indianapolis, with 18 acts entering the field with a two-stage show weekly. Shows are presented on Saturdays and Sundays with first-run pictures. First-rate house is the Hollywood Sketch Box Reuse, headlining Brown and LaVelle.

On Friday, the Circle opened with Fred Waring and his Johnny Perkins round-comedian, headlining the new show at the Lyric.

To Check Florida Benefits

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Alan Corell, Theater Authority, watching left for Florida Wednesday to check on the benefits of the experts in pugilism at the Night of Stars show in Miami. Both are supposed to be run off latter part of this month.

Sees Brothers After 32 Yrs.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—Palomar Theater during the past week was the scene of the first reunion of Bert Wall, known on the stage as Bert Wall, with his brothers, Harry and Dan Wall, in 32 years.

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Interest in stage shows was renewed last year, with the Omahans' feature grossed \$8,500 in one day, last November. House seats 3,000. Lila Grey Chaplin, with *Scandalous* of 1936, pulled \$15,000 in one night. The new show, *Bad Weather*, kept Ted Lewis and his orchestra down to \$16,250 for the last week in January.

Grandis Theater, planning on stage shows, is having dressing rooms and stage renovated and decked out with the musicians' union.

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Boston Vaude Down to 1 House Despite Season of Good Grosses

Keith-Memorial left—two burly spots only flesh “competition” — key house grosses listed — repeat names brodied mostly—talent dearth, film dating blamed

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Despite good grosses rung up by vaude here, the city is down to one vaude spot and two burlesque houses. With the M. & P. Metropolitan closed, Thursday the only vaude spot left is the RKO Keith Memorial, which recently gave up its 1,200-seat auditorium to the RKO Keith Boston. The Memorial has been doing a flourishing business and with no other vaude competition now it should have no trouble. Going back to the opening of the current season, however, a survey of grosses of the Met and the Memorial provides a good barometer of the ups and downs of local vaude.

Edel Merman topped the Keith opening—red hot—and grossed \$10,000 on \$32 helped considerably. The following weekend home town Constitution Day and the像 in attendance cut the Orke's business and weather cramped during the day, but nightfall aided somewhat for okeh which opened with a team of Eddie and Muri Mayfair and ended with a fair \$12,500. Constance Nelson and Harriet Hillard followed and averaged in at \$17,000. Eddie and Muri were the top grossers of the week and sagged for an \$18,000 close. Fats Waller resumed the ork bookings and showed a profit for the week. Miss Ann Corio's vaude debut at the Keith brought in a satisfactory \$20,000. Her partner, Dick LaRue, and Dorothy Barnett drew in a solid \$15,000. Morton Downey linked \$15,000 beside his name and Chick Webb's Orke with Eddie and Stoopnagle and Buddie, picture being Para's Ah Baba.

Beginning out of Christmas buying spree started Frank Parker's week, with Shaw and Lee taking \$16,500.

Weekend of Dec. 2 saw the Met cut its scale from \$35, 75 cents to 25, 40.

Bob Hope and Met had lowered prices. Hal LeRoy and company to \$23,000. New departure in band presentation was the battle of music with Eddie Denney and Louis Prima, and with Peter Dodge's house band, making a total of 50 musicians. Brought in \$12,000. Bunny's Orke followed with a plauding \$23,000. Major Bowes' Collegiate Revue sunk dimly to \$12,500.

Jack Powell's week, good entertainment, though a solo act off, was the year's Eve extra showing. \$16,50 brought the week's take, with Little Jackie's Orke and Eddie Peabody, up to a big \$31,000. Eddie and Muri's week, \$18,000. Barbara Bowman week, hyped by the p. of Cecil E. DeMille and Margaret Graham, brought in \$18,000. The Encoreers, a troupe to the far east, of \$18,000. Georges and Jaina cleared with \$18,000. Fred Waring's Orke landed \$18,000.

The next p. of Mary Dee, Deep Diplomatic, Boston's last flicker, and Monte Blue, silent flicker star, ran down \$14,500. Red Skelton went out at \$14,500. Eddie and Muri's third week takes back into big brackets with \$22,000. Phil Regan bowed out at the Keith with a profit of \$20,000.

Film dates, George Gruen, Glenn unearched an okeh \$18,000. A reversal to old-time vaude gave the next week 19 acts of vaude while the public liked it and paid \$20,000. When the public liked it and paid \$20,000. NTC's Bowes gathered \$19,400 a week with a not-to-hot show.

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Kenneth Keith, manager from the Memorial with the Edith Waters Company, a somewhat slow show for the house, but the public liked it and paid to the Boston's \$3,000. Waters took appreciable \$19,000.

Mischka Aster and Shelly Farber presented a \$20,000. Miss Green and Harriet Hooton commanded a good \$12,000.

Benny Fields and the Hartman Comedy Company, Harriet Hartman Lending on the screen, drew in a solid \$16,000. Week of Happy Landing, with Marjorie Gainesworth heading the vaude, took in \$16,000. Eddie and Muri's week of Sonja Henie at the Boston Garden. The Benay Fields week saw the Keith Memorial and the Met retain their prices. Formidable vaude prices were retained when the Keith Memorial took over vaude, but changed to \$5, 40, 65 cents and the public went from 20, 45 cents to 33, 40, 65.

Comparisons: Seson before the Three Stooges had a copped a \$27,000 take. Morton Downey had a \$25,000 week, and the Keith with the \$22,000 of the past season. Fats Waller equalled his last appearance. Eddie and Muri's last week, film for an eight-day \$18,000 and their new \$22,000. This year he went way below the \$18,400 figure. Eddie and Stoopnagle's drop-out was a profit last year \$16,000. Their 1937 total being \$25,000. Eddie and Stoopnagle had a \$22,000 take, while as a solo this season they got \$18,000.

Metropolitan season began its fall season on September 2, with the Tasty Team. Eddie taking a good \$18,000. Labor Day brought a \$20,000 for Miss Green and Art, Ork with Lathrop Brothers and Lee. Mary Smith followed with a nice \$16,000. Eddie and Muri's last week termited \$18,500. George Hart's two-day impromptu p. a. brought in a happy \$18,000.

Final appearance of Dorothy Stoen and Charles Collins settled for a nice \$20,000. Duke Ellington smashed ahead with \$22,000 (*Emile Zola* on the screen). Yacht Club Boys washed in a satisfac-



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the \$20,000 take with \$20,000.

The Keith Memorial, which had played the Met for a \$26,000 gross. Last January, the dual name take was \$19,200.

Last week, Eddie and Muri's took a local houses shut up the Met vaude. Return of the same acts hurt, too. Poor pictures hit indirectly at vaude; also the pictures of the same acts in running pictures into second-run houses the following week at much lower prices.

The Met last season on a 52-week basis, grossed in around \$125,000. The Keith Boston with 34 weeks can close to \$10,000.00.

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Abbott and Costello

Reviewed at Loew's, State, New York.
Style—Comedy sketch. Setting—in two.
Time—Five minutes.

This act is a modern-day rarity in that hate from burlesque, a rump few acts can claim. Abbott and Costello, however, are warranted, layout shaping up as a fast five minutes well stocked with laughs for vaude stands.

But Abbott and Lou Costello straight, do a soldier routine, with two other men as privates. Extra two hours on two legs. Abbott, a real private, and Costello, his officer. Act is punctuated by Costello whamming his partner in the kisser, Abbott also getting the smooch. Abbott is a real private's rifle. Back drop shows a military tent.

Act has pace and enough laughs of

its kind to do well. Audience gets good reception, altho less slapping is called for.

J. F.

Four Franks

Reviewed at Loew's, State, New York.
Style—Dancing, singing, comedy. Setting—in one.
Time—Seven minutes.

Altho the act has been around for some time, no new act review is shown in this "Billboard" issue on the Four

Franks. Two girls, a blonde and brunet, and two boys make up the turn. Potentially, the act has plenty; actually, it is done weakly and rates poorly entertainment.

Boys and the brunet open on trumpets and sax, respectively, playing adequately enough. The blonde and the blonde's partner sing a seat number, highlighted by a couple and some rowdy wiggling. A travesty, with the blonde and the blonde participating on a seat number. The blonde's partner is a good idea shot to pieces by excessive rough stuff. Distasteful exhibit is made more repulsive by the boy spitting on the girl's arm.

Tapping and challenge close. J. F.

Cindi Glenn

Reviewed at the Palace Theater, Chicago.
Style—Comedy. Setting—in one.
Time—Five minutes.

A lanky American redheaded, recently educated in Paris night spots to do a femme Maurice Chevalier. Her forte, however, is a Chinaman's face, and that the freakish behavior of her rubber-like hands. She manipulates them about her face and chest in such a way as to produce a most funny effect.

Opens with a French song that is okie but not sock. Then follows with imitations of Betty Boop and Greta Garbo

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that are too exaggerated. Her drunk

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S. H.

son and views the stepping of his son with parental affection. They do soft-shoe and rhythm work. Pat Jr. adds a lot of eccentric material.

The Timbergs, in their nervous, eccentric style, take over the second spot, Open with laugh chatter. Timbergs Jr. does in a very good-looking costume. The girl's Vitzy-like style is interesting. Timberg Jr. creates the impression of a scarecrow. Elmer Timberg, with a very good voice, has a turn of business. Girl does an excellent Dumb-Dumb turn, speaking with a lisp. Linda Fink is a good dancer, with Timberg saving assist at his fiddle. Sad has taken. Does comic impersonations, and so does Timberg Jr.

Pearl Rooneys, Jr., by the Timbergs, both the Timbergs and Rooneys come for the wind-up of dancing and gags. For act two, Rosarian styl dancers do a short turn, from which comes a number. Act supplies color and comedy and is certainly something unusual to watch.

Cape Foster girls appear in a few production numbers, and in one, a Viennois waltz, done by the 12 Dancing Girls, starts off with a "Hoedown." Four turns, however, is a bicycle turn which draws salvoes of applause. Linda Hall vocates in the production numbers.

Pie in *The Baroness and the Butler* (Pathé-Fox). House doing excellent business at this showing.

Paul Ackerman,

State-Lake, Chicago

(Revised Friday Afternoon, February 18)

Sisson and Neal, novel harp and birdwhistling act, with fine production work based on the bird theme. One of the girls, a good-looking blonde, plays a harp well, and her partner, a dark blonde, does a solo. Soprano is a bit too long and some scissoring of the talkingsong should speed it up. Marion Morton does a dance and impersonation similar to that of the "Open" with a rubber-bone eccentricity and continues with Karloff, scarfeover and a boyish carabiner that are excellent. Makes a good appearance in tail.

Joe Morris and Company do a burlesque talk act that with probability do well in this bargain house. Does the paper out for a big time, with junior comedian, and a good bit of fun. The old man's interest in a blonde, and then for the climax mama showing up at the strong time.

Morris and Grant are back in the Windy City and their comedy acrobatics on the spring mat fashioned like a beer truck, is a good idea. There stuff is well timed and there is enough enough of it to keep the customers pleased.

Judith Allen, screen actress, is featured. When she comes on stage the show starts off with some ordinary Harry Hall interview with Maestro Verne Buck. She is lovely blonde and has gracious personality. Her bit with Harry Hall, ingenue is not too strong on memory. Does a dramatic skit and follows with a couple of songs.

House line in, bright pajama costumes close with a peppy, modern routine to the music of several pop tunes. House line ends with a closing day. On screen *Beg, Borrow or Steal*.

Sam Honigberg,

Paramount, New York

(Revised Wednesday Evening, February 16)

Circe McCoy and orchestra and Miss Green share honors on the Paramount boards this week, with the Nicholas Brothers taking a good slice of applause from the audience.

McCoy's outfit is danceable and pleasant on the ear and has a good vocal trio that is good. McCoy does a good impression. Super Blues wab-wab business plays his toy trumpet and carries him off engagingly. Closing time is a shocker. The Nicholas Brothers, with the Bennett Sisters make a swell appearance and have a definite refinement in their style. The show ends with *Si, Louis Blues* and *I'm Sorry*. Wayne Shorter and his band do a fine job. Melody in a pleasant enough fashion, but doesn't have the class of the Bennett outfit.

Nicholas Brothers' turn is sure-fire

and too well known to warrant full description. Their work is hot, rapid and good-looking, and they are on for quite a spell.

Miss Green, late of *Bebe in Arms*, has the audience in the palm of her hand with her singing and impersonations of George Arliss and Jimmy Durante. *When a Woman Loves an Old Feeling*, *The Lady Is a Tramp* and others. Her delivery is superb, both in singing and dancing. She is a good dancer and deserved a solid round of applause.

Pie. *The Buccaneers* (Paramount). House doing very well with strong pie and flesh offerings.

Paul Ackerman.

Wintergarten, Berlin

(Month of February)

Current show is well balanced and has plenty of variety. The Rogers two men and a girl are a corking opener specializing in bar and table acrobatics with smart patter. The Rogers three girls, two girls and a man, score with jugglers trained on low unicycles. Act is bright and has a miscellany of good stunts. Frank Michel, the "King of Comedy," does a bit with his funny offering. Eddie Wallenda and his wife are above the average act. Amphibians hit heavily.

Pauline Fine, the "Goddess of Comedy," singing comedienne, has a good following here and proves popular. Paul Remond and his Boys are the outstanding hit of the program. The boys have a great deal of personality added by the oversized Remond, the trio offer an act that is perfectly timed. The last act is a bit of German humorist, proves successful and gets laughs. Three Darvills, girl acrobats, have a smart routine of difficult stunts. The Rogers two men, however, does a number midway thru the act.

Maria Valente, playing one of her frenetic parts, here is the headliner. Registers heavily with a body of very sweet instrumental music. Three Barlings, two men in a zebra skirt, a girl trainer, do a cod animal act that is fair. Dropped to zero, but generally is liked.

Bert Ross.

Vaudeville Notes

MAE WEST has gone over to RKO for her stage appearances in Chicago. February 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 but so far is d.s. for New York and unannounced. It has been reported that Loew's offered La West \$12,000 for one week at the Palace Theater, but she turned it down, but was turned down by Miss West - too pattry. JIM McGRATH, former vaudevillian, and his Uncle Jim, Question Box, radio program have been signed for theater appearances. Panchon & Marco, Eddie and Eddie, and Eddie and Eddie, Vic Orsatti, of flickers, have tied down with the Rockwell-O'Keefe office for the same dates.

BERRY BROTHERS are continuing on with their act in New York, having been in Paris and three in London already.

... BUSTER SHAVER, with Oliva and Gosselin, are appearing at the Lyric.

June 4, for six weeks, and follow with two weeks in Paris. Act stays two solid months, October and November.

... Eddie Haubert and Dick Henry, of the William Morris office.

ART JARRETT was booked for four weeks of Interstate time in Texas by Danny Collins. Jarrett plays Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

SID HARROD, with Morris Kilkeen will open in England June 29.

ROSS AND BENNETT start seven weeks of English dates July 4, booked by Dick Henry.

... The C. Cochran show at the Tropicana, April 1, Dog Day, will open on their tour about August 20.

... LA CONGA FOLLIES. Alex Gerber's new unit, has been booked by RKO to play in New York, March 10, 11, 12, with other dates to follow.

FULTON THEATER, Pittsburgh, first movie house, will bring in mentalists Alana Davis and Don Williams.

... ROBERT COOPER, the "Duke" of Dixie Ware, will emcee the Rita Rio-Rio-Buster battle of swing which will play the Palace Theater, New York, for eight weeks starting Friday.

RIVERSIDE, Milwaukee, is another full week stand

which has been unintentionally omitted from our calendar.

... The show in the new Sam Bramson's, the William Morris office.

Reviews of Units

The 1938 Swing Show

(Reviewed February 18, East Liverpool, Ohio)

Varities, the keeping of old units, with straight-artist, a trainee team, sister dance team, 10-girl chorus and a 10-girl band. Production, adequate for time, but not enough to hold the audience's interest. The times, precision dancing novelty and comedy skin.

Music, the orchestra is better than average, playing catchy music and ably pacing the acts.

The Thomas Twins, blondes, and eight of the time work several production routines.

Fun is provided by the Stevens, who do a "Hoedown" and "Hoedown Boogie." The animal typed by his master, gave kids rides, and wound up with some old-time sing-me-out antics.

Miss Anna, a blonde woman, offered fine bit of balancing and circus juggling. Merrick and Allen do a nice bit of acrobatics playing with pantomime. Maxfield and Billie, the last act, were ten unusual tricks without cues. For novelty, there is John Fox, European sensation, who does a bit of dancing.

In all, it's good entertainment for the vaude-hungry small towns.

On the screen, *The Patient in Room 12*. Res McConnell.

PITTSBURGH ACTS

(Continued from page 3)

EAWP President Neddy File, will also consider establishing an office to establish permanent headquarters in the labor union building.

Expected to come to a head will be negotiations with any union, a move being pressed under cover by American Federation of Labor sym-

phoners. Cross-section poll of entertainers in EAWP dance last summer revealed majority of them favoring closed AFL lines, but with local autonomy. Chief objection raised to possibility of centralized control system of American Federation of Actors, which was rejected last summer by EAWP committee that petitioned Pittsburgh as an autonomous branch.

If meeting tomorrow fails to produce solution, the plan is to send a delegation to Central Labor Union for charter which will grant EAWP sympathetic co-operation.

John Jeffries, agent for the Pittsburgh agent, heads entertainment committee for People's Alliance, claims he wants to change organization to All People's Union regardless of what union, as long as pay can be raised from its present level. Jeffries will meet with EAWP to come here and offer APA tie-in with local autonomy.

Jeffries, who has been here since last Sunday, agents and the hatchet to stage the second annual EAWP dance in the Roosevelt Hotel Gold Room. Volunteers acts in the show are the Kilkenny Kittens, Shirley Sisters, Kildare Twins, the Ragamuffins, Lois Done and Nita Raymond, Flying Dutchmen and Flah Brothers. By Magdalene, who emcees. Music by Joe Schaefer's Orchestra.

Committee for the affair includes Eddie Murphy, Andy Bremen, Miltie and Mt. Madison, Freddie Meyers, Ruth Stevens, Helen Vale, Louise Carroll, Garret Tuftie, Gladys LaMar, Betty Lester, Neddy File, Ned Lewis, Louis Olovskas, Terry Holmes and Deacon Livingston.

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Curb on License Commish's Power Sought in New Bill

NEW YORK. Feb. 19.—A bill designed to limit the license committee's power is being drafted by the American Civil Liberties Union. Bill, it is believed, will seek to eliminate closing of theaters under operating permit laws and trials. This would eliminate the so-called "one-man" set-up which is in effect at present. It is expected that the bill will be introduced in the Senate in its final shape for introduction at Albany. It is understood that a State legislator is ready to introduce it.

Burlesque will probably be aided by the passage of the bill which will probably seek to free all branches of show business from the vagueness of laws or other forms of regulation. It has been pointed out that the same power which enabled the license department to close down the theater, could be used to political film, legit and other theaters for political and other reasons. Because of this implication, the bill is being held up. It is believed that the union will call all its forces to work to seek passage of the bill.

American Civil Liberties Union is a

liberal organization which defends rights of minority groups, particularly those engaged in political dissent. The American Civil Liberties Union will probably get the nod of approval from labor unions, certain educational organizations, the National American Labor party, exiles and miscellaneous liberal groups. Whether or not there will be any organized religious or political pressure against the bill has not been indicated as yet.

Burly Tag Still Banned in N. Y.

NEW YORK. Feb. 19.—Altogether 30 Mr. Mastersen has received no recent aqua-skirts and burlesque pieces, and, as he has been informed, made any attempt to have the city fathers oked the use of the word "burlesque."

He has been peremptorily informed that the title be given the city's stamp of approval and managers be allowed to use it. This was denied by the chief censor.

Reviews

Hudson, Union City, N. J.
(Reviewed Wednesday Evening, Feb. 16)

(Black and White Review)

The Hudson packed 'em in for this first unit and had something to show the cash customers. First half was a combination of colored performers, while the second section is handled by colored talent. Despite limitations of space, the show is good, short, sharp, moved along with pep and zing. Cast of about 40 was composed of both regulars.

Oggy contingent included Bob Haynes, Happy Hyatt, Bob Taylor, Franklin Hoppe, Billy Fields and lively Mimi Reed, Betty Meyers, George Clark, Eddie Keller and delightful June Marshall. Valda (Queen of Shake), Spooons Brown; David, Goliath and Whitye; Moke and Dandy. Price displayed a fair voice and sold several numbers to good advantage.

Second half was much shorter than first and was built around the idea of a comedy sketch by cutting down some of the first half and showing more of the second.

Ben Hall.

Rialto, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, February 18)

The leading burlesque house here is becoming a fertile spot for vaude acts, its stock cast being a comparatively small one. The house is well known for its efforts to sprinkle the weekly bills with strong vaude specialties, a relief from the rubbernecking police. The house is known for its use of a five-peoples testosteroderact, a vocal, banjoist and a splendid control dancer, Marie Sarie, who has been here.

As for the burly and the line takes this week's honors. George Clark has the best act, followed by Eddie Keller, and the girls are better than what the kids parade thru with more than

(See REVIEWS on page 28)

Plenty Wrong—What's Right? What's Needed? Readers Tell

What's wrong with burlesque? Plenty, judging from box-office grosses. A recent article in *The Billboard* quotes a man in the industry who told not only what they thought was wrong but who also offered ideas to put things right in the production departments. Many readers have sent in their ideas for saving burlesque. Here are some opinions; others will appear in future issues. You are invited to

send in your suggestions. Address: Burlesque Editor, *The Billboard*, 1564 Broadway, New York City.

Advertise Clean Burlesque

What will help burlesque survive? In street scenes or any scene advertising could be used. Sell the space and let the girls do the talking.

Don't try to compete with the large houses on beauty. Keep a clean house inside and out. Spend a few dollars on the girls' hats and make them elegant. Clean clothes will look clean whether they are or not. Have the girls pose more so a guy can pick her out and let his imagination run wild.

A strip near the opening makes fair comedy school. Help the customer forget the house price by giving him with clean, courteous help. Have the ushers stand at the head of the aisle to assist the girls to the proper seats during intermission so no one is disturbed after the curtain.

Split the profits and loss with the management, keep the girls and pay them no salary. Allow no pitches to be made except during intermission. Consider the feelings of the girls. Don't let them sit there in the slugs. Better class of people are ashamed or afraid to be seen near these places they are attending.

The comedy act is the same each week.

The girls look alike each week. The scenery is the same. The houses look

Ben Turpin Set for San Fran's Follies; Liberty Reopens

SAN FRANCISCO. Feb. 19.—Eddie Eko has completed a series of changes at the Capitol Follies, with "Roxanne" Al Martini, "The Rose" and "The Organ" will probably get the nod of approval from labor unions, certain educational organizations, the National American Labor party, exiles and miscellaneous liberal groups. Whether or not there will be any organized religious or political pressure against the bill has not been indicated as yet.

Chorus has also undergone a change for better and younger dancers. Ben Eko is a very busy man, but he is booked to open here shortly.

Burlesque is again on the boards at the Lido. Eddie Eko is using the stand-by French Waitress, Ginger Britton and Babes Malloy are featured.

Book Added Attractions

NEW YORK. Feb. 19.—Phil Rosenberg has booked Al Jolson for the opening Feb. 21, 1938. Other bookings by Rosenberg include Paula Lin at the Paramount, February 22; Eddie Cantor and Loye Astor, February 26; Roman Brothers, vaude act, and Tip Tap Tom, special at the Hudson. Eddie Cantor has added an extra attraction and Wade and Wade swing into the same house February 27. Miss St. Louis, Artie Shultz, and the Four Freshmen, Eddie Caton and Jack Ryan open at Worcester, February 21, and the Five Quintuplets go into Washington, D. C., as an added attraction, week of February 27. Peggy Garcia goes to Worcester week of February 26, and Margie Hart swings to Boston February 28. Eddie Cantor and Wade and Wade also open to the Troc, Philly, February 27 as an added attraction.

Los Angeles Bit Better Than '37

LOS ANGELES. Feb. 19.—Outlook of the burlesque situation here is favorable, according to the manager of the big houses. The business was definitely off for the last seven weeks of '37, it has shown a marked improvement since the start of the year.

A good indication of better times in the burly field here is the fact that the Dalton brothers just announced the opening of a remodeling job on the old Politics Theater. Spot, built in 1904, is now one of the ranking houses on the Coast since its recent renovation.

Business at both the Burbank and Follies is good with the Saturday mid-morning matinee in great demand. Audience is sprinkled with Hollywood celebs at these showings.

Ex-Champ Walker Set—More Notes

New York

DONA DAVID is exclusive manager for Mickey Walker's personal appearances in Buffalo. His home address was at the Palace, Buffalo, week of February 18. The Casino, Toledo, February 25, and Hudson Union City, March 6. . . ROSE GORK, comic, is studying the accordion. BETTY MEYERS fully recovered from illness and is back in a beauty contest. Matcher in Harlem . . . BOB GARNER, of the First Circuit, guest at a benefit, February 17, at the Backstage Club, Union City, Newark.

Max Rudnick Feted

ABE AND HANOLD MINSKY helped Max Rudnick celebrate latter's eighth anniversary control of the Eltinge, week of February 18. An entire week of extra and extra attractions featured his big doings. . . CHANDALL AND MARSH broke in a new comedy dance routine week in Williamsburg. Eddie Williams will book shortly in interior. BETTA DODD, dancer, who opened at the Ziegfeld, recently, comes from the night clubs.

Where Are They Now?

EDDIE CONLINS, former burly comic and circus clown who opened a girlie show at the Hotel New Yorker, Toledo, Feb. 18, February 22, wants Ralph Duby, burly comic, to contact him. ALICE LAZAR, former Columbus Wheel girl, married circus performer Eddie Miller at Ithaca, L. I., where George Stone (Stone and Pillard) and George Murphy, owner of the Olympia, were present. Eddie died in a nitery. . . ZONIA DUVAL opened at the Columbia, Boston, February 21. UNO.

Chicago Chatter

JACK KANE, who recently reopened the National in Louisville, is reported planning to open the Capitol in Toledo. ROBERT COOPER, manager of the Majestic, manager of the Gayety, Minneapolis, is vacationing in Miami Beach. FRED WILSON, manager of the Majestic, Cincinnati, is vacationing at the Ogle, Cincinnati. FRANCES ABRAMS, Miss Schuster's secretary, left on a four-week vacation in Hot Springs. Her sister, Bess, is pinch-hitting.

From All Over

NEW YORK. New licensing year starts May 1. There's been talk of attempting to increase the fees, but nothing has been done. The city is still looking for ways to check the burlesque tag for the coming year, but thus far it's been that, maybe talk. . . BARNEY O'DONNELL, ex-burly comic, has been offered a short contract by MGM. It's a dog story. GEORGE C. MAURER wants to have from Marjorie Pintel and Dolores Maitland, Mrs. Attitude and "Annoy," who remembers the boy who ran errands at the Gayety, Buffalo. . . And Mary and Eddie Foy Jr. are back in town. Eddie, Dover, N. H., wants to hear from his brother, Tommy O'Neil.

Shifty before the bright lights go out. The "Limey" said. "Too little is actually seen of the girls." The prices are pretty high in most houses. The help isn't any too courteous at times. Too many sloppy drunks are around. The managers are determined to distract the patrons from them.

The managers are devoting too much time to other businesses, arriving late at the theater, etc. The girls left in charge don't care. If he fails they'll look for another job.

"Don't be so heavy on the laughs. Talent and Clean Burlesque. Fire the producer who can't put new jokes in the show. We have a preventive show of blondes one week and brunettes the next. Apply the same to costumes." Eddie Pollard.

Spent To Make

As a former advertising agent on the Columbia Circuit when business was good I would certainly like to speak my piece. On the Columbia Circuit we had talent which was good, too. The houses had a story. Material was written and all shows had scenery and

(See PLenty WRONG on page 30)

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Thru Sugar's Domino

SOMETIMES we wonder whether any of the alleged mass mind experts know what the public really wants. Of one thing we are certain: there isn't a showman living who has a foolproof formula for predetermined public reaction. If there were such a man he would have more gold than ever came out of King

Solomon's mines laid at his feet. What brings all of this up is the proud announcement by Mae West in a film trade paper that she broke all records recently at the Paramount Theater, Los Angeles, with a footnote to the radio industry, "Remember me, boys!" La West can truly thumb her nose at the radio industry and at any of us commentators who dared suggest that her dialog with Charlie McCarthy was offensive to public taste. With a gross of \$37,838 recorded at a theater that is alleged to do an average business of \$16,000, the sexy lady can indeed give the horse laugh to those of us who try to prove in one way or another that refinement in amusement pays good dividends.

The West case is a clear one because the Paramount engagement was in conjunction with her latest flicker, "Everyday's a Holiday." The answer to the whole thing, we suppose, is that the public is not as much concerned about its moral well-being as some of us are led to believe by the spokesmen in the forms of clerics, reformers and politicians speaking for publication. The public will go where it feels fairly certain it will find escape, amusement and the other things that contribute towards getting it out of the rut of a humdrum and sometimes too strait-laced existence. Maybe those who exploit Mae West will wind up behind the eight-ball in the end. But so far they have shown remarkable courage in the face of great opposition. Time alone will tell whether they are playing the winning horse.

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BY THE TIME this reaches print most of our readers will have read a slew of laudatory comment about the late O. O. McIntyre. Anything we say now must necessarily fall into the anti-climactic brackets. But when we pay tribute to this genius of the Feature Estate we disdain journalistic showmanship. We pay this tribute in coin of the heart and with the sorrow that an apprentice feels at the loss of a master. For McIntyre was a master of observation, of phrase innovating and of painting word pictures that were as vivid as sunsets few of us are blessed with the opportunity of seeing often in our confined lives.

McIntyre was a pioneer among the successful personal columnists. He could have achieved a certain amount of fame as a keyhole peeper and as a weaver of scandal tales. He could have hurt personalities deeply with that trenchant pen that never faltered. He could have brought agony, fear and desperate anger into the lives of many whose public activities made bird cages of their home. But this small-town boy who never lost his small-town charm chose instead to act as Main Street's correspondent in the Big City. He charmed all who read him. And it is our guess that the estimate of 20,000,000 daily readers is way off. There must have been considerably more than that because we can well understand how a body might reach for McIntyre without bothering to read the rest of the paper in which his column appears. So well nigh half the nation enjoys this inoffensive, charming and talented soul. We mourn him as one who afforded us many hours of pleasure and enlightenment about personalities in which we are all interested.

There are widely read columnists who impose upon their readers with gossipy doodads about nonentities. Just as there are comedians who hurt themselves by exploiting their families in dialog. McIntyre was not like that when he reached the peak of his success. One read about the really important personalities in the theater, art, literature and sports in his daily column. Never could one take offense at anything Odd wrote; neither was one ever bored. Mac was a gentleman and just as humble and simple in his relations as if he were a poor clerk struggling to earn enough to finance a honeymoon. When we mourn Mac it is hard to say whether we miss the man or the scrivener more. In both respects he was tops.

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RADIO is neglecting an opportunity to really help itself when it refuses to co-operate with the film industry by protecting Hollywood's personalities from tattlers and snoopers. With vando and burlesque shot to pieces films represent the only real training ground for radio today. If radio is not careful it will kill the goose that is laying its golden eggs.

When television arrives it is safe to predict that about 90 per cent of native radio talent will be unsuited to the new medium. Films will be the only source of television talent until something else comes along. There should be more co-operation between films and radio than has been manifested of late.

Another angle that radio folks should be mindful of is that films are a straight commodity sold direct to the consumer while radio will have to remain in the give-away category as long as there is commercial sponsorship. What, indeed, would radio be today without commercial sponsorship? The branch that gives its product away must keep its hands clean. If it doesn't it will have less power to fight off lack of interest than a medium that grants no favors and asks none in return. Rather vague at first glance, perhaps, but worth thinking about.



E. E. SUGARMAN

As I See It

By DAVE VINE

I NEVER GOT A BREAK. . . . There is a new club being formed called the Five and Ten. Its membership is composed of fellows who were hobos and street kids in their youth. I understand that Jack Dempsey, Jim Tully, Ted Lewis and others are members. A name of mine rushed up to me today and asked, "Dave, were you ever a hobo when you were a kid?" I couldn't imagine what he was trying to get at, so I told him, "No, sir. I was a hobo, but I've never been a kid." After explaining why he had asked me, he said, "I'm sorry, but you can't be a hobo if you're over 30." I told him I couldn't see what difference it made. So I wasn't a hobo when I was a kid, so what?—I am now—DOESN'T THAT COUNT?

MAYBE I'M NUTS. . . . During the week newspapers carried the following: "Capone has suffered a violent collapse in Alcatraz Penitentiary. He suffers spells of melancholy. Penitentiary officials say he has not yet have made no report." It sure is a strange case. You know it puzzles me, too. Personally, for the life of me, I can't understand how anyone could possibly get melancholy in such a lonely spot as Alcatraz.

JACK WALLER, like most actors, wanted to go to Hollywood until he found out that HOLLYWOOD is where you have your face lifted and your features altered. He is one of those who don't know what an option is—13's a nervous breakdown on paper.

AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS around the theaters it takes something startling to thrill this writer, actress-median, or what have you. I understand that Judy Garland did just that when I caught her at Lowell's State. She'll! Which reminds me of another clever girl named Rose Marie. You no doubt heard of her. Rose Marie was a clever baby, but I think she has even more to offer the public than she has already done. All probability, will be the next one the picture scouts will grab. Speaking of picture scouts, why don't they listen in to Ethel Shepard (Broadway Musical Star) on the radio? She's got a great voice and she has what it takes. Only a year ago Judy Garland was on my air波段. I said then she was slated to be a star. And she is IF THERE'S EVER WAS ONE.

MOST PEOPLE wonder where stars come from. As a rule they right their way up. For instance, Ed Fitzgerald, after a long pull on WOR, is now coming to the top. . . . Abbott and Costello, who have been in show business for years, are getting more and more funny men (and they are). . . . Eddie Mack, whose imitations are tops, is tops. And Harry Bernay, who can dance with the best of them, has also been around for a few years and is just coming into the money.

I HAD MY WAY. . . . I'd abolish capital punishment (so would you after you read Charles Francis Pottier's story on it in Readers Digest). I'd pay \$100,000 each of the many people who wrote me such encouraging letters and tell them who booked that show for the home of the blind what he does he is for sending a silent picture and a juggling act. . . . I'd tell those people in Grand Central station who book girls to bring them to the bus station. I'd say that he is out of control. I'd tell the girls who book him his name in the pay roll somewhere and save the Howlers for later. . . . Of course, I can't do all these things; but I would—if I HAD MY WAY.

I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER. . . . That it is better to be 50 years young—than 40 years old. . . . Home is where the mortgage is. . . . You never count a man's years—until he has nothing else to count. . . . And it is better to have lived and loved—than never to have lived at all!

Chicago Chat

By NAT GREEN

CHICAGO, never much of a producing center for legit, has nothing comparable to New York's gang stories, last meeting place of the remains of many a production. But for nearly a decade it has had a fine "ghost cemetery," where the ghosts of old melodramas of Lincoln J. Carter, Charles Hale and Harry Clay Hanney, Ralph T. Kettering and other producers who labored in the old days of stage and screen in the Western States, it was a scene of feverish activity when such "melters" as *The Last Man Across the Pacific* and *In Old Kentucky* were being turned out. The huge hall by the bay, housed 13 frames for full-sized drops on counter-weighted frames and sets. The studio was built on a hillside overlooking property 10 years ago at a time when the legit decline was well under way and in recent years the studio became pretty much of a storage room for parts of old productions. Now it is being torn down and another landmark of the old theater past is gone into oblivion.

Having been impressed by the *What's the Matter With Burlesque?* communications, recently issued by the RKO Radio Co. in the Billboards to set off a series of tyros could have diagnosed the case. The socialite, society portions of the bill might have been lifted from a show of 20 years ago, are sickeningly unfunny and presented in a "soft-tail" manner. A "poem" about a burlesque dancer, who strips and dances, stripping and dancing, with only veiled implications of homosexuality and what-not. The production numbers, posing, dancing, stripping, were satisfactory and mildly entertaining, but according to the gorgous numbers we are used to see at Radio City Auditorium, it is safe to say that nothing in sight—and fewer "suckers" (pardon the pun) to draw from as time goes on.

Now that Dolly Kay is back at the Roxy-theatre, we'll again be hearing Dennis Cooney's favorite, *A Shanty in Old Shanty Town*. . . . Bozo Timboli, manager of the Stranger, off to California on a leave of absence because of ill health, and Fred Croce, who has been managing the Auditorium, succeeds Art Kaszel. Croce has given up his job as manager of the Auditorium because of the small-town bills. . . . Newest dance is *The Panda*, which is being offered by College Inn. The inspiration is the teddy-bear-like character of the animal. . . . The new attraction at the new Art Kaszel Room of the Bismarck smashed all records for past two years the week and before last when they had turnover crowds. . . . Return of Art Kaszel and the rest of the cast. . . . Peggy Richards, PECONI seen, sending out invitations to a Washington birthday party at the Moulin Rouge. . . . Eddie Chamber, of *Tonight at 8:30*, cast on for New York this week to start rehearsals of Dramatic School in which she will have leading role. . . . Hollywood and pictures. . . . Enquire, new Harry Behan (not B. & K.) theater, had a brilliant opening. . . . It's the last word in theater construction and comfort and with its advantageous location adjacent to the Gold Coast and its single feature policy it should be a winner.

ADCOX — Mrs. Mattie, mother of Shirley Ishley, musician, and Mrs. Lola O'Neil, widow of George O'Neil, assistant general manager of Howe Bros., Circus last year, recently in St. Louis. Burial in that city February 10.

ALLEN — Mrs. Anna, former ride foreman with the Art B. Thomas Show, February 14 in McKenney Hospital, Sioux Falls, S. D.

ALPERSON — Mother of Edward L. Alperson, president of Grand National Pictures, in Omaha recently.

ANDREDEPPY — Ferdinand, 57, European clown, in Paris recently.

ANNON — Mrs. Alice M., mother of John, 20, and Robert, 18, at the Coliseum Theater, Clarksburg, W. Va., and Karl and W. E. Annan, for the past few years with the Ringling Circus, survived by all their family in Phillipsburg, N. J. Was ill for 10 years. Also survived by her husband, J. C. Annan; two sons; a daughter; and a son-in-law. Burial in Masonic Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

BHOOGS — Jacob Ewing, 70, former exhibitor and theater manager at Martins Ferry, Ohio, February 15. Aaultman Hospital, Mansfield, Ohio. Survived by his widow, two daughters and three sons. Burial in Martins Ferry Cemetery, Ohio.

BLAKE — Mrs. Ethel, 20, of Sydney, Australia, when a mast of the ship on which he was filming scenes for an Australian film, collapsed.

BONOFF — Irving, 48, who with his brother Leo operated the recently built Sayreton Theater, Madison, Conn., and for 18 years thereafter, in that city. Survived by his widow, two children, his mother and his brother.

BRANCALEONE — Sam, 39, sister of James A. Pasananta, head of the J. & J. Novelty Company, Detroit, at her home in New York. Survived by her husband, Sam; a son and three daughters. Burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

CANTRELL — Sam, 71, musician and former vaudeville, February 10 in Los Angeles of pneumonia. He had trouped with numerous companies and other theatrical acts and performed with prominent orchestras as violinist. As composer he wrote scores for a number of films under Masonic and BPOE auspices.

CAPEHART — Charles, 69, president of the Capehart Company, specialist in theatrical advertising, February 13 at his home near Fishkill, N. Y., heart disease, following an illness of several months. Survived by his widow and a son, Bernard, Chicago. Services February 16 at Beacon, N. Y.

CARNEY — Mrs. N. G., vaudeville performer, February 17, Boston, suffering from a long illness. Known as "Boston's Maggie Cline," she played vaudeville for many years before the war and later was a stage club dancer.

CARY — Mrs. Leland C., 69, musical comedy soprano, February 19 in Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, after a month's illness. An amateur singer, she made her debut in 1886 in *Peplita*, and remained on the musical comedy stage for 10 years until her retirement following marriage. Survived by her husband.

COLEMAN — Joseph, father of Jyes Tawarayana, Japanese pianist and bongo player, recently in Georgetown, Mass., double pneumonia and a stroke. He had been ill four days.

DANIELSON — Percy, 51, carnival electrician, last year with Corey Greater Shows, February 19 in Lee Hospital, Indianapolis, Pa., bronchitis. Survived by his widow and five children. Burial February 17 in Bennoch Park Cemetery, Johnstonstown.

DODD — Mrs. Anna, 66, musical comedy soprano, February 19 in Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, after a month's illness. An amateur singer, she made her debut in 1886 in *Peplita*, and remained on the musical comedy stage for 10 years until her retirement following marriage. Survived by her husband.

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CORCORAN — Mrs. John, 69, musical comedy soprano, February 19 in Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, after a month's illness. An amateur singer, she made her debut in 1886 in *Peplita*, and remained on the musical comedy stage for 10 years until her retirement following marriage. Survived by her husband.

COTTER — Mrs. John, 69, musical comedy soprano, February 19 in Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, after a month's illness. An amateur singer, she made her debut in 1886 in *Peplita*, and remained on the musical comedy stage for 10 years until her retirement following marriage. Survived by her husband.

DAWSON — Mrs. John, 69, musical comedy soprano, February 19 in Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, after a month's illness. An amateur singer, she made her debut in 1886 in *Peplita*, and remained on the musical comedy stage for 10 years until her retirement following marriage. Survived by her husband.

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ELLIOTT — Mrs. V. E., 62, father of Mrs. Dorothy, 36, Democratic representative of the Ohio Fair Managers Association, February 15 at his home in Beloit, Wis. Burial in that city.

FORTIN — Mrs. John, 64, wife of Roy Poffett, maintenance chief for Balaban & Katz, recently in Chicago.

GALLO — Nata, identified with the Stevens Opera Company, died in that city of pneumonia. Survived by his wife, two brothers and a sister.

GARIBOLDI — Mrs. Irene, mother of film actors William M. and Edward P. Garibaldi, died in New York City February 14 following a heart attack. Born in Pittsburg, Mo., McIntyre never lost the small-town touch which made him a Manhattan column popular with an estimated 25,000 readers. He was born on Galilee Street, New York, and was a newspaper worker until 1911, when he became assistant to Ray Long, editor of *Cosmopolitan Magazine*. For a while he began writing a "New York letter" syndicated to 100 newspapers and during his third year he began writing a column on the side. Although McIntyre's most direct connection with show business was as press agent for such notables as Al Shean, Gene Buck and Eddie Cantor, he was well known for his vivid descriptions of theatrical life in his column. Surviving is his widow. Funeral services and burial were held in Galilee, O., February 17.

The Final Curtain

February 3 in Brooklyn. Services February 7 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Brooklyn.

GARIBOLDI — Alexandre, French composer of comic opera scores, in Aras, France, recently.

GETZ — George F., former owner of a printing firm near Holland, Mich., February 11 in Holland. Burial in Prospect Cemetery, Tonawanda, N. Y.

GLOVER — Mayor John D. Walterboro, S. C., and owner-manager of the Rita Theatre, Waterford, in that city February 7. His death, attributed to heart trouble.

HALLER — E. Thomas, 60, 30-year drum major for the old Pagoda Band, died in New York City February 10, 60, empty. Survived by three daughters and two sons.

HARRIS — Louis, 63, 25 years ago operator of Henne Bros. Shows and producer of kiddie rides, February 9 in New Braunfels, Tex. He retired about 10 years ago and survived by a daughter, Louise, a brother, Adolf, and a sister, Mrs. Theodore Tolles and Mrs. S. H. Price, all of New Braunfels. Services, all day, at the Hotel Alamo, New Braunfels, and burial in Cornthwaite Cemetery, San Antonio.

HEDGES — Mrs. John, 50, mother of John, 20, Dickie, 18, and George, 16, all students at the University of California, recently of pneumonia. Survived by her husband and three sons.

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20 years stage manager of Shea's Hippodrome Theater, Toronto, Ont., February 10 in St. Michael Hospital, that city. Survived by his wife, a daughter, Marshall; a daughter, Audrey, and a son, Lorne, also connected with the Hippodrome. Services from Miles Mortuary, Toronto, Feb. 11, and burial in Prospect Cemetery, Tonawanda.

MARTIN — Ben, for many years associated with his brother-in-law, the late Harry H. Hines, in his business, amusement house, February 13 at his home in Hermosa Beach, Calif., after a long illness. Services from White's Mortuary, Hermosa Beach, and burial in Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles.

MASON — Emma, 76, mother of the late Dick Mason, owner of the original Mason Manufacturing Company, recently in Hollywood.

MELIES — Georges, 77, pioneer producer of French films, in a Paris hospital February 13. He had been producing in 1895 and preceding it he became a fireproof hotel, built and developed Central Amusement Pier, and in 1926 he was president of the Million-Dollar Pier Company until recently, when reorganization was effected. Survived by his wife, a son, George, and a daughter by his first wife, Emma B. Shackford, Miami.

of the Green Bay musicians' union. He appeared for three seasons with a group of Walter Damrosch's musicians in Europe. Survived by three daughters, two brothers and a sister.

WHITING — Richard, 46, for 25 years a well-known composer of popular music, was born in Hollywood after a long illness. He composed the songs "Tulip Time" in *Halland, Japanese Mortuary*; "Sing Baby, Sing"; "Like a Fish Out of Water"; "I'm a Little Bit Blue"; and "I'm a Little Bit Blue." He was native of Peoria, Ill., and during his career wrote more than 100 songs.

WOLCOTT — George M., 58, make-up artist, February 13 in Hollywood. Burial in that city. Survived by widow, Callie.

WRIGHTSON — John L., 64, builder of Million-Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, died February 13 at his home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Starling as life guard in Atlantic City, he became a fireman in a hotel and later in a real estate promoter. He built Atlantic City's first fireproof hotel, built and developed Central Amusement Pier, and in 1926 he was president of the Million-Dollar Pier Company until recently, when reorganization was effected. Survived by his wife, a son, George, and a daughter by his first wife, Emma B. Shackford, Miami.

Marriages

BORDI-BUZZELLI — Andrew Biordi, of the Majestic Theater, Elwood City, Pa., and Mary Alice Buzzelli in Elwood City, Feb. 13. Church there January 24.

CAMPOS-MORGAN — Dr. Oswald Campos, 32, of New York, and Dorothy Morgan, dancer, professionally known as Miss Zee, Zee, in New York recently.

COLLINS-STEPHENSON — Charles H. Collins, 30, of Toledo, Ohio, and Dorothy Stephenson, 21, of Toledo, Ind., January 31.

FERREIRA-HOLLAND — Vincent Ferreira, 26, of New York, and Betty Marry Holland, cashier at the Mission Theater, Albuquerque, N. M., recently.

HILLER — Charles J., 31, of 12th Street and night club singer, and Ruth Greeley, actress model, in Chicago February 17.

HILLARD-MURPHY — Jack Hillard, singer at the Royale Frolics Club, Chicago, and Maureen Murphy, line girl at the College Inn there, in that city February 17.

HUTSON-McCLOUD — Thomas Hutson, 31, Louis, Elsie-O, formerly with J. T. McClelland, and Mary G. McClelland, Danville, Ind., recently.

KISSINGER-KUHN — Clyde Kissinger, manager and member of "The Two-Step" dancing outfit, in Milwaukee, Wis., and Kathleen Kuhn, nonpareil, of Dayton, O., in Cincinnati February 17.

LANGE-PORTER — Homer Lange, nonpareil, Chicago, and Janice Porter, lyric soprano of the Chicago City Opera Company, February 17.

LOWATER-BARNATO — Edward Morton Lowater, English actor, and Virginia Barnato, actress, in San Francisco February 17.

MASCHINO-PALMACE — Henry Maschino, of the Maschino juggling act, and Anna Palmace, of the Manila troupe, circus performers, in Branson, Mo., February 10.

MEERS-FRINK — H. M. Meers, architect, and Anna of Malibu, Calif., Ruth Frink, archer, and Laith Frink, in that city recently.

NEILSON-MIKE — James Neilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Neilson, and Mike, son of Janet and Lester Neilsen, in Washington February 17.

SNAPE-BERKELEY — Wilbur Snape, 26, of New Jersey, and Dorothy Berkley, actress, in New Jersey, and Betsy Berkley, actress, February 13, 1937. It was revealed last week.

ZAFFOS-OSBORNE — Gus Zaffos, architect, and Dorothy Osborne, of the Civic Theater, Oklahoma City, and Rosalie Osborne, nonpareil of that city, recently.

Births

A 7½-pound son, William, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levey in Lebanon, Ky., January 25. Father is a musician and mother is the daughter of O. E. (Batta) Taylor.

A 5½-pound daughter, Velma Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shafer in Scott City, Ky., February 1. Father is a well-known circus clown.

A 9½-pound daughter, Mabel, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Short in Franklin, Tenn., Wrightson Tent Show.

Ringling, DeBaugh Confer With Bary; No Other Ringling Show

PERU, Ind., Feb. 19.—Robert Ringling and Dan DeBaugh, manager of Ringling Chicago offices, were here yesterday in conference with Harry V. Bary, manager of "Hooverville" Wallenda Circus, and Ralph J. Clawson. Stated by Mr. Ringling that he was impressed by the work of the circus and that it had been inspired by the amount of fine sound oak that had been used in them. The color scheme appealed very much to Meeker, Ringling said.

It also was stated by Mr. Ringling that he was here to acquaint himself with the financial condition of the organization and conditions existing at the winter quarters and at the car shops at North Peru, headquarters for H-W activities.

Asked whether another railroad show would be launched under the Ringling banner and buildings erected, Mr. Ringling stated that there was no truth to rumors.

Mr. Ringling further stated that there was the most friendly feeling in both a

social and business way between management of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus and Mr. Bary and the new manager of the "Hooverville" circus. There may have been mechanical improvements and a new feature in Blaseman, Hindu fakir. He will be in the concert attraction

SABASOTA, Ia., Feb. 19.—Willard D. Coxey, pioneer Ringling press agent, is in constant demand as a speaker before groups interested in the circus business. Last week he addressed a meeting of the local branch of the American Association of Travel Agents, relating his experiences as a theatrical press agent. His reminiscences of the Ringling shows in the '90s will form the topic of his talk at the meeting of the Knights Club next week. He is also taking advantage of his presence here to gather material for his book.

William P. Dunn Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Big Show, returned to New York last week after a month in Sarasota.

North Bitten By Huge Ape At Sarasota

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 19.—John Ringling North sustained a painfully injured arm at quarter past seven yesterday morning when he came to the cage of orangutan the Great, New Ringling gorilla, and was seized and bitten by the huge ape.

The Gorilla grabbed the man's arm, pulled it thru the bars of his cage and bit his victim three times on the wrist and hand. Dr. Joe Bergin, Dr. Bill Kroener was able to club the beast away from the circus executive.

After first-aid cauterization of the ugly bite, Dr. Bill Kroener, Dr. Joe Bergin, show physician, North was rushed to the Joseph Halton Hospital for further treatment.

Following a telephone consultation with Prof. Robert M. Terres, head of the Yale University department of preventive medicine and one of America's authorities on anthroponoses, Dr. Halton injected 1,500 units of anti-tetanus serum in North's arm to check any possible lockjaw infection.

North was able to go to his home but was kept under observation for fear of infection. Circus men recalled that it was similar wild-animal bites that caused the death of John H. Sparks.

Bond for Shows At Moberly, Mo.

MOBERLY, Mo., Feb. 19.—The city council has just made a ruling that shows which have been held up bond in case of damage to streets. Reason is that a show last year did damage to one of them. Truck shows can be held on asphalt roads or on grounds just outside of city limits. This is the lot used mostly and motorized shows do not have to use city streets to get to town.

County circus license is \$5 to \$5 a day, depending upon admission charge.

Seals for Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT, Wis., Feb. 19.—The common council here has voted to permit Seal-sterling to show for one day this season, but struck out of the contract the provision that a permit or license or permit shall be granted to any other circus, menagerie, dog and pony or pony and animal show or exhibition here two weeks apart and two weeks after exhibition date."

Showmen's Club News

Circus folk interested in the activities of the various outdoor showmen's organizations will find the news of these in each issue of *The Billboard*, generally in the Carnival Department.

CIRCUSES

Communications to 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati, O.



WHILE FRANK BUCK (right) and John Ringling North, senior vice-president of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, place their signatures on the contract which makes Buck a star of the Big Show, a picture of him is shown in the background. Buck, who has been a star of the jungle, will be featured in the circus' new specie, "Nepal," and will have charge of the menagerie. At the close of the season he will lead an expedition into India to obtain new animals for the show.

Howe Bros. Show Sold

Frank West obtains animals — Joe B. Webb to manage Art Mix show

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Howe Bros. Circus, wintering at Orlando, Fla., has sold its entire program of West's World's Wonder Shows, completed a deal with O. N. Walters, manager of the U. S. Painting and Engraving Company, city, for art exhibits. The exhibits were shipped by rail and truck.

Management of property has been bought by a local attorney. Announces that Joe B. Webb, formerly with Seal Bros. Circus, will be manager of show, which will be presented in the Orange under title of the Art Mix Circus. Mix will be with show, which will move on trucks. Two trucks will move on advance, also two press agents and five billposters.

Warren Tank Receives
Order for Robbins Flats

WARRIOR, Pa., Feb. 19.—Warren Tank Company has received order for flat cars from Jess Adkins and Zack Terrell for Robbins Bros. Circus. They will be delivered as soon as possible. It is believed that the McCoy show cars are on the tracks here and will be painted blue and white.

Cole Bros.' Chi Dates

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Cole Bros. Circus will open season at the Chicago Stadium. Dates are April 15 to May 1. Contract with the Stadium was signed late last week.

George Smith's Rise in Circus Business; Started in Cookhouse

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—George W. Smith, the new general manager of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, has entered into a partnership with the Fournier-Sells Circus, working for Charley Bowens in the cookhouse. The show was managed by the late Al Charles. Other with the Fournier-Sells at time in executive capacities were the late Charles (Chick) Bell, Fred Warrell and Charlie Fournier.

Smith went to the Barnum & Bailey Circus in 1912 with Charley Henry in the cookhouse and was there until 1916. At the end of that period he became assistant to Frank McIntyre, then in charge of the front door. Successing McIntyre in 1920, he was charge of front door until 1927. In

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Dennie Curtis, who has the Zorah and Cuman Shrine circuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul, has put up one of the strongest shows he has ever had in the Twin Cities for several years and the engagements have steadily grown in size and scope. New Van Thilberg, youngest general business man and director, is general chairman for the Minneapolis engagement. Curtis is field man and supervisor, assembling and running the show.

Talent in the Twin Cities shows include DeCilo, come-in comedian, singing troupe, Misses Gandy and Smillette Trio, comedy ground班子; Harry Beatty, lion, tiger and elephant.

See DENNIE CURTIS on page 43

Smith Will Not Be With H-W; Mother Ill

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Mel H. Smith states that he will not be with Hagenbeck-Sawyer Circus, with which he had been connected, as he has been advised that he had wired his resignation to Howard Y. Barnum.

Plenty of the McCoy show cars are on the tracks here and will be painted blue and white.

Herb Duval With Big One

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 19.—Herb Duval, the city lad, will join with Tom Mix Circus, which opened its winter engagement at the Little Rock Auditorium, the Ringling-Barnum Circus this season. He has been in circus business for 25 years.

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1928, at time of resignation of Fred Warren, he became assistant to the late Carl H. Hathaway, serving in that capacity during the first half of the 1929 period and engaged in other pursuits.

In December, 1937, he was appointed manager of Al G. Barnes-Sells-Photo Circus at time of resignation of E. L. Barnes. He succeeded in January, February 5 he was at Baldwin Park, Calif., opening show ready. Then came the announcement of John Ringling North of his appointment as general manager of the R-B Show.

Mr. Smith is married, wife living at Worcester, Mass.

About what his hobby was, he stated: "Only thing I ever have had time to do was work."

New Tops for Beers-Barnes

New territory to be played — advance brigade enlarged — 20 vehicles

MIAAMI, Fla., Feb. 19.—While most of the equipment of the Beers-Barnes Circus is stored at Savannah, Ga., management has decided to bring it back. S. T. Jesop, of U. S. Tent and Awning Company, was here February 10 and an order was placed for new canvas for the top and sides of the tents. The new canvas will be used on top big and small bannisters for kid show. Old trim will be used on top big and marquee.

Trucks are being remodeled and all new sideboards, parapets, etc., will be added. Circus cards will manage the kid show and will have about 12 people.

Management will invade new territory and has enlarged the advance brigade and will have three billers. George R. Beers, who has been in the circus business with Herman Wilson, in charge of big top. Will move on about 20 vehicles and open near Savannah, Ga., about April 15.

Activity at Quarters Of Barnes-Sells-Flo

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Everything at quarters of Al G. Barnes-Sells-Photo Circus is in line. Foods and supplies are using a lot of lumber and heavy hardware. The Portland Jew and assistant manager, Jack Joyce, and Capt. W. H. Curtis and crew are getting along. George Tipton is getting along well with equipment. Capt. W. H. Wilson is at quarters daily, working on press matter. Jack Grimes will return to press team. The Reiffenbach Troupe will come from England in March to replace the Christians. Reported that opening date is to be March 20 at San Diego for two days.

George Cunningham with the Hollywood Girl contingent started rehearsal of dance numbers. Stated that wardrobes for girls were speedily prepared so that the interpolated dance numbers would be along new lines and some new solo voices would be heard in center stage. Capt. W. H. Curtis and crew are getting along. George Tipton is getting along well with equipment. Capt. W. H. Wilson is at quarters daily, working on press matter. Jack Grimes will return to press team. The Reiffenbach Troupe will come from England in March to replace the Christians. Reported that opening date is to be March 20 at San Diego for two days.

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The Corral

By ROWDY WADDY

ROSS SMITH, cowgirl bronc rider, is spending his winter in Dallas looking for a horse for a new trick riding number.

CHARLES BURTON is rodeo chairman for the Charro Days Picata, which is to be held in Brownsville, Tex., February 26-27.

POG HORN CLANCY, press representative for the JE Ranch Rodeo, at present handling publicity for Frank Wirth, will join the show March 15.

BILL AND MARY POSES, rodeo contestants after their recent tour of the western Chattaqua, Tenn. show, are visiting friends at Mountain Home, Ark.

MUTT J. RILEY WHEELOCK, leader of the JE Ranch Rodeo Indian Band, has been released from the Philadelphia Hospital after a successful appendectomy.

CLARENCE CORDRY, who turned the Indians at numerous Western rodeos last season, writes from Mission, S. D., that he is getting his dancers together for some of the early spring shows.

BUDDY MCFORD, calf and fancy pony performer at the Winter Show at Riverside Hotel, Manatee, Fla., recently was driving his own car seven days after the operation. He is in Pensacola, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. Vile Blackstone.

BUCK STEELE, who is wintering in Daytona Beach, Fla., has completed a new Liberty suit and his new message and jumping horses will be ready for the season's opening soon. Walter Davis and Coy Lee are assisting Buck at winter quarters.

PF. DODGE (In) Municipal Band, under the direction of L. E. King, has been contracted to furnish the music at the rodeo to be held in Sidney, La. this summer under American Legion auspices according to W. L. Englehardt, manager.

THE WILD WEST company featuring Tom Mix and "Tony" is reported to be playing to capacity crowds in Havana. About 3,000 attended the opening performance of the show, which the program also includes Bert Norrhus, Herman Newlin, Opal Woods and Art Keller.

CAPT. DAN FOX of the Spotted Horn Troop of the New York State Police, accompanied by Major Frank Zubler, of New York City, and Captain John L. Lockett, arena director, will visit the rodeo for a trip thru Texas. They will visit the Houston Rodeo and Fat Stock Show and be the personal guests of Reece Lockett, arena director.

COL. JIM ESKROW and son, Junior, left for the rodeo at Worcester, Mass., last week or the rodeo where Jim has been one of the feature trick ropers at the rodeo there. They were accompanied by George and Fred Gandy, who will also visit the Fort Worth (Tex.) Rodeo, where Col. Eskow plans to purchase several carloads of wild stock for the coming rodeo at Cleburne.

PLATO (BLINKY) HUFFMAN, who spent the past year on Billy and Whitey Hartnett's Wild West concert with the Lewis Bros. Circus, and who also was service as a clown with the X Bar X Ranch Rodeo, has been invited to appear at Warren, O., and playing theater dates in that territory. He advises that he would like to read some notes from Tex and Robert McCoy, Australian whip-crackers.

TOMMY HORNEE and wife, Midge, witnessed a lively one-man roast presented by Slim Welsh at Ray Hickson's Rodeo in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 13. Slim rode two bucking horses, stepped two bucking brahmas steers, dangled three Mexican steers and roped a couple of calves in less than 60 seconds. The performances and gave Welsh a hat filled with money.

IT SEEMS THAT Vivian White, of Ringwood, Okla., is not content with being the champion cowgirl bronc rider, as she has just signed up for the State Exposition and Fat Stock Show last year. She recently loaded her trick horse in a trailer and went to Fort Worth, Tex., to demonstrate her ability as a fancy

rider before Verne Elliot, who is managing the rodeo there again this year.

CONTESTANTS AND RODEO EMPLOYEES! Get you Social Security card and file it with your employer. The Social Security Act is now in effect. The United States Government says that you must have them not only for protection of your employee, but also to a stiff fine and a year in federal prison if they permit you to work without it. And, if you do not have it, we will be glad to give you any further information you desire.

THE BRAHMAS took their toll of riders at the rodeo held in Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 11-12, according to L. B. Burke of Glendale, Ariz. Among the injured were Larry (Blusty) Pecker, who sustained a fractured shoulder and several broken bones when he fell over a fence and stamped him. Jim Hasen sustained a brain concussion and lacerations about the head when his steer caught up with him and knocked him off the fence. Floyd Stillings suffered severe back injuries when he attempted to ride the show's top bronc, Red Gold.

SALINAS, CALIF.—Covered wagon and animal rodeo feature of the Pioneer Celebration held there was placed on a five-year constant improvement plan last week when G. P. Bachman, president and general manager, signed a five-year contract with Producer Lee Kramer, of Shawmut, Mass., who staged the first covered wagon rodeo in 1937 the show. According to the contract, Cremen must within five years build contests to set a point where they will surpass the present events as held national interest in addition to furnishing an entirely new show each year. In addition to 1937, new feature acts, new track performers and an increased prize list.

Cowboy Troupe Does Its Stuff as Justice Waits

GEORGETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Chuck Linn Cowboy, scheduled to appear in the town hall here February 8, found upon arrival that the hall was untenantable because of structural difficulties to a basement then in progress.

At 5 p.m. the trial was adjourned until 8:30 p.m., whereupon Linn, Maurice Johnson, and his troupe, were wondering where his entertainment was going to fit in. A hasty conference was called between the presiding judge, the district attorney and the sheriff, and it was at first decided to continue court in another part of the building. Later, however, the trial was changed and court was adjourned until after the conclusion of the show.

The court case was one which had aroused widespread interest and litigation. At 7:30 p.m., spectators and litigants found there was nothing to do until after the show began. Linn, however, waited to day, with the result that one of the largest crowds ever assembled in this village witnessed the entire performance.

A few spectators, inclined to be rather hostile, but as the entertainments preceded this feeling was away. Some spectators fell into spectators remained in their seats and court re-convened at about 10:15 p.m.

Model Builders' Activities

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Feb. 19.—The new headquarters for the Circus Model Builders and Owners' Association have been recently opened. Supply was sent to all paid-up members.

George H. Graf, Peru, Ind., has completed two more copies for his circus, which recently spent four days in New York City and broadcast on the Hobby Lobby program over the Columbia network.

Charles S. Stael, Camden, N. J., has added 10 trucks to his circus. Recently visited Coborn Schleiters, Long Branch, N. J., and will be in Atlantic City.

Kenneth Audibert, Littleton, N. H., has added a model of the R-B side-show panel truck to his circus. It has been on display in Boston.

Robert D. Good, Allentown, Pa., was recently visited by Charles E. Harlow, Woodbury, Conn., who was visiting with Stael, who saw the former's Great American Circus.

John Bennett of Charles Bennett was noted with regret as he was a friend of many members.

Charles H. Bennett, Bessemer, III., recently visited John H. Shepard and his

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Clarence Pfeffer, Johnstown, Pa., will be a big show ticket seller with Cole Bros' Circus.

Bert Eisenstein, Decatur, Ill., recently presented a model of the R-B hippo den to Ralph H. Miller, Memphis, Tenn., and a tawny leopard to Ossendix M. Potter, Toledo, Mich.

New members are Charles A. Davitt, Springfield, Mass.; Burtt L. Wilson, Chicago, and George B. Hubler, Dayton, O.

N. Y. Garden Rodeo To Run for 24 Days in '38

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Frank Moore, general manager of the annual Madison Square Garden World's Championship Rodeo, has announced that the 1938 edition of the big cowboy show would give 33 performances in 26 days. This is an increase in the Garden run-up for the last four years having been 19 days with only 26 performances.

The prize money will amount to \$45,000, Moore said, and bulk of stock will again be supplied by Everett Edwards and Harry Knight. Additional details will be given later, he said, when judges and buying of acts, have not been accomplished as yet.

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A. C. SPRINGS P. B. AGAIN

Mayor Moves For Holiday Biz

Amusement interests tie-ked over latest sign of activity for early season

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 19.—With the same audience with which he ordered it closed, Mayor G. D. White this week reopened the city's public浴室 in connection with a bill introduced in the Legislature by Assemblyman Frank Farley, Atlantic City. He would have the State legislature extend the closing of schools on Monday, thus prolonging week-ends and bringing additional crowds to New Jersey resorts. Principal days mentioned were Presidents' Day and Decoration Day, Fourth of July and Armistice Day. When these holidays fall on Saturday, they will be useless as far as resorts are concerned, it is contended. But the fact that similar closures in other states may not take place the date apparently has been forgotten.

Atlantic City Auditorium thru Public Relations Director Milt F. Hartigan is big business of spring activities to start this week with a private ice carnival for the 12,000 school teachers in town for the annual convention. Hartigan is also the new manager of the Nick as publicity chief and who was in charge until the bureau was closed. Don't worry, job of running the city was reappointed by the mayor, quashing the hopes of a half dozen aspirants.

Amusement interests are in keeping the city's public浴室 open for spring activities and bringing of additional week-end crowds which they had all but given up as a loss. The mayor has been given congratulations upon his move from amusement men.

Permit Given For New Pier

Brigantine site selected by Fedullo, who plans a night spot as feature

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 19.—Brigantine, the small island next to Atlantic Island and with a population of about 1,000, is expected to have a new 650-foot amusement pier over the ocean this summer. City council approved the project on February 12. Frank Fedullo, who submitted the application, said work would start soon. "For the past five years he has conducted a fisherman's club there."

Pier with a touch of modern construction and feature will be a night club at the ocean end. Garden Pier tried the idea once but did not put it over with any great success.

Brigantine's liquor ordinance would not allow an additional license, but because of the location and its proximity to the island and would provide additional revenue it hopes to pull from Atlantic City, city council amended the ordinance to allow operation.

Urge More Hotel Bookings

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 19.—Hotels were urged to go further into the entertainment field in booking good attractions, orchestras, special musical talent and the like. This was done by George Blair, travel expert of *The New York Times*, before Atlantic City Hotel Sales Managers' Association. He declared this measure would increase the tempo of the vacationer who wants his vacation hours crowded with as much amusement as he can get.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Leaving here on March 19, Joseph Deacon's "Wisecken's" will bring the world-famous "Circus of the Middle West" in behalf of Wisconsin's Heart o' the Lakes. Carried in a log-jubin trailer will be many specimens of the Badger State's fish and wild life.

Monday Holidays

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Michigan Flood Waters Routing Park Residents

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Thousands of people in St. Clair and Harrison townships of Macomb County, east of Detroit, were flooded by overflowing of the Clinton River this week and a dozen families have moved to the Valley, Ramona and Pulaski amusement parks when that area became inundated.

A bridge near Utica and a bridge near Schaefer road and 13 Mile road were washed out.

Community Building on Jonestown Free Street was one of several in the Portland area were affected. Grand River at Jonestown stood at 18.1 feet and still was rising, while rainfall there reached 2.63 inches.

More Features for Tuscora

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—Dancing at Tuscora, here, is getting a new floor and the building is being painted and new appointments added for a series of dances in April before the opening of the park. A general plan will again prevail, with traveling bands and district orchestras. Other park features will include new features before opening on Decoration Day.

Cuba May Aid Zimmy Swin

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—Charles Zimmy, noted legless swimmer who swam down the Hudson River from Albany to New York last summer, is here to demand a \$10,000 reward for his efforts. The sea is infested with sharks, he has been promised help from the Cuban government, which is expected to send a patrol boat with him.

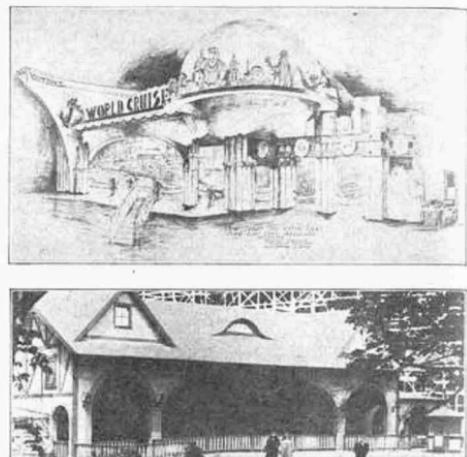
Wagner To Push Building

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Henry Wagner, manager of Eastwood Amusement Park here, is expected to return soon from his annual vacation. Park work has been progressing well and he continues rebuilding and is expected to take on added impetus in his return with final decision upon all plans for the season.

New Front of Glen Echo World Cruise Transforming Old Mill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Reconstructed Old Mill in Glen Echo (Md.) Amusement Park, renamed the World Cruise, has been officially opened for the first time of the 1938 season on April 16, said Vice-President and General Manager Leonard B. Schloss, who declares the new front is the most elaborate ever done by changing a park building front.

"This new front is of such originality that the attraction, as it now appears,



OLD AND NEW ARE STRIKINGLY SHOWN in the reconstructed Old Mill in Glen Echo (Md.) Amusement Park. Above: New front of renamed World Cruise, designed by Edward Schoepple, Philadelphia architect, of Alexander, Becker & Schoepple, and built under supervision of Joseph H. Hart. Globe Echo general superintendent. Eight elaborate scenes depict New York, Paris, Mexico, Spain, Italy, France, Holland, Land of the Midnight Sun, Syria, India and China. Globe is 28 feet in diameter. Below: Former front of Old Mill, built in 1931.

Paris Men To Bid For Space in N. Y.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Louis Berat, well-known Franco-American park showman, is headed for New York to seek concessions in the amusement zone of the New York World's Fair of 1939. With M. Faure, Paris showman, he has secured a big collection of wax-works figures depicting Paris night life and hopes to find a spot for setting them up at the exposition.

The figures are unusually lifelike. It is believed they are mechanically operated so as to give illusion of life. Collection has been one of the attractions at the famous Moulin Rouge dance hall, Montmartre, and depicts in realistic fashion night life of Paris.

Harry G. Traver wound up his affairs in the amusement park of the last Paris International Exposition, he is also headed for New York to seek concessions for rides and other attractions at the fair.

Young Death Takes A. C.'s Pier Pioneer

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 19.—Capt. John L. Young, credited with having been the first to introduce roller coasters in America and over the ocean as an amusement center, who passed away in his sleep at his West Palm Beach, Fla., home on Sunday morning. Capt. Young was 66 years old. In autumn following close of net hauls over which he presided at Young's Million-Dollar Pier here, General Manager C. G. and Mrs. Hill, the Pier attendants, attended the funeral in West Palm Beach yesterday, and employees of the pier, which is the largest and most popular offering as dail many others in all walks of life.

In 1888 he joined Stewart McLean's roller coaster company, operating first at Atlantic City and later at Myrtle Beach and the Boardwalk. In 1890 they bought what was then Applegate's Pier, which became Young's Million-Dollar Pier. Young was cautioned that such a structure would be swept away by the ocean. However, he planned the pier far out and had a theater, roller coaster, side show and other attractions.

It was here that Belasco opened his "Merry-Master" with Daniel Frohman in 1901. This was followed in 1912 not Captain Young, always a showman, had previously started the pier further out than any other in the country, as Young's Million-Dollar Pier, opened in 1906. It was here that he built his summer home, known as the "American," which was great at the time, in the political, social and world's social gathering.

MILFORD, Conn.—Lee Woitersbach is building a zoo here which when completed and stocked will cost \$100,000. Emphasis will be placed on breeding and development of anti-venomous serums.

York World's Fair or Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco," he said. "Cost of this reconstruction is about \$100,000. In its present form the building will be one of the features of the park and greatly add to the scenic beauty of the entire complement of attractions."

Designers of the new front are Edward Schoepple, Philadelphia architect, of Alexander, Becker & Schoepple, Philadelphia, and built under supervision of Joseph H. Hart, park superintendant.

N. Y. JUBILEE MEET IS BIG

Bad Practices Cited by Noyes

Commissioner hands delegates food for thought—numerous contracts made

NEW YORK. Feb. 19.—Convening in the Ten Eyck Hotel here on Tuesday, the golden jubilee meeting of New York State Association of County Agricultural Societies was dominated by Rep. George Holton V. Noyes, State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the program furnished ample food for thought for fairmen, executives, other business men and representatives of fields allied to fair business.

Commissioner Noyes, in principal address of the afternoon session, warned fair managers of practices and policies being followed in some instances to the detriment of all and future faults (See *N. Y. JUBILEE* on page 48)

Art Censorship Is Invoked By Connick for G. G. Expo

SAN FRANCISCO. Feb. 19.—Art figures in the 1938 Golden Gate Exposition must pass rigid censorship, declared Harris Connick, director-general. He said that he personally thought exhibits should be limited to what young children could put on the mantel at home and he predicted that nothing at the fair would offend good taste.

Director Connick's rise of a problem by passing on to the architects the undraped creations called Abundance and Plenty, which he had seen in art shows when Benjamin Bufano submitted models for figures to be erected on the shores of Green Lake, began the discussion.

"The architectural commission can pass its judgment on them too," said Connick. Bufano's models are of a nude man and a nude woman, one of whom is a woman who has a robe of quaint design which reveals much more than it conceals.



H. W. (DICK) NOLEN, re-elected secretary of Franklin County Fair, which is credited with having organized that annual from "just another fair" to one of the best in Southern Illinois. A member of the Illinois State Fair Board, he finds time aside from his business and secretarial duties to devote to starting racing with widely known efficiency.

Benefits Seen By Officials in N. Y. Extension

ALBANY, N. Y. Feb. 19.—The 1938 New York State Fair, Syracuse, will run from Aug. 25 to Sept. 12, 1938, and the rule in the past, announcement of extended dates was made by Commissioner of Agriculture V. O. Benjamin, State Department of Agriculture and Markets, following conference with Dr. Albert L. Brown, fair director.

Officials say the longer time will make it possible to vary exhibits to eliminate overrunning, induce manufacturers to

(See *BENEFITS SEEN* on page 49)

Additional Aid Promised Boards In Louisiana Means Free Gates For All Except Two Big Annuals

LAFAYETTE, La. Feb. 19.—Harry D. Wilson, state commissioner of agriculture and immigration, promised delegates at the annual meeting of Louisiana State Association of Fairs in the auditorium of Southwest Louisiana Institute here on February 11 a considerable increase in State aid bill, for additional funds to be provided by the Legislature. Thus far old Mr. Wilson plans to have all fairs, except the State Fair, Shreveport, and South Louisiana State Fair, Donaldsonville, adopt a free-gate policy.

Apportionments of additional funds will be on a ratio basis to be graded as to quality of exhibits, service rendered and other factors to be considered. Commissioner Wilson told the delegates that in applying for an in-

ESE Chalks Up Big Operating Period in '37; Execs Renamed

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Feb. 19.—At Eastern States Exposition's annual meeting here on February 7 it was reported that the fair had a net profit of \$100,000 in the past 12 with exception of 1933. Net profit for 1937 was \$20,296.29 after depreciation with cash on hand \$52,424. The board of trustees voted to turn over 100 acres of land to Connecticut for a new State building, construction to start (See *ESE CHALKS* on page 49)

Wells, Clinton Progressing

CHICAGO. Feb. 19.—Toby Wells and Bert Clinton, operators of Performers Consolidated Attractions, report that their recent trip to the Illinois fair confirmed their spring tour will be of much more scope. They report that their bookings are well ahead of last year's going.

gross in State aid sufficient local interest in the fairs must be demonstrated particularly thru appropriations by school boards and police juries to justify the requests.

Fairs numbered 27 represented 23

fairs and an almost equal number of

(See *ADDITIONAL AID* on page 48)

Cuban Expo Opener Good

Mix troupe draws capacity stands—placing of exhibits on grounds delayed

HAVANA. Feb. 14.—Large attendance marked opening of the first annual Cuban National Industrial Fair and Exposition February 12 and 13, after which exhibits had not been placed on some small construction was going on. Concession games and coin-operated (See *CUBAN EXPO* on page 49)

Utah W. F. Body Selected

SALT LAKE CITY. Feb. 19.—Governor Blood named E. O. Howard, Salt Lake City, to head the New York committee; Frank M. Browning, Ogden, chairman of the San Francisco committee; and H. Holmes, manager of Utah State Fair, as finance officer, in charge of exhibits for the East Coast. The Legislature appropriated \$25,000 for a display in San Francisco and \$37,500 for a New York exhibit. E. J. Fieldsted, secretary of the Ogden Chamber of Commerce and manager of annual Ogden Livestock Show, has been recommended to direct live-stock activities of the San Francisco chapter.



SOME OF THE DELEGATES AT ANNUAL MEETING of Louisiana State Association of Fairs in Lafayette on February 11 were photographed on campus of Southwest Louisiana Institute, which was host to the convention. Third man from the left, front row, is R. S. Vickers, Donaldsonville, past secretary-treasurer; fourth man, P. O. Benjamin, Tallulah, new secretary-treasurer. Next men in front row, left to right, President Harry D. Wilson, State commissioner of agriculture; William R. Hirsch, Shreveport, vice-president; President William Boerne, South Louisiana State Fair, Donaldsonville; Frank B. Joerling, The Billboard, St. Louis; Art Briese, Thearle, Duffield Fireworks Company; S. B. Doyle, World Exposition Shows; Dr. H. J. LaFarque, president of Sulphur Fair, and Cliff Liles, head of Park Amusement Company.

BENEFITS SEEN—

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show production methods with working exhibits and exhibits which afford more opportunity to increase displays, make changes in night show programs and devote one week to grand circuit harness shows with contests given to motor stunts and races on the mile track.

Plan is to change attractions at end of each week to encourage larger attendance. George A. Hamid office, New York, has been awarded the grand stand contract, supplying a review and circuses, while the carnival will be held half and added attractions during the second half. Hamid show will be entirely new to Syracuse, while the State Show, Otaris, sensational flying-return number, which appeared there last year. Contracts for fairway amusements has not been announced.

Among new features planned will be Mayors' Day, when municipal heads throughout the State will be invited. A formal opening will be made on the first week. Dr. Brown said, and tentative plans call for widely known radio artists. Oscar Hammerstein II has agreed to have pledged full co-operation in presenting the harness horse race program.

"The State maintains an expensive and difficult position which can be used only one week out of the year," said Commissioner Noyes. "This doesn't seem like a business proposition, but it will enable the State to derive greater profits from its investment without much additional cost. We expect that the two-week fair will be self-supporting."

ADDITIONAL AID—

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Local fairs and associations attended. Boards were elated over the promise that they would shortly secure considerable aid from the State and engaged in much discussion after the talk of Commissioner Wilson. William R. Hirsch, Shreveport, reported for the committee which had been appointed to conduct last year's session to look into the advisability of making all fairs of the State free fairs and proposed appropriate additional funds according to standards and needs of the fairs. The committee is working on a plan to judge all fairs and will submit a report to the State Commissioner as to the amount of aid each should receive. Mr. Hirsch said information on the new session was to be sent to attendees and local and State aid to determine what additional steps will be necessary to provide free gates for all the fairs.

Byron P. Belote, Many, advocated that steps be taken to reduce State Licenses that are issued to small and medium enterprises when playing Louisiana fairs. According to showmen, these licenses are in some instances almost prohibitive. A motion was made to postpone the adjournment of the meeting until the next day to investigate. Mary Mims, extension worker, suggested that in order for the public to assess the value of the fairs, a committee be appointed by fairs to conduct visitors thru departments and displays. S. M. Jackson, State supervisor of vocational agriculture, said that plans and arrangements would probably be made for service of Four-H Club members and other agencies in carrying out the proposed resolution.

Benjamin Succeds Vickers

R. S. Vickers, Donaldsonville, for 25 consecutive years secretary-treasurer of the association, died January 20, having been from the fair field, in which he has been for the past 30 years, to enter a commercial business. Many delegates spoke of his great services to the association and he was given a rising vote of thanks, and a committee was appointed to draw resolution of sympathy.

O. G. Benjamin, Tallulah, was elected secretary-treasurer, and Commissioners Wilson and Mr. Hirsch were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices respectively. Eunice was selected as the 1939 meeting place.

Annual banquets at 2 p.m. in the dining room, with Southwest Louisiana Institute as host, was attended by more than 100. Dean L. E. Frazer, president of the Institute, was in charge of dinner and introduced Rex McCullough, publicity director, and J. L. Fletcher, dean of the school. Both men gave short talks. Mr. Wilson, as emcee in his imitable style, called on guests for short talks, including Mrs. Mabel Moore, a graduate laureate of the association; Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Hirsch, Art Briscoe, Frank B. Soering, The Billboard, St. Louis.

Attractions Men Attend

Audience and attraction people present included: John B. Ward, B. Ward Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downs, Snapp Greater Shows; Cliff Davis, Dave Leachman, Park Show; Jim Clegg, Clegg Shows; Longhorn Shows, T. A. Fowler, Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills; Ralph R. Miller, Miller Bros. Circus; Eddie Powers, Powers Shows; Harry Burk, Burk Shows; F. S. Triangle Poster Printing Company; Buddy Lyons, Lyons Co. Miners; Harry Burk Company; Harry Burk, Burk Shows; W. W. Nall, E. H. Atchison, G. W. Nall Shows; H. L. Leggette, Leggette Shows; Harry V. LeVan, LeVan's Attractions; J. E. Peirce, Peirce, State Shows; M. C. Caperton, Caperton Manufacturing Company; Dick Halke and J. E. Clayton, outdoor showmen.

Louisiana State Fair was represented by Mr. Hirsh, Joe Monson and Irving Ray. George Freeman, president, was absent for the first time in many years due to illness.

Dick Halke and J. E. Clayton, staging horse contests in Louisiana cities, reported much success. Mr. Halke said he had come from Montana, where temperature read 40 below zero.

Bernie Shapio and George Crockett, Triangle Poster Printing Company, reported good business in show and fair contracts.

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and friends attending.

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Newton New President

Jacob C. Newton, Hamburg, was elected president of the association, replacing David Miller, Penn Yan, John S. Stover, Webster, and substituted for president: John P. Williams, Troy, second vice-president William A. Duedee, Utica, third treasurer and W. W. Harbin, 40 year secretary of the organization. He was unanimously re-elected.

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Amplification services for business sessions and banquets were installed this year courtesy of Roeller Amplification Service. Banquets were donated by E. G. Staats & Company.

Attractions, Carnivals Announce Fair Contracts

Mr. Hamid announced the following fair dates agreed to use Hamid Grimes and showmen 1938: Dunkirk, Morris, Walton, Fonda, Schaghticoke, Balston Spa, Altamont, Rochester, Syracuse, Oswego, All-State Maine Fair and the Ontario, Ontario.

On October 1, O. C. Buck Shaw, announced signing of Billie Hitchey, high diving act, for 10 weeks with his show, beginning Oct. 1, at Utica, followed by New Haven, Conn., and Boston, Mass., and ending at Worcester, Mass.

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Rinks and Skaters

By CLAUDE R. ELLIS
(Cincinnati Office)

SECRETARY Fred Martin, Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States and general manager of Arena Gardens Rink, Detroit, was in Cincinnati on February 10 for a conference with General Manager William F. Sefferino of Sefferino's Rollerdrrome, where the 1938 national amateur speed roller-skating championships will be held on April 2 and 3. He has emphasized that all rink managers, operators and clubs should send in applications for membership in the RSROA in order that their skaters may be eligible to be eligible to enter the Cincinnati race. Many important questions, he said, will come before the new rink operators' organization at its meeting on April 1. Secretary Martin's office has sent to all members an exhaustive prospectus on the aims of the association, together with sample forms for applications, competitions and proficiency tests. He indicated that unexpected speed progress is being made toward developments which may mean that roller skating will be included in the Olympic Games.

LINCOLN CITY RINK, Pittsburgh, has registered skaters in a figure-skating class taught by Mille Opatry, with enrollment coming in daily, said Manager Harry D. Ruhman.

LOWELL CHRISTIAN, formerly of Monterey Roller Rink, Spokane, Wash., who operated the Rollerdrrome in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, past three months, opened the Rollerdrrome in Dayton, Wash., on February 3.

AFTER closing in the Rainbow Room, Stamps' Club, Philadelphia, Whirling Sentiments, Renee and Evans Brothers, opened at the Club Del Rio in suburban Philadelphia, a return engagement, reported William Evans.

SHEPHERD'S RINK, opened in Hamptons, on Long Island, in the heart of the city, on December 30, by Harry L. canvas covering, spectators are admitted free and skating is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Three instructors are on the staff, with four day and two night sessions daily.

GLEN C. RICHARD, who has opened the Rollerdrome in Spokane, Wash., six years ago, has an enthusiastic club of 100 fancy skaters who had to learn to glide while cakewalk and cakewalk while gliding. He estimates that 2,000 local skaters can glide with him.



WILLIAM F. SEFFERINO, general manager of Sefferino's Rollerdrrome, Cincinnati, who will host the April 2-4 entrants in the national amateur speed roller-skating championships and annual speed roller-skating competition of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States. Left: Secretary of the RSROA and general manager of Arena Gardens Rink, Detroit, was in Cincinnati on February 10 to confer with him.

Lawrence Lyons, club president, is a Hubbard floor manager with Charles Kline and Claude Nelson.

SECRETARY Angus Flagg reports special photo postcards of Norwood (O.) Roller Rink with Manager Edward J. Von Hagen, who were presented to the 3,200 members of Norwood Roller Club, announcing the mardi gras party on February 21 when awards were given for the best costumes. The program was arranged and Organist Ruth Herrich and orchestra featured trumpet arrangements. Juvenile Skaters' Club, meeting Saturday afternoon, has more than 100 members. The first roller contests have been won by these couples: Edna Keese, Joe Keeenick, twin waits; Mary Lou Clarke, Howard Herman, rump-trot; Carolyn Patrick, Bertie Dunnell, bigdog; Norwood swing, Cora Lear, Bob Pettit.

AFTER an engagement for Manager Fred Martin in Arena Gardens Rink, Detroit, W. H. (Billy) Carpenter, nationally known exhibition skater, will play about a month of dates in Ohio and Michigan rinks.

DUO SPINNERS, Elwood Kriebel and Betty Geraudek, were winners in the 1937 national amateur speed roller skating and spinning championship contest in Walnut Skating Palace, Allentown, Pa., and also appeared in American Professional Winter Show, Palm Gardens, Phillipsburg, N. J. Act will again appear in Palm Gardens week before Easter.

EXCELLENT big is proposed by Capt. Fred Martin, proprietor of World's Roller Rink, Detroit, open nights from 8 to 11 except Monday. He is ordering 100 pairs of skates to provide for increased business and, Capt. Fred, shake boys, have been with him since opening of the rink.

TOO MUCH credit cannot be given Fred Martin and others who contributed him in organizing the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States. It has brought together 100 rink operators from 20 states from all over the country and creates a more brotherly feeling among them," writes E. M. Moor, Sefferino's Rollerdrrome, Cincinnati. "We are always sharing ideas with one another in a business way and seeking innovations to keep roller skating before the public. The recent announcement of the death of two former highlights in the game is quite a contrast to a case which happened several years ago. A well-known team of skaters did not die in a Midwestern city and at the same time five other well-known acts were playing in the city. Not one of them visited nor offered a word of comfort to the widow and son of the deceased. We are in the

Much is to be done for betterment of conditions and every worth-while operator should lend support and attend the first annual meeting in Cincinnati on April 1-3. It is a fitting compliment to the ability and spirit of the men of the RSROA that the association chose the Rollerdrrome to be scene of the first annual meeting. The operators' interest for speed and figure skating and dance step honors, will draw foremost amateur roller skaters from every State in the Union."

WINNERS at the 1938 Detroit amateur speed roller-skating meet in Madison Gardens Club, 1000 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, were: Men, 440 yards—First, Lester G. Goss, 43.6 seconds; Second, third, Norman McGinnis, Arenas Gardens Club, 850 yards, Irving Reznick, Norman McGinnis, Arenas Gardens Club; 1000 yards, Eddie H. Haskins, Club 60, Gladys Baldwin, Irving Reznick; Two-mile race, Irving Reznick; Alfred Walkley, Arenas Gardens Club; Jim Sellick, Arenas Gardens Club; Helen Reznick, Don Hamel; Alfred Walkley, Arenas Club; Women, 440 yards—Helen Fleese, Virginia Hancock, Jack Foch Pech, Helen Ziegler, 43.6 seconds; Beatrice Hancock, Jack Foch Club; Mary Ziegler, Helen Fleese, Gladys Baldwin, Arenas Club; One-mile, Beatrice Hancock, Jack Foch Club; 1000 yards, Helen Fleese, Points won: Madison Gardens Club, 60, Arenas Club, 80, Arenas Gardens Club, 60, Men's record by points: Irving Reznick, 100, 1000 yards, 43.6 seconds champion; Don Hamel, second, 80 points; Lester Goss, Norman McGinnis and Alfred Walkley, Arenas Gardens Club, tied for third place, 80 points. Races were sanctioned by the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States. Successful contestants in the championships and circuit titles could be in Madison Gardens to determine 1938 rink champions were Virginia Stebbins and Stanley Dugan, winners of the 1000 yards; and Richard Tettlinger and Jeanne Groulx, winners of the circle waltz.

MICHIGAN state amateur figure skating championship meet for men and women will be held in Arena Gardens Rink, Detroit, on March 15-18. Robert Martin, assistant manager, anticipates attendance of 3,000. Skaters will enter singles and women's singles, and two couples will be entered from every club in the association in Michigan.

ROLLER RINK in Tuscola Park, New Philadelphia, O., will be reopened within weeks. It was discontinued there on February 1 because improvements to the building by the city park board, in charge of its operation, Mr. H. (Bury) Carpenter, who has managed the rink several months, will be retained.

YOUNG DEATH

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ered. It was on this pier that Diamond Jim Brady had a special box, Captain Young, his personal visitor, John L. Sullivan bought tickets for the neighborhood and all big stage shows played. Captain Young always played over rabbit holes, one of the outstanding pier attractions.

Plans for net hauls at Easter had been planned. Whether this will be carried out is not now known, but the hauls will be part of the summer program, and No. 1 Atlantic Ocean will be kept on a museum.

LONG ISLAND

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proposed to succeed him, the recently ended Jameson music hit it'll prove conclusively L. I. is one of the best walkathon locations.

CHICAGO: Biggest news of the week was announcement of Chamber of Commerce that it proposes to advance officially the proposal to construct a huge pier, extending several thousand

feet out into the sea, off Beach 56 street. It's the brainchild of Andrew J. Kenny.

Gang that routed itself to Miami for the winter is returning quickly and its morale is poor. New type of jetties being built at Aracoto, costing more than \$100,000, is arousing much curiosity, since they are designed to hold back sand in fortifying the shore against the sea. The jetty, instead of being made to resist violent onslaughts of waves, is designed to let them pass, permitting water to flow thru.

LONG BEACH: As main step in his campaign to beat Long Beach, Mayor Edwards has appointed George L. Edwards, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Talent booking agents already buzzing around, trying up spots. Valentine's Day, the most popular matinée foot races from City Hall, New York City, to City Hall here. Event always reaped a raft of publicity.

CUBAN EXPO

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antennae machines appeared to get a big plus.

Delay was because military forces that had occupied the grounds for instruction and drill did not vacate until last Friday. The first show was delayed because of the arrival of the legless swimmer, Charles Zimmy, who is preparing for a Havana-Miami swim.

The Cuban Government, Madrid, Inc., is in charge of the Four Mix troupe, assisted by Joe Bowers, personal manager for Mix. They brought over 25 head of cattle, 100 horses, 100 ponies, 200 steers and other cattle equipment.

In the Mix troupe are Jack King, director of the arena; John Crowther, clown, with his monkey; Art Keller, bucking bronco, steer riding and horse roping;

Herman Nolan, trick and fancy roping; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland, trained animals; Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, O'Brien Woods, trick rider and champion horse ropers; Neil Tromby, trick riding, and others.

Sunday's crowd filled the stand to capacity at afternoon and night performances, which begin at 5:30 and 9:30. Admission to grounds was put at 20 cents with grand-stand tickets 40 cents.

ESE SKATE

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2000, with dedication scheduled for the 1938 ESE. The Legislature appropriated \$33,000, to be realized by public subscription.

Joshua L. Brooks, president since the ESE was organized, was re-elected. Treasurer George M. Williamson reported \$12,000 in cash on hand, \$128,755.95 represents value of land, buildings and equipment. Election results: Vice-presidents, Harry G. Flisk, Sam S. Johnson, James J. Robertson, Wilson H. Lee, Ned Hayes, C. W. L. Cummings, South Berwick, Me.; E. Kent Hubbard, Middlefield, Conn.; treasurer, George C. Williamson; managing treasurer, John J. Conlan; Albert C. White Jr., general manager; Charles A. Nash, New trustee are W. H. Dickinson, Hatfield; Wallace H. Bradley, Somersworth, N. H.; Ruth E. Ringe, N. H.; E. H. Sanderson, Pittsfield, N. H.

Appointments for 1938 announced by Andrew L. Williams, general manager; Milton Danzer, director of publicity, J. H. Field; superintendent of grounds, Edmund J. Roberts.

LOUDONVILLE, O. — Secretary D. K. Andrews, Loudonville Free Street Fair, is flooding the district with return post-cards on which patrons of and exhibitors at the fair are asked to fill in suggestions for new displays and features and contests. A souvenir premium list is to be put out.

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Frank West Buys Animals

Announces a large trained wild animal show as one of this year's features

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 19.—Upon recent arrival at quarters, General Manager Frank West, of West's World Wonder Shows, announced that he closed contracts for the "Maurer & Hechte" attraction, the "Thriller" staged by Crash Dunnigan of Boston, as a feature attraction. A deal was also consummated by West with the S. P. Farnsworth Company whereby West purchased the entire lot of wild animal acts that had previously been with a mounted western wild animal act. Other acts are a trained boxing kangaroo, lion, bear and a trained pony act of six ponies. These animals were stored at Orange, Tex., and were en route to New Orleans in a 24-foot all-steel semi-trailer, also purchased at that time. A steel arena and other props are being prepared for the new animal acts in addition to the several wild animal sets purchased during the winter will make one of the largest trained wild

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Allan Herschell Enlarges Plant

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Allan Herschell Company, Inc., announces that an increase in orders to date and the prospects for 1938 have prompted them to make an addition to their manufacturing plant. This work is now under construction, according to the company, and will be completed in time to return from the Tampa Fair with additional orders for the firm's new combination ride and funhouse, which is titled "HO-LO-CO."

In speaking of the orders in hand and prospects for future business and other matters, Mr. Herschell stated: "We are very pleased. The *Billboard* 'Actual orders received by us for the combination funhouse and ride prompts' the Allan Herschell Company to urge its customers so that we can advantageously cope with our business increase. In addition to the funhouse we have a new addition for our new streamlined Carousel" (See ALLAN HERSCHELL on page 66).

Bockus To Manage Winters' Shows

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Feb. 19.—Curtis L. Bockus, last season general manager of Standard Shows, and Harry Winters, head of the Curtis L. Bockus Shows, has joined hands with Harry H. Winters and will set as general manager of the Winter Exposition Shows for the 1938 season.

Many innovations are being planned and new expenses will be incurred to make the shows outstanding. The rides owned by Winters are now being renovated and repainted. New trucks and trailers have been added to the fleet. Shows will move on 12 trucks and in three baggage cars. Mrs. Winters has run her new packages since over 100,000 tickets the last seven weeks. It was a Christmas gift from her husband.

Free attractions will be featured, booked by the Dushoff, G. C. Rossetti office of George A. Hamid, Inc. Reported by Carl O. Bartels.

Gooding on Tour; Books Ind. Fairs

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—P. E. Gooding, executive head of the P. E. Gooding Amusement Company, who has been on day on a business mission and visited The *Billboard* office, after a tour which covered a greater portion of the Eastern States.

He made his annual visit to the Tampa Fair and again came away with high satisfaction. He also visited the city which purchased the midway there. While in Tampa he placed an order with Harry R. Ward for a Boomerang ride which is to be delivered to the Gooding head-

(See GOODING ON TOUR on page 69)



MARY EDITH LOROW, professionally known as Ginger Ray, the youngest performing dancer of a long line of midway workers. Her father, Pop Lorow, was once a pit show operator but for the past 10 years has been a concessionaire. She is living freakish attraction. Ginger was starred by Raynell and Her Gang in "Chez Farce" last season and is seen here backgrounded by two other beauties of this show which played to record crowds during the tour. Photo by Jack E. Budwell, show's staff photographer.

Giroud and McLaughlin Organize New England Motorized Carnival

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Consistent with a previous announcement that he would organize and take out his own carnival business, John Giroud, of Orange, Conn., who has recently come from Florida and has perfected his plans for the new enterprise and opened his office here, is now in conjunction with P. J. McLaughlin, well known in outdoor show business, he organized the new and under construction New England Motorized Carnival, which has been incorporated and is now a going concern.

In connection with the above's office this week and remained for two days in conference with Giroud, following which he announced that all details of the new venture had been worked out and had been perfected. He then went to Albany, N. Y., and attended the opening of the New York State fair last weekend, where he met with the contractors. From there he returned to his home in Pennsylvania, where his rides and show properties are in quarters, and started men to work reconstructing and painting the equipment.

William J. Giroud was general manager of the New England Shows, Inc., during the 1937 season and in January, 1938, came to Miami this winter, during which "layoff" he laid the foundation for the New England Motorized Carnival.

The new organization is headed by William J. Giroud, general manager; P. J. McLaughlin, business manager, and Ross Manning, general representative. Much work remains to be done, particularly to the road this week to line up the early bookings of both the dates of which will be played under auspices.

In speaking of plans for the New England Motorized Carnival Giroud said to a reporter for *The Billboard*: "We plan to open the first of April and to cover the motorized field and find that the committees contacted are in a most receptive frame of mind as to contracting a new organization."

Line o' Two of News

ORANGE, Tex., Feb. 19.—Miller's Great American Show has been booked for midway by Orange County Fair Association event in October. Frank Clark, president, announced this week.

JASPER, Tex., Feb. 19.—Roy Gray booked the Texas Longhorn Show for the Jasper County Fair in October, fair officials said Monday.

REYNOLDSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 19.—Herb Shulman, manager of the All-American Shows, announced here Monday that Els Carver, high diver, had been booked as a free attraction for this season.

SANDERSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 19.—On a visit to the city for J. Fontana, general agent L. J. Heth Shows, announced the booking of the fairs held annually in Hawkinsville, Ga., and Jasper, Ala.

LAFAYETTE, La., Feb. 19.—At the meeting of the Louisiana Association of Midway Operators held here Saturday following carnival, reported bookings: Jack Downs for Snapp Greater Shows; Ralph E. World, "Exposition" Shows; Ralph E. Miller, "Exposition" Shows; John R. Ward, Harry R. Ward Shows, and Harry Burk, Harry Burk Shows.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Feb. 19.—While at the last meeting in Lafayette last week, Cliff Ladd, manager of the fairs which are putting out a carnival under the title of the Park Amusement Com-

pany, Dave Lackman, last season general manager of the State Fair Shows, is listed as the general agent for the new enterprise.

LAFAYETTE, La., Feb. 19.—While at the fair meeting here last week, C. E. Johnson, manager of the fairs representing the shows bearing his name, stated that he closed contracts for some fairs, which places and dates to be announced later, and that he had accepted bookings in the Evansville, Ind., while here.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 19.—L. E. Longton, concessioner of this city, stated here this week that he booked his concessions for the season with Marks Shows and the Wisconsin Broadcasters in time for the opening of the season.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 19.—Max Goodman, executive head of the Goodman Wonder Show, announced here last week that he had re-engaged Harry Williams, general manager of his organization and that this season he planned to have one press agent in advance and another back with the show.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Feb. 19.—C. D. Crump, general agent Sam Lawrence Shows, has been engaged by the business in connection with booking the show.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 19.—Among the Cuban shows which are on vacation here this week are Ben Williams and (See LINE O' TWO OF NEWS on page 69)

Marine Hippo Opens Season

Press of New Orleans cooperates—show to remain until after Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 19.—After a six week layoff by the Mammoth Marine Hippo, No. 1 railroad unit of the Pacific Whaling Company opened the 1938 season yesterday.

An advantageous location was secured on the Illinois Central Railroad tracks in the heart of the city at Poydras and St. Peter streets.

A tie-up with *The New Orleans Item* and *The New Orleans Tribune* enabled the show to receive maximum publicity in the campaign. That coupled with the 15-minute daily remote-control broadcast from the whale car thru the WDSU station here, and with Capt. Mike Dolan's two daily broadcasts over Station WDSU, New Orleans, General Agent Macom E. Willis, and his staff, are keeping engagement thru the Mardi Gras week.

M. C. Hutton, president and general manager of the Whaling Company, who has been spending the winter months in Miami, visited the show for the opening. Every member of the public is invited to a free party ready as B. E. Banks unit manager, and a crew of men had been

(See MARINE HIPPO on page 69)

Spillman Head Sees Big Future

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Feb. 19.—In a statement made recently at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Spillman Engineering Corporation, President Charles Spillman said that operations in 1937 had been very satisfactory and that he looked forward to an even better year.

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red and white, finished in gold leaf. Lighting system has been tried out and created most favorable comment. Current is from 1000 watts, 1000 kw. and powered with Hercules motors. Ahner K. Eline, sales manager for Eyerly Aircraft Corporation, Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, complimented Marks. Reynolds very highly on the new ideas for illumination. W. J. LINDSAY.

K. G. Amusement

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 19.—Work is going on full blast. All rides are being painted and lettered. Harry Freed, ticket fence for his dual Loon-o-plane, neon effects will be used on the ticket booth. New name will be taken from Carl Kennedy. Clyde Arnett is having a new corn game. Charley Hutherford is getting the electric equipment ready. Roy Jackson, manager of the Chapp, manager, is getting a new office trailer. Visitors: Tom Brown, Larry Lawrence, T. J. Clark and Harry Freed. Show opens season in April.

K. G. CLAPP.

Sheehey

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 19.—John M. Sheehey recently made a trip north on the Southern Coast of the U. S. Bill Rice, general agent, after a long tour of the West, arrived for a visit with Ivey and Lovell. He will be back to Sheehey soon from a trip thru Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. Ingram, trainmaster, and wife came in to look after the new equipment. They are from Rock Window and wife are at quarters. John will put on his Monkey Show at the Indoor Circus February 27-28. At Renfro, he will be up on the 29th. The Seaf Boy will be one of the features on the side show. Frenchy Charles is putting in a new show. The new Peacock's Cafe. Dirty Moe and wife will have the Scooter as well as diggers. Willie Zeitman has a crew of workmen busy getting his tent up. The new Merry-Go-Round, Kiddie ride and the Octopus ready. WARD (DAD) DUNBAR.

Harris

FINDLAY, O., Feb. 19.—Manager Roxie Hartmann from a successful booking trip and reports that he has some towns that have been closed for years. Seven men are in quarters overhauling equipment. Roxie will be here for the Federal Express. Jack Lee will handle advertising and Jack Doty all insurance work. Eddie and Eddie Doty, Weaver and T. W. Harris have Merry-Go-Round and Chairplane and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harris Eel Wheel and Kiddie Plane. JACK DOTY.

Burdick's

ROSENBERG, Tex., Feb. 19.—With opening near wear on rides is nearly finished. One motor remains to be overhauled and there are a few show fronts to be completed. Manager Burdick accompanied by his wife and son, Ira Jr., recently returned from fair meetings. They stopped in San Antonio for a visit with the Marion Sisters. They are now Eason on their return. The Easons have signed again with Burdick. LAUREN LUTHER.

Doc Green's

PHILADELPHIA, S. C., Feb. 19.—Quite a bit of building and painting is being done at quarters. Three new fronts are being built. Writer is having a house trailer and two family trailers. Writer and wife are now here. Writer has concessions. Chief Congo is arranging specialties for the Five-in-One, which is to be built. The Five-in-One will be directed by Raleigh Dickinson and with a public-address system Doc Green will have a lively midway. JAMES A. THOMAS.

Marks

RICHMOND, Feb. 19.—Manager John Marks completed arrangements with the Richmond Theater Guild to furnish the stage and lighting equipment necessary for the Guild production of *God of the Mountains* to be presented at the Lyric Theater this month. Director Tommy Henry said joint efforts of management needed for his production would be available at the Marks quarters. Henry Sutton has charge of the booking of the Lyric. Three new fronts, including one 78 feet in length for the girl show, are nearing completion under the direction of George Anderson, master builder. Fred Jule recently ar-

rived and is designing the color schemes for the various fronts and the new entrance and marquee. Arthur E. Campbell, architect, has drawn the plans for the new canopies which is to be delivered in time for opening. Old transformers and other equipment were sold to the Eyerly Aircraft Corporation and the *Billboard*. New electrical equipment arrived after the old had been removed by the electrical experts. chief electrician is busy with a crew installing the new equipment on trucks. Lawrence Hester is on the designs and lettering of the new front and chairs of transportation, finished overhauling all of the older trucks and Hester is repainting them. Upon his return from a vacation in Florida, State Senator Marks John H. Marks was very favorably impressed with prospects for the new year. James E. Strates, of States Shows, Frank Bemis, of World of Birth Shows, Dan Edgington, of Columbia Printing Company, and Fred Jule, of the Jule-Harkett, Johnny Roland, Margaret Moody, Mrs. A. S. Moody and Oscar Bradshaw, well known in the amusement world. JOE MARCUS.

Keystone

DOUGLAS, Ga., Feb. 19.—Men at quarters are under direction of Charlie Burtt and work is progressing nicely. Manager Charles A. Hartzburg will enlarge working crew soon. Charlie Burtt will have Merry-Go-Round again this season. ROY JACKSON.

White City

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—With selection of Sunday, February 20, as Pacific Coast Showmen's Association Day on the White City Show, the first invitation cards have been sent to the PCB and Ladies' Auxiliary announcing the event by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Corey. New private cars will be provided with comfortable compartments, lounge, cardroom and buffet. It is a streamlined trailer, 32 feet in length and resembles the cabin of a small boat. The interior is built under the direction of C. F. Corey, with Robert W. Charter in charge. Charter has been in the business since 1925 and is in readiness for the opening under auspices of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ingleside, February 19. Lucille King, special agent, will be here to help. The show continues uninterrupted booking locations in the Los Angeles vicinity. Clarence H. Johnson, the newest member of the city's Loop-o-Plane, May Collier, high diver, and the second free attraction for the season, en route from Baltimore, will also appear. The new "Merry-Go-Round" is touring overland in her de luxe trailer visiting points of interest as they appear on the road. The viewers of various states that travel, La Fleur, La Foer, serialists, have completely overhauled their rigging and equipment and are now operating with their Silver Fleet, containing the new "Merry-Go-Round" and the "Loop-o-Plane." One, Mrs. Ann Jones remained at the city's Loop-o-Plane until she will join later. John Hertl, foreman of the orchestra, led off time after his arrival to visit former members of one of his dreams—Claude Remmer, in charge of work at quarters, has everything under control. Swede Jones has been repairing his piano.

WALTON DE PELLATON.

Raftery's

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 19.—Railroad coaches were unloaded here Tuesday, delivering equipment formerly used by the Rafferty's, who have moved away. "The Nine" nine fronts were set up by a crew headed by Red Gray. All of the new fronts are being built by local builders headed by Edwin Burke. Rides will be overhauled under the direction of Tex Freeman, who will be in charge of the new front. Rafferty's is about to begin his operations on the rides here and others contracted by Manager Rafferty's, will be riding on the new fronts. Skippville, S. C., where they have been stored since the close of last season, is now covered with snow and ice. Most of them, other than his rides, will have some concessions. Pete Medlin booked his popcorn and candy store for the season. The new front will open in April. Manager Rafferty has been on a trip arranging spring still dates, while Tommy Carson, contracting agent, has seen to the promotion of two

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celebrations which will be played in May. Red Schulte arrived and is arranging scenic designs which will adorn the trucks of the Battery Shows.

S. TOMMY CARSON.

Curl

LONDON, O., Feb. 19.—The opening date for Curl Greater Shows has been set for early in May. Work at quarters has begun and all departments will be ready. The weather this summer will be nearly the same as last season. Doc Edwards recently returned from a booking trip and reported that the new permanent will be played this year. Mrs. Cedars Edwards, his wife, was badly burned when the show in their trailer was destroyed by fire at Miami. Chapman report from their home in Florida that they will soon be heading for quiet time to readjust themselves after the concessions. Mr. and Mrs. Curial are in Florida. Paul Miller will be in soon. The new banner for the show, Tom, is now being made and will be available. Atta will be with the show this season. They have been wintering at their home in Florida. The show will play many street celebrations and will have a free act and a free gate.

DOC EDWARDS.

Sol's

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 19.—Show has moved at last. Pop is on his boat working his crew putting in the usual eight hours and they have accomplished much. Herb Meyers and others have been spray painting. New electrical equipment this year includes five 42-foot towers for lighting the midway, two photo booths, a concession counter. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Solomon returned to quarters and will remain until opening of season. Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Schulte arrived at Hot Springs, Ark. Correspondence from Doc Wilson at Minneapolis and Harry J. Talley at Atlanta, Ga., and Harry J. Talley going to Andy for the tour. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Pierson and mother, Mrs. Mabel Pierson, attended the opening of the Jimmie L. Beaumont Show Women's Club at St. Louis last weekend. L. A. Whitman and crew are building bodies on the new truck and erecting the tall towers for them as they arrive from the factory. William Solomon, general agent, has the show prepared for opening in Caruthersville the past three weeks. Jimmie L. Beaumont, who will have three shows this season, has a recent wife as does Harry J. Wallace of Benton, Mo., who has the photo galleries with the show. Andy and Marie Raemussen, of figures, shooting gallery fame, arrived in quarters.

W. H. BILLIE OWENS.

Grimes

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Grimes Greater Shows staff: Frank Grimes, manager; Eugene Wallach, business manager; Peter Schwartz, local superintendent, and Mrs. J. Walisch, front gate. Work starts at quarters in South Norwalk, Conn., on March 1. The show will open in Connecticut April 21. Acts holding contracts are Captain La Valentine and Diving Sensation, Jack and Bills, high heels and Miss L. J. Crockett, The American Can Flyer. EUGENE WALLACH.

Jackson's

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—This show is being enlarged this year and will open in Beloit, Wis., on April 1. A new caterpillar tractor has been purchased and enough canvas to take care of all rides have been ordered. Shows will move to Bradenton, Fla., May 1. Mrs. Walter Jackson stopped here for a few days after attending the Ontario exhibitions meeting in London, Ont., and is now contracting with the following acts for Beloit, Kingston, Renfrew and Almonte, Ont.: The Spillman Auto Speeders, Harry Zimars, Charles S. Reed, Frank Waldron and the Spillman Auto Speeders. The fair meeting at Nashville, Charles R. Reed, general agent, made the Illinois State Fair and the Spillman Auto Speeders contract. Their route is competitive. Zimars is buying Shetland ponies. (See WINTER QUARTERS on page 71)

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J. J. Page

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 19.—Activities at quarters are going at a merry pace. Biggest event this month is the completion of a new craft starting Saturday. The Whirl and will finish the twin Big Eli Wheels and Chairplane. Trenton Montezuma, the new addition to the painting. The Montezumas are due soon. Show's rolling equipment will go in for tuning and repairs. Superintendent, Fred will be in town to inspect and build an entire new unit. Dize of Dize Awning and Tent Company, will be in to paint the new awnings. The One-In-One, minestrone and monkey show, also an order for big Dillon Hullinger, manager of the Monkeyland Show was ill yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Hullinger are in the hospital. The show is in trouble. Pete, one of the monkeys, was visited by a veterinarian and lost the operation. The new awning and front decoration garnered a photo and a front-page spread in a local daily. W. L. Anderson will again bring his con game and stage show to the city. Frank Clark and Mrs. I. Billie Clark writes that he is going in for some deep-sea fishing off the coast of Florida. He is looking for some good concessions for some promotions in Florida ere he leaves for quarters. There will be many new faces in the midway than in the past. The show will be in for the concession end. Owner J. J. Page will leave on a business trip shortly and leave off the show. Eddie Lewis and Frank Jergilin has been working advertising and tickets in conjunction with the Crackers Party Show and Bascom, produced by Eddie Lewis. Visiting Johnnie Bullock, of the Johnnie Bullock Shows A. T. Dize, of Dize Awning and Tent Company, and the new addition to the show, Tragot and Tom Sharkey, of the Johnny Jones Exposition; Winslow and Carpenter of Mandeville, Ga., Paul Carter, Jerry Jergilin has been working advertising and tickets in conjunction with the Crackers Party Show and Bascom, produced by Eddie Lewis. Visiting Johnnie Bullock, of the Johnnie Bullock Shows A. T. 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SEATTLE Wash.—Left Los Angeles in the early part of January and went to Stockton, Calif., and bought a new Chevrolet to complete the 1,400-mile trip to join the World's Fair Museum. No trouble on the road except trouble of getting gas.—Bebele McDonald.

BOSTON, Mass.—It is my wish to thank the showfolks of the Rubber & Cherry Exposition, and especially the Showmen's League of America, for the sympathy and understanding shown me during my illness and since the death of my husband, Alvin Freed.—Mrs. Fred Freed.

MANNING, S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stebar; daughter, Elizabeth, who recently arrived here from Florida, where they had been vacationing, are now in the quarters of the World of Fun shows will soon get under way.—Whitey Davis.

When the New York World's Fair is over I think Rose is likely to say: "Well, I think I will take it on the road!"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Been reading that the show has been off since 1912 and during that time have missed only a few copies. Think this is some kind of a record. I have traveled from Florida to Maine, up to Colorado, down to Florida, to the West Indies.—Edwin James Irvine.

CORTLAND, N. Y.—Booked my son show with Kauai Exposition Shows. Been taken on girl and sex shows for past few seasons. Worked clubs here this winter. Now going to Colorado, April 15, get ready for opening of season.—Bernie Brown.

Are you keeping a scrapbook? In other years it will prove very interesting and many times valuable. It is, however, never too late to start one.

HAYVE DE GRACE Md.—With handle of the new Kook's Hawaiian review this season. Visiting relatives here and will be in this vicinity until the end comes to open. Was thinking of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garneau, Bob Ballard.

COVET, W. Va.—With Sonny Frank West's World's Wonder Shows this season as a ride foreman, either on the Loop-o-Plane or Chippash. Have not been to the show since the opening of 1929—Mates—and that is how long I have been in the business—and hope I never have to.—Bob C. Udy.

It is not the poster paper that has been ordered that counts, it is the number of sheets that are posted on the billboards before the show gets in.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Was with Lewis Bros' Circus last season and closed with them. This year we are in the show business. Will be with Howard Potter's Bazaar, playing New York State, an electrician, working with Ma and Pa Sherman, radio entertainment, also shows. Am working a night club here at present—Hank Bergan.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—We have spent one of the most pleasant winters of our career with Harry Lewiston's traveling minstrels. Will have the girl show with the Kauai Show. We have the girl show with Lewis Weston. We had the fat girl show with the World of Mirrors Show the past few months. Are still singing, dancing and doing comedy shows.

Remember that Bill Bush, Bill McLean, and the rest drew you to frame for Lee and J. J. Shubert in New York for a Winter Garden production? Well, Bill, do it now for the "Mighty Thing!"

GARFIELD, N. J.—Marie Scott, of Phillipsburg, N. J., visited the B. & V. Amusements' quarters here and booked a hard concession, called prior to leaving in his trailer for a five-week vacation. When he plans to visit the Boys American Legion, other carnivals playing that State—Queenie Van Vleet.

HORRORS! Mud arena athletic shows! Several say that they are going to have them and if they do plenty of mud slinging will be in order. No joke. Did you see the moving pictures of the recent mud?

NEWARK, N. J.—It is my opinion that a real carnival is the only show to go to these days. Many of the young generation have not seen them. They should

be streamlined, well costumed and produced. I staged one in promotion two years ago with all local talent except the high diver.—J. J. Mistrov.

PHILADELPHIA—It is surprising how many columnists read *The Billboard*. Have been informed that all Philadelphia columnists, including the great Bebele, Carl and myself are wintering here and anxiously awaiting the opening of the new show. Show our third season with them swell. Best wishes to The Billboard.—Reid McDonald.

RYAN, O.—Even though I suffered weeks of pain, I managed to keep the J. Harry Six Shows going last season. I am not sure now if folks think I am dead. I have not been able to get any relief from my sickness late in last October and am ready to go again this season. Shows will open in South Tennessee. Best wishes to The Billboard.—J. Harry Six.

Can it be that certain well-known general managers still think there is no incentive to work or are the card games at the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association clubrooms more enticing?

CHICAGO—Last season with Dogson's World's Fair Show and closed in Chicago. Shows started in St. Louis, Oklahoma until after the holidays and saw many show people there. Now working on a Chicago newspaper but plan to be in East St. Louis in April when the Dod-

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WISDOM: Labor is the great source from which nearly all, if not all, human comforts come. —John Ruskin, *Unto These Lasts*, from the *Union Herald*, Raleigh, N. C., Thursday, January 6, 1938.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Recently stopped in the Wake County jail here to see Frank C. Monaghan, who is being detained on a \$10,000 bond on charges as the result of an auto accident. An eventful day, sorry for Frank, as his wife is in a hospital and will be a cripple for life. Frank was driving his car into the side of the E. H. Hyde Show if this accident had not happened.—Bert Green, of the Johny J. Jones Expedition.

NORFOLK, N. Y.—Am here in the Adirondack Mountains. Will again have a show in the fall. I am currently appearing on a small show this season. Mrs. Mosher and myself make this place our home. Crittenden Bros.' midget show has been here for the past month. Arthur Ashley is in Syracuse, N. Y., for the winter. Was recently thinking of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waterman, the sideshow manager, about getting a job with him to *The Billboard*.—Frank J. Mosher.

JUST A PUNK! There are two kinds of "punk," male and female. Why be worried about what "punk" are trying to do? Every human being was once a "punk." Some have been well brought up, others not so good. Don't worry about it.

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Missouri Show**Women's Club**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—The eighth annual valentine dance of the Missouri Show Women's Club was held February 12 in the German House and was a success both socially and financially. The hall was set up in cabaret style, and the room was furnished by the Rhythm Ramblers.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lang, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Euby Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. "Irish" O'Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Brumitt, Eliza Obermark, Patricia Moore, Harry Moore, Barney Williams and Mickey Farel, all of the Dan Murphy's Club; Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Francis, Martha Madox, Virginia Mona and Peggy Smith, of the Greater Empress; Mr. and Mrs. George M. Griffin, of Crafts Shows; Anna Jane Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Hessey, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. LaLynn, Bruce Burham and Edwin Dell, of the Bell Bros. Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kreko and Bert Miner, of the Rubin & Cherry Exposition; Verne Kehrm, Mel Deoden Jr. and Ray Hay, Mrs. Eddie Wohl, Mrs. Eddie Wohl, Mrs. Mabel Pierson and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Pierson, of Sol's Liberty Show; Mrs. Catherine Oliver, of the New York Show; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, of the Campbell Tent and Awning Company; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, of the Standard Tent and Awning Company; Mr. and Mrs. John Phil and Phil Becker, of the Siegel Tent and Awning Company; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goss, of the Standard Tent and Awning Company; Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and Walter Baldwin, of the Standard Tent and Awning Company; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Farren, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Retzschke, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hoffmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. James Hensel, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ewing, Helen Richter, Clementine Getson, Alice Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. George Geiger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Glass, Steve Labacke, Joe Di Salvo, Henry Okertich, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ely, Mrs. Millicent Navarro, Vilma Schussele, Cora Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Clegg, Cecil H. Reavis, Bebe Dwyer, Joseph Coleman, May Suirik, Bebe Roth, Carl Barclay, Jeff Donnelly II and others.

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Club's Regular Meeting

At the club's regular meeting February 10 a letter from Mrs. Eddy Castle was read. Mrs. Castle sent in membership petitions and dues for Mrs. F. C. Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Gold presented the petition of Ruth Waugh.

Winners at the various games were Peggy Smith, Daley Davis, Florence Parmer, Nell Allen, Gertrude Lang and Ruth Waugh.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. Eddy Hofmeyer and Mrs. Eddie Castle. Guests of the evening were guests of Mrs. Norma Lang over the weekend. At the raffling of the pillow slips, donated by Eddie Castle, Eddie Castle won the first prize.

Members of the International Association of Showmen contributed generously to the raffle. Mary Francis and Grace Goss returned from the Southern trip. Reported by Kathleen Biles.

Truck and Trailer Legislation

PORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 19.—The Port Worth City Council has passed an ordinance regulating the stay and location of trailers in the city. The ordinance remains in effect more than a week, unless in a licensed trailer camp or park, will be required to obtain a permit to stay longer than three days. Also, no electric connections can be made without the approval of the city electric department. Owners of trailer camp operators must also obtain licenses. Fines, ranging from \$5 to \$200, will be imposed for violations of the ordinance.

SPILLMAN HEAD

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taking care of orders that have already been booked for this feature device. Showmen are invited to call on him at the new Hi-De-Jo's to Bill Hamm's Showroom at Houston, Tex., and it will be featured at the Fair Park Show.

Spillman concluded his talk. Kramer also spoke at some length on the future of Spillman Auto Speedways and presented a new idea which he said would be before every show and park of any consequence would be featuring this combination, profit-appelling result.

Under Spillman's direction the company has continued its financial position and leadership in the amusement device world, reported H. A. Hamilton, secretary for the corporation.

MARINE HIPPO

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working for several weeks to have the exhibit in first-class condition.

The show is run by Roy E. Banks, unit manager; Capt. Mike Dolan, schools and entertainment; Gertrude Dolan and Don J. Howard, Wurlitzer organists; and the lecture direction of George Johnson and Tex Connors. Ray Hathaway, Earl Boyd, Bae Akeman, Roby Hubbard, Al

Brown, and Frank Smith, who are in charge of the lighting effects for this year's offering in the show.

Full steam ahead is the order of Frank Smith, who will give his personal supervision to all work planned. Neil Berk, general agent, is completing the booking of acts for the summer.

A new Wurlitzer band organ and a large number of Wurlitzer organs and Marine Hippo calliope have been purchased, bringing the number and variety in the show to three calliope.

Frank Smith, who has been heard from several times, and is expected in quarters from his vacation, is the head of another carnival.

Men at quarters are working seven days a week and there is no doubt that the entire staff will be in top form with the show for the opening in April. A great pet of all the baby chimpanzees recently purchased by Frank Smith, is the koala bear, came direct from South Africa to the show.

Reported by Charles T. Smithley.

Holzhecker, Charles Whitkaas, William Gibson, Earl Swearingen and Eugene Clegg are on the staff.

John Nelson, inside lecturer, and E. M. Mackey, tickets, Freida Pushkin, feature attraction, and John Saller, Pop-Eye; Prof. John Lynch, London Flea Circus, Penguin Village, Capt. Mike Dolan and Emily Land dispensed the show business features.

Anne No. 2: Eddie Hogan, inside lecturer; Doe Joe, Eddie Ward, monkey trainer, and Capt. Mike Dolan, Pop-Eye; Capt. Ringman Mach, gygyn's village and savage torture; Grace McDaniels, minnie-mae, and Capt. Mike Dolan, minnie-mae, and Capt. Mike Dolan, minnie-mae, and Capt. Eddie Ward, of bigger Jack Verdon, Novelty, Kenneth Digree.

Fred Hathaway and Charles Edelman, who are in charge of the electric department; Charlie Keffer and Wallace McJunkin are in charge of utility department. Reported by C. Mundie.

ALLAN HERSCHELL

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which is to be among the exhibits at the park men's convention in Chicago last December.

It is estimated that out in the past 100 of its well-known Kiddie Auto rides and we have some additional orders on hand for the 1938 season, which will be the most popular ride. Taken as a whole the future looks most promising for our products."

GOODING ON

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quarter in time for the opening of his season.

Prior to his departure for Columbus, Ohio, he announced the booking of the Oklahoma celebration and fairs; Indianapolis Mardi Gras; Bluffton, Decatur, Cross Point, Kokomo, Marion, Indianapolis, Portland, New Bethel, Shreveport, Shelbyville, Connersville and Hartford City.

FRANK WEST

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animal arenas with any carnival, it is claimed.

Charles Smiley has disposed of his Charles Smiley and will have a new circus and will be in charge of the animal show this year. C. Jack Shafer will grace the West midwest with his all-new monkey species and will be in charge of the animal show being held. Two big wagon fronts previously carried, are being remodeled. All pictorial and scenic effects being used.

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LINE O' TWO

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party, New York; William F. Lynch and John McCurdy, of Halifax, N. S., and Sidney Goodwill, of Miami. They left for New York this week to take up the promotion of their various activities for the season.

OZARK, Ala., Feb. 19.—loyd R. Heth, general manager Heth Bros. Shows, has engaged M. J. Dressen as general agent for the season. He started on his duties

this week and left for points in Kentucky.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—Macdon E Willis, general agent for the Mammoth Marine Hippodrome, a theater-circus combination, opened here yesterday. The "Papa" Willis, who was here recently in the interests of his show.

WAYCROSS, Ga., Feb. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lawrence of the Sam Lawrence Shows, wintering here, left for a short vacation in Florida prior to opening the season.

PLEMINGTON, N.C., Feb. 19.—It was announced here recently that Mayor E. B. Allen, general secretary of the Plemington Fair, had secured that carnival's million-dollar contract for the season.

MACON, Ga., Feb. 19.—C. E. Barfield, owner-manager of Barfield's Cosmopolitan Show, has announced that his show is now in quarters, getting ready for the opening of the season, which is only a few weeks off.

NAPOLION, O., Feb. 19.—J. R. Edwards announced here yesterday that he has booked and will be the leader of his band on the Broadway Shows of America this season. Shows are directed by C. Denham and are now in quarters in Covington, Ky.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—Homer Sturgis, who has been in this week, that he is booked and will be the leader of his band on the Broadway Shows of America this season. Shows are directed by C. Denham and are now in quarters in Covington, Ky.

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Feb. 19.—E. L. Brown, last season special agent for the Zimara Shows, announced here that he will be in charge of the Zimara Shows and joined the Great Superior Shows as general agent. He is now in this territory booking.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 19.—Louis Rosenberg, last season advertising agent for the Bluebird Shows, has been booked in capacity for this season. David Rosenberg, his son, last season with C. Denham and W. Shook, has been brought in to assist him. Rosenberg was in 1938, Rosenberg also stated while on a visit here this week.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pratt, who have been here this week, that they have booked with the Al G. Hodge Shows for the season.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19.—La Motts Dodges, manager of Dodges Hollywood Show, Stars, Bars, Show, announced here that the act has been booked by the Fox Midwest theater circuit to play all the major theaters in Kansas.

The live stock show, West Point, Mis., and the fair at Emporia have been added to the list. Starbuck further announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The Birchard Press, carnival agents' headquarters here for over a quarter of a century, has moved to Turk street, giving up its former quarters in more contracts for fairs. The live stock show, West Point, Mis., and the fair at Emporia have been added to the list. Starbuck further announced.

LAUREL, Miss., Feb. 19.—Harry Stark, secretary Buckeye State Shows, made known here this week that J. A. Gentoch, general agent for the show, has turned in to take more contracts for fairs. The live stock show, West Point, Mis., and the fair at Emporia have been added to the list. Starbuck further announced.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 19.—The J. J. Page Shows have been awarded the contract for the 1938 season. Shows are held annually in Fulton and Bowing Green, Ky., and Trenton, Tenn. J. J. Page owner-manager of the shows, announced Tuesday.

WOOTTON, O., Feb. 19.—Phil Phillips, who last year was assistant manager of the J. H. Edwards Attractions, has been retained in the same capacity for the season, Edwards announced today.

MIAMI, Feb. 19.—Don Weisz has booked the new 1938 season for the Big Show and is framing several new concessions which have been booked with Engel Bros. Shows, also for the season. Shows are now in quarters from Baker-Lockwood. Weisz' big bongo unit will also be with the "Engly's."

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 19.—The Brody Bros. Shows report very satisfactory business here this week at the Fort Lauderdale Fair.

CONVENTIONS

BIRMINGHAM—O. A. R. of Alas. Apr. 23. M. D. Friedman, Box 484.

BIRMINGHAM—Order of Red Men. May 23. M. D. Friedman, Box 484.

BIRMINGHAM—Knights of Pythias. May 9. John D. Lopez, Box 2121, Phoenix, Ariz. Apr. 18-20.

A. A. Foster, Valley Bank Bldg., Prescott, Arizona. Apr. 24-26. H. A. Friedman, Box 223.

DRAZIN—Knights Templar. Apr. 3-6. A. A. Justice, Box 223.

JULIA—Knights Templar. Apr. 3-6. A. A. Justice, Box 223.

ARKANSAS

CAMDEN—Un. State Veterans. June 4-6. (Invitational). O. A. Kehler, 617 N. 20th St., Ft. Smith.

HOT SPRINGS—Knights Templar. May 12.

A. C. Becker, 700 South 1st Street, Little Rock.

HOT SPRINGS—Knights Templar. May 17-18. G. C. Casteel.

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES—Royal Order of Jesters. June 6.

L. E. Walton, Shrine Mosque, Springfield.

LOS ANGELES—A. O. Q. N. M. Shrine (National). June 7-9. J. H. Price, Richmond.

SANTA BARBARA—Spanish War Veterans. May 13-14. W. T. Cavell, 430 S. State St., Santa Barbara.

SAN FRANCISCO—State Elks. June 12-14. Wm. H. Haughey, 1045 Webster St., San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO—Order of Odd Fellows. May 8-12.

F. D. Marchetti, 21st St., San Francisco.

FRANK L. ZEINH, 1182 Market St., San Fran-

cisco.

SAN JOSE—Un. Amer. War Veterans of World War. June 13-15. Jack Hayes, 94 N. 1st St., San Jose.

OMAHA—Knights of Columbus. April 17-19.

A. L. Davies, 433 Madison Ave., San Fran-

cisco.

FRANCISCO—G. A. H. of Calif. May 1-2.

M. L. M. Gardner, 1922 Lovelace St., San Fran-

SACRAMENTO—Knights of Columbus. May 1-2.

SANTA MONICA—Knights of Columbus. May 1-2.

SANTA MONICA—Knights of United Veterans. Civil War. May 1-2. D. B. Bowey, San Fran-

Francisco.

SANTA ROSA—Knights of Pythias. May 16-18.

R. H. Sherr, 1182 Market St., San Fran-

cisco.

COLORADO

LA. JUANA—Knights of Columbus. May 22.

Kelly, Order of Elks. June 4-6. P. Murphy.

OURAY—Order of Elks. June 4-6.

BRIDGEPORT—CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT—Order of Elks. May 1-3. Wm. Swindler, 70 Woodlawn Ave., Waterbury.

NEW HAVEN—State Moose Assn. June 24-25.

Ciass, Bennett, 70 N. 1st St., New Haven.

MIN. M. BAKER, 100 N. 1st St., New Haven.

LEWISTON—Knights Templar. May 2.

W. N. Webster, Meriden, Conn.

WATERBURY—Fraternal Order. May 14.

P. C. Cannon, 709 Main St., Torrington.

DELAWARE

NEWARK—Junior Order. Apr. 18. Frank Whiting, 100 N. 1st St., Newark.

REHOBOTH—Veterans of Foreign Wars. June 1.

M. Wood, Wilmington. Order of Relevation.

AGT. 17. C. Winchester.

NEW YORK—STATE OF COLORADO

WASHINGTON—Sons of Union Picture.

Easton, Pa., New York City.

WASHINGTON—Spanish War Veterans.

JUN. — R. E. Washburne, 200 E. 7th St., N. W.

FLORIDA

FT. LAUDERDALE—State Firemen's Assn. Apr. 16-20.

FT. LAUDERDALE—Un. Spanish War Veterans.

June 1-3. G. C. Gandy, 200 S. Cypress St., Ft. Lauderdale.

FT. LAUDERDALE—Knights Templar. May 13-15.

G. B. Fish, 471 W. 6th St., Sarasota, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE—American Legion. May 23-26.

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JACKSONVILLE—Knights Templar. Apr. 19. L. H. Hockenberry.

ORLANDO—Order of Odd Fellows. Apr. 19-23.

ORLANDO—Order of Red Men. May 17. M. C. Fainha.

JACKSONVILLE—Junior Order. May 2. J. R. Stiles, Tampa.

JACKSONVILLE—Un. of Musicians. June 13-15.

PREST. W. B. Birchenough, 20 Division St., Newark, N. J.

GEORGIA

ATLANTA—Order of Red Men. June 18. C. Gillett.

ATLANTA—Odd Fellows' Encampment. May 24. Allen Turner, Box 481, Atlanta, Ga.

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Cyrus Christi—Order of Eagles, May 12. W. Foster, San Antonio.
Delaware—Order of the Moose, Revolution, May 12. F. H. Steele, 1227 West St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Florida—Order of Elks, May 1—H. L. Willis.

Idaho—United Spanish War Veterans, Place, May 5—C. M. Herring, 1615 Virginia Place.
Illinois—Order of Odd Fellows, March 21—S. W. Williams, 516 Lincoln Blvd., Dallas.
Indiana—Knights of Columbus, Shrine Circus, Feb. 24—Yarborough, Box 514, Weatherford.
Iowa—Knights of Columbus, May 10—L. V. Conney, Houston, Tex.
Iowa—Elks, Eastern and Western
Cattle Raisers' Assn, March 8-10. Hawley
Wise—Veterans of Foreign Wars, June 12-15.
W. J. Oakes, 1514 Main St., O. Galveston, Tex.
Utah—Order of Odd Fellows, May 16. W. G. Gandy, Salt Lake City.

Vermont—Order of Odd Fellows, May 19. D. E. Grossman, 22 Orchard Terrace, Burlington.
Vermont—Order of Odd Fellows Encampment, May 19. G. P. Walker, Box 212, Bellows Falls, Vt.
Vermont—Knights of Pythias, May 25. F. A. Whittaker, 1615 Bellows Falls, Vt.
Md.—Springtime—Lithographers Natl. Assn, May 12. W. H. Maxwell, Baltimore.
Michigan—Order of Odd Fellows, May 12-13. T. W. Davis, Jr., 24 N. 6th, Richmond.
Michigan—Knights Templar, May 12. E. V. W. Johnson, 1000 N. Cass, Detroit.
Md.—Point Comfort—Order of Red Men, May 12. A. L. Thompson, Annapolis.

Washington—Order of Elks (Reindeer), June 25-26. W. C. Smith, Calif.
Washington—P. H. State Grange, June 4-14. Harry Ober, 3104 Western Ave., Seattle.
Washington—A. D. & G. Masonic Knights of Pythias, June 21-22. W. C. Smith, Calif.
Washington—Order of Odd Fellows, June 27. L. Jones, Everett.

Washington—Fellows' Encampment, June 27. G. M. Chamberlain, 1000 O. P. Temple, Seattle.

Virginia—Order of Eagles, June—P. H. Trouchaw, 112 N. Commercial St., Roanoke.
West Virginia—State Assn. of Farmers, Feb. 24. H. E. Clay, 401 N. Hollingshead, Charleston.

Carolina—Order of Red Men, May 17-18. W. H. Clark, 112 N. Commercial St., Charleston.
Carolina—State Assn. of Farmers, Feb. 24. H. E. Clay, 401 N. Hollingshead, Charleston.
Grafton—Knights Templar, May 18-19. H. F. Morris, Box 226, Palmerton, Pa.
Huntington—Red Cross, West Virginia, June 19-21. W. P. Simpson, 1503 3d st.

Penn. as La—Order of Eagles, June 22-23. W. H. Clark, 112 N. Commercial St., Charleston.
Maryland—Knights Templar, June 24-26. G. H. Hargan, Bay Order of Odd Fellows, June 6-8. A. M. Armstrong, Annapolis.

Wyoming—Order of Eagles, June 12-14. Wm. E. Smith, Red Spring, Wyo.
Wyoming—State Elks' Assn, June 12-14. W. M. Amundson, Cheyenne.

Alberta—Order of Odd Fellows, March 10-11. A. B. Ballantine, Calgary.
Manitoba—Order of Odd Fellows, March 10-11. G. Henderson, Winnipeg.
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Colombia—Knights of Columbus, March 10-11. J. W. C. Tierney, Box 565, Arapirio, Oct.
Regina—Order of Odd Fellows, June 1-3. D. Gray, 1205 1st Ave., Regina.
Essexshire, Conn.—Order of Odd Fellows, May 10-12. W. E. Webster, 144 W. Hastings, St., New Haven.
Trenton, Ont.—Soc. of American Marshals, June 10-12. G. H. Bussell, Trenton.

Toronto—Order of Odd Fellows, June 22-24. W. Brockle.

Victoria—Order of Odd Fellows, June 7-10. E. L. Webster, 144 W. Hastings, St., New Haven.

Winnipeg—Man.—Order of Odd Fellows, June 8-10. G. H. Bussell, Trenton.

Winnipeg—Man.—Knights of Pythias, June 16. Chas. Tipper, 22 Kilburn st.

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Evans' (Detrola) Pee Wee and Silver's Dwarf reported going well on salesboard deals, at bingo parties and on house-to-house calls

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Little radios no larger than the average person's hand are creating big profits for operators of bingo sets, house-to-house sellers and premium men. Two sets recently introduced are Detrola's Pee Wee, handled by the Evans Novelty Company, and the Silver Dwarf, marketed by Silver Manufacturing Company, Inc. Pee Wee contains four RCA tubes, reputed to give 100 watts of power. It has a speaker, a volume control, a timer and a clock. Cabinets are plastic and come in six different colors. Silver Dwarf also has four RCA-licensed tubes and a dynamic speaker, weighs only 5½ pounds and comes in three colors—black, red and walnut. Cabinets are made of molded metal. Both sets, according to manufacturers, offer special sets of features and sell performance and contain many features of sets many times their size.

Salesboard operators in particular claim the new radios are tremendous draws since it is a novel and at the same time practical. Deals on which it has been featured and which have attracted attention on locations are said to have moved fast.

Direct sellers have an additional angle to play up—their radios moving the availability of the item. A great many homes at which they call do not have an extra radio for the simple reason that there is not enough room in the home to put it. This problem of space availability is beautifully solved when the radio is a tiny set that fits handily into any nook or cranny.

Bingo operators whose games have ac-

tually suffered from lack of new merchandise which can be offered as prizes are reported to be using more and more of the tiny sets. Larger sets, of course, have been used as bingo prizes for some time. The Pee Wees and Dwarfs, however, are much more compact than the radio prize angle. Many players, it seems, did not care particularly to win a large set because they could not find a place in the home for another.

With the tiny sets, however, the same appeal used by the direct sellers is effective. The small amount of floor space necessary holds true and players have commented to several operators with whom this reporter has talked regarding the "curiosities" of tiny sets.

Both the Evans and the Silver companies will supply the operator on consignment basis and will send it to any genuinely interested parties.

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nies are anxious to get into the bingo sets and will send it to any genuinely interested parties.

How a Committee
Runs Successful
Bingo Parties

By DANIEL E. SHEA

Chairman Boys' Comm., K. of C.
Hartford (Conn.) Council No. 11

Part One

At the very outset I want to make clear that the various factors brought out in this article are not meant to apply to a large organization with thousands of members, such as auxiliary facilities which enable them to seat thousands of people at any bingo party they might have. In addition, if your organization can well use the services of a professional bingo operator or group of operators.

However, there are sections of the country where outsiders—and almost all professional operators must be considered as such—are looked upon with suspicion and even hostility by the public against them. Then again there are organizations that are in need of extra financial assistance but have neither the cash nor the time to go to a bingo operator or the welfare person who would like to conduct a large game. To this church or club I say there is no better or easier way of raising money than much-needed revenue than BINGO!

I will endeavor to show the methods used by the committee, or the pastor, to plan a bingo, build up an attendance of 175 players to an average of \$50 and frequently 1,000 or 1,300. The last point is important, as it is the equivalent of one inch of space on three floors.

After it was decided that bingo was to be our method of raising additional revenue, we engaged a professional operator who had the necessary equipment and selected a man to conduct the game. This was our first mistake. The problem was the difficulty of selecting prizes in the hands of a merchandise house. These establishments are serving a number of games (See HOW A COMMITTEE on page 70)

BINGO BUSINESS

By JOHN CARY

ONE REASON for the declining popularity of bingo in certain localities is the fact that some operators insist on palming off inferior merchandise for prizes. Some operators do this in sales, or in some other distress manner, and were picked up for a song. Usually they are not the best operators. The result is awarding shoddy merchandise is obviously poor business, for while it may leave a slightly higher profit per player, the reputation of the operator is sure to eventually ruin business. Folk who walk away from a bingo game with their pockets full of shoddy merchandise are scratched, throw-rugs that ravel, electrical gadgets that won't work, other articles that are obviously factory-made and discarded items that don't crave playing more. And what's the outlook for bingo if players won't come back again and again, and again? Think it over.

AND HERE'S A BUSINESS opportunity for the enterprising operator. An attendance of 175 players to an average of \$50 and frequently 1,000 or 1,300. The last point is important, as it is the equivalent of one inch of space on three floors.

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DEALS

A Column for OPERATORS &
DISTRIBUTORS OF SALES-
BOARDS, SALESCARDS AND
TRADE STIMULATORS

By BEN SMITH

Leo Flaks is back in town after five weeks on the road and just landed with the Gondolier. He has been on the road with the Gondolier for the past two years. Mr. Flaks is not only a business success, but a social one as well, for he has had a swell time meeting and talking with his old friends and new ones and friends. These included Dave Marion in Wichita, Tex.; Clarence Heeter in Davenport, Ia., and Jimmy Brundage in Oklahoma City.

And speaking of the Gondolier, Milton Leibman, of Fralish Novelty Company, has taken over the advertising department. He is responsible for the metropolitan area. His firm has moved to larger quarters and is all set to make 1938 a banner year.

Herman Grabelsky will spring something new in the next few weeks. It is a (See DEALS on page 70)

Chi Premium Expo May 2-6

Early reports indicate largest attendance in history of 11-year event

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Eighth annual National Premiums Exposition and Convention will be held at the Palmer House May 2-6. Scores of manufacturers of premiums and prize merchandise have registered to exhibit. Premiums again will be presented by Premium Advertising Association of America, Inc., which will hold its annual convention week.

Program committees are already arranging for the exposition which will consist of 100 booths. The first day will be of "brass tacks" value to premium users, manufacturers, bingo and salesboard operators and others interested in the exhibition. The second day will be for distribution on a quantity basis. It is expected that a record number of exhibitors will attract the heaviest attendance of buyers in the event's history.

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How To Conduct Group Bingo Parties Successfully

By E. S. LOWE

PART FOUR (Conclusion)

This is the fourth installment of the series of articles on "How To Conduct Bingo Parties Successfully." Parts one, two and three appeared in previous issues of *The Billboard*. In Part Four, we discuss these installments and wish to obtain the issues in which they appeared you may do so by writing the Office Manager, *The Billboard*, 25 Oregon place, Cincinnati, O., enclosing 10 cents in stamps or coins for each issue.

We suggest that you clip these articles and file them as a ready source of reference to answer all your questions about conducting a bingo party.

How To Apportion Expenses

Admission Ticket Money	\$8.00
Special Games	112.00

Total Income	\$192.00
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EXPENSES	
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Bingo Game Prizes (Wholesale)	\$ 50.00
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Special Game Prizes (Wholesale)	56.00
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Door Prize (Wholesale)	5.00
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Amount set aside toward Grand Award (usually 10 percent)	5.00
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Advertising	19.20
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Bingo Supplies, exclusive of bingo equipment, such as lathe, heating, lighting, etc.	5.00
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Held (if any charge) assume 0.00	0.00
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Hall (if any charge) assume 0.00	0.00
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Miscellaneous (if any) assume 0.00	0.00
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Total Expense	\$140.20
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Organization's Net Profit	\$ 51.80
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As the net sales increase, so should the expense therefore your profits increase. But remember—increase the value of your prizes proportionately.	
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How To Obtain Bingo Prizes and Complete Assortments	
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It is important to give a variety of merchandise assortments comprising clocks, lamps, occasional furniture, rugs, linens, games should be changed weekly. The correct name of the firm introducing the Chuck-a-Luck lamp was erroneously stated to be the Wonder Novelty Company. The correct name of the firm introducing the Chuck-a-Luck game mounted on top of a large illuminated dice, is the Modern Sales Service.

chinaware, beverage sets, aluminum ware, blankets, bedspreads or anything that is appealing and may be used by both men and women in the home. Concentrate on prizes that are appealing to the women, because women will make up 75 per cent of the bingo audience.

Bingo merchandise assortments are generally priced from \$40 to \$125 for 33 pieces.

New Ideas

It is important to constantly develop new ideas pertaining to the operation of bingo. For this purpose the writer recommends the reading of the columns of *The Billboard* and particularly "Bingo Business," which has featured a number of the latest new ideas.

Professional Operators

When a promoter operates a series of bingo parties he generally operates on a contingency basis, based upon the profits realized from these games. He is usually engaged by an organization for a series of bingo parties to be held at least once a week on a certain night. He is responsible for the promotion of the game and the collection of the money during the playing of the game and also purchases the prizes. He charges the organization the sum of money paid him exclusively for it, such as special game cards, grand award certificates, door-prize coupons, advertising and the like. The amount paid him is deducted from the amount taken in and (See HOW TO CONDUCT on page 70)

Be Your Pardon

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NOTES from SUPPLY HOUSES

The Toy Balloon Association, composed of toy balloon manufacturers, plan in the very near future to launch a publicity campaign to bring the toy balloon to the public's attention. This effort should be of interest to all who sell balloons as well as help up sales. Elinor Farnham of Cleveland, Ohio, is director of publicity for the campaign.

Continental Mercantile Company has moved to new and larger quarters in Brooklyn. Jack Greenberg, who has just returned from a selling trip, tells us that business is excellent. The company, this year despite the cry of recession, has written quite a few orders while on the road.

Leonardo Novelty Company recently held a reception at its new quarters in New York. Firm, which had formerly been located in the Bronx, has established beautiful new showrooms with complete new equipment, and it can be said that it has one of the most modern displays in the toy trade. Moe Hershkovitz, of this firm, comes from a family which has long been identified with the toy business. His father, Hyman, having been a pioneer in the field when the Bowery in New York was headquarters for this trade.

Saul Goldfarb, of Goldfarb Novelty Company, last Monday returned from a trip which took him thru Florida and the Southwest. Phil Morris having made many arrangements for his absence, Tuesday last, Saul Goldfarb left on a trip that will carry him out to the Pacific Coast, where he will look over the quarters of the Goldfarb Novelty Company, conducted by his brothers, Ben and Sidney. Saul expects to be away from New York for about six weeks.

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SOME BIG IFS

If the changing tides of business and public opinion continue in normal channels the coin-operated games business should begin to show a good pick-up by the fall of 1938. Politicians have a system now of figuring that there is a decided shift in public opinion every six months.

Payout table games are so conspicuous on locations that it is a big IF as to their future. There is a possibility of legalizing the payout table with some kind of check-award system. The chief appeal for sympathy the payout table has is the fact that it requires a lot of lumber, electrical parts, mechanisms and materials to build such a game.



In December, 1938, I wrote the following "Ifs" for Joe Calcutt's house magazine: "If the trade had one man to whom everybody would listen and follow his advice much confusion and expense might be saved. Tax bills rather than prohibitory bills are likely to be the rule. Rather than raise big defense funds, it will probably be better to let some State legislatures learn that reasonable taxes will bring in revenue, but excessive taxes on coin machines kill off the business and lose revenue to the State. . . . If the coin machine industry holds its present commercial importance I would say that within the next two years the trade will realize some definite benefits from a more liberal American public." (There is still practically a year to go on that last "If"—and a lot of things can happen by December, 1938.)

The coin machine industry ought to forget some of its "ifs" in order to be glad that the music machine business and the vending machine business are both making better progress and having fewer troubles than many other lines of industry and business in the country today.

If the coin-operated machine industry were properly organized for it or could assume temporary unity, now is perhaps the best time in history to tell its story of employment to the country. Three million workers have lost their jobs since last August. But the music and vending machine divisions of the coin machine industry are going ahead at a better average than business in general. The games division could be at the peak of activity but for the application of severe restrictions by local and State officials. A \$10,000 fund right now would tell the story of employment by the coin machine industry to every mayor, city council, governor and daily newspaper in the United States during the next few months.

Some of the "ifs" of general business are important to every citizen right now. The United States News, February 14 (Anti-New Deal newspaper edited by David Lawrence), gives a timely account of some of the ifs of business: Business has declined in five months almost as much as it declined in two years following 1929. . . . Three million people have

been thrown out of jobs since August. . . . There are some good signs. The government is ready to use a billion and a quarter dollars in the few months just ahead. Banks are not failing. The country's total money supply is huge, always suggesting the possibility that it can be put to use.

There are also some bad signs, according to the above newspaper. First of these, it states, is "the precipitate manner in which employers have dumped huge numbers of workers into the street . . . the fastest on record." This depression has also hit Europe and South America with startling speed. "The decline of employment in Great Britain is the most drastic in recent history."

In the face of another world-wide depression this newspaper infers that government spending is the chief hope to start business upward again during the next few months. "As soon as the government priming stopped the pump stopped," it is suggested.

In the face of all this unemployment the year 1937 witnessed many legal restrictions on amusement games in the United States, England, France and Australia. So that the amusement games business in all these countries during the last year has been forced to add to unemployment instead of helping to relieve it, as in 1932.

Retail locations are just now beginning to feel the recession. If operators can organize locations to "demand" the return of amusement games some results might be accomplished during the next few months.

Big business made higher net profits in 1937 than in 1936, but if employees are turned into the street at the first sign of a pinch higher and higher taxes are the only possible way out. These higher taxes may be extended to all kinds of coin machines.

In any case there will be increasing demands for private charity. If the coin-operated machine industry could offer a united plan for aid to private charity there are possibilities of much wider acceptance of coin-operated machines of all kinds.

If the United States tends toward fascism in 1940 the odds will be against vending and music machines. The fate of games of all kinds will depend on standing "in" with the government. If the government tends toward liberalism the coin machine industry as a whole will have to come out in the open on a new and progressive program in keeping with the new ideas of the times.

There is a chance for government-controlled lotteries—whether the country goes reactionary or liberal—and such lotteries have always tended to shut out other forms of gambling because of competition.

Meanwhile let's be glad that music machines and vending machines are doing so well. Let's hope that the games industry comes back with a bang by early fall.

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Rock-Ola Reports Bigger Scale Sales

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Rock-Ola operators, realizing the profit potentialities that can be had by operators who are placing more and more orders for them, according to reports coming from the Rock-Ola factory, are taking a scale route, a form of insurance on their investment in big fast-profit equipment," remarked N. L. Nelson, head of the general sales department. "The scale route acts as a back log upon which operators can fall back when game that's been big, like books, suddenly falls flat for some unexplainable reason. Their little side-line business then click again with some other equipment."

"One operator recently reported," Nelson continued, "that he was strong for Rock-Ola. During the winter he put himself in a very short time. Altho we guarantee them for five years, they last much longer than that. They don't need service, repairs, and they afford a steady income all year round. In fact," Nelson concluded, "this operator has a son who is now a kid conscious that he has given his young son, who is still in high school, a couple of scales to operate. It gives the kid something to do, money to earn, the feeling of operating his own business and experiencing the responsibilities that go with business."

Hart Sees Return To Bulk Venders

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 19.—There has been a definite trend away from bulk venders and merchandise of the type used in these machines, in the opinion of Hart, Inc., makers of the Northern Macadamia Machine. "This year trend," Hart says, "differs from former booms in this type of equipment in that operators now want more variety in their product and the merchandise that these machines can vend. They want something that will keep these machines going at a profit."

"To meet this need," he went on, "we are displaying venders and merchandise that will appeal to the fancy of the public but bring greater profits to the operators. Some of the merchandise we now have on hand takes six months to come in. We are also displaying charms. The candies with which our charms are mixed were tested thereby before we put them on the market," he continued. "With the success we are enjoying at this time is due to the work we have put into marketing this merchandise so that one could be assured of only the best."

Popmatic Machine On Air in Texas

LONGVIEW, Tex., Feb. 19.—When a man ate his views on pop-corn machines that's nothing. Everyone is interested in the new-type coin-operated vending machines that have opened up such a wide field of legitimate profit. But when a pop-corn machine goes on the air, that's news.

And the voice of Peppmatic was heard, recently by hundreds of curious fans in Longview, Tex., when the company's James F. Cugler, who owns the Rice Sales Company, of Longview, Tex., and W. H. Rice, owner of station KFPG, made the announcement, the new Model 24-A Popmatic rolled right up to the mike and said, "Howdy, folks, take it on down to that great, great, great, great, great, and adjacent territory could hear the cheerful pop-pop-pop of Peppmatic in operation, and could all smell the aromatic odor of delicious 'Popmaticorn'."

They say it was quite an experience—

but, of course, they missed the fun of watching those dancing grains, and when the audience asked if they didn't get a taste, Peppomatic ran away with the show, but the announcer ran away with the pop corn."

The new Model 24-A was introduced at the 1938 Coin Machine Show in Chicago and now being delivered to operators all over the country. It is the result of its more to have improved features that make it "the simplest, the most dependable and the easiest to operate vending machine ever put on the market. A glass-enclosed popping unit which is extremely easy to clean prevents the oil leakage which has plagued many of the previous models. A new high in sanitation is reached by a corn shell cleaner that is automatically started and stopped in cleaning out dust and dirt. It isn't a bit unhandy for the customer either, because the pop-corn release is embodied in the side door. The popcorn is kept hot in the saucer. Popmatic is kept cool and wholesome by an accurate oil-leveling system which minimizes the use of seasoning oil."

Bazzini's Goods Popular With Ops

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A. L. Bazzini Company reports that it has been supplying operators in the New York territory with a large number of vending machines for many years. Altho Bazzini sells nuts there, he claims to be the largest importer of nuts, pecans, walnuts, and chestnuts in the U. S. In his large stock of nuts, Bazzini carries many kinds of salted peanuts, sugar-coated nuts, Brazil nuts, pistachio nuts, sweet pumpkin seeds, peach-kernels, popping corn and other products. It is reported.

Vending Machines Still Make Money

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Henry C. Lemke, local Lemke Coin Machine Company, pioneer Detroit operator, is enthusiastic over the business outlook in the vending machine field. He is concentrating entirely the nut machine line and devoting his efforts to the vending field. He recently purchased the two-in-one nut machine from Stewart & McGuire, 100 Masters and 100 Robbins' Two-in-One venders. All of these are combination nut and candy venders.

Mr. Lemke states he is waiting for shipment to come in next week of 100 pop corn and shell peanut venders from Robbins.

He declares there is still a lot of money in vending machines if you go at it right. He finds a great deal of interest in vending machine lines coming in nicely.

"I started 17 years ago in the vending machine business," he said, "and now I'm ending up in it today."

Robbins Drops Mystery On New Apple Vendor

BROOKLYN, Feb. 19.—For about a month Dave Robbins, of D. Robbins & Company, Brooklyn, has been carrying on a keen campaign to inform the trade of his new low-price apple vendor. Now that Dave has a quantity on hand and price is right, the mystery is out and Robbins is showing a counter display stand for cellulose wrapped apples. The stands have been placed in New York and Robbins claims they are operating successfully.

"It's running well over 100 per cent," says Robbins, "an operator can make a good living with a route of apple stands. You can have them in drug stores, billiard parlors, cigar stands, office buildings, in addition to all regular locations."

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MEN & MACHINES



Printing the News

One of the biggest subjects in the coin machine industry is that of what "news" fit to print on the machines. Discussed in manufacturers meetings, and in nine years of editing coin machine news I have never seen one of operators ever say that news should or should not be published. Always in the background, of course, are the thousands of operators in the smaller cities and towns who want to know what of what is happening, both in the industry and to it. That problem has not been solved yet, but with what we have in the news, they have a right to see as long as they keep buying machines.

Following a wiscrack of mine in this column a week ago, Bert (J. H. Keeney & Company, Chicago) came me the following peppy letter on the subject of news:

"To the Editor—In reading Men & Machines, I am sorry without any edge, I have been appointed one of a three-member board of censors to dictate The Billboard editorial policies.

I suggest the office censor because somebody has got to keep a watchful eye on you or some day one of those masterful, trenchant finds of yours is going to be used as Exhibit A in a 20,000 word brief attacking all coin-operated devices.

It's so frequently forgotten that The Billboard is not written just for members of the coin machine industry. And your editorial brains children must realize that intentions, but the Ax-Gnawing Crusade and Mrs. Self-Applied Reformer take those innocent little children of your fertile brain and drag them up so that your journalistic offspring look like the hoodlums sons of Satan.

But don't worry, for on the main page of the business press and provided 245 column inches out of the 491 devoted to editorial purposes in that space, 19 issues a month, our typewriter little harder we may bring up our percentage to 9 per cent of the editorial content. And then we can do it again next month. As proof read a small 5 per cent to see that your journalistic endeavors don't go unnoticed. And if you think that somebody can come along and kick hell out of the operator's bridgework."

To the Editor: "Enclosed is a little article on my observations in the South. If you care to print this you have my permission. We have really been busy since the 1936 election, but now that we have a chance I will send you some news about Southern operators." — M. B. Blum, Valdosta, Ga.

Mrs. Kahn, general manager of Associated Novelty Co., Chicago, reports that since the recent announcement of reconditioned machines a big response has come in from operators. The

firm offers these machines at very attractive prices, he says.

Al Koplo breezed back into the Windy City last week. He had been out in Illinois looking over the first "crop" of Rock-Ola cigarette photo-graphs being put on location. Koplo is factory representative for Rock-Ola.

Most successful men have trouble buying hats large enough, but not Herman Klieba (pioneer Chicago operator). His trouble would be gloves—but he doesn't mind that. He has practically pulverized Jack Nelson's hand (general sales manager Rock-Ola Manufacturing Corporation) by his heavy grilling.

"How do you do it?" said Nelson. "Those mitts yours seem to get bigger every time I see you." "I have to make the box big to handle the heavy cash boxes in my Rock-Ola machines," Klieba beamed.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the U.S. Mint, just won't give any credit to coin-operated machines for the big increased demand for small coins during the past year. She says it is due to sales taxes. In the last three years the demand for pennies, nickels and dimes has increased 20 per cent. The production of these small coins 1,643 per cent as compared with the previous three years.

"To the Editor: I think I have perfected a couple of good items (food) for the use of my students in schools, factories, etc. I am writing you for information about marketing these products, can you advise me as to what would be the best place to contact to give me my proposition?" — C. A. D. Olean, N. Y."

Pete Smith (Exhibit Supply Company, Chicago) contributed a unique and rib-tickling tall story this week. But after reading the papers there are indications (See MEN & MACHINES on page 82)

WANTED!

There is no other cigarette like Spuds, and the public demands the genuine.

Spuds do not overshadow the fine tobacco taste with menthol—they contain just the right amount to circulate soothng menthol vapor through the sensitive nose and throat passages . . . Your Smoke Zone.

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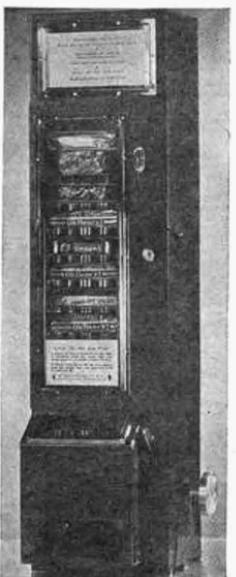
U-SELECT-IT is amazingly easy to service. Only one key is necessary to open three-way locking device which holds top, bottom and sides securely. Operator fills compartments from front. All compartments are made from chrome steel with satin-finished stripes, adding to the beauty of the machine. Note that the compartments allow the sale of a wide variety of merchandise other than candy bars.

Patented feature makes easy hanging. Back can be removed, and is locked on the inside of the machine. Special stands available when necessary.

U-SELECT-IT is compact, occupies minimum space—36 in. high, 8½ in. deep. Capacity is 54 bars, compartments arranged to accommodate standard bars. It is a beautiful machine, finished in chrome and crackle finished in black and special green. Simple operation is completely explained to public. Eighteen-inch plate glass display in chromium frame displays bars in original wrappers.

U-SELECT-IT machines are fully patented and the name copyrighted in the U. S. Patent offices.

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A Standard Size Stick Gum!
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Candy Machines Open New Outlets

By J. W. COAN, President Coan-Sleetteland Co., Inc., Madison, Wis.

The 1938 convention and show in Chicago was indeed very kind to us. That kindness has reflected itself where we are in a position to take more families off of bread lines. We have given them to work. Orders have swamped us. Our plant is working night and day and what does it all mean?

For 15 years the writer has maintained there could be no question as to the success of automatic merchandising if the manufacturer of the equipment could produce a machine that would sell, in keeping with the consumer's demand, and to build that equipment to withstand the abuses and the tamper-

The very foundation and success of the vending machine industry is to continue developing equipment in keeping with the consumer's demand. This is to us and this is based upon the expression of hundreds of coin machine operators visiting our booth at the show, that most important factor of all—customer demand. Permanent because they supply a service in keeping with the consumer's demand in every location where ordinarily the consumer could not be afforded that service.

We in the United States demand service. We don't go to four or five blocks away to get in one place what we want to consider price and quality. The future possibilities for the development of vending machines are boundless. In enhancing a service for the consumer is so large that it is almost impossible for

our imagination to grasp. Watch the developments in this line of industry for the coming year. Many remarkable, practical and sound developments will be made.

You can't stop progress when an industry as large as ours has come to the attention of the better minds of the engineers and business men. We are bound to go forward. Nothing can stop that.

In our own field it has been very pleasing to note how many more of the vending machine manufacturers are becoming operative in lending every assistance they can for the furthering of distribution. They are also making their machines designed to sell candy bars. There are still quite a number who are aloof, living in their own little world, doing business as they have always done. But they, too, will have a sudden awakening because of the human element involved. The market for candy bars is now worth of candy bars to be sold thru vending machines is all new business. It is business that can be had no place else. And for so many of the locations where candy bar machines are located means a new outlet for candy bars.

As far as we are happy, the operators are happy and that is to be reflected throughout the industry. The manufacturer of automatic merchandise machines has a great responsibility. His job is to be played because it reaches into some of our most important major industries, particularly the food industry.

We are pleased to advise that we shall soon make our appearance on the market

Simple MECHANISM

U-SELECT-IT, despite its many points of superiority, is not a complicated device. There are only moving parts to get out of order. Components ship in separate boxes after assembly. It is a sturdy machine, precision-built to give years of hard service. This is a sturdy machine, precision-built to give years of hard service. Do not confuse it with ordinary cheap devices.

Positively SLUG-PROOF

U-SELECT-IT has the most effective slug-protecting device ever developed. Not dependent upon magnetism or metal content of the product sold. It is a simple, positive action device. It is not dependent upon magnetism or metal content. Twelve hundred machines in the hands of individual operators have proven this point, as well as freedom from mechanical defects.

The Customer SATISFIED

With **U-SELECT-IT**, the customer chooses his bar from the wide array displayed behind the plate glass front. He turns a small wheel until his bar of his choice is shown at delivery point. Then he goes down the delivery handle and the bar is spread out of the machine. Delivery is positive because it does not depend upon gravity.

ASK THE OPERATOR WHO HAS ONE

ROCKFORD, ILL. . . . "Our sixty **U-SELECT-IT** machines sell over \$2,000 worth of candy monthly."

CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I bought twenty-five penny machines a year ago. Total sales last year were \$275. My records are open to any one who cares to see them."

FORT WAYNE, IND. . . . "I have owned all types of candy machines. I am using **U-SELECT-IT** in my large farm machinery plant where I could not keep other machines because of slugs. My ten machines are averaging \$120.00 per day each. I am saving \$100.00 per day."

CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I have about \$4,000 invested in **U-SELECT-IT** machines and the candy business I am doing, which of course is good, is paying off in the kinds of machines. I would not take \$10,000 cash for my business."

These above testimonials and many more are in the company's files.

5¢ MACHINES NOW \$57.50

CHECK THIS ONE—

We also make the famous **U-SELECT-IT** penny machines. This machine is the same size as the **U-SELECT-IT** 5¢ machine. It will hold a big variety of penny bars instead of just one kind of penny bar.

Now Only.....

\$38.00

with a new merchandise machine, offering for all your necessities which again will be of service to the purchasing public.

Candy Men Make Use of New Plan

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 19.—Herbert G. Ziegler, president of the George Ziegler Company and treasurer of the National Confectioners Association, called a meeting of Wisconsin candy manufacturers at the Hotel Milwaukee Club on February 10. M. P. Burger, secretary of the NCA, presented the new advertising and marketing plan being featured by the NCA this year.

Among those attending the meeting were representatives of the following candy firms: George Ziegler Company, Chippewa Candy Company, William C. Marconi, Riverside Candy Company, Red Circle Candy Company, William F. Pfeifer, Candy Products Company, Fred M. Miller, The Beulah Company, Fond du Lac, and the Plonke Candy Company, St. Francis, Wis., also were represented.

The plan for using merchandising and advertising material furnished by the association was well received at the meeting. The association will include decoupage stickers and envelope designs to increase the consumption of candy. Headquarters of the association in Chicago, Ill., will administer the plan. When introduced orders have been received for 72,000 stickers and 1,444,500 envelope designs. Orders for cuts in various descriptions have also been received.

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Pop Corn Comment

By I. D. ROTKIN

Advertising Manager of Ranet, Inc.

One of the most significant aspects of the new corn popping business for operators is the need with which location for machines may be secured. Practically every place where there is a constant flow of human traffic is an ideal spot for the location of pop corn machines. The legitimate nature of automatic pop corn machines promotes clear conscience on the part of the location owner and provides permanence for the operator. Moreover, the universal appeal and the nutritional food value of hot pop corn make it a product which can be sold in unlimited proportions. People of every age, sex and creed eat and love pop corn.

Although it is impossible to list here every type of location for profitable pop corn vending, we are presenting some of the more obviously popular spots in order that the new operator may organize his business with a clear idea. An experienced operator may also get some suggestions for adding to his locations. These types of locations mentioned have been found to prove particularly good for pop corn machines with thoroughly gratifying results.

WAITING ROOMS of bus, railroad and air terminals, of movie theaters, of office buildings, hotels and large manufacturing plants are well adapted to steady pop corn profits.

SCHOOLS are easily accessible for pop corn vending. Schools are not so convincing to realize the advantages to be derived from the sale of hot pop corn to children. Parent-Teacher Associations will induce the local School stores likewise to make perfect locations.

AMUSEMENT PARKS are "natural" for quantities of machines. This includes, not only public carnival-type grounds, but also sport parks, zoos and exhibition grounds.

STORES of all kinds will welcome corn-popping and vending units for the sales stimulation value as well as profits. Chain stores are ideal for the large operator. Department stores should not be overlooked.

TAVERNS will actually seek out operators of corn popping equipment. Hot popcorn and beer make a delicious and succulent combination.

ROADSIDE STOPS such as gasoline stations, refreshment stands and tourist traps.

INDOOR GAME CENTERS, including pool and billiard halls and bowling alleys.

Mikro-Kall-It's Action Acclaimed

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The novel play-action portion of the Mikro-Kall-It counter game has been to the trade and press much comment in both machine circles since its introduction last week by Louis F. Pope, president of the firm. "Many operators consider it the greatest game the industry has ever seen," says Pope. The game goes into action when the player pulls tabs into the microphone attached to the top of the machine. His hand goes into the mike, or merely snap his fingers in front of it or merely tip the mike. The machine then begins to spin, shake and roll. In this way the player feels that he is really a vital

part of the game since it is his voice which sets it in motion. He feels as though he has the dice right in his hand and is rolling them on the board.

"This is the first time in the industry that any game has been introduced known to use a mike for starting the play action," Pope continued. "This feature is unique in that it adds a lot of shooting, the galloping dimension, to a real game. This sensitive mike does not use electric current. Instead, two small microphones are used which are part of the game and are reported to last for many months of play." Mikro-Kall-It comes in any type of location and provides permanence for the operator. Moreover, the universal appeal and the nutritional food value of hot pop corn make it a product which can be sold in unlimited proportions. People of every age, sex and creed eat and love pop corn.

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With the Pittsburgh and Chicago offices of the Atlas Novelty Company indicate the fine job they are doing with two new models of the Mikro-Kall-It, Newburgh, executive of Atlas said: "We have been agreeably surprised at the excellent response we have been favored with on this new game. We are sure that the Mikro-Stoner's Vouge, a 5-ball novelty game, is selling a great deal faster than we anticipated. Naturally, we are very pleased with this showing and would like to congratulate Stener for turning out this game with so much play appeal and at such a low cost."

"Another game that is going great guns is Western Equipment and Supply Company's Triple Grip. Triple Grip is a great game in itself, but because of their grip strength in three different ways, it has caught the public's fancy with this great appeal. Triple Grip has a great deal of play appeal and profit, for it is absolutely legal and may be operated everywhere," he concluded.

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POPMATIC POP-CORN machine goes on air over Station KFBO, Longview, Tex.

New Winner Sales Jar Deal Ready

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Announcement is made this week by Winner Sales Company that the new "Winner Sales Jar" is a separate set-up, yet all three are being offered at an attractive group price to operators. It is stated.

"The new jar can Get a Natural Banco and Half a Hundred. Each jar contains 2,260 ticket sales at 5 cents each making \$113.00. All three jars is said to total approximately \$328, according to the manufacturers."

By taking who checks at production and who takes at the West Coast, it is known to be an operator of salesboards of many years' experience. He is said to have placed 100 of these ticket jars in Chicago and thru his experience should be able to work to the benefit of those operators who do business with his firm.

Here it is
**THE NEW
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Cante New Owner Of Bingo Ball Gum

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—James Cante, well-known figure in the local coin machine circuit, took over the manufacturing facilities of Bingo Ball Gum Manufacturing Corporation this past week, as well as all rights of former owner.

Cante took place in the offices of A. L. Ornstein, of Hercules Machine Exchange, Inc., Newark, N. J., who was one of the largest shareholders of the firm.

At the completion of details of the sale Cante stated: "We are going ahead with the manufacture of Bingo Ball Gum. The product is taken on everywhere in the country and we believe it is one of the greatest money makers the industry has ever had. Office and manufacturing facilities of the firm will remain the same. Orders will be filled speedily and complete shipments will be made to all parts of the country."

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that continuing the job might cause international diplomatic complications. However, we will let you know if the story may get Smith's private version by calling at the Exhibit plant. (Note to Perc: If you think the press is not being fair, call all the papers and remember that two telegraph companies refused to carry a telegram for a group of college students this week.)

To the Editor: "Please advise from whom we can obtain dice with cigarette symbols. We want them to go with machines with cigaret payoff. Also advise the manufacturer of a small counter machine with a single die. Name of the machine, I think, is Paco-o-Sign—L. A. Company, Tennessee."

To the Editor: "I noticed in the list of exhibitors at the 1938 Coin Machine Show in Chicago, Illinois, that you did not note the names of manufacturers who handle postage-stamp vendors. Will you kindly send me the names of any concerns that handle coin-operated stamp vending machines?"—S. N. Paterson, N. J.

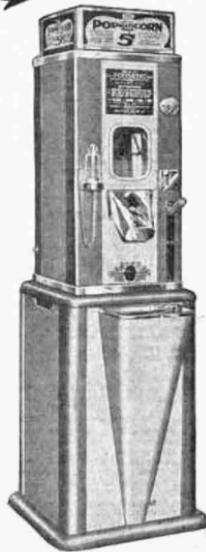
To the Editor: "Can you give me information as to who manufactures the bluebird all-aluminum ball-gum machines?"—T. E. H. Kansas City.

Louis Berman, general manager of the Champion Automatic Music Company, Detroit, makes comment on competitive mining of the coin-operated amusement firms that deserves a lot of thought:

"The cause of a lot of ill feeling," he says, "is the fact that some service operators are not needed in the area. The manager does not know his conditions in the field except that service men report having to travel a long distance to where the service man is likely to report that it was lost because of unfair tactics by competitors."

In other words, it is a common alibi to accuse competitors of unfair tactics. I remember that when I used to solicit advertising, the first question I used to hear that competitive publications asked of their space at cut rates. I investigated some cases enough to learn that such representations were not true.

The moral is that we should cut out a lot of this talk about competitors using cut rates. A lot of it is based nicely from an operation for appendicitis.



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Streamline Effect In Rock-Ola Phonos

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Recognizing the present interest in streamlining design, officials of the Rock-Ola Manufacturing Company were quick to incorporate the latest styling in their new models for their 1938 Monarch-20 and Windsor-20 phonographs. "Streamline design takes form in our phonographs in the shape of a modern, fast, cabriolet," stated L. F. Webb, vice-president and sales manager of the Rock-Ola phonograph division.

"In designing our 1938 phonographs," he continued, "we tried to think of everything that would make patrons prefer our music store in the location located. We also considered space economy. We tried to consider the operator angle, too, and give him the finest machine possible from the point of beauty of cabinet, of soundness of tone, and of the resulting soundness. From research and experiment we have found that the streamline phonograph has a great popularity as extremely attractive. It enabled us to give the patrons a better value for the record-changing mechanism.

Another feature plays an important part in enticing people into the coin chute," Webb went on. "The streamline front adds more glass surface to the window so that the public can see the machine and get a better idea of what the mechanism can get. A better view as the record is selected, lifted, scraped and deposited on the playing surface and heard by the ear."

The results of a nation-wide survey recently conducted by our statistical department prove that the public is actually likely to catch the mechanism of an automatic phonograph.

Art in Phonographs

By CAROL DAY

In every field of endeavor there is some one person or object that stands out, that sets itself apart from the crowd. In art, it is no exception. In the field of art there are original paintings. The book collector's prized possessions are his first editions. In the field of literature, poets, fiction writers, historians, autobiographers, etc., but always one who stands out above the rest. In the music industry, the stage, the movies and radio thought. Just as these fields have outstanding characters, so do we, the automatic music industry has its pace setter in Seeburg Phonophonos. The Company is the Queen of the Gramophones.

To me Seeburg Phonophonos are progressive leaders in the phonograph field. They, in the music industry, typify the fine in all departments. They combine with their originality refinements and improvements that are new and constructive. The many improvements that have been made by them from time to time have built their prestige to such a high point that they are



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among the most demanded phonographs obtainable.

Each improvement made on Seeburg Phonophonos has been an extremely progressive one—that one which made automatic music easier to sell. These improvements in production, research, design, attraction and merchandising strength, the Rock-Ola and General Phonograph Corporation have concentrated for the most nearly perfect automatic phonographs made. Their production is more realistic than ever before. The designs are practical and cleverly designed. In my eyes they are the most attractive automatic phonographs on the market.

Songs With Most Radio Plugs

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Biggest surprise of last week on the radio was Goodnight, Sweet Melody, from the Columbia catalog. Last week it was unknown to top plugs. Lead-off tune it was and it was played more times than any other song over the networks. Tune is from the new Columbia Catalog of Columbia Record Family Records, which will shortly be released to motion picture houses. It is too early yet to tell just how well it will do with the public and show ability to coast along on its own strength. If it means anything to coin machine operators, it will repeat itself in any event, for another two weeks at least.

Most important shift of the week was that for the Memory jumped to second place. It is one of the sweetest sentimental songs to be introduced since January 1 and it has won popularity everywhere. Should push.

Surprisingly, last week was the most lovely love song I Double Dare You. A very cute number, it should stay up among the leaders for some time to come. Double, in third place, shows no signs of weakening. Neither do You're a Sweetheart, Sweet As a Song, Sweetie Pie, You're a Dream Girl, Dream Girl, Get Together, I Can Dream, Can't It, from the Broadway musical Right This Way, rose from 10th to 7th place. It is a good selection and hasn't yet clicked big with the public, however.

Bet Mir Bist Du Schoen seems to have dropped, if course. It dropped from second to eighth place this week. It was a great money maker while it lasted, but op's should now be held out to gather in more. They have had the tune and not buy any more.

Worst drop of the week on radio was Out of My Heart, which slid from 1st to 11th place and was played only half as much as it was the week before. Out of My Heart has been slowly falling during the past two weeks. In See Your Face Before Me, Rosalie, New York, I'm Yours, Get It, Get It, and I'm Your Work should still continue to make nickels, however.

On the other side of the scale the following recently introduced tunes have

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still an unknown quantity, however.

Among the songs that have been getting considerable amount of air time and still holding on are Moon That Moon Is Here Again; Outside of Paradise, It's Wonderful Taboo, I'm a Little Bit Blue, I'm a Little Bit Blue Someone, Love Is Here To Stay; Eat Along, Silvery Moon; My Heaven on Earth; The novelty song Toy Trumpet, Moon of Many Colors, the title of the Night, One Song, With a Smile and a Song, Ten Pretty Girls and Bold White, Valentine, and the title of the new Tea Party Girls, none of them mean particularly much as hits.

True Confession fell badly from 18th to 21st place.

Plugging 10 tunes, it is estimated, most accurately reflect tastes of the radio fans in about the order named:

1. Thanks for the Memory
2. Don't Give You Dizzy Doodah
3. You're a Sweetheart
4. Whistle While You Work
5. I'm a Little Bit Blue
6. Sweet as a Song
7. Two Dreams Get Together
8. Bet Mir Bist Du Schoen

Sheet-Music Best Sellers

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—An interesting comparison is the difference in rating of Thorek's Gold Mine in the Sky on the radio and over the sheet-music charts. Last week this ballad hit-parade cut completely from the radio hit-parade but managed to retain premier slot in the sheet-music favorites. In both the radio and sheet-music charts it continued to sell almost as many copies as it had during the past month. In the West every music wholesaler reported that the first week it was a strong second. Song should therefore continue to make money for operators even though it is no longer being performed on the air.

As predicted in last week's article, Whistle While You Work and A Gypsy Fantasy are continuing to hold their place in the favor. The whistling dwarf tune mounted from ninth to third place, still showing stronger in the urban areas than in the country. Gold Mine got into seventh place. Tune is a grand love ballad which should make considerable headway in the week ahead. The few days. Opa who haven't already laid in a varied assortment of these selections should get on the band wagon in a hurry.

Second place among the sheet-music leaders was grabbed by Thesis for the Marquis, coming hot and heavy part of the country. It's one of the most romantic

melodies this season. Make sure records of the song have a vocal, because the words are good. Thanks should magnetize the jitters for many weeks to come.

In fourth position is Rosalie, which should have shot its strength and should drop during the next two weeks. Bet Mir Bist Du Schoen double-crossed and continued to slip badly, dropping from fifth to ninth place in the national sales charts and dropping from 12th to 14th in the Eastern territory. Looks like this week's candidate for the tune coffin.

In about the same place they were last week is I Double Dare You. You're a Sweetheart, Get It, Get It, and I'm Your Work should make come back, but not as much as the others two or three weeks.

Also holding on tightly are Dizzy Doodah, Ten Pretty Girls, Moon That Moon, True Confession took a sharp dip, zooming from eighth to 12th position: is dying out in the West, but still pulling in the Eastern territory.

Making its first appearance as a sheet-music seller, You Took the Words Right Out of My Heart, in 14th place.

Continuing its weekly popularity, Jamboree and When the Organ Played On, Promise Me both did a fadeaway in the national sales charts, but still hanging in there, with East Are Rosalie, Ten Pretty Girls and Bet Mir Bist Du Schoen, while

The most accurate guide to what popular songs the public likes is the sale of piano sheet music over the counters of music stores. The Billboard with run weekly sales of the tunes customers are BUYING. This should prove a helpful indicator to operators as to what records to stock.

Note also the analysis of the songs most played on the air. A comparison of radio and sheet music sales will indicate the difference between the two. Sheet-music best sellers generally lag behind radio sales. By studying both and checking them against the record releases of the moment, you can get a general idea of just what the public is ready to invest its nickels in.

Sheet-Music Leaders

(Week Ending February 19)

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Postscript:

Last Wk. This Wk.

1. There's a Cold Wind in the Sky
2. There's a Memory
3. Whistle While You Work
4. Rosalie
5. I Double Dare You
6. You're a Sweetheart
7. A Gypsy Told Me So
8. Dizzy Doodah
9. Moon That Moon
10. Ten Pretty Girls
11. Moon of Many Colors
12. True Confession
13. Moon That Moon
14. You Took the Words Right Out of My Heart
15. Sweet Someone



SEEN AT WURLITZER'S BANQUET for distributors held during the 1938 show. Left to right: Bob Rose, R & S Sales Company, Marietta, O.; William F. Bell, general credit manager, Bob Bleekens, Chicago district manager of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, and Harry DeSchryver, Marquette Music Company, Detroit.

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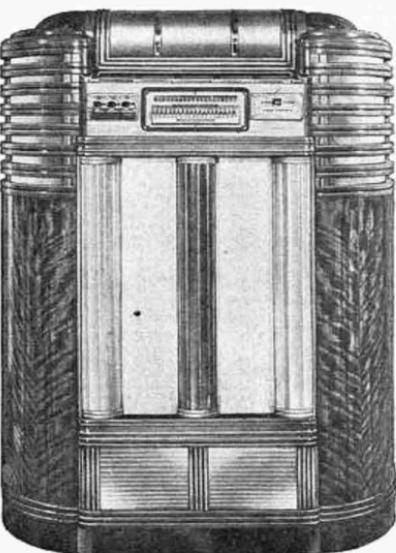
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**McCormick Helps
Phono Op's Family**

GREENVILLE, N. C., Feb. 19.—Upon the passing away of one of the phone ops in this district, L. B. (Mac) McCormick, who had been helping his family by gathering up all the phones the operator had on location. This proved to be quite a job, it is reported, because he had one of the largest music routes in this area.

After collecting all the machines McCormick inspected them thoroughly and had plans made out for operating men to use them in their territories. He reports that the machines will undoubtedly move fast since all of them are of popular make and are guaranteed to be in perfect condition.

Detroit

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—W. F. Kueheman, general manager of Calle Bros. Company, left last week on a tour west to visit the various branches of the company to be able to return to work. He is now operating under the name of Harry's Amusement Company, with headquarters on Philadelphia's avenue.

Harry Weinberger, who recently bought out the route of Ray Zientzky (formerly Ray and Noal), has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to permit him to be able to return to work. He is now operating under the name of Harry's Amusement Company, with headquarters on Philadelphia's avenue.

Harry Goldberg is one Michigan operator who believes in diversification. Goldberg has a large number of different kinds of machine on his route. His basic operating idea seems to be to provide as many different kinds of machines as possible. In this way he is able to meet

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the demands and tastes of all location owners on his routes. Altho maintaining his headquarters in the Hotel Dover here, Goldberg does not have any other places operating in this city. His routes are all outside the city limits and spread thru the up-state territory.

One oldtimer who sees good business ahead is William J. Allen. He is a man of 47 years' experience in the business. He started in the field with the late Joseph Mills, of Hoboken, N. J., in 1901.

Henry A. Behrendt is in Florida for the next three months. . . . Henry Brainerd is planning to return to the business here in April, now he's keeping his eyes open for a route to operate. . . . Arthur Baynes, of the operating firm of Baynes & Kennard, has just had a minor operation performed on his injured leg, while his

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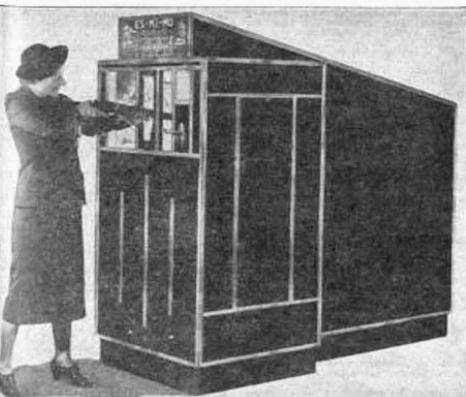
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Keeney Stands Pat On Royal Flush

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—"We're standing pat," said J. H. (Jack) Keeney, "with what we think is a royal flush hand in our pocket." By Chamber, Kenton Club, Shiny, Free Races and our new model Track Time. In that hand you'll find a game for every territory. There



THE NEW ES-KI-MO automatic real-rifle shooting machine, introduced at the recent coin machine show in Chicago, now being produced and shipped to all parts of the country by the Gem City Machines, Inc., Dayton, O.

Interest Zooms In Double Track

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—"At the movies it's 'double features,' on the radio it's 'double talk,' and in the coin-game industry it's Double Track, the new money game that is earning unbelievable profits on locations everywhere," says Morris Gerburg, official of General, Inc.

"Recently we had one of Double Track on location and noted the keen enthusiasm of the crowd gathered about it—so much so that the location owner said there was an intense rivalry built up between the two players who, I was told, had been playing the machine for almost two hours. The location owner remarked that he had asked his operator to get him another Double Track for the amusement park he is opening next month. He said that since this new machine had been installed it was a case of whoever got there first, for once a player began playing the game he kept on playing until, just until."

"This location owner appropriately named the machine 'Double Track' as Oceansburg went on. "He said it was double profits for both the location owner and the operator. Since Double Track is built on the track plan, it is always at once but it has plenty of extra action that raises excitement to fever pitch. The reason for the interest in Double Track is that the two players are playing twice the action with every ball played, for in addition to watching the ball on his own target, he can actually do, watch the other fellow's shot."

"Double Track requires genuine skill, and for the operator great equipment, five balls' worth on each board and double thrills and excitement from start to finish," he concluded.

Kentucky Club, our new four-dial seven-ball console game and the new 1938 Track Time for operators of those types of games. And there are Free Races and Shiny for territories closed so far.

"It must be a winning hand if we are to judge from our sales on all five of these machines. They have been practically sold out of new and rather big runs of Kentucky Club, Derby Champ and Shiny. And, of course, continued fast sales on the new models. We cannot make Track Time and Free Races fast enough to take care of the demand for them in two territories."

"While we realize the truth in the old adage that the world will beat a path to the door of the maker of better amusement equipment, we still must wait for operators to ring our doorbells in quest of our winners. Thus our advertising and the sales organizations of our distributors are working harder than ever to keep the sales organizations formed at all times of what is going on in 'The House That Jack Built,'" he concluded.

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100 Skat Ball (Like new) \$50.00	10 Goliath Fortune 20.00
100 Skat Ball (Like new) \$50.00	10 Goliath Rock-Ola 20.00

10 Goliath Saturation 12.00	10 Goliath Rock-Ola 20.00
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		WIND JAMMER.....	\$20.00
		ARLINGTONS.....	\$7.50

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Es-Ki-Mo Gets a Hearty Reception

DATTON, O. Feb. 19.—Making its first appearance at the Chicago Coin Machine Show, the new automatic real rifle shooting machine, Es-Ki-Mo, has been produced and shipped to all parts of the country by Gem City Machines, Inc., a new company, but composed of men who have had extensive experience in the coin machine business.

"The enthusiastic reception of Es-Ki-Mo at the show was not surprising," stated C. P. Gilkison, Gem City Machines' president and general manager. "We went there to demonstrate and distribute today are eager for a new legal amusement machine with a universal tested appeal. We knew that such a machine would find the answer; that fact was proved by the preliminary tests we conducted."

"The most important part of our work, however, was to determine what requirements which we knew operators demanded, and then design, engineer and build to meet those requirements in a safe, sturdy, reliable, quiet, simple and easy-to-handle machine. We believe we have been successful."

Particular attention is called to the machine's sturdy construction, the accessibility of working parts and its surprising lightness of weight. It is a coin-operated machine offering a great variety of shooting, moving targets with a specially designed rifle, a special type of real ammunition and other features that guarantee safety.

Es-Ki-Mo operates automatically and requires no attendant. When coin is deposited, three cartridges are vended and mounted in the gun. Press the trigger and fire at bears making their appearance in openings between rocks and ice in the midst of an attractive Arctic scene. Scores are registered by lights flashing on a panel of 10 machines, is based on where hits are made—the more difficult the shot the higher the score.

The game's basic appeal is as old as the history of dreams themselves, and especially the American dream, which starts hopefully with such a strong lure as certain to have a long-time popularity.

Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Zero weather and a blizzard of sleet and ice slowed coin machine business here last week, but prospects are good and leading houses are ready to begin their annual spring campaign.

Carl F. Hoelzel, head of the United Amusement Company, was tickled to receive an order for his new "Wind Jammer" game from the Western Specialty Company in London. Reception of the new game, announced publicly in

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the January 29 issue of *The Billboard*, has been excellent.

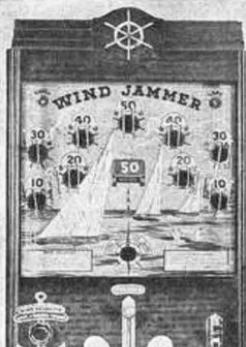
Hoelzel is being kept busy operating his spotland at Hickman, Mo., in addition to his business here. Business is good and interest increasing in coin-operated games, he reports.

The United Company's new addition to the building on Main street is progressing in spite of bad weather. When it is completed the plant will be devoted exclusively to the manufacture and storing of amusement machines.

"We are not doing very much right now," Tim Crummell said today at his office in the Central Distributing Company building on Linwood boulevard. "People are slow to buy now, but there is no news to speak of. Things should start popping again in the next week or two." Crummell and his partner, Rue P. Mason, are working on a new campaign which should help sales when it is launched.

Jar games of the midsize variety are bringing profit to the Universal Manufacturing Company on Main street. Reports of distribution and jobbers after the opening games on locations throughout the city indicate that the name "Universal" is well known and popular in the Middle West among the many type jars now in use.

The Wurlitzer Skee Ball still gets a big play here. More than 100 are in use in night clubs, cafes and similar establishments.



SAM MAY, Baltimore distrib., smiles his approval of Western Equipment's latest creation, Wind Jammer.

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• Gobel TRADE-MARKED Models, Sample	42.50	• Rock-Ola Imperial 200, used 30 days, \$105.00	Each
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Prospects for Coin Machines in Australia Are Considered Fair

By C. P. SIDNEY

Accredited with an insatiable desire for statistics, it is difficult for the Australian to understand why Americans are not better versed in the matter of coin machines. Particularly where native coinage is concerned. This surprise is the more emphasized because both countries are of vast acreage. Then again, in our country, our laws vary in the different States. Western Australia and Tasmania, for example, the State in which night trotting is permissible. South Wales alone permits dog racing, while Queensland, light-years behind in mechanical know-how, in Queensland dog racing is tolerated in the daytime, but only when live hares are the prey.

Obviously this sort of incongruity goes with either means of gambling or we find that with coin machines what goes for the gamblers is not always what goes for the good.

The writer was probably the first to introduce coin machines into hotels to great success, per medium of the penny farthing, and the rest is history as they say. On one occasion I remember when bookmakers starting off at 9 o'clock in the morning, playing for dimes and cents of 10 minutes, were soon shooting for a pound (\$5) a shot. Lunch and dinner came and went, but the shooters continued, and the last, and poorest of the players was winning nearly \$50 pounds, yet when 8 p.m. ticked, as the result for closing time they finished up \$1000.00. This was the first proof to me that the fact that the machine had collected many of their dollars at a penny per

Australians will gamble as readily as any humans on this old earth and when the fruit (bell) machine was first introduced the takings in some instances were stupendous. The question is, how long will it take before the manufacturer estimating what a machine on good location should take in weekly

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idea has any value I would be delighted to air-mail you any further points that may be required.

Vending Machines

Australians know little of the vending machine as you use them in your country and probably the only consistent one we have here is the peanut vendor. This is a very popular occupation, a regular fellow and it is probably used by a wider range of people than all other machines put together. Notwithstanding this, it is a wise man who is looking for a potential market to develop I would pin my faith to this country for the future of vending machines.

To those who consider the country for coin machines may be appreciated when I tell you that I know of one man who, within a period of little over six months, sold 1000 fruit machines for \$6000 worth of fruit machines and this for use among a population of less than 1,000,000 people. Incidentally, the population of the whole of Australia is under 7,000,000.

Brisbane, capital city of the State of Queensland, cannot boast of a single amusement park, but the city itself possesses even a shooting gallery, and even at that American operators might be well advised to hold their horses, for the law frowns at such.

Rental Discourse

Over a period of 20 years I think Brisbane has had two or three shooting galleries. I do remember of one being on the corner of Ann and Quay Streets, another about four or five years back made a feeble attempt. But in each instance the location was bad.

I am of the opinion that the importance of amusement parks lies in the importance to the rental quotient when seeking a location, and thus finished up in a back street where the only passing trade keeps on passing.

All this may suggest to you that Brisbane is a wower town where amusement finds no favor, but such is far from the case.

With a population of 320,000 we have a dozen continuous theaters in the metropolitan area, more than half of them open continuously, and the balance of the whole aggregating a seating capacity of over 17,000. With perhaps one exception there is little doubt as to their popularity. The public, particularly in wrestling have practically an open go, but for the want of a really attractive stadium there is evidence of decay in the direction.

Horse racing is thriving at present and two of our metropolitan courses would do credit to any city in the world, both as regards the tracks and public convenience.

Wonderful Climate

Again in support of amusement, I would mention that in few parts of the world can one find more favorable climatic conditions. For eight months of the year the nights are as balmy as a poet's dream. At the moment of writing, temperatures in the 70's are quite possibly heard, is endeavoring to raise local capital for an amusement park, but I fancy the job is all in the planning stage, and the expense is in park management.

Some of your readers may not be aware of the fact that our summer starts in December, but the month of January only holds during June and July. This, of course, does not apply to all of the country, but in the northern part of the State of Queensland, if one excludes the northern part, the weather, which generally lasts for three days at a time and only in the months of May, June, July and August, is known as winter, as is known in many parts of your country. On the other hand, we get considerable humidity in the summer months, particularly in the very high spots as is often recorded in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

Before concluding, I might add one more problem on the point of gambling. In this State we have what is known as the Golden Casket, a government lottery, held every three months, and the money is quite a big deal and runs into 100,000 subscribers of 5/6. each. Usually they fill inside of eight days and the fortunate fact that this medium makes available so much money for the hospitals naturally attracts the government treasury, and despite the fact that cut-off dates, etc. etc. It is too valuable an ally for any party to throw into the discard. If I ever land one of the big prizes I will come over and tell you all about it.

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"All in all we are happy, our operators are happy and that is going to be reflected throughout the industry. The manufacturers of automatic merchandise vending machines will continue to expand because of the unemployed because it reaches into some of our most important major industries, particularly steel. . . . The number of new vending machine outlets can be sold thru vending machines is all new business, for 90 per cent of the locations where candy-bar vending machines are located are now in the outlet for candy bars."—J. W. Coan, president, Can-Sleeterland Company, Inc., Madison, Wis.

Individual operators and also manufacturers of vending machines appeared at a hearing before a Senate committee in Boston February 1 to offer criticism of a proposed bill to regulate vending machines. The individual operators spoke in defense of the means of making a living, while the manufacturers spoke in favor of their factories in making machines. H. C. Thomason, director and stockholder of the Dimebuster Company, Harvey, Ill., manufacturer of cigarette, candy and gum machines, said that his plant was furnishing work for 400 people. The manufacturers gave statistics of the number of men employed in their plants.

BIG CITIES.—The large cities are naturally feeling the weight of relief for the jobless. The New York Times (February 13, 1938) published news of recent surveys showing that in one out of six of the New York City's population is now dependent on the city for some form of relief. In a population of 7,470,000 more than 1,200,000 citizens or about 16.25% of them are receiving aid. The number on relief is said to be increasing at the rate of 100,000 a month. At the time of the survey, however, the total was still 300,000 below the peak of March, 1936.

All state governments are having the same problem that New York City faces. Yet it has been chiefly city governments that have imposed the most stringent restrictions on coin-operated amusement games. It is these restrictions applied by city governments that has forced the amusement game industry to turn to employment. In the early days of the amusement game industry, and for some years after, the industry contributed much more than it was given credit for in giving jobs to family men.

Juvenile Report

Chicago, "the coin machine capital of the world," is being called by its Juvenile Welfare Association one of the most prominent social workers of the nation in the person of Miss Ruth Belford. In her annual report this year she made some interesting suggestions as to the causes of delinquency among children and young people.

Miss Belford found poverty for many of the problems the Juvenile Welfare Association has to meet, remarking that poverty leads to physical, food, scanty education, improper clothing, mental breakdown, discouragement, despair, illness, immorality, delinquency and crime.

"Our first responsibility," she said, "is to solve the root problem of poverty and to eliminate those situations but on fundamental causes and symptoms which must be met with permanent national and local measures."

Charity in Cities

Coin-operated machines are concerned chiefly with cities, whether large or small. Cities and towns today have become the centers of organized charity, contributing to the welfare of humanity. In recent years city governments have found the public charities to be in dire financial straits that cannot be met.

This means that city officials every-where will have to take steps to encourage private charities. This means

that city officials will have to encourage the public to buy coin-operated political footballs of coin-operated machines; that they will have to encourage coin-operated machines and members of the industry to give their services gratis in giving employment in every way possible.

The immediate activities of organized groups will be to meet the suggestion by the 1937 report of the Chicago Council of Social Agencies. A total of 213 agencies, 200 of which are private charitable organizations, were included. The report of 54 member agencies showed an expenditure of \$46,000,000 in one year. These agencies and their workers were also used in meeting the calls for help from Chicago's needy.

Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 19.—Jack Malone has been missed from around Coin Machine Row the past week. He was last seen in town on Jan. 26, at home with a pretty bad case of flu. But you can't keep the Irish down and we'll bet Jack's back on the job before long.

With the temperature plowing around 70 and 80 for the past three weeks, Texas boys have come out of their winter quarters and are doing quite a bit of shooting about.

Tubby Andrews, of Jacksonville, paid Fort Worth a visit and made all the boys green with envy when he told about a bird hunt he just returned from in the mountains. He will be back again in his praise for Baby's Zephyr machine, which is going to town in his territory.

HARVEY MINE has been transferred to Electric Baby's Dallas office and his operator friends in Fort Worth miss him. He has been replaced by Billie, who has taken up all the boys for that Seeberg party, which, from all reports, was a huge success.

Jack Sprott, of Temple, narrowly escaped serious injury when his truck overturned and he was pinned under it. And the bad part of it is that Seeberg's new 1938 Chevy truck that Jack had driven only a week.

The Automatic Amusement Company is being swamped with requests for the new "Giant Grip Scale" and the company is unable to supply all the demand of operators. Each key chain is provided with a numbered identification tag and owner's name and address are permanently registered at the Automatic Amusement Company.

Sammy Frankrich, of the Pennsylvania, recently won it. It was reported that he was the first customer to patronize a new French and Italian Restaurant opened in the city of Lowell. Sammy was also the first one in there with a new phonograph. The Frankrich boys are the largest phone operators in Fort Worth, having 300 on the string.

Detroit

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—The annual dinner dance of the Skill Games Operators' Association is to be held next Wednesday night, February 23, at Northwood Inn. Ray Carting and his orchestra will furnish musical entertainment for both the dancing and the floor show.

Baynes and Kennard, local pin game ops, are considering expansion into other fields of operation. Jack Baynes, brother of Arthur, who is one of the principals in the business, said the organization is and is handling service work. For some time Arthur Baynes has been using his own machine to advantage. Consequently he combines his two businesses and builds real good will with the customers who are his customers on one capacity and location owners in the other.

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Michael Barry, who entered the pin field as an op about six months ago, added some new Wurlitzers to his collection of phones.

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Evendly he believes in sticking to the one class of operation rather than spreading his activities over several fields.

Rudolph Stevens, local music op, has moved to Fort Worth, where he is now engaged in the music bus.

Ray McFlynn has moved the base of his vending machine operations to 1332 Welland avenue in northwestern Detroit.

A. Anderson, who combines peanut venders with pin game finds that his routes work and in hand with his route book and map, he can make a good living with a wholesale grocery firm and find that many of his stops for the company are in the same areas where he has his own machines to advantage. Consequently he combines his two businesses and builds real good will with the customers who are his customers on one capacity and location owners in the other.

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Greenstein Learns What Giant Means

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—"Little Miss Min-Lin, the giant panda bear at the Zoo, is a real success," says George Gottlieb, president of the Gottlieb Manufacturing Company, which makes the "Giant Grip Scale." By Greenstein, head of the Game Company, distributor of the firm. "Dealing in big consoles, payoffs and novelty games, usually the bigger the better, we have really sold on the idea of grip machines. They've all paid off and operators would not be satisfied with what looked like small earnings. So I think it's a good idea to continue with the Giant Grip Scale. But I did get the surprise of my life when sales began to drop off and operators started to complain that they really didn't make with this machine. Especially in restricted territory where 100 per cent legality is important,

the grip machines are hanging up records that seem impossible. Operators are ordering them in quantity because they know that there is a great deal of big paying investment, and their legality gets them into territory where other machines are locked out. Real "Giant Grip" can really hold its own machine at all, it stands for earning power, and that is surprisingly large. Now we're getting more orders from operators than up our way and I suppose the same is true in other parts of the country."

Greenstein says that reports from the factory recently show clearly that the "Giant Grip" scale is outselling the so-called Slumper, made by the Gottlieb firm in Chicago, is selling all over the country just as they are in this section.

RR Co. Installs Ticket Venders

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Ticket selling will be speeded up in all passenger stations of the London Passenger Transport Board underground railroa service here by the installation of new-type electric ticket vending machines, it was stated today.

LPTB recently announced the placement of an order for 300 ticket-and-change machines which are to be installed in all stations of the system in the central London area. Costs of vending and other ticket-selling equipment will be more than \$500,000, according to reports.

Parking Meter Contract Awarded

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—City of Harrisburg has awarded a \$14,850 contract for the manufacture of 1,000 parking meters to the Karpark Corporation, of New York City.

The meters are to be completed within 30 days and the meters will operate on a basis of 5 cents per 45 minutes' parking.



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Klein Reports Big Demand for Sparks

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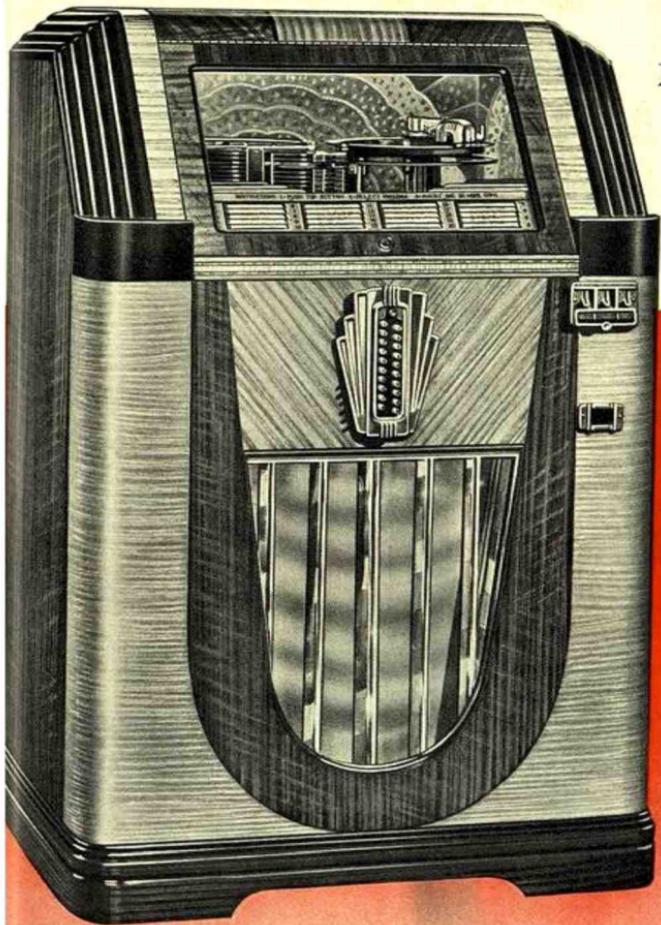
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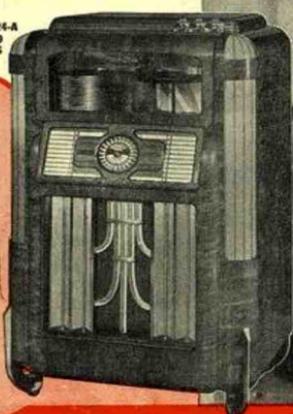
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