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## MICKEYS A LA FEMILE POST

### "Crazy Show" Closing Hits American Acts

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—One of the best-kept ventures to American acts as far as the war in Europe is concerned was the closing of the Palladium *Grasy Show* in London. Leonard Barr, of Barr and Estes, reveals. Scheduled for a 10-month engagement, the show failed to reopen after its opening week, ending September 2. The following day (Sunday) war was declared, and Palladium owner, George Black, convened the cast in an emergency meeting to inform them of the revue's enforced end, which came with a government order to close all public places. According to Barr, show was already sold out for a three-month run and most of the acts were set to double in London hotels. In addition to Barr and Estes, U. S. talent in the *Grasy Show* included the Gertrude Hoffman Girls, Jimmy Haddas; Willie, West and McGinty, and Condos Brothers.

The trip to Europe put Barr and Estes in the red for about \$1,500, with similar losses suffered by the other performers. Almost all of the American acts in London have already returned, Barr states, not only due to war conditions but to the dip the English pound has taken. The pound now is about \$1 less than its standard worth, and the salaries for acts, according to Barr, have not been raised anywhere in England. It was pointed out that scattered dates are being made available in small English (See "CRAZY SHOW" on page 65)

### Sends Photo to Franco— Now She Will Lecture

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Edith Rogers Dahl, night club performer who sent her picture to General Franco and saved the life of her husband, who had been flying with the Loyalist forces, is due back in this country next week—to embark on a six-month lecture tour.

She sailed from Cannes, France, October 19 after concluding negotiations in Paris for the highbrow assignment. The nature of her tour is still a secret, altho she confided to intimates here that she'll feel lost without her bidle. During the past few years she has been playing night clubs in France, Egypt, Turkey and Greece.

### Lewis Deal for 20 H-W Cars Instead of 15 Is Completed

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Art Lewis, owner of Art Lewis Shows, today announced completion of a deal with John Reddy, counsel for Ringling-Barnum, Inc., which bring 17 flat cars, two stock cars and a coach, all of Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus rolling stock, under the Lewis 1940 banner, show switching to railroad operation after 10 years as a motorized outfit. This is five cars more than announced in *The Billboard* of July 8.

Equipment is scheduled to leave Baldwin Park, Calif., on or before next Saturday, and a convention will proceed immediately in Norfolk under supervision of Superintendent Howard Ingram.

### Old-Fashioned Depth Bombs Out; Drunks Get Sweet-Talk Powders

But outlawed doses are held in reserve, in case—lady lusher a much tougher problem to night spot owners than men—men get the chivalric itch, dames don't

By PAUL DENIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—It's tough nowadays to get rid of drunks—but when the drunk are females, it's 100 per cent tougher. That's what night club owners and managers say as they sigh for the good old speakeasy days when a Mickey Finn or a clout on the head got rid of an obnoxious lush so efficiently. Now, with the liquor board, the police department and smart-alec customers all ganging up on a night club, the cafe manager can't do much more than try to coax tipsy customers into being reasonable. In the old days, a Mickey or a "bouncer" took care of the situation; today honeyed words are the only safe weapons.

Night club owners agree that unescorted female drunks are the toughest to handle and female drunks in male company are next. Just plain ordinary male sotuses are the easiest. Some night clubs won't permit unescorted girls, fearing the girls will try to pick up men (which is against liquor board rules) or that the girls will draw too much attention from male patrons and eventually cause trouble. Many bars won't permit unescorted women, but will serve them at tables.

### Equity Awaits Mgrs.? Code Suggestions; Spellman Bill Passes

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—League of New York Theaters, desirous of retaining Equity's basic agreement contract for the next year, will meet with Equity's code committee Tuesday (26) and outline a plan whereby it hopes to meet all the actor-union's stipulations on enforcement. League's own group will meet Monday (23) to whip manager's plan into shape. City council, meanwhile, passed the Spellman bill, which makes it possible for a manager to restrict selling price of his tickets to the 75-cent premium established by the code. Price control, however, is not compulsory, leaving it up to the League to try to corral its membership so that all tickets will be restricted in selling price. Associated Theater Tickets agencies are appealing to Mayor La Guardia not to sign the bill. At meeting last Saturday (14) between League and Equity representatives union indicated that League's proposals would have to be something other than suggestions whereby Equity would become further involved in the running of the show. Reported, too, that the central agency idea is remote.

The Spellman bill, an amendment to the administrative code of the city if the mayor signs it, states that the managers "may" print upon the ticket the maximum premium to be extracted from patrons. Unless the League can force all (See EQUITY AWAITS on page 65)

### Fleming Becomes G. A. for Strates

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—Report that W. C. (Bill) Fleming had been signed as general agent of the Strates Shows for the coming season and was at present on a scouting trip for the organization, was confirmed today by Manager Jimmy Strates when brought to his attention at Gastonia, N. C.

Fleming is a veteran G. A. in the carnival business and has made his return to that field after an absence of several years. After stepping out of the carnival business he was with the H. William Pollock Poster Print.

### London Legit Shows Tour; A Few New Ones Scheduled

Suburban houses do excellent business—new shows at Windsor Royal and Oxford—one-day opera at Sadler's Wells—Gaiety effects sold

LONDON, Oct. 14.—September, first month of the new year, has seen the London stage very badly disturbed but refusing to stay down for the count. On Sunday the Cms, almost immediately following the Premier's announcement over the radio that Britain was at war with Germany, the Home Department, according to prearranged plan, closed down all places of entertainment. All were affected alike, pronounced successes having to put up the shutters along with those probably not sorry to do so. At the end of a week the ban was lifted in places considered reasonably safe from air attacks, subject to 10 p.m. closing. The H. M. Tennent production firm immediately made arrangements for its West End successes to go on tour. On September 3 Robert's Wife, with Owen Nares and Fay Compton, opened at the Grand. Blackpool. A few days later removal of the ban—subject to 10 p.m. shutting—was made general throughout the country with exception of an area of one and a half miles radius from Leicester Square, the curfew for this, London's West End, being fixed at 9 p.m.

Sending out of West End successes on tour with original casts continued, the Tennent company from the Globe, with John Gleiguid and Edith Evans in Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* resuming operations at Golden's Green on September 14. Others to get going in this way were *Dear Octopus*, with Marie Tempest from the Queen's Noel Coward, *Design for Living*, with Diana Wynyard and *The Cors Is Thorne*, with Emylin Williams and Sybil Thorneike from the Duchess.

Buxton Festival resumed with the Old

Vic company's repetition of *The Devil's Disciple* on the 9th, following up two days later with a revival of Oliver Goldsmith's *The Good-Natured Men*.

On the whole these touring ventures have so far proved worth while. At Golden's Green *The Importance of Being Earnest* grossed \$7,720 in just over a week, while for a week at Blackpool *Grand Dear Octopus* drew \$4,470. Golden's Green, a Northern London suburb, has always enjoyed a good theatrical reputation; this applies also to its sister house at Streatham Hill in South London. Another other London theater to get going was the Richmond, where a concert party played September 18 week, followed by a revival of *Her First Affair*. On the 18th Shirvell's revival of *The Desert Song*, at the Garrick until war broke out, began a tour at Pinesbury Park Empire. At the little Mercury on the 30th Ashley Dukes resumed the run of *The Playboy of the Western World*.

But what of the West End with its (See LONDON LEGIT on page 65)

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# TERPERS WAY OF FILMS

## Treatment of Routines Only Half Of It; Split Teams Real Danger

Plenty who went out as partners came back as nodding acquaintances—films usually want to contract just one, but no one knows which one it will turn out to be

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—While the rest of the show business sees Hollywood as the end of the trail, a raft of ballroom dance teams are giving the Gold Coast a lifted eyebrow, mindful of experiences of their fellows. The a few individuals have clicked, for many the experience meant disappointment. In addition to their already voiced displeasure over the alleged inability of Coast camera men and producers to handle dance sequences in films adequately, the terpers have finally become vocal over what is perhaps the greatest drawback connected with the Great Adventure. This is the tendency of dance teams to split up once they have given ear to the soundings of the West Coast sirens.

### D'ARTEGA

(This Week's Cover Subject)

D'ARTEGA, one of the few orchestra leaders to use but one name for professional endeavor, is an energetic young man who has considerable standing as an arranger and composer, and who is achieving equal recognition as an orchestra leader by way of his Enns Jettick Melodic programs each Sunday over the NBC radio chain and an entire season as musical director for Sun Valley at the New York's World's Fair. Born in Guadalajara, Spain, 31 years ago, D'Artega, who actually possesses 11 names given him by fond parents, lived the first 10 years of his life in Mexico, to which country his family migrated in 1914. His musical education began at the age of six under the tutelage of an aunt, a gifted musician. It was continued thru the revolutionary days in Mexico and ended in St. Louis, where his family moved in 1918. At the age of 10, D'Artega had his first real schooling but proved so adept a pupil that he graduated from elementary school at the age of 12. He also completed his studies at the Straesberger Musical Conservatory, St. Louis, at the age of 15.

Then it became a question of continuing with high school, plus working afternoons and nights so that he could pay for his advanced musical education. He worked for a photographer and then learned linotyping. At the age of 18 he forsook all other endeavor to join a boy-girl orchestra playing at a beach spot, where he also doubled as a life-guard in the daytime. Then he joined the Dixieland Jazz Band a pianist, and toured the vaudeville circuits with this outfit for several years. In 1927 he formed his own band to play at the Cocoman Grove, St. Louis, and there, for the first time, he directed an orchestra for radio. Then he was signed by Olsen and Johnson as their musical director. In 1932 he joined Benny Meroff's orchestra as musician, arranger—and acrobat!

In 1933, D'Artega was selected by Eddie Cantor to direct a band for a nation-wide tour with the bango-eyed comedian. Fanchon & Marco officials heard him with Cantor, and signed him to direct a 30-piece orchestra at the Ambassador Theater, St. Louis. In 1936 he went to New York, where first he devoted his time to arranging for top-notch bands in the summer of 1937. He made his big-time radio debut on the Jello series. After a year of transcription and theater work, he returned to the air in the spring of 1939 as musical director for the Enns Jettick programs, Sun Valley at the Fair and more transcription work. He is recognized as one of the foremost arrangers in the field, turning out his own arrangements for his Sunday afternoon programs, and gives promise of some day achieving further recognition as a composer of contemporary American music.

Outstanding danger and chief cause of trouble is the fact that picture producers generally favor one member of a team and consequently try to contract that one to the exclusion of the partner or partners. Result is that the chosen one emerges with a coat of glamour while the other just emerges—with his earning power greatly curtailed or completely gone. This crippling has made the lads and lassies very cautious, so much so that many of them have refused to succumb.

There are plenty of examples of what can happen to top and heels who venture thru the Hollywood shoals. Vilma and Buddy Ebsen, for example, went to the Coast as a brother and sister team after Vilma, most sought after, refused a contract excluding Buddy. Finally inked as a team, Buddy came on to click as a single in hick comedy roles, leaving Vilma on the short end.

Of the Pretasser Sisters, Cherry, the more photogenic, seemed most likely to become established. The moguls picked June, however, after Cherry married.

Teams who tangled with Hollywood but came thru more or less intact include Estelle and Leroy; Paul and Grace Harrison; Velox and Yolanda, the DeMarcos and Harrison and Fisher, but they emerged only after difficulties. Estelle refused an individual contract. Velox and Yolanda made several pix, after which Yolanda refused an individual contract from RKO for \$750 a week. The Hartmans did a pic and were much annoyed at being cast as comics, not dancers. It finally resulted in injury, the film execs then tried to tempt Paul with a separate contract. He nixed it.

The DeMarcos were split for two years as a result of Hollywood. DeMarco appeared with Joan Crawford in *Shining Hour*, etc., but finally worked out of the team. Truman is coming into the Waldorf-Astoria very soon.

Ruth Harrison, of Harrison and Fisher, would not take a contract which would have left out Alex Fisher. Couple went back to vaude work.

The Theodores went to the Coast, and now ride weeks in pix as a single. They still play night club engagements as a team, however.

Many non-terp teams have had similar experiences. Picture companies have long been angling for Willie Howard, but he would not split with Eugene. Harry Ritz held his ground and forced the producers to sign up the entire trio.

When Judy Canova went to the Coast with her hillbilly act, including Annie and Zeke, she clicked as an individual, but she still keeps the others with her.

## Thru Sugar's Domino

### Taking Inventory in Flushing

IT WOULD be rather trite and naive for us to dwell at length at this time on the various elements involved in the disastrous fate of the amusement area of the New York World's Fair—Season of 1939. For the sensitive souls whose hopes, dreams and fortunes were involved in concession and show enterprises in the amusement area it would be nothing less than salt rubbed into wounds to go into gory details at this time when merciful Father Time is shaking out the tarps in preparatory to covering up the amusement area while the wintry winds blow and the fates decide what is to happen next year.

Far better is it for us to concern ourselves only with what has been in its relation to what will be. Going further, to discuss, as much as it is possible at this early time, what might and what should take place next season in that part of Flushing where the welfare of so many important showmen is involved. We look back on the first stanza now practically over with a mixture of horror, sardonic humor, pity and wonder. We are horrified at the inept manner in which the World's Fair Corp. handled matters that any sensible business man and showman could have prosecuted with dispatch, a minimum of waste and even ingenuity, a quality definitely lacking in the corporation's executive set-up insofar as it applied to the amusement area. We smile ironically at the infinite number of indignities, inconveniences and avoidable losses suffered by showmen—thanks to the neglect, arrogance and stupidity of World's Fair bureaucrats. We pity the usually smart showmen who fell for the line of promoters slicker than any of them have ever been; who had the faith of man in man and cut off their retreat at the very beginning of the season by disinvesting resources to open a time when the fair itself was incomplete. And we wonder (perhaps shall never cease to wonder) at the courage of the men who stuck it out and hope to come back strong next season—wonder, too, that considering the impediments thrown in their path most of the showmen were able to retain their sanity and level heads.

But that is all over now, except for the sessions of the hot stove league during the coming fall months preparatory to action taking place regarding the reopening in 1940.

Perhaps the showmen will send out vigilantes for us after they read this but we believe we have good reason to insist after subscribing to all of the foregoing that the showmen now stuck knee-deep in the Flushing Meadows and new recruits attracted by the lure of exposition gold will enjoy a better fate in 1940. Nobody is smart enough to predict how the crowds will come or how they will spend their money when they do come, but it is fairly certain, from what we have been able to ascertain, that the New York World's Fair Corp. has profited from its atrocious mistakes this season and that it will do everything within the power of its executive set-up to give showmen more than a fair break. The showmen could not do more—and considering how shabbily they were treated this year any crumb handed to them next year in the form of rebates, concessions and co-operation will look like a bacchanalian feast.

It will be more than just a few crumbs that will be thrown to showmen. That take place in the executive set-up of the corporation represent the evil ones being dismissed and saints being admitted into the inner councils. No, indeed, it is a less dramatic, more of a matter-of-fact proposition of the corporation reaching the point where it has profited by bitter experience and it has consequently come to appraise the showman at his true value. It is evident that the trend is away from executives who perhaps mean well but are as fitted for their jobs as a donkey for a ballet dancer. There is every reason to believe, based on observing things that are actually going on at this time, that the men who will guide the reins of the amusement area next year will be men who understand showmen; who are good business men; who will be given enough authority to carry thru plans that they believe will help the amusement area—and who will enjoy the confidence of the showmen—a feat which very few of the World's Fair officials accomplished this past season.

What is behind all of this about-face business on our part? The answer is that there is nothing mysterious or miraculous about it unless one would try to dub Harvey D. Gibson a miracle man, a cogswoman which he would perhaps be the most comfortable thought that the future is just as bright as the past has been black. There might yet be a chance for many of them to come out with their shirts on their backs.

There is, of course, plenty that showmen can do to help things along as the fall and winter months pass but these angles will be discussed with characteristic clarity and fearlessness by our colleagues of the World's Fair Department of the *Billboard* at the proper time. For the present, at least, showmen can derive some comfort from the thought that the future is just as bright as the past has been black. There might yet be a chance for many of them to come out with their shirts on their backs.

(See SUGAR'S DOMINO on page 31)

### "Leave" Sock 30G in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—The Vinton Freedley musical, *Leave It to Me*, containing the same cast seen on Broadway, in the first half of its two-week stay will gross slightly in excess of \$30,000. A terrific advance sale was chalked up for the show in which all the lower prices of seats were sold out even before the show arrived. The downstairs tiers were virtually gone also. Critics outdid each other in praising the show.

The second and final week of *Outward Bound* at the Locust shows a slight de-

cline in the b. o. It is expected that the Sutton Vane revival will come thru with a passable \$12,000.

LOU HOLTZ, at the State, New York, week ending October 18, will go to Hollywood to go on Bing Crosby's program beginning November 9.

"Possibilities" will be found this week on page 17 and "The Broadway Beat" on page 21.

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# Unions Set Administration Plan for Tele; Scaes Soon

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—If Screen Actors' Guild and American Federation of Radio Actors still cannot agree on the jurisdiction of television, as claimed by Actors' Equity Association, showdown on disposition will probably be delayed another six months or more as result of co-operative plan of administration agreed upon by the unions this week. Equity, which took lead in "disciplining" National Broadcasting Co.'s television department, allowed the network to voice its side on the matter of minimums and standards

at a Council meeting this week and agreed to consider a scale drawn up by Max Gordon and Thomas Hutchinson, of the NBC tele department.

The administrative plan provides for Equity to confer with Mrs. Emily Holt, of AFRA, and Mrs. Florence Marston, of SAG, in setting up rules and regulations. In addition, regular organizational facilities in New York and Hollywood will be enlisted to help Equity watch the situation without having to set up its own police agents. Equity agreed to the plan, feeling the arrangement does not trespass on its jurisdiction. Unions co-operate now by policing one another's fields when jurisdictions supplement each other. To safeguard AFRA's existing contracts, Equity, it is held almost certain, will limit free rehearsal in television and will seek provision to cover the unusually expensive item of cleaning costumes.

Gordon and Hutchinson pleaded for understanding and sympathy in the drafting of a minimum wage and hour contract. Raves by both execs about the thousands of dollars of mechanical investment served only to impress Equity that television performers were being woefully underpaid and exploited while other personnel connected with the medium obtained better consideration. However, Equity agreed to consider proposals which Gordon is to submit Tuesday's (24) meeting of the Council. Equity's own committee continues drafting its own schedule.

# Unfinished Biz on AFM Exec Calendar

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Executive board of the American Federation of Musicians winding up its week's sessions today, left over several important items of business as unfinished. Matters will either be settled by Prexy Joe Weber or will hang over until November 2, when the board reconvenes to discuss the radio problem, the particular matter in hand being a new contract covering network affiliates. Current contract with the radio industry expires January 16.

Changes in the new union contract form for bands playing one-nighters were held in abeyance and the old form remains operative indefinitely. Changes ultimately made will probably be based upon complaints of band leaders that certain clauses call for information which is strictly confidential, such as commissions and transportation expenses.

Another item hanging fire is adjudication of the Glenn Miller-Kil Oberstein-RCA-Victor triangle. Oberstein, head of U. S. Records, and the RCA warwork both claim prior contracts calling for the manager's services. Miller is expected to huddle with Weber Monday (23), at which time the matter may be ironed out.

# Pitt Playhouse Plans Big Year

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21.—Playhouse plans to become potent figure in legit scene, with schedule two weeks longer than last year's profitable season and seating capacity enlarged to half again present size. To aid ermine openings, first nights will be Tuesday to avoid conflict with Nixon Monday premieres.

Directed by Fred Burellish, returning for third season, civic theater will offer seven-show season, extending 23 weeks, guided by paid staff of eight, with casts chosen by auditions for each production. Kick-off will be *Kiss the Boys Goodbye*, to run month beginning October 24, followed by three weeks of *Ghost of Yankee Doodle*, similar turn for *Private Lives*, and four weeks for an original musical revue by Charles Gaynor, who turned out *Hold Your Hats* two years ago for same theater. On the tentative list are *Our Town*, *Road to Rome* and *I Want a Policeman*. One-week layoffs between each show will be policy, to allow cast of oncoming production rehearsals in auditorium at night.

Balcony is being added to Playhouse, bought three years ago by subscribers, to augment seating capacity to 348. Change also requires alteration of lobby and new entrance to restaurant-bar under auditorium. Season subscription drive began this week, with no definite budget, but shoot at due to added costs of alterations. Last season's outlay exceeded \$25,000.

# Paris is the Ville in Vaudeville

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Perhaps the European war has revived the common conception of Paris as a place for soldiers and Frenchie gals whooping it up. In any event, more and more vaude units are going out under fancy Paris labels.

Dan Fitch is putting out a unit called *Mistral du Piree*. A unit called *Pleasure a la Paris* has been touring the South the past month. A. B. Marcus' *La Vie Paris* is playing this country after a tour to the Orient. Marcus has a 110-people unit called *A Night at the Moulin Rouge*.

Nick Botia, Chicago unit producer, has a unit, *Streets de Piree*, now playing the Midwest.

And Clifford C. Fischer, whose French Casino revues brought the Frenchie titles to new heights the past few years, has two units out now, both carrying the Police Bergers type of title.

### "When Eviction Is Lawful"

See Carnival Department of This Issue.

# Robitschek Plans Revue on Coast

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 21.—Kurt Robitschek, foreign producer who tried unsuccessfully to restore three-day straight vaude to New York last spring, is now producing *Hit and Run* here. Hopes to open late this month at the Montmartre Theater, remodeled cowbar. Associated with Robitschek in the direction and production will be Andre Charlot. Company is to be known as the

New Revue Productions, Inc. *Hit and Run*, described as a satirical revue, was authored by Jack Robinson and Gene Stone; Werner Heymann is in charge of music; Rudi Feld in charge of art direction. Madame Pola is wardrobe creator. Margrit Wyler, Parisian player, will make her first American appearance in this show.

# 100 Set for Chi Auto Show

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Auto show here this year, opening a nine-day run at the Amphitheater November 4, will use nearly 100 performers in its pageant now being prepared by Ed Beck, veteran producer. The talent is being employed on a more elaborate scale to attract prospective car buyers. Among acts to be used are a vocal group of 16 men, Florence Kopek, ballet dancer, and an array of dancing and show girls. Virginia O'Brien will stage the girl numbers.



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# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PRESENTS

## Fading Names Ogle Air Programs To Regain Last Draw; Producers Hope To Recoup European Losses

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 21.—Former Hollywood big names are ogling ether shows as means of grabbing the spotlight and getting themselves back into the flicker biz, it is stated here. Aloof attitude formerly maintained by "names" is melting and there are indications that film stars on the wane may try to recoup their fan mail by other appearances.

While it has been noted for some seasons that picture producers have grabbed some good picture bets from other shows, not until recently has there been an indication that those who formerly were on top could use radio to boost their picture ratings sufficiently to get them back.

Notable example of this is case of Cliff Edwards, who got on NBC's sustainer, *Hall of Fun*, six months ago. Edwards hadn't been getting flicker credits the past few years, after being hot during the early talkie era. After his name was before the public again for some months, producers started making overtures until now Edwards has more credit than he can take care of.

While Edwards is the only name taken out of the *Hall of Fun* show, two other performers on the same program recently clicked in flicker, namely, Mel Blanc and Dick Lane.

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 21.—Indications that flicker factories are again wooing radio for exploitation are seen in the new *Movie Night* show to be produced by Bill Backer. First film to be plugged into the new show will be 20th Century-Fox *Drums Along the Mohawk*. Kate Smith sent wire of acceptance to Darryl Zanuck to bring her entire show here for one shot November 3. Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, who are teamed in the Broadway show, *Sirens of Paris*, will not come out for the broadcast.

Zanuck, Twentieth head, led the fight last year to cut film dramatizations from the air because of squawks from exhib-

itors. Those close to production centers here believe that, with the European market cut off, there will be a swing toward radio exploitation to boost U. S. grosses.

So much comment has been stirred up among flicker producers over the idea that many of them will contact their exhibitors to get reactions. If comment is favorable and no objections are raised, it is fairly certain that most of the larger studios will follow 20th Century-Fox.

It was pointed out that producers figure nomination by committee of their film as Picture of the Month would snare enough plugs to warrant flicker's b-o. success. Under the new plan, the film plans will bank-roll the dramas, with either sponsor holding up other half-hour expense.

David Broekman has been named by Backer to handle the music for the productions. He will have a 30-piece orchestra, it was announced. Backer's assistants will be Mary Edith Stahl, and Harry Kromann and Hal Block in the writing department.

## Don Lee Wants Film Names in Television

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 21.—Indication that Don Lee television station WJAZ is going heavy for live-talent shows this fall is seen in the appointment of Ray Coffin as associate television producer. He is well known in film circles and former head of Wampas. Television interest has mounted so much during the past year that Don Lee execs wanted someone familiar with Hollywood names.

It is expected that Coffin will round up flicker stars for new shows planned for the fall and the WJAZ will exceed its seven-hour weekly live-talent mark of last year.

## Bar Fla. Anti-ASCAP Law

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 21.—Federal Constitutional Court here this week granted a temporary injunction restraining the State of Florida from enforcing provisions of the anti-ASCAP law enacted June 12, 1939. A previous and similar law, enacted in 1937, was also enjoined.

ASCAP was represented by Frank J. Wideman and Manley Caldwell, of West Palm Beach and Washington, D. C., and Edwin D. Froehlich and Herman Finkelstein, of general counsel.

## Whiteman Appeal in RCA Case Aimed at Blocking "Loophole"

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—An appeal on certain provisions of the ruling made by Supreme Court Judge Leibell in the case of RCA against Paul Whiteman, WNEW and Elin, Inc., was filed yesterday by the National Association of Performing Artists on behalf of Whiteman. Appeal seeks Circuit Court of Appeal interpretations of three contracts between Whiteman and RCA, contracts being those signed in 1924, 1931 and 1934. First two deals had Whiteman assign his property rights in the platters to RCA; he retained them in the 1934 agreement.

Altho general interpretation is that Whiteman and NAPA gained victories in Judge Leibell's decision, the step involved in the present appeal is regarded as an astute legal maneuver. Among other points, Judge Leibell held that while an artist's talent and individual methods of interpretation are his own and are not transmitted to a record manufacturer in the making of recordings, these same property rights can be assigned to the recorder if the artist wants to. However, NAPA is appealing on the

## Garcon!

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—At a party at the Walton Road local history, Isaac Levy, of WCAU, was mistaken for the headwaiter and given a sizable tip in appreciation of the ringdale table given to a femme. Levy returned the tip but his reported very thoughtful ever since.

## Petrillo, Actors Sign Peace Pact

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—A non-aggression pact was suddenly completed in New York Tuesday between Cht music union head James C. Petrillo and AFRA execs. Mrs. Emily Holt and George Heller, following a three-week pitched battle between the two orgs over jurisdiction of Petrillo's speliars at WBMM-CBS. Peace treaty happened so rapidly that everyone was left a little dizzy, but it culminated quickly enough to claim a victory. Petrillo agreed to turn over the WBMM announcers, but not the sound and production men, to AFRA. Mrs. Holt and Heller agreed to take over Petrillo's contract with the boys and abide by it—and also return \$100, representing initiation fees paid by the Hoosier Hot Shots.

Mrs. Holt flew to Chi Wednesday to effect an agreement with H. Leslie Atlass which would allow AFRA to negotiate with the outlet on pay for speliars working local commercials, pending the outcome of AFRA's arbitration with the nets on that point. Atlass signed and agreed to turn the men over to AFRA on this basis. One reason for this swift settlement was the fact that World Broadcasting Co. and RCA had to hold up cutting shows here until both unions were placated.

With everything serene now, AFRA has announced negotiating with NBC and Mutual's WGN outlet here for local speliar contracts. What arrangements the radio org will make with Petrillo on artists who sing and talk as well as play musical instruments still have to be ironed out, but no trouble is anticipated.

## CBS Signs Groaner, Spicler

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Columbia Artists, CBS artist bureau, has set management contracts with Jerry Cooper, singer, and Ed Sharbut, one of the top freelance announcers. Sharbut was formerly a staff CBS mikesman.

## Griffin Folds

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Griffin shoe polish ends its 26-week run on CBS tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. Show has Hal Kemp and his band and Nan Wynne, who Ed. Ross is announcing and Ed Cushman producing.

ground that while such assignment can be made, it does not empower the assignee to enter into unfair competition with the artist, and NAPA claims indiscriminate record broadcasting is unfair competition.

Three principal points of the Leibell decision held that artists have common law property rights in their recordings; this property right does not pass by the making of a recording; a recording manufacturer's contribution to records is solely technical, is not an intellectual or artistic contribution and gives the recording company no common law right.

It is held quite possible that RCA may appeal any or all of these points of the decision. If RCA does not, only the points raised by NAPA will be open for Circuit Court action. A decision favorable to Whiteman and the NAPA on the appeal would probably be interpreted as strengthening the position of artists in the record-broadcasting situation, as well as closing what might be considered a loophole in the present legal situation.

## Talking Shop

By JERRY FRANKEN

### Miscellaneous . . .

What's New, strikes me as being one of the best of the torch shows of recent years, especially the way Bing did it on his show last week. (Look, pal, I only listen to songs—I don't write or plug 'em.) Duke Esparanza (WOR) is breaking out as a writer (*This* week), but he still can't figure out how to keep swizzle sticks on top of the refrigerator and not have 'em bust all over the place. CBS is increasing its campaign to hike WABC morning time sales. Among other steps was the appointment of Luther Reid as WABC publicity director. Reid has made several trips to near-by territory, contacting radio editors and seeing how things shape up for more space. . . . Also a report that CBS is considering a policy whereby commercials will not be allowed except at the beginning and end of commentary programs. Sales plugs sound sort of absurd in the middle of a hot talk on who's going to do what abroad. . . . Memo to Lester Gotlib (Mutual) You're a crumb, crumb! (The Bob Henchels show) are still pretty oculo, but Arthur Hale's 9 p.m. inside news show (WOR) is a honey. A sock writing job by Dick Stewart, of Transradio. . . . I can't wait until the double act of Betty serial NBC is showing on its television program. It's fun to see a cliff-hanger again. . . . And Ben Frost, of NBC, looked last week like he got his hair cut from a girl. . . . Gee, I wish I were out fishing. . . . Funniest story in ages. Cliff Nazzaro had just finished rehearsal of his double-talk show on the Tommy Riggs show when Dave Ross, the show's announcer, went over to him and started what Nazzaro thinks was a conversation. The chatter went on for about half an hour, and Nazzaro still doesn't know that Ross gave him a beautiful dish of the double as yet. He has been applied. Ross, noted for his elocution, is the last person anyone ever expects will give out with the garble. . . . One of radio's best known talent agencies tried to check a contract with an up-and-coming comic last week. Comic is being managed by an agent new to radio, and the biggies thought they could work the knife. Actor really told them off.

## Television Review

### "The Dover Road"

Reviewed Thursday, 8:30-10:15 p.m. Style—Legit. Reviewed on RCA Receiver style TRK-12.

NBC's evening studio shows are listed for a one-hour period, 8:30-9:30 p.m., but the time allotment seems to be flexible. *Dover Road*, for instance, ran over one and one-half hours, as compared to an average of two hours for regulation legit theater drama. This is too long for legit.

Granting the extra 30 or 35 minutes is very nice of NBC, and undoubtedly makes the task of adapting the program a comparatively simple one for the NBC staff. The more the show approximates a full-length legit drama the more NBC's shortcomings become apparent when compared with straight legit. When a script is trimmed to one hour, those on the receiving end are likely to be much more sympathetic in view of the obvious and inherent difficulties.

In *Dover Road* the tele cast performed creditably, but the camera men were inappreciated, suffered something of a rebuff. On occasion, as when three characters would sit at a table, only two and one-half would be visible. It seems, too, that some of the visual sharpness seen in the earlier programs has been lost. If this is suffered because of an increase in the technique of making the cast look reasonably like human beings. Those early shows presented a fearful array of faces.

One of the cast of *Dover Road* was Charles Webster, an old hand at radio drama and before that a legit actor. With this eclectic background, of course. (See TELEVISION REVIEW on page 8.)

## WFIL Prez Quizzes Spielers on Lingo

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Samuel Rosenbaum, proxy of WFIL, has about completed turning the tables on his announcers, having put them thru a quiz on their pronunciation. In a memo to the staff barkers Rosenbaum commented that "Philadelphia is noted" for a looseness in diction. "It is easy," the memo said, "to slip into the surrounding Philadelphia patois."

Quiz then asked: "Do you say Sunday or Sun-day? Do you say Nook or Nyook for News, Today or Tyoon-day, Av-nya or Av-nyoo for Avenue, Ah'll Do or I'll Do It? Filadelfia or Filadelfia? Sign Awf or Sign Off? Jellimen or Jennle-men or Gentlemen; Twenny or Twenty; Dennis or Dennist; Innimate or Indimate or Intimate; Iddy or Tilly or Italy?"

## Curtin, Graham Out at NBC

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Ed Curtin, assistant manager of the NBC Press Department, and John Graham, trade paper contact for the network, are both out as of today, their departures coming as a considerable surprise. Curtin had been with NBC about a decade, while Graham was very popular with the newspaper men.

## No Difference

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21.—One of radio's strangest alliances occurred here recently when Brian McDonald, former revue singer and for the past four years emcee of the *Wildcat Amateur Hour*, paired with boxing promoter Mike Jacobs to be a matchmaker for bouts in Duquesne Garden this winter.

# Program Reviews

EDST Unless Otherwise Indicated

## Al Pearce

Reviewed Wednesday, 8-8:30 p.m.  
Style—Variety. Sponsor—Hawaiian Pineapple Co. Agency—N. W. Ayer. Station—WABC (CBS network).

Producers of the Dole show have surrounded Al Pearce with a capable talent set-up, including Billy House, comic; Don Red, tenor; Marie Green and her Merry Men, and Arlene Harris, who does a fast comic talking turn. Band is Carl Hoff's. Both comedy and music on the program are strong. First batch of laughs was occasioned by House's account of his exploits as a football hero, during which business Pearce expertly played straight man—throwing in timely queries and remarks designed to set off the nut humor to best advantage. Second piece of comedy presented by Pearce as Edmar, a gent who tries to peddle a phony radio for \$3. Kind of hokey, but scored as soon as Pearce began throwing out a hysterical laugh during the sales talk.

Don Reid sang *My Love for You*. Your reporter has a strong dislike for this piece of misguided schmaltz, but Reid displayed enough voice quality to stamp him as one of the better radio warblers. His single note revealed not only voice but a knowledge of how to use it to best advantage.

Marie Green singers were something of a novelty. They sang a French tune in a rather strong, somewhat copyish, but deserving a bouquet. Angle for the sales talk digressed from usual hokey by incorporating an educational angle thru brief accounts of Hawaiian plantations, canneries, etc.

Program originates in Hollywood. Ackerman.

## "You Explain It"

Reviewed Friday, 6:30-6:45 p.m.  
Style—Narration. Sponsor—CGL Clothing Co. Agency—Adolph Weinstein. Station—KECA (Los Angeles).

Here is a quarter-hour show handled by Don Armstrong, former radio star of *The Los Angeles Times*, that is refreshingly different. It is built along rather familiar lines, but Armstrong's treatment of the material gives it a slight edge over the rank and file such shows. On the show reviewed Armstrong related weird and creepy yarns about everything in the book, including little-known facts about sea serpents and sea monsters.

Voice is clear and script is hard enough punch to make the entire show listenable. Writing the stuff himself, Armstrong uses a deft style to get points across. Oren.

## "The Parker Family"

Reviewed Sunday, 9:15-9:30 p.m.  
Style—Drama. Sponsor—Andrew Jergens Co. Agency—Lennen & Mitchell. Station—WJZ (NBC-Blue network).

What with stories of family life (*One Man's Family*, *The Aldrich Family*) showing they can build major radio audiences, Woodbury soon is taking up at the same thing. Only difference is that *The Parker Family* is a loss.

Show features Leon Janney as juve. He called Edward the Great, or something like that, once upon a time, being a complete story of another of his great adventures. The thing reviewed involved being barred from playing football (and, of course, he's the only guy who can win for old Stewie), a hard-bested English prof (who, of course, is really a sortie) until Dickie-boy writes a sonnet in time. One guess, does he write the sonnet in time. Completely puerile in all departments. Franken.

## "The Shadow"

Reviewed Sunday, 5:30-6 p.m.  
Style—Mystery. Sponsor—D. L. G. W. Coal. Agency—Ruthrauff & Ryan. Station—WOR (MBS network).

Old mister speededook is back on the air again in blue coat, and on the program caught was far from being standard. Story involved the murders of leading baseball pitchers by a screwball mascot. Very fancy murders, electrocut-

ing the players by running juice into the mound so that when they touched it with their spikes, whammo. Bill Johnstone is the lead and okeh, Kenneth Roberts does nicely on the selling end. Program is strictly n. g. for kids. Franken.

## Carson Robison

Reviewed Friday, 8:30-9 p.m.  
Style—Singing and dramatic. Sponsor—Musterole Co. Agency—Erwin, Wasey. Station—WJZ (NBC-Blue network).

Carson Robison is back for Musterole after the summer aestivation with the same set-up as before. Aided by the Buckaroos (Pearl, John and Bill Mitchell), he presents folk ballads that for the most part are written by himself and also dramatizations of incidents of the very wild West. The program's popularity has been proved in the past.

Pundits in the folkling field draw a definite distinction between hillbilly and cowboy stuff. Robison offers the latter. If he wants the purists to listen, too, it might be a good idea to include more

McCoy numbers and fewer of his own. Singing style of the group is excellent, but it, too, reeks of the synthetic. Dramatization on the first show told of a falsely accused outlaw who justified himself with the aid of Sheriff Carson Robison. The drama portion of the program will undoubtedly appeal powerfully to every listener under the age of eight. Robison handles some of the Musterole pieces himself, in a carefully calculated homespun fashion. On the opening show he also did much personal blurring and thanking of a Mr. and Mrs. Blaher, who were present. Mr. Blaher is head man of the Musterole outfit. Burr.

## "Those We Love"

Reviewed Thursday, 8:30-9 p.m.  
Style—Dramatic. Sponsor—Standard Brands. Agency—J. Walter Thompson. Station—WEAF (NBC-Red network).

This is the second half of the Rudy Vallee replacement, and it is slanted for an audience totally different from that which listened to radio's first millionaire. *Those We Love* seems to be fair drama, with a script aiming at some hysterical emotional twists. Episode this show presented a situation wherein John Marshall, attorney, refuses to accept a divorce case after the husband gives him the real inside on his wife's character. Punchy twist is revealed when the

lawyer's son, who presses his father to represent the femme in court, is revealed as the male currently in the clutches of the female.

Nan Grey is featured, but in this particular show the outstanding players were Oscar O'Shea and Richard Cromwell in father and son roles, respectively. They did well, although Cromwell occasionally overplayed.

Program opens with a summary of previous situations for the enlightenment of the listener. It helps very little in acquainting new listeners with the story. This situation, of course, militates against the program's acquiring new audiences once the serial gets well under way.

Commercials were all right, an attempt being made to stem them from a particular incident in the yarn. Thus, when attorney Marshall says he needs proof, announcer comes in with a piece of follow-up statorium you'll, must have proof about Royal Desserts, etc., etc. Ackerman.

## Lanny Ross

Reviewed 11:03-11:15 a.m. Style—Musical. Sponsor—Carnephel Soup Co. Agency—Woe Whelock. Station—WABC (CBS network).

A welcome relief from the steady flow of morning serial drivel is Lanny Ross' new CBS spot for Franco-American spaghetti. It's a musical spot that should get the listeners. Ross has a pleasant style of vocalizing, and a radiogenic voice deftly. Three-piece musical support has Dick Liebert (organ-novachord); Andy Sannella, with a raft of instruments; and pianist-arranger Joe Lilly.

Good sentimental stunt is to ask the ladies listening to send in their favorite old-time tune for Ross to sing and drool over. Franken.

## "Society Girl"

Reviewed Friday, 3:15-3:30 p.m.  
Style—Serial. Sponsor—Coen Products Refining Co. Agency—E. W. Hellwig. Station—WABC (CBS network).

This daytime serial has a news angle in that it deals with a topic that seems to have been more in the public news lately than heretofore, involving a society girl and the heroine's family and another ewank tribe, with the scion of the Hatfields on the make for the McCoy lassie. Charlotte Manson does nice work in the lead.

Commercial duo is the worst I've ever heard, especially in the delivery. Franken.

## Smilin' Ed McConnell

Reviewed Wednesday, 4:45-5 p.m.  
Style—Religious hymns, philosophy. Sponsor—Purity Bakeries Service Corp. Station—WABC (CBS network).

Ed McConnell's program is made up of religious hymns mostly, with a bit of religio-philosophic gabby calculated to corral a definite type of audience. McConnell is probably selling plenty of bread to those who like to eat and have religion at the same time. His style both in singing and in program presentation is simple—just announcing his tunes, singing them and occasionally digressing for a plug.

In one particular the plugs were interesting. McConnell, for instance, stated that Tasty Bread, his product, really is the best bread—and if he did not sincerely think so he, McConnell, assuredly would not advertise it. Since it comes on a religious program, in the first place, such a statement is hardly necessary. Secondly, it infers, and perhaps rightly, that much of the plugging on the air is so much out mash.

Tunes were such consoling items as *Jesus, Savior of My Soul*; *Just When I Needed You Most*; *Amazing Grace*. Giveaway is a pic of McConnell, obtained for bread wrappers. Ackerman.

## "By Kathleen Norris"

Reviewed Thursday, 5-5:15 p.m.  
Style—Drama. Sponsor—General Mills. Agency—Knox-Reeves. Station—WABC (CBS network).

This program is the first in a series of serial dramatizations of the novels of Kathleen Norris. Yarn this show was titled *Women in Love*, and judgment

# Radio Talent

## New York

By JERRY LESSER

CHESTER STRATTON, ARNOLD MOSS, ROGER DEKOVEN, CLAUDIA MORGAN, SELENA ROYLE and GERTRUDE WARNER comprise the cast of the new series called *Against the Storm* on the NBC Red. BASH LOUTHAN directs.

This is the third show for Chester for the same sponsor, the others being *The O'Neills* and *This Day Is Ours*. . . . GEORGE J. LEWIS, who was on the Coast in JOE E. BROWN's picture, *Spooks Busters*, and in the JACK HOLT picture, *Illicit Cargo*, is back east and on *Death Valley*. . . . JACK NEGLEY gives away 10 records daily of the new song, *If They Want a War, Let 'Em Keep It Over There*. Other side of the platter is *Line Up the American Way*. Record is by Paramount, with vocals by Sid Gary, and may be heard daily on WINS Platter Chatter. . . . KENNETH DAIGONEAU appears as Mark Hilton on the *Eilon Randolph* show and as Bill Crawford on the *Thunder Over Paradise* scripts.

John McIntyre and Jeanette Nolan, who have been hibernating in the wilds of Montana for the past year and a half, are back east and again in radio. . . . Charles Webster played the leading role in the NBC television show, *The Power Road*. "I last week in what is considered the toughest tele assignment to date. . . . Al Gary and Will Glickman have signed exclusively as writers with Don Stauffer, of the Lyons agency. . . . Earl Crooker has written a new

series, a radio autobiography of Blanche Ring, in which she will star. Others in the cast will include Sean Dillon, Don Gautier and Jean Paul King.

JOSEPH HOLTON, talent scout for 20th Century-Fox, leaves for Chi to cover the radio studios. . . . BEATRICE MILLER plays the grandmother, on *Society Girl*. JULIAN NOA and AGNES MOORHEAD are the new Mr. and Mrs. Curtis on the *Brenda Curtis* show. . . . MARY LEE NASH goes on the *Metro Auditions of the Air* program November 1. DORA DORIS, soprano, who sings on Lou Katzman's Wednesday aft Musical Contrasts, is Mrs. Martin Horrell, wife of the Lambert & Peasley executive. . . . MARY PARKER, of *Grand Central Station*, has left to play in the road show of *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*. . . . TOM TUTTLE flew from Boston this week, where he is playing in *Time of Your Life*, to fill his radio role in *Life and Love of Dr. Susan*. . . . JAMES MCCALLION and AUDREY EGAN have the two title roles in the new *Billy and Betty* series on Columbia. Support includes CHARLES CANTOR, PAUL STEWART, SELENA ROYLE, CHARLES DINGLE and VAN HEPLIN. . . . FRANK LOVEJOY will be featured in the new serial *The House With the Open Door*. . . . MAREK WEBER married the girl, the former ANNE SICHOW. . . . SIDNEY LAMONT, of *Big Sister*, will make a Broadway bow in *Heavenly Express* late this fall.

# Chicago

By HAROLD HUMPHREY

GEORGE NEISE, on *Woman in White*, etc., is spending a goodly portion of his income these days with the telephone company. Gal on the receiving end of this investment is JANE WEBB, movie starlet in Hollywood. . . . BIG-GIE LEVIN is taking credit for bringing TONY WONS out of retirement for a new *Serap Book* show starting next Monday.

OLAN SOULE and NORMA are nursing a pair of sore gizzards after the mistake of making an early morning grab for the cologne bottle instead of her usual eye-wash. . . . PHILIP LORD (not to be confused with the Phillips of Philadelphia and New York) is doing the lead on *Cameos of New Orleans*, besides his many other radio roles. . . . LAURETTE FILLBRANDT and SEYMOUR YOUNG, kid actor, made such a hit on *Guiding Lights* that P. & G. has built a new scripter around them, the *Phillips* to Happiness. LUCY LANCASTER, gal with the cockney accent on *Mary Marlin*, is one of the few who doesn't have to fake it. She hails from the British Isles.

Jack McLean and band, current at the Trianon Ballroom, will be heard on the air plenty from that spot. Operator Andrew Karas has just signed him to a year's contract. . . . A stickler for figures (mathematical), Ed Prentiss has doped it out that he has just finished his 18,000th broadcast and his fourth year without a swoosh. . . . Louise Tobin, the Benny Goodman warbler, was in town doing the spots with her mate, Harry James, a bandman in his own right now. . . . Betty and Ginny Casper are back in town from a long absence and have rejoined WJJD's "Supper-time Frolic" show. . . . Jay Sims, WRBM announcer, and wife are expecting a small Sims in January. . . . NBC singer Jack Baker leaves this week for Shreveport, La., for a p. z. of the Louisiana State Fair. . . . Everyone along radio row is missing the genial veteran Bob Dyrenforth, who is laid up in the hospital after being struck by a taxicab Saturday.

is rendered difficult owing to fact that the story was anything but tucid. How much pulling power the series will develop will depend upon how clever the producers are in their adaptations.

Chief assets the program starts with the Kathleen Norris authorship, and full advantage is taken of this in an announcement which seems to be—but is not—made by Kathleen Norris. Good showmanship.

Hugs on the show numbered only two but were rather obnoxious, built on the angle that Wheaties, eaten by Joe Di Maggio, are the food of champions. Pointed out Wheaties were a good food for both kids and adults, and vitamin broke was particularly stressed.

Cast includes Arlene Blackburn, Mildred Baker, Santos Ortega and Lawson Zerbe. They had not much chance to show anything. Ackerman.

### "Schaefer Revue"

Reviewed Thursday, 7:30-9 p.m. Style—Musical. Sponsor—F. & M. Schaefer Brewery. Station—WEAF.

This hardy perennial has been slightly revamped, new line-up now having Al Ruth's Orchestra, Felix Knight, tenor; Ruth Carhart, contralto, and the "Three Musical Trio." It's a pleasant musical offering.

Ruth, the newest addition to the group, has a well-rounded orchestra and effective arrangements, which, fortunately, remain within the limits of good sense. Knight's voice is well suited to radio, also occasionally lacking in color. Miss Carhart, who sang two numbers, seemed suffering from songs not well suited to her, but a duet of "Over Cupid's Back to Me" was quite pleasing, even when the balance allowed Knight's voice to almost completely obliterate Miss Carhart's. Jesters work is o.k.

Commercial olio acceptable.

Franken.

### "Ellen Randolph"

Reviewed Thursday, 1:15-1:30 p.m. Style—Dramatic. Sponsor—Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. Agency—Benton & Bowles. Station—WEAF (NBC-Red network).

If anyone wonders what's become of the old Bowers ten-twenty-thirt shows, they're all radio serials now. Only they're worse than ever. If Ellen Randolph, a new five-times-a-week heart-throbber that erupts for Concentrated Super Suds over NBC Red, is any criterion.

Story concerns Ellen, who has married an enemy and who returns with him from China to live at the home of her rich brother. Rich brother's wife makes Ellen's poor husband feel terribly, terribly unhappy, and also tries to engineer something or other between Ellen and a rich old hometown beau. You're supposed to pant breathlessly for the next installment of that.

Leads are played by Elsie Hitz and John McGovern. Miss Hitz sounds like a string of diluted saccharine wandering wildly among lines and McGovern isn't much better. The others are merely unconsciously comic characters, aided by direction that's about as subtle as a depth bomb.

Bluffs for the show are unbelievably soppy, commercials make a pitiful attempt to be "intimate" and there is a synopsis of previous installments so mealy-mouthed that you think it's being emitted by a sweet potato. There's also an attempt to typecast Ellen in the next span by giving a sort of trailer of its big moments. It appears like an almost perfect way to avoid an audience.

There's also a contest announced to start Monday (16), with women asked to advise Ellen in her dilemma. The only advice worth taking would be to get off the air. Burr.

STAFF OF WOOS, Columbia, S. C., which recently went on the air, includes H. L. Deaton, manager; Charles Thomas, assistant manager and plant engineer; J. W. Melver, commercial manager, and Sterling Wright, program director.

## Comment

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

**RED SKELTON'S Acelon Time show**, switched from a late afternoon Sunday spot to Wednesday evenings over WMAQ (NBC), has been augmented with the singing services of DICK TODD, a good Crosby-styled tenor, who handles a role typical of any tenor on a comedy show. Program on the whole is only a fair imitation of JACK BENNY'S set-up. The material, on a comparative basis, is much weaker and its preparation has evidence of haste. Commercials are not handled in the best manner. TODD in the first show acquitted himself nobly with a couple of tunes, which included *Blue Orchid and Ride, Tenderfoot, Blue* is impressive. Other numbers are SKELTON'S vaude partner, EDNA STILLWELL; TOM, DICK AND HARRY, used for comedy bits; BOB STRONG'S Orchestra and DEL KING, announcer.

S. H.

A. L. Alexander's *Arbitration Hour* over WHN Fridays from 9 to 10 p.m. remains one of the most exciting and constantly interesting sessions on the air. Actual cases are brought up before a three-man arbitration board of public figures, the personnel of which has been varying week to week, and both sides of each argument are presented. Decisions seem uniformly just and wise; the interchanges between warring parties make the hour both serious and exciting. It manages to accomplish a great deal of good by reconciling many of the disputants, who sign in advance that they will abide by the decision of the board. Aside from the social service angle (which is a great one) the program presents constantly vivid real-life drama.

E. B.

*Signal Carrotel* continues to lead the pack in Coast variety shows. Using good material and better than average acts, this half-hour spot on KFI (NBC Red network) is a good draw from a listener standpoint. FRANK CARSON has taken over the anchor job, handling the spot adequately. His work is better than the run-of-the-mill stuff and he should wind up with something in the big time.

Comedy is handled by BARBARA JO ALLEN, who creates the character of "Vera Vague." Using the typical club-woman approach, the stuff is down to earth and good for laughs. A newcomer to the show is MARY MILFORD, who takes the part of Miss Tiltchell. KAY ST. GERMAIN still handles the soloist spot capably, with the "MILKERS QUARTET" and GORDON JENKINS Orchestra winding up the music department.

Sponsored by the Signal Oil and Gas Corp., the *Signal Carrotel* has built its way for the past several years until now it occupies a top Sunday night half-hour spot. Barton Stebbins agency handles the account, with DAVE ELTON producing for NBC.

MARVIN FISHER'S scripts do much to give the production movement and to keep it from bogging down as is the case in so many variety shows. JOHN FRAZER handles the announcing duties for NBC. Show has just been renewed.

D. O.

### NBC Props Coast Talks After Years; "Too Hot"

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21. — Because talks have been "too hot to handle," NBC has refused Commonwealth Club use of radio.

Glenn Dalberg, program director, said he was in no way to be considered an attempt to censor, other than a safeguard for the broadcaster.

"The club has never submitted a script," Dalberg said, "but in line with the recent national agreement regarding radio neutrality we thought we ought to know what is going to be said before we gave anyone a microphone."

Secretary William L. Hudson said club's policy was against submitting scripts for the present until group found out what it was all about.

Talks by Commonwealth Club speakers have been a weekly NBC feature for several years.

## Advertisers, Agencies, Stations

By PAUL ACKERMAN

### NEW YORK:

**MOLLY PICON** returns to WMAQ November 28 for General Foods. Product is Maxwell House Coffee. Miss Picon will do three spots a week. Advertisers' Broadcasting Co. set the deal. . . . J. M. Mathes will do an announcement campaign for Luden's Cough Drops in November. . . . Paul Whiteeman Ork will do several network sustaining spots from the Hotel New Yorker's Terrace Room. Two are scheduled over Mutual. In addition, there will be a CBS pick-up on Tuesdays. . . . Society of European Stage Authors and Composers (SEAC) has inked a renewal contract with WLW, Cincinnati. . . . Brain power of those experts on Information Please seems to have softened the brains of the sponsors. They now propose to give away a complete set of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" to those who submit queries which stump the brain trust—in addition to the regular \$10 giveaway.

Daily News Report (press releases) put out by the NBC press department amounts to 200 phrases a week, fodder for a week. The boys become curious and weighed it. That's a lot of stuff, if that's the word. . . . Cafe Society's *Battle of Spring*, with Joe Sullivan and Joe Marsala, goes over WNEW twice a week beginning Monday (23). . . . Horace Braham a new addition to cast of "Lorenzo Jones." . . . Dorothy Knox added to J. Walter Thompson's "Dr. Susan." . . . First of WDAY's political contracts in 12 announcements for Alfred E. Smith Jr. beginning November 1. . . . Federal Communications Commission has application of

*Toughpeople Broadcasting Corp.* for a station operating on 50 watts and 1470 Kilocycles. . . . *Leslie of Young & Rubicam's* talent department, flew back to Hollywood after a brief visit. . . . *Tuddy Pousell's Band* will guest on Milton Berle's show Saturday (28) over WEAF. This will be Pousell's first commercial. . . . *Gertrude Lanza*, who recently left CBS Artists' Bureau, where she did promotion, has been called back to do a special promotion job for the network. . . . *John Denon*, Pat Dolan and Ted Weber are new to the CBS publicity staff. Robert S. Wood has joined the news division of the public affairs department. . . . "Gangbusters" being adapted for comic strip serializations, and syndication under guidance of Bernard L. Schaber, sales manager for Phil Lord.

### CHICAGO:

**JIMMY PARKS**, formerly radio man for William Morris and Odette agency, is back in circulation again and heading a newly formed radio department in General Amusement Corp.'s Chat office. . . . *Lightin' Jim Whipple* show with *Frankie X. Busman* folds this week. . . . *Schwimmer and Scott* agency has bought a weekly six-hour block on NBC locally for the Walgreen Drug Co. to start November 5. . . . Station WEDC has a new midnight chiller called *Humans of Fate* and is plugging it as "not for persons with weak hearts." . . . *Trudy Dyer*, secretary to Wally Jordan, of the William Morris office, is back at her desk after recuperating from an auto smash-up. H. H.

## Hollywood and Los Angeles

By DEAN OWEN

**EDITH MEISER**, who scripts *Sherlock Holmes*, headed east. She'll return in a month. . . . *Tony Bickley*, who was a runner-up in *Gateway to Hollywood* last season, cast for Elliot Nugent's *The Mele Animal*. *Mary Jane Barnes*, another *Gateway* graduate, gets warbling role in new musical *Soiree*. Up to couple of months ago gal didn't even know she could sing. . . . *Walter Walker* returned to CBS after month in the hospital. She's in the script department. . . . *Roger Pryor* parked his baton long enough to start work in Warner's *Million-Dollar Fugitive*. . . . *John Wald* now handling *Richfield News* broadcasts alone. Formerly worked with Ken Barton, but sponsor said why two voices when one will do.

**ARTHUR KEMP**, Coast sales manager for CBS, is in Boston on business, with WELF as his headquarters. . . . *Bill Shingle*, recently announcer and production man at WIZ, Tuscola, Ill., has joined WIBC, Indianapolis. Duties will include announcing and scripting. . . . *Ronald Dawson*, for 10 years draughtsman for WOL, Washington, D. C., has joined WFVA, Fredericksburg, Va., as producer. . . . *Lois Engelhardt* added to the staff of KSO-KINT, Des Moines, Ia. . . . *Marilyn Mullin* has been signed for a light opera program Sundays over KSO.

**VERA SALZMAN**, newest KFAB singing recruit, Lincoln, Neb., parted the whole KFAB-KFOR studio executive staff. . . . *Russ Stewart*, station manager of KOKY, Scottsbluff, Neb., will be married November 15 to Lois Redding. . . . *Robert Cowden* is a new continuity writer added to WDRC, Hartford, Conn. . . . *Bill Reeves* is the new news editor on WELF, New Haven, Conn. . . . *Jack Zelman* doing sports comment and publicity for WDRC, Hartford, Conn.

**DIXIE DABBLES**: Kleva Kirby, WWL (New Orleans) announcer, back from brief stay in New York and Chicago, where she studied technique under "Big" heads. . . . *Bert Ferguson*, leave WHIQ, Memphis. Replaced by Charlie Walters and Ned Cronk, latter to handle old sport spot on WHIQ. . . . Special wiring from Louisiana State Fairgrounds will be used by McNeill and Jack Baker on the *Breakfast Club* while the latter

*Elliot Lewis*, after spots with *Loretta Young*, is being retained for support to *Merle Oberon* on the *Lux Show*. . . . *Iring Reil* is in the Colors Dept. of *Lehman Hospital* following appendectomy. . . . *WEXAO*, Don Lee tele station, carried the opening of the L. A. Auto Show. *Marine Gray*, *Betty Jane Rhodes* and *Alvino Ray* supplied the live talent, with *Mayor Bowron* starting the festivities. . . . *Ray Kiser* will broadcast his *Lucifer Show* from set of his "Rock 'n' Roll Right, You're Wrong" on the KEO lot. . . . *Arthur Lake* and *Penny Singleton* open four-week p. a. tour at San Francisco, then on to Oakland, Portland and Seattle.

## From All Around

acted as entertainers during the Pellon State Exposition October 1 to 30. . . . *Stanley L. Vainrib* has been added to announcer staff of KRIC, Beaumont. . . . *Robert H. Harter* has been appointed traffic manager of WHO, Des Moines.

### TELEVISION REVIEW

(Continued from page 6)

Webster would naturally prove able, both in talking his lines and in the more subtle elements of acting usually forgotten or neglected by the run-of-the-mill actor-theatricalian. He played Mr. Latimer, the lead, with the air of mystery and spiritual understanding required.

Others were *Marjorie Clarke*, who took second honor as Ann, and *Maurice Wells*, *Marie Carron*, *Richard Janaver* and *William Thornton*. Ackerman.

### "A Rose by Any Other . . ."

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21. — As a press agent Jack Rose is developing into a tolerable radio actor. Having landed publicity for the Philadelphia La Scala Grand Opera Co. he assumed a brusque and persuaed Pat Stanton, custodian of the *Irish Hour* on WDAS, to permit him a few words on the air on the strength of a fellow appearance of James Matton, a fellow Hudsonian who is the first guest artist of the opera. After this he waited around until the *Italian Hour* was aired and, speaking like a plug-ghetti inhaler, got another gramophone

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# AFM SUESS TOURING CRKES

## AFM Seeks SS Relief in Court

Nix assessments to cover tax—Ansell to lead legal battle—no subterfuge

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—American Federation of Musicians' battle to remove the burden of Social Security tax from band leaders booked into hotel locations will be fought out in the courts under the guidance of federation counsel, Gen. Samuel T. Ansell, according to AFM exec board officials who discussed the situation this week. Harry Brenton, AFM treasurer and member of the board, said the cases were not in favor of dodging the issue by slapping a 5 per cent assessment above scale to be paid by hotels using bands.

Problem came to the fore as a result of decisions fostered by the American Hotel Association, stating that the band leader, not the hotel manager, was responsible for payment of the levy. This reversal being retroactive, band leaders would be required to pay hundreds of dollars in order to bring back payments up to date. Federation officials last week stated they were determined somehow to avoid this toll upon the maestri and if necessary might make use of a 5 per cent assessment. Feeling in the trade is that such a move would have measurably hampered activities of band agencies, who are already hard pressed in selling bands.

Brenton, however, laid this boggy away. Feeling of the board is that the AFM's motives might be questioned in the event it resorted to such tactics. Rather than adopt a plan which might be questioned from the ethical viewpoint, exec board feels that it would rather secure a victory thru the courts. Ansell, who has been waging the federation's Social Security battles since the law went into effect, will have full control in the AFM's latest attempt to reverse the decisions favorable to band leaders.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—After twice ruling that Red Nichols and band were employees, Bureau of Internal Revenue reversed itself this week to hold that Nichols would have to pay the Social Security taxes. Reversal is in line with decisions handed down by the bureau recently against Sammy Watkins and Emerson Gill, and is a direct result of pressure brought by the American Hotel Association.

Joseph Richter, counsel for Nichols, is appealing the case. Richter meanwhile said he would seek the co-operation of Gen. Samuel T. Ansell, AFM attorney, in an effort to convince the bureau to drop for all that band leaders are not employees, but that, despite the union regulations on hiring and firing members in the band, hotels still stipulate size of crews. It is pointed out membership in bands fluctuates to the

## Dig This Dig

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A not-so-subtle plug for Larry Clinton was perpetrated by that maestro in the midst of the Artie Shaw opening at Hotel Pennsylvania's new Cafe Rouge Thursday (19). Clinton, appearing at Roseland Ballroom here, managed to slip away from his chores there long enough to get down to the Penn and—maybe it was coincidence—inside tables carried little cards which succinctly stated: "We LOVE Jitterbug! (signed) Larry Clinton and Roseland Ballroom."

## Crosby Corners 13C On Discount Ducat Buffalo Promotion

BUFFALO, Oct. 21.—Bob Crosby, here last Wednesday (11) at Broadway Auditorium, drew 2,000 persons, which was good enough, according to promoter Harold Austin, below expectations. Austin promoted Crosby at the Crystal Ballroom on the Canadian side early this summer, and results were sensational.

Promotion campaign Austin put on was slightly different. Instead of advance prices, he used discount program. About 150,000 were printed and mailed to Bobcat Club members (a list established at the previous dance) and passed out at sports events, high schools, ice cream parlors and other spots where likely dance patrons hang out. Discount tickets were also printed in coupon form in the dailies to be clipped and presented at the office. Results showed fine response, inasmuch as 1,000 were admitted for 50 cents upon turning in their passes, and only 400 persons paid the regular 85 cents.

An approximate total gross of \$1,300 speaks for itself, especially when it is taken into consideration that Glenn Miller played an engagement at Shea's Buffalo Theater the same week and appeared in person at a big dance sponsored by *The Courier Express* Toy Fund two days later. Austin felt that Crosby would have done a lot better had he played during an average week. Also, promotion expenses were high, since Crosby had to compete with an extensive campaign put on by *The Courier* itself for Glenn Miller.

point where only one man remained throughout the year's engagements. Hotel owners Richter stated, have frequently insisted band leaders hire extra vocalists or contract for only 10 men, whereas band's previous engagements may have had no vocalist, but had been with a 14-man band.

Further, Nichols' counsel points out, the bureau's reversal is economically unsound since the burden of a 3 per cent tax on most bands, with exception of the Whiteman's and the Goodman's, would make it almost impossible for them to continue.

## 802 Follows Words With Action In Laying Down Law to Leaders

Lunceford, Elmer Lee, Sonny James, Jenney and Prima first to feel fury—will also police transfer men—claim many carry jobs in "pocket"

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Following words with action, trial board of Local 802, AFM, this week fired the first gun in the union's campaign to force traveling bands to obey the strict letter of the laws and use local lads if they hope to work here. The ax fell upon five maestri already, most of whom were ordered to replace their out-of-town musicians with 802 men. Those caught in the union's net this week were Jimmy Lunceford, Elmer Lee, Louis Prima, Sonny James and Jack Jenney. Jack Teagarden and Eddie Varoz head the list of band leaders called for consideration of their cases this week.

## Kinney's Hula Stuff Socko for Lexington

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—"There seems to be no end in sight to the popularity of our romantic Hawaiian music," concludes Charles E. Rochester, vice-president and managing director of Hotel Lexington here. Ending the 28th month since its opening in June, 1937, and the 15th consecutive month with its present entertainment headed by Ray Kinney Hawaiian Orchestra and the Aloha Maids, the hotel's Hawaiian Room shows no signs of diminishing popularity but it makes new records in attendance and business.

Last year, in September, it was thought room's capacity had been reached when 28,000 people were entertained during that month at luncheon, dinner and supper. This was an increase of 1,400 over the attendance in September, 1937. The September month this year, however, eclipsed this record by 9 per cent, serving 31,000.

Rochester further pointed out that last month's business of the entire hotel went 25 per cent ahead of September, 1938, giving no little credit to the hula hula atmosphere that has now become a must in New York night life.

## Welk, Tomlin Okeh At Archer Dansants

DES MOINES, Oct. 21.—Fall biz continued on the up-grade at Archer's Mid-west indoor dance spots, but unusual when weather is being blamed for keeping dancepatrons away.

Pinky Tomlin pulled in 1,350 to Tom Archer's Tromar here last Thursday (12), grossing \$1,012.50 with a 75-cent dance. Tomlin had 1,200 dancers at Archer's Fro Hop in St. Joseph, Mo., on Saturday (14) for a \$900 gross.

Lawrence Welk grossed \$1,200 at the Sioux City, Ia., Skylyn on Sunday (15), 1,600 dancers paying 75 cents each. Welk did better, than \$1,500 at Archer's Cherokeo at Omaha the night previous (14).

Archer is planning to use Tomlin and Welk in other spots on his circuit during the next two weeks, with Welk scheduled for the Tromar here tonight (21).

## Football Cuts Dance Draw; Stable's Cauton 4C Light

CANTON, O., Oct. 21.—Dick Stable gave Moonlight Ballroom at near-by Meyers Lake Park only a fair \$400 last Sunday (15), attracting 720 customers at 55 cents each. Band, a district fave, had done better on previous visits to the park ballroom, the management said.

Current football season has hampered biz at the park ballroom for the past month, and management won't buy any big names until Thanksgiving, when football is ended. In the meanwhile, middle bracket and section crkles will be offered Sunday nights, with Al Donahue due at the local dansant this Sunday (22). Buddy Rogers and Ted Weems, recent offerings at the park ballroom, drew smaller crowds than the management anticipated. \$900 is operating on Sunday and Saturday this winter, the usual Tuesday night session being out, at least temporarily.

Coincidental with the union's surveillance over the traveling band field, Max Arons, trial board chairman, revealed that the local has inaugurated a policing system whereby all transfer men will be investigated—in order to determine whether they came into the 802 jurisdiction "with a job in their pockets" or with promises of jobs. Local will also seek to determine whether transfer men are bona fide residents in the jurisdiction, or whether they merely maintain mailing addresses. Transfers to Local 802 amount to about 20 each week.

Those called on the mat already, Harold Caley appeared as personal manager for Jimmy Lunceford. He promised not to compete for engagements in this jurisdiction. Local therefore granted him permission to make New York his headquarters and he can keep the out-of-town men in the band.

Louis Prima was told that in the event he wants to remain in New York he will have to make his band a full 802 outfit by replacing two of his men. Local will allow Prima to finish his contract at the Hickory House with his band as is, but the change must be made immediately thereafter.

Sonny James, local maestro who formed a traveling band here, was told that he must replace the out-of-towners with 802 men within two weeks. This is likely to be disastrous for James, inasmuch as his 11-piece outfit includes nine non-802 men.

Jack Jenney promised to replace his single out-of-town musician immediately.

In explaining the local's action Max Arons pointed out that the clean-up campaign was another of the union's means of creating employment for local musicians, and in so doing Arons stated the union would take advantage of every Federation law to achieve this end.

Elmer Lee, Hawaiian band brought to Hotel St. Regis by Vincent Astor, had charges preferred against him to the effect that he was playing miscellaneous engagements while here as a traveling band. Lee appeared before the trial board for interrogation and admitted same. No action was taken at the time.

In addition to those already axed, local had stated Lucky Millinder, Claude Hopkins, Teddy Wilson and Count Basie for appearances before the trial board, but boys were still out of town and will be brought up as soon as they return. In the meantime the union is combing the entire band field within its jurisdiction.

Two weeks ago 802 notified all bookers of its contemplated action, advising them to adjust their business accordingly. Included with the notice was a transcript of the text of the Federation by-law, Article 13 Section 10 I, showing authorization for the local's stand.

## Duke a Junior League Hit

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Duke Ellington played to 1,200 blue bloods at the Bunco League dance held in the Drake Hotel ballroom last Sunday (15). With a dinner-dance duet priced at \$6, the total came up to \$10,800. Band was sold for \$1,800. After cutting some platters Duke left for St. Louis where the notice was a two-week run at the Coronado Hotel last night.

## Blame ASCAP Tax for Job Loss To Musicians at Smaller Spots

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—Indications that many small dance combos are getting the bounce due to the sudden stiffening of American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers licensing fee was seen this week when a survey indicated that musicians in America had ceased to play in several sections of the country were receiving their notice due to this condition.

Letter which Kenneth C. Davis, of Davis-Schweger, sent to AFM locals throughout the country, offering a "tax free" music service to small American, had apparently made a dent, according to Paul Schweger, prez of the firm. He stated that 30 AFM locals had written letters saying that members were getting let out of use of the ASCAP tax, asserting that spot operators couldn't afford the boost.

One letter written by the secretary of

Local 348 in Sheridan, Wyo., said in part, "ASCAP has suddenly made a raid here, threatened the night club managers with a law suit if they do not meet the demand for a fee of \$120 each, payable immediately. As a result four small orchestras have received their two weeks' notice."

It was claimed that this particular local was interested in grabbing "tax free" music to offset the ASCAP tax and enable its members to stay on the job. A meeting was to be held in Sheridan this week with night spot managers to try to get them to agree to ditch the ASCAP catalog and use "tax free" music in order to keep the bands employed.

Small radio stations were also being roped in on the deal, several of them feeling that if bands were out of the picture it would mean loss of remote broadcasting revenue for that station.

# Philly Local, U of P Impasse

**Campus fights scale on house parties—would list school unfair—proms hit**

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—An editorial in *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, publication for the University of Pennsylvania, blaming the music business, blaming the fraternities for an attempt to force the fraternity houses to pay high prices for their house dances, has caused a situation which may result in union musicians being barred from playing at all activities scheduled to be held on the campus. The editorial, while agreeing with the aims of unionization, pointed out that the fraternities objected to being sandwiched into signing union contracts on the ground that many of the smaller houses are unable to pay scale prices.

In answering the editorial, Rex Riccardi, secretary of the toolsters' outfit, said that negotiations have been going on for nearly a year between the Interfraternity Council and the union. At every attempt made to get the proper authorities into a conference on this question, the union, he says, was given a run-around by being referred to someone else, who again passed the buck. On Wednesday (18), a committee of musicians spent the entire day trying to pin down some one who would admit authority to talk. As a result of this visit, two students were delegated to speak to Riccardi. After the conference, union planned to declare the meeting date at next Wednesday (25), when it is hoped that authorization will be received by the committee to sign contracts.

Riccardi said that in the event an agreement is not reached the union would be forced to declare the University of Pennsylvania on the unfair list. If the campus is placed on the proscribed list, Glenn Miller, scheduled to play at the Junior prom November 3, will be asked not to fulfill the date. Also in danger of being called off is the two-week engagement of the Mack and Wig show, *Great Guns*, at Erlanger Theater beginning Thanksgiving.

ANDY LIEBETTER has taken over the ark of Bill Hardwick, Memphis band, and is continuing to operate under the Hardwick name. Hardwick has left the band for a post with an Illinois power company. W. M. Hardwick is booking the outfit thruout the territory.

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## Gotham Gab

THE new year will mark the beginning of a new career for COLA MANNY PRAGER, who is as much a part of BEN BERANEK as the maestro's unforgiving and unrequited baritone singing. Prager, of the Kentucky colonels, will leave the Bernie gang as soon as the new year is ushered in and step out in front of a band of his own flying the Frederick Bros. Music Corp. banner. . . it'll be bliss and tucker at the Broadway box offices early November when BOB CROSBY and BOB ZURKE, a recent departure from the Bobcats turning Tomcat in front of his own Dickeland band, play day and date at the main stem's opposition theaters. . . Zurke opens the 8th at the Paramount and two days later gives Crosby a couple blocks up the history-making street at the Strand. . . they say that when KAY KYSER returns here within a fortnight he won't accept any engagements whatsoever until the new year, sticking solely to his commercial air show. . . plausible explanation follows that additional earnings will jump his rating too high for income tax purposes. . . the new picture LOU WASSERMAN (Kyser's guiding light) getting good and angry over a little matter like that. . . TEDDY POWELL and General Amusement Corp. have come to the crossroads, contract being cancelled by this time. . . all this gabbing about Negro musicians taking away work from their paler-faced brothers is so much poppy-rot. . . fact of the matter, the okey orks are increasingly cutting in on Harlem territory. . . GARDEN on the follow in the big and tan tipping resort, has been buying the white bands from CRA this season and now goes on the MCA ledger, with BUNNY BERIGAN taking over this week, and HARRY JAMEN and JACK TREATOR on the follow in the new place in Harlem, both the Savoy Ballroom and the newly opened Golden Gate Ballroom are bringing in white bands for solo stands. . . CHARLIE BARNET has thrummed an engagement at Hotel Lincoln here, while JAY SAVITT fills at the Paramount Theater in order to grab up some healthy cologne on colored dates. . . already Barnet is set for a November 21 dance at the Colonnade Ballroom, Washington; the Strand Ballroom, Baltimore, two nights later; a week at the Apollo Theater here on December 1, making the first time in five years for a white band at the house, Barnet being that white band curiously enough five years ago, and at Kruger's Ballroom, Newark, N. J., December 8. . . and for that matter, one of our earliest recollections in the ballroom field was a Reese DuPre colored dance promotion in Baltimore, with GUY LOMBARDO making the music. . . Reese, who is still promoting 'em today, has paid out plenty a penny for white bands at his colored dances.

## Along the Atlantic

LES BROWN, moving out of Syracuse (N. Y.) Hotel next week, takes in a week at Loew's Theater, New York, November 2 and then one-nights to Boston for a triple-weekend stanzas at Ray Gray's Savoy Ballroom, starting the 17th. . . Syracuse Hotel gets BOBBY PARKS on the first on the month for a four-week stretch. . . Club Edgewood, Albany, N. Y., returns HOWARD BECKER for a third time, taking over the stand again October 27. . . Boston's Tremont Plaza Cafe takes AL BOORIS for an indeterminate sentence, band getting 11 weekly airshots locally via the WMEX frequency. . . DUKE DALY, coming under CRA's management and Johnny Greenhut's personal wing, opens Thursday (26) for an indef run at Canary Cottage, Florham Park, N. J., with a Mutual wire for the air build. . . LEE KOHN, another newcomer to the CRA band rolls opens this week for a long run at Bud Crawford's Hotel Philadelphia in that city. . . Quaker CRA's first hotel sale in the marks City, BILL BURNHAM snaring the account, with the KING'S JESTERS penciled in as a new attraction. . . MIKE BAKER and DUO, a new cocktail twosome, take in the next fortnight's stroll at Hotel Casey, Scranton, Pa.

## Chicago Chat

STUFF SMITH is back in town, this time at Carl Con's swing-stepped Up Beat Club, opening this week for an in-

def run. . . WINGY MANONE is on the same bill but without a band, butting new attraction RED HOBSON, trumpeter of Music Goes 'Round days, has joined up with JOE SANDERS. . . L. A. FREDERICK, FPMC prep, took off for the West Coast to scout new talent and look around for new booking territory. . . he'll be away for only a couple weeks, possibly just long enough to give root to another branch for his fast-blooming band agency. . . CHARLES MILLER, nominal head of the local MCA branch, off to New York again after visiting in several local openings of office bands. . . AL CELLEY joins Ina Ray Hutton's new male band here as road manager, ARTHUR WRIGHT, guide during her melo-dear days, going out on the road for Cab Calloway. . . LITTLE CAESAR followed George De Carli into Oriental Gardens. . . VINCENT LOPEZ, who closed Thursday (19) at Coronado Hotel, St. Louis, in town to cut some platters for Columbia Recording Corp., his new disc affiliation. . . GREGG COURTNEY, William Morris one-night book, lined up 11 dates for Vince for an aggregate guarantee of \$9,500. . . stands are all en route to New Orleans, where the band starts a three-weeker at Jung Hotel, St. Louis, a holiday season will also bring TERRY SHAND to the Trionon-Aragon, signed a year's contract with ANDREW KARZAS, Trionon-Aragon op. starting December 30. . . in the meanwhile McLean will fill with a run at Chase Hotel, St. Louis, a holiday season will also bring TERRY SHAND to the Trionon-Aragon temp temples. . . the songwriting maestro has been taken under the personal management wing of MOE GALE.

## South by West

JOHNNY LONG into Beverly Hills Country Club, Covington, Ky., on Friday (27) for two weeks with BUDY ROGERS on the follow November 10 for a fortnight. . . JOE CAPPO locates at Westwood Supper Club, Richmond, Va. for an indef run. . . with Greensboro, N. C., the hub, SHELTON STUBBINS takes to barnstorming the Carolina and Virginia on the follow November 10, Cincinnati lining up a parade of Fencing bands, dancant signing an exclusive with the agency. . . DON WALLACE is set for a long run at Vesta Del Lago on the shores of Lake Michigan at Wilmette, Mich. . . PAUL WHITEMAN takes JOHNNY PAUGUSTINE, the hot fiddling-maestro, under his personal management wing. . . for the initiators, Johnny will fill the Wednesday night sessions at Hotel New York, New York, while Pops buy selling Chicago's cleanest. . . BOB CHESTER, rightly rated high among the up-and-comers, signed for a couple February weeks at New York's choice Paramount Theater. . . ERSKINE HAWKINS takes in another return run at New York's Savoy Ballroom starting November 23. . . RAY PEARL into Bill Green's Casino, Pittsburgh, this week, with BENNY BURTON due in on November 6 for a run. . . DON HARTMAN located at Middletown (N. J.) Hotel for HERBIE and his HOLMES ORCHESTRA and his hot jazz crew pile into Nick's, New York, Wednesday (25) for a four-weeker. . . makes the first date for Muggsy out of Chicago since he organized his seven-piecer. . . BENNY MERFELT played the top of Southern Gentlemen. . . OTO for his radio tour. . . LEW FIDDLER, bowing out of Chicago's Colony Club into Imperial Hotel, Detroit, for a long run. . . CECIL KRISTAL at Pay's Southern Grill, Macon, Ga., getting four local airshots out of WMGM. . . WILL HAYES, 12 lead trumpet tootler, leaving Seger Ellis, linked with WALTER POWELL at the World's Fair Little Old New York. . . MAXINE SULLIVAN added to cast of *Singin' the Dream*, new New York musical production. . . BENNY GOODMAN. . . GERRY GERARD opened a three-month return run at Schneider's Tavern on Cleveland's West Side. . . and so we send our cuffs to the cleaners.

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MOUSIE RANDOLPH, trumpet tootler with Cab Calloway for many years, has left the band to join Benny Carter. Other side changes among bands find Lou Busch replacing Ross Hall on piano for Hal Kemp.

## Where's the Percentage?

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Some time ago Gene Kardos recorded a Jewel Music publication, *Hope, I Hope, I Hope*, for Vocalion. His most recent royalty statement on the disk amounted to all of 14 cents, which Bill Lackenbauer, Jewel prez, sent in check form to Kardos at his current stand, Zimmerman's Hungaria Restaurant here.

When the registered letter arrived at the place Kardos wasn't on hand to receive it, so it found its way back to the post office to await his calling. Unaware of its contents, and thinking it might be something important, Gene hopped a cab to the p. o. and told the driver to wait while he went inside to claim the letter. By the time he got back to Zimmerman's he had spent \$2-45 in taxi fare, all for a 14-cent check.

## Harlem's New Golden Gate Promises Stiff Competition for Savoy

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—What is said to be the largest dansant in the country had its gala press Thursday (19) when Jay Pagen's Golden Gate Ballroom three-year sojourn in Harlem to stiff competition to Moe Gale's renowned Savoy Ballroom several blocks away. Golden Gate, financed by a Brooklyn syndicate and promoted and operated by Pagen, original operator of the Savoy some years ago, represents an investment of \$500,000 and embodies one of the most ambitious ballroom policies undertaken anywhere.

Permanent music set-up takes in three bands nightly, two on house duty and the third changes each evening. Names will prevail on the stands, with Andy Kirk and Teddy Wilson the head-off pair for the next six weeks. Opening night saw Buddy Wagner's electro-swing outfit making its initial appearance anywhere as the third band attraction. Other attractions the first night included guest appearances by Louis Armstrong, Louis Prima and star acts from the new Cotton Club show.

Golden Gate is indeed impressive in its physical aspect as well as its operating policy. Situated has been at various times a movie theater and a sports arena and covers 25,000 square feet, 15,000 of which are taken up by the dance floor itself. The 50-foot ceiling lends a spaciousness, unbroken thruout the entire spot by any beams or pillars, thus makes huge crowds possible without the feeling of suffocation usually prevalent in spots of this type. Capacity is up to 8,000. Designed by Thomas W. Lamb, décor is simple if not strikingly so. The bar serves at either end and the place allows for food and drinks, with the exception of liquor.

Pagen at present has no band booking office affiliation and will continue to book independently. Drums will be played at either end, but bands will be both white and colored. Admission week nights is 55 cents a head, 75 cents week-ends. Milton Rubin office is handling the spot's publicity.

## Miami's 5 o'Clock Club An Early Season Opener

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 21.—Sam Barken, overseer of the Fire o'Clock Club, will again beat the season's night-life tide by opening the new 5 o'Clock Club on November 2 premiere, well over a month ahead of the accepted curtain-raiser. Spot does big local biz, and November lull in tourist trade will not fade.

Walter Feldkamp comes in for the music-making, set to remain thru April. Band played here last season at Club Continental, which has already signed Alex Balkin for the regular season's run.

## Lorch Oke for Turnpike

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 21.—Carl Lorch, first-timer here at Turnpike Casino and pop-piced, gathered a pretty fair \$700 a three-night stand. Top asked was 30 cents per person on Saturday night. Was in October 13 to 15, coming from direct from the Lookout House, Covington, Ky. He opened at the Paston Hotel, Omaha (17), after playing a battle of music on the Omaha Orpheum stage the same night with Glen Gray's Good Loma crew.

# Music Items

Publishers and People

**MICKEY GOLDSEN** leaves his post with Exclusive Music and Mills Artists to take over the general management of Lou Levy's Leeds Music Co. November 1. Al Stool replaces Dave Bernstein as chief rep for Leeds. Edna Shore, for the past 10 years with Warner, leaves to become sales and advertising head of Mercer-Morris, Inc. Jesse Stool takes over the Chicago district for the firm, while Jack Archer reports to the Coast. George Resnick and Benny Lanthier made contact men in the New York office, with Vi Mele staff pianist.

Harry Revel is in New York to see publishers about his book "Found in Error." Dave Bernis is the new professional manager at ABC Music, Berlin build. Hal Fein started contacting this week for Olman Music.

Suit for alleged plagiarism reached New York Federal Court this week on the title song of 20th Century-Fox's "Here's to Romance" pic, which starred Nino Martini couple of seasons ago. Carl Fein and Mary and Jeff Gluckstein, tune by Herb Magidson and Con Conrad, infringes on their "Goodbye to Love." Magidson and Conrad, Sam Fox Publishing Co., and the pic firm are mentioned in the suit, which asks \$25,000 and 10% of net profits, allegedly exceeding \$500,000.

More of the Same  
**BALL MUSIC PUBLISHING CO.**, Hollywood firm, marked its first anniversary this week. House is headed by Roland Ball, who has been with the firm since the late Ernest R. Ball, famous composer and charter member of ASCAP. Company specializes in Hawaiian music. Marty Payne becomes Chicago rep for Jess Minsky. Bob Lee joins Joe Davis, Inc. as contact man. Dr. Bill Sexton, popular entertainer among the Hollywood set, is breaking into the music biz as Coast rep for Tommy Dorsey's Sun Music Co.

Edward B. Marks Music releasing a series of Roy Eldridge trumpet solos, seven in all. Dr. Clay Boland, Philadelphia dentist and songwriter-as-a-hobby, drew the score for the University of Pennsylvania's Mask and Wig Club annual show for the fifth time. Title this year is "Great Guns."

ASCAP payoff for the third quarter of 1939 is down \$30,000, largely due to income taxes levied on the recent week-long music festival held in New York, when admission-free concerts were given with all costs assumed by the society. Second quarter of this year totaled \$2,361,000.

**Songs and Such**  
**NAT SHILKRET** will publish Ann R. Rosell's "And a Panda," which will be used as signature song on all Walter Lantz Panda movie cartoons. Chatterbox, by Jerome Brainin and Alan Roberts, goes to Chappell from the Kay Kyser pic. Bregman, Vocco & Conn get the "Swing of the Dream" from Van Brunen and Eddie DeLange. Mills Music releasing the latest in the Sid Phillips' orchestration series, Men About Town.

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## Edison a CRA Show-Caser

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Following the pattern initiated at Hotel New Yorker last season, when the musicians' union ruled a six-day playing week, Hotel Edison and the "Band of the Week" policy for Blue Baron's night off. Edison being an exclusive Consolidated Radio Artists account, the CRA bands will be show-cased to the trade and prospective buyers while doing the regular shows. Special billing is for Monday nights, Blue Baron's night off, Monday (23). New Yorker, buying in an open market, has a Sunday show-casing, with the one-night attraction getting proportionately as much house and newspaper advertising as the regular band.

# Sheet-Music Leaders

(Week Ending October 21)

Position	Last Wk.	Title	Wk.
1	1	Over the Rainbow	1
2	2	South of the Border	1
3	3	The Man With the Mandolin	1
4	4	An Apple for the Teacher	1
5	5	In an 18th Century Drawing Room	1
6	6	Bear Barrel Polka	1
7	7	Blue Orchids	1
8	8	Day In, Day Out	1
9	9	Sunrise Serenade	1
10	10	Oh, You Crazy Moon	1
11	11	Scatterbrain	1
12	12	A Man and His Dream	1
13	13	Cinderella, Stay in My Arms	1
14	14	Moonlight Serenade	1
15	15	Moon Love	1

# Special Promotions At Memphis Claridge

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 21.—Claridge Hotel reopened its Twentieth Century Room, dance spot, last Friday (6) after suspending operations since the roof shut down after Labor Day. Room, completely redecorated at cost of \$15,000, plus Claridge definitely back into the dance business after slim pickings since last winter when opposition, Peabody Hotel, opened new room with name bands.

Opening with Nick Stuart, Manager Al Paterson reported big crowd with good take despite cut in admission. New charges are 75 cents a head and \$1 on Saturday, cutting from \$1.10 week days and \$1.20 Saturday.

Paterson says tea dances on Saturday afternoons will be inaugurated immediately to run thru the winter, a new idea here. Promotion also includes specialty nights, a "balloon" night when several balloons containing cash and ducats are released at midnight for the crowd to scramble for, and "beat the clock" night, when dancers arriving before 10 are admitted for 35 cents instead of usual six-bits.

# "Swing" Means Much More Than Wild Shaggers, Jive Tak And Rowdy Jitterbugs—Shaw

Editor The Billboard:  
You have been kind enough to request a statement relative to sundry and assorted rumors that I have declared war on all jitterbugs. I prefer to reply in my own way rather than in the form of a publicity release, hoping that once and for all the matter can be disposed of. In the first place, I am of the opinion the term "jitterbug" has outlived its usefulness. Swing music has earned itself a definite niche and is no longer considered a passing fancy. However, the "swing" that grew up with swing is a thing of the past. I have found, in playing proms and one-night stands, that the great majority of swing enthusiasts object to being called jitterbugs. They regard it as kid stuff and unworthy of anyone who has a sincere appreciation for swing.

And yet a few die-hards still cling to the title and all that goes with it. Those are the ones I meant in any remarks I've made—the few who make things tough for leaders. They're the few who seem to have no consideration for anyone but themselves. They're the few who, at one time or another, have prompted me to sound off in no uncertain terms.

After all, a band is no better than its audience. And if a bare handful of wild Indians set out to ruin things for everyone else, I think it's time to step in.

**Mistake To Placate Rowdies**  
THIS same situation has happened with other band leaders and they have chosen to try to placate the boisterous few. I regard that as a mistake. We, as entertainers, should cater to the wishes of the majority. And I am certain the majority does not approve of rowdism. It is, in certain, too, that the majority of young men and women look at a band leader as more than just a machine to be turned on and off.

Let me illustrate. On our first radio broadcast in New York after our long West Coast stay we were forced to leave the studio hurriedly. There was a good reason for this. We were due back at the Strand Theater, where we were currently engaged. The management at the Strand had very considerably altered

the stage schedule so that we could make the theater in time. Automobiles were waiting downstairs to rush us across town. Every minute was precious.

**Autograph Hounds Hinder**  
WHEN we finished the broadcast a lot of youngsters crowded around asking for autographs. A few, more audacious than the rest, requested some encores. Obviously, it was impossible to grant either request. The boys and I had all we could do to pack up and get down to the street.

I tried to explain the situation and (See "SWING" MEANS on page 63)

# Davis Sued for 10G On 'Contract Breach'

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Monty Siegel, songwriter, this week filed suit in Supreme Court, New York County, against Joe Davis, Inc., charging breach of contract on his tune, "Who's Got All the Dough," and asking return of compo's rights and \$10,000 in damages. Siegel alleges Davis gave him a contract on the song last July, with the understanding that it would be published and plugged along usual lines, but that only black-and-whites have since been printed, with no attempt made at pushing the number.

Writer asked for the compo back in September but alleges Davis refused to comply. Siegel is a music pub himself, going under the name of Sing Song Music Co., but says he didn't publish his work because of not having a staff to plug it. Claims further Davis misrepresented his ability to work on a tune, that he claimed to have contact men but allegedly has not. Davis was out of town and could not be reached at press time for his version of the case.

# Maestri on Tap for Music Ops' Shindig

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Annual meeting of the Automatic Music Operators' Association, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel November 5, will draw a stellar line-up of band leaders to the shindig to give their seasonal hello's to the boys who have helped place the assorted masses on the top of the heap thru their use of phonograph records.

Agencies figure that, with the music machine operator becoming such an important cog in the success of a band, it would be a nice gesture for the leading men to be on hand to say thanks—and hope you include me in your next batch of waxes.

Slim Gallard, now playing a date at Irving's Rendezvous, Philadelphia, drew the assignment of playing for the annual get-together of the Automatic Music Association of New Jersey at the Essex House, Newark, this Sunday (22).

# Discers Grab Mercer Tunes

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—New Mercer-Morris publishing house starts off with a bang, as a nice gesture for the leading men to be on hand to say thanks—and hope you include me in your next batch of waxes.

# Chi Pluggers Join N. Y. Org

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Local song-contractors have completed arrangements to join the newly formed union org in New York under the same AFL charter. Harold Lee, manager of M. Witmark & Sons, has been elected president of the Chi local, and George Pincus, of Shapiro-Bernstein, and Ned Miller, of Irving Berlin, have been appointed his aides-de-camp.

# Songs With Most Radio Plugs

# "Last Night" Makes Debut At Top To Supplant "Day"

Songs listed are those receiving 10 or more network plugs (WJZ, WEA, WABC) between 5 p.m.-1 a.m. week days and 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Sundays, for the week ending Friday, October 20. Independent plugs are those received on WOR, WNEV, WMCA, and WHN. Film tunes are designated as "F," musical production numbers as "M." Based on data supplied by Accurate Reporting Service.

Plugs	Title	Publisher	Net	Indie
42	1. Last Night	Felt	42	12
31	2. South of the Border	Shapiro, Bernstein	31	16
30	3. Are You Having Any Fun?	Crawford	30	18
28	4. My Prayer	Skidmore	28	20
25	5. What's New?	Witmark	25	26
25	6. Man With the Mandolin	Santly, J. & S.	25	17
22	7. Day In, Day Out	Bregman, V. & C.	22	19
20	8. Over the Rainbow (F)	Felt	20	22
19	9. Oh, You Crazy Moon	Witmark	19	14
19	10. Goodnight, My Beautiful (M)	Crawford	19	8
18	11. In an 18th Century Drawing Room	Miller	18	11
18	12. Scatterbrain	Bregman, V. & C.	18	7
17	13. Lilies in the Rain	Robbins	17	7
16	14. Good Morning (F)	Chappell	16	14
16	15. Blue Orchids	Famous	16	11
15	16. Comes Love (M)	Chappell	15	10
15	17. Go Your Own Way (F)	Famous	15	9
14	18. I Didn't Know What Time It Was (M)	Chappell	14	14
14	19. Moonlight Serenade	Robbins	14	11
14	20. Melancholy Lullabye	Famous	14	4
14	21. An Apple for the Teacher (F)	Santly, J. & S.	14	8
14	22. My Last Good-Bye	Harms	14	6
14	23. South American Way (M)	Harms	14	3
14	24. I Must Have One More Kiss	Santly, J. & S.	13	3
13	25. Man and His Dream (F)	Santly, J. & S.	12	14
12	26. Melancholy Mood	Harms	12	12
12	27. Baby Me	ABC	12	5
11	28. Little Man Who Wasn't There	Robbins	11	14



# Bands on Tour

## Advance Dates—

Ted Weems: State Theater, Hartford, Conn., October 27; Earl Theater, Philadelphia, November 3 week; Century Theater, Buffalo, November 10 for three days; Chicago Theater, Chicago, November 17 week.

Freddie Fisher: City Club, Carroll, Ia., October 27.  
Emerson Gill: Toledo (O.) Club, October 28.

Ben Bernie: Flatbush Theater, Brooklyn, October 29 week; Windsor Theater, Bronx, N. Y., November 2 week; Audion Theater, New York, November 9 week; Carlin Theater, Jamaica, L. I., November 16 week.

Les Brown: Loew's State Theater, New York, November 2 week.

Larry Clinton: Convention Hall, Philadelphia, November 3; Arcadia Ballroom, New York, 4; Paramount Theater, Lynchburg, Va., 5; Clemson College, Clemson, N. C., 10-11; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., 15-16; Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 18; State Theater, Hartford, Conn., 30, 31, five days.

Bill Lorenz: Bachelors' Club, Franklin, Va., November 3.

Bob Crosby: University of Virginia, Lexington, Va., November 3-4; Strand Theater, New York, 10, for two weeks.

Richard Himber: Adelphi College, Kingston, N. Y., November 3.

Van Alexander: University of Maryland, College Park, Md., November 3.

Baby Newman: Princeton (N. J.) University, November 3.

Horace Heidt: Shea's Theater, Buffalo, November 3 week; Palace Theater, Akron, 10, for four days; Palace Theater, Youngstown, O., 14, for three days; Lyric Theater, Indianapolis, 17 week; Fox Theater, St. Louis, 24 week.

Jack Teagarden: Earl Theater, Washington, D. C., 10, for three days; Earl Theater, Youngstown, O., 11, for three days; Palace Theater, Akron, 17 week; Lyric Theater, Indianapolis, 24 week.

Buddy Rogers: Beverly Hills Country Club, Newport, Ky., November 10 for two weeks.

Paul Spitalny: Orpheum Theater, Indianapolis, November 10 week; Capitol Theater, Davenport, Ia., 17 for four days; Paramount Theater, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 21 for three days; Paramount Theater, Omaha, 24 week.

Hal Kemp: Earl Theater, Philadelphia, November 10 week; Stanley Theater, Pittsburgh, 17 week.

Happy Felton: Loew's State Theater, New York, November 16 week.

Ben Bernie: Rockland Palace Ballroom, New York, November 17.

Al Donahue: State Theater, Hartford, Conn., November 24 for five days.

Bert Repine: William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., November 17-18.

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# Love in Bloom

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Tommy Dorsey, currently at Palmer House, tipped a family secret the other day. Seems his 14-year-old daughter, Patsy, has developed a terrific crush on none other than his vocal, Jack Leonard, and her room in the Dorsey household is plastered with the singer's physiognomy.

# Special Promotions Aid Summit Dance Season; Kaye Topper

AKRON, Oct. 21.—Summit Beach Park ballroom, one of the largest in Eastern Ohio, enjoyed another successful season, according to Lew Platt, in charge of band bookings and general promotional work at the park ballroom here. Outstanding season criteria used at the park ballroom the current season were Sammy Kaye, Blue Barron, Frank Dalley and Bernie Cummins. Kaye packed in 2,278 persons at 75 cents advance and \$1 per person at the gate for the best week of the season, with Barron ranking second in the gross draw.

Monday night bargain dances, a long-established policy, brought out record attendances at 25 cents a person. Thursdays, a slow night as a rule, were turned into profitable seasons with the introduction this season of "Learn to Dance Night." A staff of competent instructors was retained by the management and hundreds of potential dancers were developed into regular patrons. "Early Bird" prices before 9 on Saturday nights also helped to keep the big ballroom well filled and the box-office receipts better than a year ago, Platt said.

Territorial faves, such as Cecil Golly, Ralph Webster, Wally Stoefler, Johnny Martone, Hugh McPherson and Tiny Hill, did excellent bit. Webster played to a crowd of 1,200 persons on the closing night of the season, September 18.

One of the best drawing cards in the season on a Thursday night was a battle of music between Mildred Manning and her Rhythmettes, all-girl combo, and Shively Yates.

With the shuttering of the ballroom Lew Platt opened an office to specialize in personal management of orchestras, publicity and general promotional work. In addition to doing one-night bookings. He has several district bands already listed, and reports extensive bookings in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

City, N. Y., 22; Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New York, December 2.

Gen Savitz: Paramount Theater, New York, November 29 for three weeks.

Artie Shaw: Capitol Theater, Washington, January 12 week.

# Coaling the Band

Exploitation, Promotion and Showmanship Ideas

## Communique

TO HERALD Bobby Byrne's new band venture, Kay Hansen, of the Hansen-Williams Idea plant, has adopted the technique of the European propaganda plants and is sending out a series of postal-card communiques to keep the trade up on the maestro's movements. First card out advised that "Bobby Byrne is Mobilizing." Communique No. 2 reads: "Bobby Byrne has mobilized the best men from all over the country and concentrated his strength in a strategic position." Most recent flyer, Communique No. 3, advises "Bobby Byrne has fortified his position and is drilling his forces."

No reference is made to a band or musician, and adding to the subtlety of the promotion, communiques further enhance the militaristic theme with "General Commanding." Teaser here will finally unfold that General Amusement Corp. is managing the band.

While the singular effect of such a program is burdened by its cunning, the continual bombardment of communiques should eventually create the more desirable effect of a major offensive.

## Class

Primarily concerned with the society set, it is only natural that Meyer Davis did his and led the 400. Making capital of the fact that his was the only American orchestra to play for British royalty during the visit to these shores, Davis sent out a reprint of a letter he received from Balmoral Castle that Their Majesties commanded the writer to send an expression of thanks to Davis for his music. Accompanying the mailing is a memo in good taste: "May we bring to your attention another important piece of evidence of the popularity of our music."

Previously, Davis had gotten up a smart promotional booklet, a photo of King George and Queen Elizabeth for the cover page, containing excerpts of newspaper references to Meyer Davis and his orchestra playing for Their Majesties.

Sammy Kaye is building up his Swing and Swoy Fan Club by flashing an announcement on the screen of the theater he happens to be playing in, inviting patrons to join the club. Membership applications can be picked up in the lobby. The Swing and Swoy Club now has a membership of 3,500, an invaluable mailing list in making patrons to come out on tour. We would like to hear from other band leaders lending their names to fan clubs on methods employed to increase membership rolls. In an early feature on this all-important phase of band promotion.

## Specialty Nights

ONE of the best business boosters for a ballroom or hotel room is to tie up one of the off-nights with a special feature. A "Football Rally Night" is sure-

# Philly After N. Y. Agency Ban

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Still smarting because of the inroads made by New York band agencies in placing most of the first-class hotels under contract, the musicians' union here has made inquiry to Louis Howe, head of the State Department of Labor, for an opinion regarding the application of the laws governing employment agencies, to bar all out-of-town booking agencies from the State.

Pennsylvania has a law which makes it necessary that every agency placing talent within the State borders must obtain an annual license from the State Department of Labor. However, this statute has so many loopholes that most out-of-town bookers have been able to circumvent its requirements.

Rex Riccardi, secretary of the musicians' union, said that every attempt to enforce the law would be made. He hoped that by forcing the State to enforce the ordinance he could have the courts set aside the law. He said that between the hotels and the band agencies, the law would be enforced, since they were made illegally.

fire in any spot any night of the week at this time of the year. Making your dance floor the scene of a pre-game football rally for followers of both teams is the easiest teaser to bring a boom to your box office.

Another specialty that should go especially well when a rodeo is playing your territory is a "Covered Wagon" dance. Some time ago we heard of Manager Covey offering the "Covered Wagon" feature at his Coconut Grove in Salt Lake City. Advertising and promotion carried the pony boy theme and the band dressed in typical cowboy costume for the night. To stimulate interest still further, souvenirs were presented to all turning out—handkerchiefs to the ladies and caps to the fellows. Covey reported the turnout "exceptionally large that night."

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## Bird in the Hand

JAY FAGGEN figured his new Golden Gate Ballroom, which made its bow this week up in New York's Harlem, is worth any two ballrooms in the world. Be that as it may, Faggen, an old hand at exploiting and publicizing, adapted the "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" theme to herald the opening. Invites to the press for the premier were by telegram, but instead of having the acceptance wired back, Postal Telegraph brought along a carrier pigeon for the "answer please."

"Signify and give this carrier pigeon your answer and let it fly back to me on wings of happiness," asked Faggen. Messenger boy released the pigeon, which flew back the acknowledgment to the ballroom operator. This is one instance where a bird in the hand was worth its weight a dozen-fold in creating the desired showmanly effect.

## Wubba Dollies

Ella Fitzgerald gets benefit in good measure from the campaign planned by Sidney Mills, of Exclusive Music, to introduce his firm's newest tune, My Wubba Dollie, a novelty ditty by Kay and Sam Weener. Instead of sending promotional copies to the band leaders around town in the conventional way, Mills has bought up 50 large rubber dolls to add a touch of showmanship to the song-plugging.

Dolls will be darkened, with the face carrying in Ella's features, and a professional copy of the song will serve for the skinning. Miss Fitzgerald was the first to record the song for a Decca label and the former message said: "Did you hear my newest Decca recording?"

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# Village Haunt Woos Cat Cult With Sullivan - Marsala Bout

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Greenwich Village trend toward becoming the new center of swing was given a further shot in the arm last Wednesday (17) when Cafe Society, the love nest of local boogie-woogie, stole the thunder of 23d street by opening the season with two barrel-house tub thumpers in the person of pianist Joe Sullivan, of Disneyland pianist, and clarinetist Joe Marsala.

With both bands jamming out furiously and loudly for supremacy, it's doubtful whether a k.o. will ensue, but it's a prize stunt to stimulate public interest in the various schools of jam, and incidentally, corral customers into Cafe Society.

Sullivan, who until last week was Bob Crosby's ivory murderer, stood to his piano. Sitting on the band stand with him are Murphy Steinberg (trumpet), Pip Valon (clarinet), Charles Berg (sax), Chuck Maxson (trombone), Bert Mace (drums) and Johnny Craig at the drums. Band and soloists edge musically, but dispenses a brand of Dixie jam that's almost foreign to Greenwich Village and these parts. Co-ordination is still lacking, but since one outfit is only a few days old, the noise can only be interpreted

now as a rough-cut brand of Dixie doodling.

On Marsala's side of the fence, filling up the band stand are brother Marty Marsala (trumpet), Irving Barnel (sax), Joe Bushkin (piano), Earl Murphy (bass) and Don Carter beating away at the skins. Joe fronts with a sizzling clarinet and a nose of rhythm and jazz that should serve as sufficient lure to bring the uptown jitterbugs downtown and provoke the argumentative horn-rimmed esthetic hep-cats who encircle the bar. The band wasn't perfect on opening night, which is, but once they became a little perted at the seams and started to give they were just solid thruout.

Sandwiched in as the Poland of this battle is Billie Holiday, septua to all artists who opened the spot six months ago and served under several colored band regimes. Outside of a date at the Off-Beat Club in Chicago, she's been here all the time. It can be truthfully said of Billie that she sings with a grace in her voice that's meltingly projected to the ear.

Getting down to the elementals of the two swings, the basic difference, as emcee Jack Gilford (a show in himself) explains, "is that in John Hammond's right coat pocket." Zeff,

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

Orchestra Routes

Following each listing appears a symbol. Fill in the designation corresponding to the symbol when addressing organizations or individuals listed.

Adams, Vernie (Hollywood) Pineville, La.
Allen, William (Edison) NYC, h.
Akin Jr., Bill (City Club) Erie, Pa.
Alberti, Julius (Shell Chateau) Wilmington, Del.

Alcorn, James (Van & Bill's) Glens Falls, N. Y.
Anderson of Note (Book-Cadillac) Detroit, Mich.
Angelo (Hertofoli) NYC, nc.

Archie, Sam (Blackhawk) NYC, h.
Armstrong, Louis (Cotton Club) NYC, nc.
Arnes, Desi (La Coona) NYC, nc.

Asolo, Harold (Coca-Cola) NYC, h.
Ayres, Mitchell (Is George) Brooklyn, h.
Bardo, Bill (Edgewater Beach) Chi, h.

Barnes, Charles (ISI Regis) NYC, h.
Benson, Ray (9 o'clock Club) NYC, nc.
Berger, Maxmillian (Versailles) NYC, nc.

Bergin, Nita (Brighton's Halfway House) Darsen, Conn. re.
Bolognini, Remo (L'Aiglon) Chi, re.
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Poster, Chuck (Biltmore Bowl) Los Angeles, Cal.
Potts, Larry (Wildow Grove) Phila, p.
Pryor, Syd (Marta) NYC, nc.

Quinn, Rudy (Deahler-Waltick) Columbus, O. h.
Gallford, Slim (Bendevans) Phila, e.
Gambro, Jack (Lincoln Terrace) Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gardner, Clyde (Geo. Washington) Jacksonville, Fla. h.
Grayside, Doc (Le Martinique) NYC, nc.
Gentry, Tom (Riviera Lake Geneva, Wis., p.
Georgia Trio (Frederick's Lounge) Santa Monica, Calif.

Gerard, Gerry (Schneider's Tavern) Cleveland, O.
Gibson, Sam (Grande) Detroit, h.
Goldenzler (Port Hubby) Detroit, h.
Goodman, Henry (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.

Gray, Gray (Troadero) Sioux City, Ia.
Gray, Len (Fireball) Westport, Mass.
Gray, Glenn (Palace) San Francisco, Ca.
Greene, Hal (Casino Gardens) Los Angeles, h.

Groff, Percy (Ford Exhibit) World's Fair, Wash., h.
Ham & His Yeags (Ohio Grill) Steubenville, O.
Hamilton, Johnny (Tristan Club) Santa Fe, N. M.

Hanson, Dave (Villa Bee) Jackson, Mich.
Harty, Bob (Flamingo) Boston, nc.
Hart, Joe (Pia-Mor) Kansas City, Mo.
Harte, Carl (Chamberlin) Old Point Comfort, Va. h.

Hartman, Don (Middletown) Middletown, Md.
Hauser, Harold (Mayflower) Akron, h.
Hawkins, Coleman (Kelly Stables) NYC, nc.

Hays, Edgar (Victoria) NYC, h.
Hein, Bob & Royal Ambassadors (McCurdy Evansville, Ind. h.
Henderson, Frank (Windsorland) Chi, nc.

Lamereaux, Paul (Jack & Jill) Portland, Ore.
Lang, Teddy (Club Cavalier) NYC, nc.
Lang, Lou (White) NYC, nc.

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Powell, Walter (Old New York) World's Fair, NYC, re.
Prima, Louis (Dickory House) NYC, nc.
Purcell, Don (Pappy's 66 Club) Dallas, nc.

Quartel, Colosimo (Colosimo) Chi, nc.
Quintana, Don (El Chico) Miami Beach, Fla., nc.

Raeburn, Boyd (Rainbow) Denver, h.
Ramona (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, nc.
Ramona, Ramon (Ambassador) NYC, h.

Randall, Fred (Harvey's) Detroit, h.
Ravel, Don (Casa Seville) Franklin Square, L. I. re.
Raymond, Nick (Coo House) NYC, nc.

Raymond, Harry (Farman Univ.) Greenville, S. C.
Reichman, Joe (Peoddy) Memphis, h.
Renaldo, Nino (Harry's New Yorker) Chi, re.

Ris, Case (Rita) Bridgeport, Conn. h.
Roberts, Bob (Firestone Gardens) Hollywood, e.
Roberts, Chick (Tally-Ho) Albany, N. Y.
Roberts, Red (Harvey's) Detroit, h.

Roberts, Ken (Samoa Gardens) Flint, Mich.
Roe, Chet (Ye Old Cellar) Chi, re.
Rogert, Nuno (Olama-Madrid) NYC, nc.
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Marlin, Don (Coo Regis) NYC, nc.
Mastey, Frankie (Essex House) NYC, h.
Mastey, Nicholas (Casino Busse) NYC, nc.

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Smith, Stuff (Off-Best) Club Chi, nc.
Sousa, J. (Honey) Chicago, Ill.
Spreng, Irving (Rex's) White Lake, N. Y.
Silvers, Johnny (Belmont Club) Miami Beach, Fla., h.

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OUT-OF-TOWN OPENING

**"To Every Goliath"**  
(New Theater)  
PHILADELPHIA

A play in three acts and eight scenes by Paul Hogan; directed by Milton Rosen, with settings by Herbert Jones. Presented by the New Theater Acting Co. Amateur cast.

A subject which playwrights seem unable to encompass, tho' not from lack of trying, is the Nazi regime in Germany. Many plays have been written with various degrees of skill and indignation, but their record of success is slender. The record is not improved by *To Every Goliath*, presented by the recently conscious New Theater last Saturday (7). Paul Hogan has drawn several valid characters and many of his situations are believable, and for the most part his note of hysteria is subdued. In his anti-Nazi utterances, yet his play, like so many of its predecessors, ends in unconvincing melodrama.

Hogan's central character is a distinguished novelist and philosopher, a Nobel prize winner and a world figure. To the consternation of the ruling regime, Dr. Matthias maintains the silence which does not signify consent regarding the new "philosophy of death" which has swept the country. The propaganda department begins to exert pressure, and for the sake of his loved one (his son has been blinded by Nazi brutality and a Jewish friend has been forced to suicide) it seems likely that the novelist will jettison his ideals and his moral honesty to indorse a regime of despots.

The spectacle of such degradation is in itself a stirring indictment and a valid enough dramatic theme, but Mr. Hogan remains unsatisfied. In a series of third-act melodramatic incidents, unbelieveable in detail and naive in execution, Dr. Matthias goes before the world with a radio spiel, switching his commendation of the government to a violent attack, while a confederate holds open the broadcasting channels at the point of a gun. Dr. Matthias is shot down at the mike, but not before he has finished his speech. Unfortunately, *OUT-OF-TOWN* on opposite page)

Review Percentages

(Listed below are the decisions of dramatic critics on the eight general metropolitan dailies concerning the Broadway shows of the week. In figuring percentages, "no opinion" notes are counted one-half "yes" and one-half "no" rather than being thrown out altogether. This would give a show with eight "no opinion" votes 50 per cent "yes" and 50 per cent "no" at the end of each month of the season the shows and their percentages will be listed, together with a resume of how they fared at the box office, in an effort to determine how much the critical reception affects the financial success. How closely the critics agree with the decision of their readers.)

**"Three Sisters"—19%**  
NO: Brown (Post), Atkinson (Times), Mante (News), Watts (Herald Tribune), Coleman (Mirror), Anderson (Journal-American).  
YES: Lockridge (Sun).  
NO OPINION: Whipple (World-Telegram).

**"The Man Who Came to Dinner"—100%**  
YES: Mante (News), Atkinson (Times), Whitchell (Mirror), Lockridge (Sun), Brown (Post), Whipple (World-Telegram), Lockridge (Sun), Anderson (Journal-American).  
NO: None.  
NO OPINION: None.

**"Ladies and Gentlemen"—37%**  
NO: Brown (Post), Anderson (Journal-American), Whipple (World-Telegram), Whitchell (Mirror).  
YES: Lockridge (Sun), Atkinson (Times).  
NO OPINION: Watts (Herald Tribune), Mante (News).

**"Too Many Girls"—100%**  
YES: Anderson (Journal-American), Watts (Herald Tribune), Mante (News), Whitchell (Mirror), Lockridge (Sun), Whipple (World-Telegram), Atkinson (Times), Brown (Post).  
NO: None.  
NO OPINION: None.

New Plays on Broadway  
Reviewed by Eugene Burr

MUSIC BOX

Beginning Monday Evening, October 16, 1939

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

A comedy. Directed by George S. Kaufman. Script by George S. Kaufman. Set design by Donald Oestlager, built by T. B. McDonald Construction Co. and painted by Triangle Studios. Press agent, John P. Goehy. Associate press agent, Ben Kopp. Stage manager, Bernard Hart. Assistant stage manager, Barbara Adams. Presented by Sam H. Harris.

Mrs. Ernest W. Stanley	.....	Virginia Hammond
Miss Press	.....	Mary Wickes
Richard Stanley	.....	Gordon Merrick
June Stanley	.....	Barbara Woodley
John	.....	George Probert
Sarah	.....	Mrs. Priestley Morrison
Mrs. Dexter	.....	Barbara Adams
Mrs. McCutcheon	.....	Edmonia Kelley

Mr. Stanley	.....	George Lessey
Maggie Currier	.....	Edith Atwater
Dr. Haddock	.....	Dorothy Clements
Sheridan Whiteside	.....	Monty Woolfley
Harriet Stanley	.....	Ruth Vivian
Bert Jefferson	.....	Theodore Newton
Professor Metz	.....	John Hoyt
The Luncheon Guests	.....	Phil Sheridan,
		Carl Johnson
		William Postance
Mr. Baker	.....	Harold Woolf
Expressman	.....	Carol Goodner
Lorraine Sheldon	.....	Michael Harvey
Sandy	.....	Edward Fisher
Westcott	.....	Rodney Stewart,
Radio Technicians	.....	Daniel Loosen
Six Young Boys	.....	Daniel Loosen
Jack Whitman, Daniel London, Donald		
Banio London, DeWitt Purdue, Robert Rea		
Two Deputies	.....	Curtis Karpe,
		Phil Sheridan
A Plainclothes Man	.....	William Postance
The Scene is the Home of Mr. and Mrs.		

From Out Front

By EUGENE BURR

If the dwellers in and around Missogolli are disturbed at night by a specter wearing a long dark cloak above which peep the corners of a wide and open collar, if they see this phantom rushing wildly thru the night in self-evident ghastly despair, the good news is unduly frightened. It will merely be the pitiful, anguished wraith of George Noel Gordon, or Byron, dead these 113 years, disconsolately haunting the spot where he perished in his fight to set Greece free.

For Greece, the cradle of Western culture, the center of the last of the Crusades, that wherein it sought to free itself from the oppressive Moslem heel—Greece, the emblem of intelligence and freedom and the enlightened mind, has voluntarily picked up her cast-off shackles and welded them once more upon her own wrists.

Lost all of this seem somewhat out of place in a column ostensibly devoted to the drama—and lost it also seem somewhat stale, since Greece has allowed herself to remain a dictatorship for some time past. It will be stated that the specific events giving rise to it are related to the theater and told me no later than last Saturday by a young lady who calls herself merely Aliki, and who was herself personally involved.

Aliki is—or was—one of the best known actresses in Greece. Her mother's stage name is Mme. Kyveli, and the younger Aliki dropped the last portion of the name in billings to avoid confusion. She followed the family tradition, was a featured player at the age of 12, has studied in Paris, and her fame as an actress has spread far beyond the boundaries of Greece; she has played successfully in many lands. She and her mother, who enjoyed a 30-year reign as a leading Greek actress, controlled an established Athenian playhouse; and when her mother retired about five years ago Aliki kept the Aliki Theater tradition alive. Now, however, she is in America, or so she says, studying in Columbia and looking for a job on the American stage, while her mother continues in Athens. She'll never go back, she says, because here an artist is free.

It all started with a production of Robert B. Sherwood's *Idiot's Delight*, announced for the theater in Athens. Reviews had gone extremely well; the cast was enthusiastic, advertising and publicity had blanketed Athens and the populace was eager to see the new and important play. And then, on the day of the opening, the government of Greece was changed. Enter the dictator.

Before 6 that evening Aliki was met with the stern announcement that the theater would not go up, and that all scripts in the future would have to pass thru the newly established censorship before she could put them on. Hastily plans were canceled; and the next day the official censor was duly given a script. But he, obviously untrained in the intricacies of dictators, merely read it, said that he thought it was a very good play, and told Aliki she could go ahead. She did. Rehearsals began again, announcements went out again, and once more public interest was kindled.

But once more an emissary of omnipotence informed Aliki that, despite the amenability of the censor, the play would never be tolerated by the powers that be. Once more the performance was canceled.

*Idiot's Delight* has never been seen in Greece.

That, of course, was understandable, since the play infers what it does about dictatorship. But Aliki offers another example to show the depths to which government censorship can go. For years she had wanted to play *Saint Joan*, postponing it—and postponing it again—until she felt that she had achieved the artistic stature necessary to give full interpretation to the role. Finally she felt herself ready and went ahead with her plans. The show opened and was a tremendous success. The Athenian public went enthusiastically, and on a succeeding night the dictator himself sat in the third row. The cast was nervous but confident.

But after the final curtain the dictator sent back word that the play could not be performed again.

Aliki was indignant. The play was allowed—and even saved—in England, France and everywhere else in the world. Even a totalitarian leader as Herr Hitler had allowed its presentation in Berlin. Why, then, should it be banned in Athens, the birthplace of the culture of the Western world?

The answer, said the emissary, was simple. Greece's dictatorship functions in coalition with a dummy king. The French king in *Saint Joan* is represented as being not very intelligent—even, perhaps, just a little out of his mind. And this king could be presented in Greece as anything except a God-appointed, God-appointed glory.

It all gives some dim idea of the state of the theater—of all the arts—under a dictatorship. It is a situation acute enough to drive an established and highly popular actress-manager to seek a precarious livelihood in a strange and alien land, and the scene of this insane muffling is not Germany or Russia or England or any of the other great imperialistic powers whose names are synonyms of selfish ends and ruthless force: it is Greece.

Well may the ghost of Byron walk.

And since it is a situation in a not-generally-publicized nation, it has a double lesson for us here in America, where *Saint Joan* and *Idiot's Delight* are accepted in the common course of things, where the stage is untrammelled and the press can still take potshots even at Roosevelt. Instead of climbing once more upon Roanoke and setting out to clean up a world of unchangeable windmills, let us carefully and commandingly prevent anyone at home from making a step that might lead to matter how remotely, to the ultimate banning of a *Saint Joan*—or an *Idiot's Delight*.

Stanley in a Small Town in Ohio. The Time is 1924.

ACT I—Scene 1: A December Morning. Scene 2: About a Week Later. ACT II—Another Week Has Passed. Christmas Eve. ACT III—Christmas Morning.

As even the inhabitants of Smalltown can show by now, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, the new Moss Hart-George S. Kaufman play that Sam H. Harris brought to the Music Box Monday night, is a thinly veiled satirical portrait of a literary poseur, critic, story teller, radio gargon, and altogether way (unless you consider that last a flat contradiction in terms) whose name begins with a "w" and also includes a double "o," a double "l" and a double "t." By pure coincidence, of course, Alexander Woolcott was offered the leading role in New York production but turned it down, he changed his mind later and scheduled himself for the road company after the show clicked tremendously on tryout. There is also talk that, thru another pure coincidence, the leading role may be played by another of the roles in the road company, Noel Coward, unfortunately, is detained by war duties in England, and a certain well-known actress is unobtainable at the moment, which accounts for some of the parts open to impersonators.

As was to be expected, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* will inevitably become a smash hit. The second-night patrons were convulsed with laughter thruout three long acts, and the noise of the hilarity at the Music Box must have been heard for north as the Stork Club. Helpless customers gasped and gurgled and slapped each other on the back and, in the end, staggered out weak and tottering into the crisp air of 43rd street. This comedy, though, is not only amusing and, on occasion, actually nasty.

What there is of plot tells how Sheridan Whiteside, the literary poseur, etc., aforementioned, fell on the ice outside the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, of Massalia, O., while on a lecture tour, and injured his hip and foot. He is now in the Stoney house-guest. From the vantage-point of his wheel chair he immediately takes over the entire household, relegates the Stanleys to the upper floors, and proceeds to hold irritable court in the living room to the north as the Stork Club. He occurs when Maggie, his faithful secretary, falls violently in love with a local newspaper man and threatens to leave the regal Whiteside employ. Thinking, as always, only of himself, Whiteside shudders at the prospect of breaking in on the secretary and lays plans to disrupt the match. This he does by phoning an actress about the play the newspaper man has written, and indicating that there is a magnificent part for her in it. He wants to see the actress, says Cornel. Since the actress in question is, according to Messrs. Kaufman and Hart, a notorious performer upon the beds as well as the boards, Mr. Whiteside figures that nature will take its course.

As a result of having a friendly English playwright-composer-lyricist-director-actor call the actress on the phone, impersonate the beefy British lord whom she wants to marry, and entice her back to England with an offer of a ceremony, Whiteside sees thru the deception, and the actress, in revenge, determines more strongly than ever to get the young newspaper man for herself. Then there erupts a very friendly clown from Hollywood (he is known as Banjo in the play), who is the author of a brilliant farce, one so ashamed of himself. So they plot to get the actress out of the picture, accomplishing it by locking her up in a mummy case and shipping her to Nova Scotia. Being brilliant wits, they find a way to get the young man what's what and letting him work it out for himself. For the final curtain Whiteside, leaving the disrupted Stanley home, again slips on the ice and is carried back for another session.

As satire the play is uneven, the authors obviously trying to give certain of their victims the best of the bargain, unleashing utterly inexcusable diatribes upon others, and letting the central character off with a more friendly spanking. But no matter how they try to ease off on him in the end, he emerges as a thoroughly nasty, entirely despicable old ass. As for the actress, the shafts let loose about her sex-life are as fatally abusive as they are for the most part unflattering. If they concerned a real and purely imaginary character they might be unobjectionable; but since some trouble is taken to identify the real actress pretty clearly, they emerge as choice examples of sleazy bilgeesque. So violent are the attacks that, in fact, they force one to wonder just what caused them.

As for the humor itself, it rests chiefly



## Pickets Picket Pickets; But Business Good Anyway

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Pickets picketing the pickets marred the opening of Delmonico's, new night spot.

According to the spokesmen of the AFL waiters' union, they were sent to grab a closed shop when the CIO showed in.

The AFL started to picket opening night. A call by the club to the CIO brought down CIO members with signs saying that the AFL pickets were in the wrong.

A tremendous ballyhoo campaign preceded the opening. Among the stunts used was the distribution of a facsimile issue of *The New York Mirror* dated November 16, 1892, which had on its front page a typical mention of the original Delmonico's. The opening was a sell-out. Stanley Carroll and Harvey Lochman are the operators.

## Congress Casino Not Reopening; Cooney Opens RF

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Congress Hotel's Casino will remain closed this season. The government, controlling the hotel, decided that it won't be a profitable venture to operate it. A committee of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. looked over the room's losses of a couple of years ago and decided that it is safer to keep it closed.

The neighboring Stevens Hotel, which hasn't been doing too well with its small band and show, will try out a name-band policy starting October 28, when Gruff Williams opens a four-week run. It is figured that band's local ballroom following may develop new trade for the room.

Dennis Cooney has reopened the Royale Palace, bringing back Mark Fisher's Band and Duke Yelman to produce the shows. Complete opening line-up has Harry cone, Bea Kalmus, the Duffins, the Golden Pair, Dick Gordon and a line of girls.

Negro talent is getting a break with the re-opening of Swingland by Benny Skoller Thursday (23). Standard acts, in addition to bands, are employed. Parade starts with Horace Henderson's Ork and show topped by Butterbeans and Susie and Pops and Louie.

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SON AND SONNY—colored lad-boys enjoying a long run at the Cotton Club, New York. Their eccentric dancing is socko—really breathtaking—just the right amount of—lets just give their work a nice comedy edge. Show-stoppers at the Cotton Club, they'd be the same in a book show or revue—and in musical pieces as well.

## Detroit Bookers Line Up Vaude; More in Canada

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—There is increasing trend toward vaude in this territory. More and more houses are either definitely turning to stage shows or considering it.

Return of shows to either the Michigan or Fox is probable. The Colonial, Raymond Schrober house, is putting in a Major Bowes unit week of November 3. Bowes units have hitherto played the Michigan Theater. Sol Berns, booking the house, also has film names under consideration, finding them tops in box-office power.

Negotiations are under way with the unions to pave the way for stage shows at either the 6,000-seat Fox or a major United Detroit house.

November 12 has been set for the start of a split week, divided between the Rialto, Plant, and the Wyandotte. Wyandotte, both run by Associated Theaters. Both bookings are thru the Berns office.

Berns is also adding another two and a half weeks November 13 in Canada for Famous Players houses at Kitchener, Hamilton, Brantford and Guelph. Canadian managers are going on with plans for stage shows, figuring they will prove as popular a form of entertainment as during the last war. There is the further probability that Canadian theaters may have to turn increasingly to American talent, as war requirements cause a scarcity of available Canadian talent. Berns also added a full week at the Trianon Gardens, Battle Creek, Mich., night club.

## Henderson Club Gets Names

HENDERSON, Ky., Oct. 21.—Bill Marshall Orchestra opened at the Club Trocadero Wednesday evening (27). Henry Busse opened the club, was followed by Johnny Hamp, Nick Stuart and now Bill Marshall.

Club Trocadero opened August 3. The club is located just across the Highway 41 from the splendid Dade Park race course.

The club boasts of a ballroom, cafe and a cocktail room. Entire building is air-conditioned.

## Another Harlem Casino

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21.—Lew Mercur, Harlem casino operator, is going to relocate in the downtown section with a hot spot on the order of a New York 52d street swing nitery.

## Maisie at the El Groucho— Where Waiters Okeh the Show

By PAUL DENIS

Dear Paul:

WE'RE playing the El Groucho Club this week. It's nothing fancy, of course, but it's a return engagement for me, as I played it as a single last January. Now I return with a partner, and Pat Patrick, the owner, is very much impressed. Of course, the El Groucho is not really very Spanish. Patrick is Irish and the waiters are Italians and Greeks. But the menu includes some Spanish dishes and the waiters supposedly have been trying so hard to learn how to pronounce the names. They haven't gotten very far, and when Mr. Patrick finds out that they've been studying *The Boring Form* all the time he thought they were studying Spanish, there's going to be trouble.

But even if Mr. Patrick gets mad, he won't be able to fire the waiters, because the waiters' union is too powerful here. Last month the bus boys went out on strike because they had gotten tired of the floor show and wanted some new faces. And last week the chiefs demanded that Mrs. Patrick stay out of the kitchen because she interrupted their poker games.

They say that if the waiters don't like your act, you're as good as canceled. The toughest show opening night is the 10 p.m. show, because the waiters are not so busy then and watch the floor show more closely.

MR. PATRICK says he tried to turn the club into a classy spot, but the experiment didn't work. He had a small, rising platform built into the dance floor, the angle being to have the floor-show cast make its entrance coming up thru the floor. But on opening night, the electrician mixed his time schedule and the floor came up with the bus boys and the musicians playing pinocchio. That was bad enough, but Mr. Patrick was very embarrassed when he discovered Mrs. Patrick was with them. And he was embarrassed even more when he found that Mrs. Patrick had lost \$80.25 in the game.

Of course, Mrs. Patrick had the last laugh on Mr. Patrick because, she says, she was playing rummy all the time the rest of the gang was playing pinocchio. She says it was worth the \$80.25 to be there. Anyway, Mrs. Patrick is really a nice woman, except that she thinks she's young, when she isn't and insists on Hal teaching her the Conga. He gave her a few lessons and she likes the kick part of the routine in particular. Hal collapsed with bruised ankles after the last lesson; he couldn't duck her kicks fast enough. But Mrs. Patrick loves the 1-2-3-and-kick routine. She says it reminds her of the time she played left halfback on the Ladies' Auxiliary football team back home.

MAISIE.

## Miss America Can't Appear in Home Town

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—Michigan's regulations to protect showgirls had an unexpected kinkback last week when Patricia Donnelly, Miss America of 1939, was denied a date in her own home town here. She was set for a p. a. at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, but was denied employment when a ruling of the Michigan Liquor Commission was invoked, barring entertainers under age (21) from appearing any place where liquor is sold.

## Building 100 Gs Savannah Nitery; Trick Puppet Stage

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 21.—Al Remier is building a \$100,000 night club on the site of his Club Royale. Improvements include a large ballroom, special stage, cocktail lounge with large horseshoe bar, indirect lighting, air-conditioning.

Mr. and Mrs. Remier just returned from an extended tour of key cities. After visiting hundreds of night spots they drew up plans for their new club.

The entire bar equipment, an electrically operated puppet stage and nearly 100 special color glow booths with new shadow box silhouettes were designed by C. L. Gibson. Also an original "Double or Nothing" cashier counter, where customers play a dice game to see whether they pay "double or nothing" for their evening's tariff. Remier says this is a drawing card and half of his customers spend the evening free, while others pay the bill. This feature is Remier's own invention and patent papers have been filed on it.

The complete bar and equipment contract, totaling \$20,000, has been let to Stephens & Co.

## London Vauders Struggle Along

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Managements of West End vaude halls and theaters are working out a stagger plan for submission to home department under which in turn they would be able to remain open later than the present curfew of 6 p.m.

Meanwhile vaude bills are doing reasonably well in outer London and the provinces. Sir Oswald Skoll has decided to keep the shutters up at his Chiswick, Wood Green, Hackney, Chatham and Shepherds Bush Empires.

## 2 New, 2 Old New York City Clubs Opening

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Two new clubs are scheduled to debut this month. The Casino Comique, 834 and Broadway, on the site of the old Arabian Nights, with a show staged by Walter Brooks (date set for the spot is October 26), and the Royal Box on 52d street.

Mon Paris, East Side society spot, reopened last night (20), and the Barrel of Fun is scheduled to reopen October 24. The Royal Box, in the home of the defunct Bert Frohman's, will open early in the week.

Talent booked for the Comique includes Marcello (the former Renee Vilson), Ted Rodriguez, Congo Trotter, the N'Wits, Marguerite May, Juanita Rios and Billie Arnold's Ork.

Barrel of Fun unshatters with Eddie Lambert, Satch and Satchel, Gertrude Dwyer, Steve Murray, a line of Chester Dougherty girls and Tommy Varrell's Orchestra. Joe Ward and Irving Cohen will manage the spot.

Mother Kelly's Club has folded after a few weeks of featuring three dance bands and Graciela Parraga, singer. The club had opened early in the summer and then closed for a few weeks, reopening last month.

## Liquor Board Hits Big Philly Clubs

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board opened fire again on the larger local night spots, citing them for license revocation for alleged violations.

Included are Jack Lynch's Waiter Roof, Embassy, Cadillac Tavern, 21 Club and Stamp's on the Delaware. No date for the hearings has as yet been set.

## Two More Clubs In Wilkes-Barre

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 21.—This Anthracite region town is coming back into its own now that the mines are working five days a week. Two more night clubs announced nightly floor shows. Gould's Top Hat Club staged its first offering Monday (19), with Duke Norman as emcee and Loretta Moore and Fay and Wallington. Leonard Mater and his boys, local band, furnish the music.

The Travelers' Night Club, formerly the Lenox, is presenting Eddie Black as emcee, the Four Rosebuds and two orchestras, Sons of the Golden West and Jimmy Matzer's Band. The Fay-Wallington dance team has been receiving plenty of praise from the patrons.

Club Mayfair, in near-by Yatesville has been operating nightly for several months.

## Miami Beach El Chico Remodeling; Making \$8

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 21.—El Chico, year-round nitery here, will soon undergo a facial. Dance floor will be enlarged in size, a deep-sea and indirectly lighted stage will be erected. Job has been figured at 10 gcs.

Club is excellent example for the argument that the right front men can make or break a spot. George Wells and Paul McGowan, in near-by, are the reasons for this club's success.

Don Quintana's rumba bunch work, and there are several novelty nights including "country store," "surprise night" and "mardi gras." All are crowd-pullers.

A small American unit will be added about the middle of November, and plans are being discussed for a winter show. El Chico's "penney" cocktail hour, between 5 and 6—one drink 35 cents, two 36 cents is a definite bar filler and gains many a dinner holdover.

## 500-Seat Honolulu Cafe Has Band, Act

HONOLULU, Oct. 21.—Kewalo Inn, leading night spot here, has been featuring Virginia Barton, dancer, the past eight weeks and a band including J. Espinosa, J. Pascoe, Angel Baptista, Joe de Rosa, El Camara, L. Correa and George Belleville.

Located on Ala Moana road and owned and operated by Seigi Ushara, club has capacity of about 500. Ushara is installing new cocktail lounges.

## Rainbow Room, New York

This elegant 65th floor night club went formal dress Wednesday (18) with its new show composed of Ben Cutler's Band, Eddie LeBaron's Orchestra, Gail Gail, Sarita and Tito and John Hoystradt. Anne Gerard was billed for the same show, but Gail Gail replaced her the last minute. She will return for the new show next month.

The punch of the show is Gail Gail, doing his third return engagement here. He is an Egyptian magician whose light, slight-of-hand tricks and glib chatter bewildered patrons from beginning to end. Working quickly with live chicks, corks, coins, cards, rings and cups, he holds close attention every minute, getting in comedy relief as well.

Sarita had a tough time following him. She is a comely brunet offering authentic Spanish dances assisted by Tito, a thinish Latin. Her routines emphasize finger snapping, palm slapping, arm and hand movements and heel clicks and point up graceful, quiet motions as against the more common (and more commercial) fiery, abandoned Spanish style. She encored solo, doing a castanet mime chair dance. Later on she returned with Tito for a couple of South American dances that were livelier and more interesting. Her forte is authoritative class and livability, from the night club angle, is lack of flash and of the spectacular.

John Hoystradt, doubling for the show, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, is doing his fourth return date here and this time did a fair job. Maybe he was tired from his other work, but more he was not as shrewd and sharp in his satire and much of his comedy was dull. His material is aimed to appeal to the upper classes and we suspect that many who snickered at his material did so only because they felt that he was kidding. Ben Cutler and band, in his third date here, make a fine impression. Cutler himself is a tall, good-looking young fellow who sings a bit and fronts, and his 14 men are divided into four sax, three violins, four rhythm, three brass and guitar. Their music is solid, as it should be, and easy to listen to as well as for dancing. Brunet and pretty Betty Bandall is the band vocalist but couldn't be heard distinctly opening night.

Eddie LeBaron and his rumba band, in their second year now, provide excellent Latin and waltz rhythms. LeBaron sings and radiates a lively personality as usual.

Dr. Sydney Ross is still making the rounds of the tables entertaining guests with slight-of-hand tricks.

Ed Seay is still handling the publicity. Paul Denis.

## Blackhawk Cafe, Chicago

Since opening with his band here mid-July, Johnny (Scat) Davis discarded the bang-up swing style and changed several musicians whose reserved manipulation of instruments is in keeping with the maestro's plan of building a smoother and sweeter outfit.

It is a finer combination and a happy contrast to Davis' vigorous vocal and physical activity throughout the dance and show periods. Among the departed members are Vido Musso, Benny Goodman's one-time tenor sax, who accompanied his own orchestra and headed East. With him went Betty Van, strutting songstress whose spot with the Scat group is now well filled by Julie Sherwin,

attractive and capable interpreter of popular songs.

Davis himself still remains the high spot of the entire set-up and developed a better than expected following. His engagement has again been extended, this time until after New Year's. He pipes nightly thru WGN-Mutual. The movies he made for Warner are still making the rounds in the neighborhood. Shows interrupting the dance acts and broadcasts are brief and one imagines are used just to break up the monotony. Not much outside talent employed, this viewing producing only a couple of small dance acts. Tallis, snappy little tap dancer, opened with a rhythm routine. And Orrin and Betty Lou Billington, veteran jitterbugs in this spot, followed later on with merry cut-ups. The boy's lanky appearance, midgeting the size of his partner, boosts the turn's sight value.

Augmenting the bills are Davis, with dynamic versions of tunes, via voice and trumpet; Bill Owen, band's talented baritone who, as night club singer go, does justice to standards of the *Make Believe* variety, and Miss Sharrin, who works with duets with Davis are pleasing to both eye and ear.

A \$1.50 minimum (\$2.50 Saturdays) keeps the small change spenders in the neighboring bar from where they crane their necks to see the boys at work. Sam Honigberg.

## Paddock, Miami Beach, Fla.

When you enter the Paddock and spot a guy at a ringside table in a raccoon coat, you get an idea what you're in for. It's a guy in a top coat, a man in a Pecky Clifford, billed as "Public Nuisance No. 1." Even if you're not a rabid Clifford-type fan, you like this scrawball, if only because his stuff moves too quickly to bore and his barbs smack himself as well as you. Clifford doesn't even aggravate anybody. He throws his kisser into various insane contortions, bange his hands together, burlesques jitterbugs, imitates Charles Laughton, walks on his knees, bounces to the floor and even sings in a horrible, but funny, voice.

A plumpish gal, Chicago's Eleanor Leonard, has a tremendous pair of pipes and her control of them is superb. She has more voice than any other woman singer who has hit these parts within the last five years. Her swing and sweet are handled equally well.

There are five girls tagged *The Jockeyettes* whose antics are Hoyle. All do innocent enough specialties, but hardly sensational. Tony Lopez's *Ork*, hired for the summer, has been an exceedingly smart move on Tom Williams' part. Lee Simmonds.

## Cotton Club, New York

With the usual extravaganza revue still in rehearsal and now set for an early November starting, this Broadway Harlem hottery is keeping the lights lit with a variety bill. It's a toss-together affair, with no attempt at routine or time-a-downer or so specialties, the sameness of which makes it all border on boredom when it's spread over 110 minutes. This in spite of the yeoman efforts of Bobby Evans, who turns in a

neat tap routine in his own innings as well.

The effortless Bill Robinson, the harmonizing Dandridge Sisters (three) and the show-stopping tap twosome of Son and Sonny are all held over from the previous variety bill (reviewed in October 14 issue).

Biggest gun on the bill is the appearance of Louis Armstrong, leading the floor show band stand alike. It's been some five years since Satchmo serenaded Gabriel in a Broadway setting, and his return to the scene is a most welcome one. As mellow as ever in his trumpet playing and characteristic vocalizing, Louie lays it on like Macduff. But there's no getting enough of the guy. Band, with Midge Williams and Sonny Woods for the songs, is devoted to swingology and matches the mood of the maestro in playing.

All the acts are socko individually and hardy at fault for the poor production quality of it all. Except for Tori Loro, devoted to doubling the entendre of her ditties, remaining acts on the bill are standard-a-familiar to the Cotton Club patronage. Miss Lora is announced as the club's first new face, bringing her *Fiskean* folderol from London.

Two Zephyrs, male pantomime, give the bill its only real comedy moments with their sure-fire repeated crap game routine. Chilton and Thomas, mixed team from vaude, have an easy time arresting attention, with the male member's tap and soft-soak on table tops and dinner plates, the girl being ever busy with the sticks. Avis Andrews has no trouble garnering additional glory for herself in singing the Noel Coward show tunes.

Following form, finale is the introduction of new dance act, this time an apropos *Louis Stamp*. However, it comes on cold and leaves the same way. It will have to wait for the regular revue to be presented properly. Armstrong stays on to headline the forthcoming act on the bill for Chilton and Thomas, Bobby Evans and Avis Andrews.

Harry Sobel and Ted Hartman still at the press desk. M. H. Orudensker.

## Marine Dining Room, Edge-water Beach Hotel, Chicago

Just about the time when life begins on the neighboring Northwestern University campus, Managing Director William Dewey folds the starry roof tent on the Beach Hotel, moving the show, this time to an distinguished dining room for the winter. Week nights, patronized mostly by the wealthy hotel guests, it retains a royal atmosphere, and on weekends it becomes a caldron for the merry collegians.

Band and Harriet Smith's dancing line still share the spotlight, with one outside act also employed. Admission is \$1.25 week nights and Sunday afternoons, with an extra 25 cents Saturdays.

Bill Bardo's new orchestra plays sweet music the way, fit to sing with a Continental style, a set-up that is quite in keeping with the room's formality. At late hours the Bardo band bends toward swing, but in reserved manner. Maestro has an ingratiating personality and tries to please at all times. His music is not hard to take, it is melodious, soothing and inviting for dancing purposes. Many of the standards retain their original melody, being arranged around the leader's capable violin work. The instrumentation behind him is not bad, but dependable in both old and new tunes.

Vocal corps include the smooth-voiced leader, the Lorraine Sisters, rhythm trio; Virginia Hayes, of the more moody variety, who has a pleasing enough voice, and Jess Vance and Ory Psoel, respected trombone and guitar players, who do capable tenor work. For group numbers, the entire outfit vocalizes.

Floor show is opened by band with a musical comedy greeting, bringing on the eight Harriet Smith lovelies in a genuine South American tang. Miss Hilda follows warbling *The Man I Love* and *South American Way* in nice fashion, and the Lathrop Brothers and Virginia Lee, classy tap dancing trio, contribute a real highlight with three-highly polished routines. They have been the best of the bunch.

A Northwestern student, James Copp III, shouts a couple of original songs, to his own piano accompaniment. No doubt one of the recent participants in

the room's Friday night college shows, he has not developed anything worthy of a commercial showing.

The girls, as costumed in Ziegfeldian style, lead the flash finale parade. Herbert Foote, organist, is in his fifth year, playing luncheon music and intermissions. Peter Ferris is at the front door managing the cash, candy, and Fred Weis, who pulls the publicity strings. James Blade's Band relieves the regular crew on Mondays. Sam Honigberg.

## Hawaiian Room, Hotel Mayflower, Akron, O.

This swank nitery continues to attract white collar clientele. It has an increased budget for entertainment, and the new season gives promise of being the best since the local hotel added the night club.

If the current opening bill is a criterion, Managing Director Jack Walsh intends to do even better by regular patrons than in former days. The floor show is about the best this town has seen in a long time. Club's policy of moderate prices, no cover and same high standard of cuisine, is certain to click again. The town is in much better shape financially than at any time during the past two or three years.

Seeing red is what the Hawaiian Room stay-ups have been doing these nights—because of the Robinson Twins. A blue-topped dance team, there is fire in the eyebrows, their peppy solo tap out they have a superior sense of humor—for young things—and show exceptional promise in their stepping.

Harold Houser's music backs up the Robinson youngsters and bucks the no-theatrics to some self-entertainment in the current rhythmic patterns between shows. Houser has a swell sense of the music that intimate entertainment requires, plus an adroit touch or two for the just-in-time stray among the more modest evening-outers.

For push and pull swing melody—accordion novelties—the Brittones and Gay, will please the ear. To round things off, the show, which is a real show, some night—band, that baffles eyes that try to follow them.

Rex McConnell.

## Black Cat, New York

The Black Cat located on West Broadway for 53 years, features all-sepia entertainment of an above-average type. While the show isn't as good as it could be, there is no visible reason for it other than the fact that the entertainers, Rubber Legs Williams and his Copper-Colored Gals need a responsive audience. Playing to a scanty crowd, the people who aren't here don't appeal to this group, which definitely has talent.

Marion Harrington, a hefty lass, is first up, with Gladys Johnson playing piano accompaniment. Miss Harrington is a fair with her number, which include *Three*. Well, she to loom up a bit she'd give a performance worth writing home about.

Billy and Anne, dance team, do rhythm tap to a "T," and Williams himself, with his imitation of Harry Richman singing *It's Your Move*, is a feature of the show. Helen Stewart is outstanding, as is Claudia (McNeil), who appears in plantation garb to sing *I Just Didn't Understand* in throaty voice.

Leslie Boones' five-piece orchestra plays for dancing and does a good job, accompanying the show. Boones and Prisco DeSylva handle vocals.

Show needs revamping to make it faster. Williams, who acts as emcee and whose capability is not doubted, should inspect a few Greenwich Village specialists in to give patrons the best they've or less except while night clubbing in the Village.

Four shows nightly. Minimum is \$1.50 on Saturday only. Ray LaPore is manager. Sam Abbott.

## Belmont Club, Miami Beach, Florida

Hearing sad tales of Miami entertainment death while vacationing in N'Yawk, we were pleasantly surprised when, in the Belmont Club, we heard the other 11:15 p.m.

October being an accepted synonym for fall here, the boys said the Belmont couldn't do it. The Belmont, we report, did.

Belmont Fields gets top billing and rates it. Fields is an ad lib. comedian who thrives on table heckling. His material can be conservatively classed as risqué. However, he doesn't pull any punches.

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Leon, incidentally, was at one time an amateur boxer. But not of note. His four-man draw poker pantomime rocks the house, as does the Russian dance burlesque. He essays a few dirty songs in an unmelodious voice which nobody seems to mind. Props are a pair of hats and a cigar.

A girl chorus called *The Mayfairites* is the best of the lines seen in Miami this summer. Production numbers are well timed. Girls look good and are pleasantly costumed.

Two specialty lanes are Renee Rondel, who pirouettes about like a starlet but capable fawn, and Vivian Francis, a tap and acro dancer employing a pouting mouth and twinkling toes to best advantage.

Two hands are led by Alberto (rumba) and Marty Caruso (swing and show), the former a personable and crowd-pleasing Latin.

Presentation is handled by Noel Sherman. *Lee Simmons.*

**Pavillon Caprice, Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati**

Refurbished and redecorated for the occasion, this modernistic and ornate chamber ushered in the fall and winter season on Thursday night (19), with Shep Fields and his Rippling Rhythm Orchestra, with Hal Derwin, Jerry Stewart and Claire Nunn, and Erica and Novello, ballroomers, as the entertainment features.

With the opening of the Caprice, the Ralph Hitz-operated Netherland Plaza, managed by Max Schulman, for an occasional season becomes the only Cincinnati hotel operating its main room on a full-time basis with a name-band policy. As in other seasons, the Pavillon Caprice makes no effort to compete with the major over-the-river niteries by means of lavish floor shows, being content to draw its share of the cream trade hereabouts with the bigger orks and a single name act.

Good food, fine fashions, drinks, excellent service and class atmosphere.

Nearly 500 patrons laid it on the line to the tune of \$4 per person to participate in the Caprice's opening festivities, the four bucks entitling each to a sumptuous dinner. For its regular policy the room will operate without cover, with a \$1 minimum week days and \$2 Saturdays and holidays, with dancing from 9 'til 2.

The Shep Fields musical crew clicked in grand fashion with the opening crowd. The band ran the gamut from swing to the more peaceful melodies, always holding to a sound dance rhythm, and with Fields displaying adeptness in leading his crowd and mixing his times accordingly. Fields sports a better-than-average pair of male warblers in Hal Derwin and Jerry Stewart, and one of the most aggressive femme canaries in the business in Claire Nunn, a personality kid with a voice and a sense of selling. She has a tendency, however, to go overboard on the personality stuff at times. Derwin and Stewart combine with Paul Wegand, trombonist, for some good trio work.

Erica and Novello, back for their third successive fall season here, were liberal with their dance offerings, contributing no less than five routines and experiencing difficulty in getting away at the finish. Opened with a rhythmic routine in three-quarter time, and followed with a tango, a rumba, the *Paso Doble*, a Mexican item, and winding up with a lighter novelty.

Heading the room's service staff are Richard Elmer, catering manager; Tom Lamare, sommelier, greeter and crepe sweeter expert, and Frank Karath, headwaiter. Jenn Bishop is p. a.

*Dill Seals.*

**Century Room, Neil House, Columbus, O.**

Another season of floor shows got under way here Monday (26) with Bob (See CLUB REVIEWS on page 67).

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**Bar Everything**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Sherman Billingsley, who makes the headlines by barring the right people from his snooty Stork spot, is now purging restaurant owners.

Bob Goldstein, owner of La Hiff's Taverna, was the latest restaurant owner to be informed that he had been bloodlessly purged from the Stork. With that, Goldstein commented that he understands Billingsley is going to open a night club with a Western motif and call it the "Bar Everybody Ranch."

**Smalley Theaters Remodel Stages**

DELHI, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Smalley Theater Circuit has remodeled its theater here, reconstructing from the marquee to the stage at a cost of \$22,000.

Smalley's St. Johnsville (New York) theater is also under process of reconstruction, and stage will be torn out and extended 20 feet. Total cost of job is estimated at \$18,000.

**Bridgeport Poli Celebrates**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Oct. 21.—The Low-Poli Theater is celebrating its 17th anniversary. House, formerly housing big-time vaude, now plays films, with an occasional flesh attraction.

Matt Saunders, manager, has been here the past 26 years. Ten of the original house staff, including Otto Esposito, press agent, are still on the job.

**Bridgeport Club Burned**

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 21.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Lake Wausau Casino night spot, early Tuesday (20). Fire officials estimated the loss at \$18,000. Operator was Michael Larson, of New York.

**Roxy, Atlanta, Doubtful**

ATLANTA, Oct. 21.—Nothing is set about the opening of the Roxy Theater for the fall, excepting that last year's manager, Moe Baranco, will not be back.

Owners of the theater, which operated with stage shows and a Gae Poster girl line, say the theater will open.

**Hockwald To Tour Cork Opry**

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—Arthur Hockwald is slated to launch his Richards & Pringle Georgia Minstrels, October 15, for a theater tour of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Show, carrying 35 people, will go under canvas in the spring, Hockwald says.

**Eve Ross Line Producer**

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—Eve Ross, former producer at the Fox Theater until it dropped vaude early in the summer, is starting a local production studio. First line of girls has gone into the Bowers, Detroit, for an indefinite booking, reversing the former policy of changing lines with every show.

**Canton's Big Club Resumes**

CANTON, O., Oct. 21.—Orchard Hills Town Club, only downtown niterie, bowed for the new season Saturday (14) with a complete sellout. Spot has table accommodations for 400. Policy is floor shows and district bands, with Tiny Tigges emcee. Frank Deems is managing director. Club operates on a membership plan, \$1 a year.

**"South of the Border" Latest Click Disk**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Within three weeks, *South of the Border*, one of the last song importations from England before the outbreak of the European war has become a front-line tune in the automatic phonographs around the country.

Shep Fields' recording is the particular one that the nickel-droppers are going for in a big way. For further details about this and other recordings turn to page 76 for the "Record Buying Guide" in this issue of *The Billboard*.

**Ann Rutherford P. A.s in South**

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 21.—Ann Rutherford, picture actress, made a p. a. at the Imperial Theater here Saturday (14) on her first trip south, doing four a day.

She had come east to appear at the Cotton Textile Festival in Greenville, S. C., October 12-13, and made appearance at Carolina Theater there. These and other appearances were arranged by T. D. Kemp Jr., manager of Southern Attractions, Inc. Miss Rutherford appeared to packed houses in all three Carolina cities.

Kemp has set Nelson's 1940 *Reviews* and Ed Gardiner's *Spices* of 1940 for 8 to 10 weeks throughout the South. Both units opened October 12. Each show carries 20 performers, including six-piece bands.

**Mobile House Resumes Vaude**

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 21.—Casino Mobile, only local theater using flesh, reopened Thursday (5) after being dark for eight months. The house, with one floor seating 500 at tables, was better than two-thirds full at both opening night performances.

Grundmann's Attractions, with headquarters in New Orleans, Bea Grundmann, director, opened the house with five acts, featuring the Abernethys. Between the 8-15 and 10-30 p.m. shows there is dancing to Larue's eight-piece orchestra.

Manager Edison Graham said that he hopes to continue all winter. The opening was against a big football game.

Casino orchestra has J. Lurie Early, leader, and Agnes Griffin, Wynne Wright, Bob Frank, Gits Gale, Austin Clegg, Edison Graham and Bobby Chisholm.

**Millers Taking Out Own Unit From Chicago**

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Another act taking out its own unit this season is Ted and Art Miller, who are whipping into shape *Stop, Look and Laugh*. The Millers were with the *Broadway After Dark* show last year and played five and half months of almost consecutive dates, most of them in the South. Their new venture will have five acts, including Johnny Sanna, 10 girls and swing band.

Show will play for Warners in the East and T. D. Kemp in the South, among others.

**Dan Fitch Framing Unit**

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 21.—Dan Fitch, old-time minstrel man, is assembling a show titled *Plaisir de Peres*. A cast of 30 has been assembled for a premiere at a local theater is anticipated.

**Eau Claire Club Opens**

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Oct. 21.—Buck and Otto's Blue Room opened October 6. Spot has been fitted with new glass block bar with blue neon illumination, new shadowless lighting and new orchestra stand back of bar.

**Vaudefilmer Tries Quiz**

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 21.—E. J. Weisfeldt's Riverside Theater is now sporting a "What's the Answer Now?" Thursdays at 9 p.m., with \$50 in cash prizes. Show is a tie-up with a local baking company and is aired from the stage of the theater over WEMP.

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A

Abbot, Joan (Stato) NYC, t.
Adair, Blola (Agasque) Chi, no.
Akers, Hank (Agasque) World's Fair, NYC.
Alan and Anita (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Allen, Roberta (McAlpin) NYC, no.
Allen, Nina (Queen Mary) NYC, no.
Alice, Stone & Allen (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., t.
Alper, Mickey (Cocoanut Grove) Boston, no.
American Gals, Seven (Shubert) Cincinnati, t.
Amey, Paula (Paradise) NYC, no.
Andrews, Avis (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Arlen, Dolly (International Casino) NYC, no.
Arden, Don & His Artistic Models (Cheer Ami) Buffalo, no.
Arden, Eve (Colosimo's) Chi, no.
Arden, Donald (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Arrens & Broderick (Chicago) Chi, t.
Aster, Roscoe (Minnesota) Minneapolis, t.

B

Barr, Walter (Village Barn) NYC, no.
Baird, Bill (Jefferson) St. Louis, Mo., Tex.
Balaban Ensemble (Oriental) Chi, t.
Baldwin & Bristol (Gray Wolf) Sharon, Pa.
Ballard & Ise (Lockett House) Covington, Ky., no.
Ballou, Irene (Roosevelt) New Orleans, h.
Balls, Budge (Old Roumanian) NYC, no.
Bannister, Barbara (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Banks, Fred (Rex) NYC, no.
Barre, Lerraine (Sherman) Chi, h.
Barrett, Sheila (Ambassador) NYC, h.
Barnes, Steve (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Barré & D'Alba (West Sixty City, Ia., h.
Basset & Falby (Little Old New York) NYC, no.
Bates, Lulu (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Beauchamp, The (Grand Terrace) Chi, no.
Beckwith, Frank (Radio City) NYC, no.

C

Beckwith, Frank (Radio City) NYC, no.

D

Beckwith, Frank (Radio City) NYC, no.

E

Beckwith, Frank (Radio City) NYC, no.

F

Beckwith, Frank (Radio City) NYC, no.

G

Beckwith, Frank (Radio City) NYC, no.

(For Orchestra Routes, Turn to Music Department)

Acts-Umits-Attractions Routes

Following each listing appears a symbol. Fill in the designation corresponding to the symbol when addressing organizations or individuals listed.

EXPLANATIONS OF SYMBOLS

a-auditorium; b-ballroom; c-cafe; cb-cabaret; cc-country club; h-hotel; mh-music hall; nc-night club; p-amusement park; ro-road house; re-restaurant; s-showboat; t-theater. NYC-New York City; Phila-Philadelphia; Chi-Chicago.

Cook, Alleen (Village Casino) NYC, no.
Cook, Joe & Co. (Pal Chi), t.
Cooper, Fred (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Corley, Audrey (Chicago) Chi, t.
Cortes, Arturo (Havana-Madrid) NYC, no.
Cortez, Flores (Ventura) Ashland, Ky., h.
Costello, Diosa (La Canga) NYC, no.
Covert & Reed (Radio Frank) NYC, no.
Craig, Reginald (Earl Carroll) Hollywood, no.
Cummings, Joan (Nappe Gardens) Chi, no.
Dagmar (606 Club) Chi, no.
Daley, Cass (International Casino) NYC, no.
Dale, Maryon (La Marquis) NYC, no.
Daniels, Eleanor (Silver Cloud) Chi, no.
Daniels, Betty (Café-Ore) Taverna Klamath Falls, Ore., no.
Dare, Yvette (Colosimo's) Chi, t.
Dare, Kay (Café Savoy) NYC, no.
Davis, Hula (Oriental) Chi, t.
Day, Gloria (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
DeBart, Marie (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
DeBart, Blank (Russian Art) NYC, re.
De Forest, Marie (St. Regis) NYC, h.
DeKreth, Irene (Penitentiary Club) NYC, re.
De LaPlante, Peggy (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, no.
De Lya, Donette (Roosevelt) New Orleans, h.
DeLahanty, Sisters (Metropolitan) Little Falls, N. Y., no.
Dell & Funda (Canadian Club) E St. Louis, Mo., no.
DeMars, The (Colony Club) Chi, no.
Denier, Richard (Vine Gardens) Chi, no.
Derwin, Hal (Netherland Plaza) Cincinnati, h.
Derwin, Peter (Billy Rose's Aquasade) World's Fair, NYC.
Dier & Dolores (Cuban Casino) NYC, no.
Dittrich, Gregory (Russian Art) NYC, re.
Douglas, Walter (Drake) Chi, no.
Donnelly, Patricia (Old Stay Gardens) Pittsburgh, Pa., no.
Donnelly, Harry (Gay '90s) NYC, no.
Dooley, Tommy (La Marquis) NYC, no.
Doria & Valero (El Chico) NYC, no.
Doris, Fred & Mary (Hollywood) Cleveland, h.
Doyle, Buddy (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Dracken, Russell (Whirling Top) NYC, no.

Pranz, Ernst, Continentals (Place Elegante) NYC, no.
Prado, Joe (Grace Hayes Lodge) Hollywood, no.
Putran, Edouard (Hal Taborita) NYC, no.
Gale, Betty (Shelton) NYC, h.
Gall, Gail (Pegasus Polo Club) Rockledge, N. J., no.
Gaudemith Bros, Beverly Hills; Newport, Ky., no.
Gelabert, Irma (Club Gauche) NYC, no.
George & Jo Ann (Beverly Hills) Newport, Pa., no.
Gilford, Jack (Cafe Society) NYC, no.
Gillmore, Alice (La Martingale) NYC, no.
Gowan, Jackie (Queen Terrace) Woodside, N. Y., no.
Glover & LaMae (Green) Louisville, h.
Gorvany (Drake) NYC, no.
Grauer, Bernie (Café Society) Chi, no.
Gordon, Dick (Royale Frolics) Chi, no.
Gothlieb, Manny (Morrison) Chi, h.
Gomez, Virgilio (La Ruban) NYC, no.
Gould, Jerry (Club Mimita) Chi, no.
Grant, Mary (Lower East) Chi, no.
Gray, Gynia (Café Savini) NYC, no.
Gray, Six (Colonial) Dayton, O., no.
Gruen, Jackie (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Green, Jack (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., no.
Green, Madeline (Omex Club) NYC, no.
Guy, Harrington (Cotton Club) NYC, no.

H

Hanson, Paul (Chesnut) Chi, no.
Harris, Harriette (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Hadley, Jane, Dancers (Bismarck) Chi, h.
Hale, Hal (Silver Hall) Erie, N. Y., h.
Hall, Chester, Girls (Palace) Chi, t.
Hank the Male (Harry's New Yorker) Chi, no.
Harrington, Pat (Club 16) NYC, no.
Harris, Lydia (Broad-Mount) Chi, no.
Harris, Whitley, with Lynch's Death Dodgers (World's Fair) NYC.
Hart, Cecile (Swingland) Chi, no.
Harrison, Spike (Gay '90s) NYC, no.
Harvey, Bernard (Wagon Brewery) NYC, no.
Hass, Sam (Broad-Mount) Chi, no.

Night Club and Vaude Routes must be received at the Cincinnati offices not later than Friday to insure publication.

Hayes, Peter (Grace Hayes Lodge) Hollywood, no.
Hays, Virginia (Edgewater Beach) Chi, no.
Hays, George, Bebe, Boyce (Carolina) Rocky Mount, N. C., 21; (Broadway) Fayetteville 25; (Carolina) Goldsboro 26; (Clem) Kannapolis 27; (Carolina) Asheville 28; (Parramont) High Point 29, t.
Healey, Twins (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Herve, Louis (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Hendricks, Marcella (Astoria) NYC, h.
Herman, Bobby (Shoreham) Washington, t.
Higgins, Peter (Chicago) Chi, t.
Hill, Dorothy, Oliver (Chicago) Chi, t.
Hill, Betty (Thompson's 16 Club) Chi, no.
Hilton, Frankie (Hill Club) Battle Creek, Mich., no.
Holiday, Billie (Café Society) NYC, no.
Holm, Eleanor (Billy Rose's Aquasade) World's Fair, NYC.
Holmes, Arthur (Bismarck) Chi, h.
Holmes, George (Music Hall) NYC, t.
Hols, Meymo (Lexington) NYC, h.
Horton, Carolyn (Palace) NYC, no.
Horton, Betty (Earl Carroll) Hollywood, no.
Houston, Elsie (La Ruban) NYC, no.
Horner, Winnie, Girls (Harry's New Yorker) Chi, no.
Howard, Sammy & Helen (Aquasade) World's Fair, NYC.
Howard, Bob (St. George) Brooklyn, h.
Howard, Joe E. (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Howard, Terry (Shubert) Cincinnati, t.
Howard, Bunny (Dempsy's Broadway Room) NYC, no.
Hughes, Lyseth (Belmont) NYC, h.

I

Ings, Gregory (Russian Art) NYC, re.
Inter, Clara (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Jackson, Joe (Roxby) NYC, t.
Jackson & Neira (606 Club) Chi, no.
Jenkins, Polly & Her Poofoos (Strand) Staunton, Va., t.
Joe & Marcella (Silver Cloud) Chi, no.
Johnny & George (Club Maxim) Bronx, N. Y., no.
Johnson, Tilda (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Johnson, Eleanor (Nappe Gardens) Chi, no.
Johnson, Lucille (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Jones, John Paul (Eden) Chi, re.
Jones, Marston (State) Columbia, O., re.
Jose, Juanita (Club Kona) El Cerrito, Calif., no.
Katroff, Leon (Halsbaw Hall) NYC, no.
Kaine, Jay (Thompson's 16 Club) Chi, no.
Kainak, Rex (Royale Frolics) Chi, no.
Kaloah (Cotton Club) NYC, re.
Kane, Vera (Show Bar) Forest Hills, N. Y., no.
Kansho, Ann (Lexington) NYC, h.
Karastaka, Princess (Harry's New Yorker) NYC, no.
Karsavoff, Simson (Russian Kretchma) NYC, no.
Kason, Marie (Onesto) Canton, O., h.
Kay, Beatrice (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Kaye, Freddy (Club Cherie) Chi, re.
Kellum, Corky (Billy Rose's Aquasade) World's Fair, NYC.
Kellogg, Lucille (Chevrolet) NYC, no.
Kelly, Paul (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Kelly, Margie (Harry's New Yorker) Chi, no.
Kemp, Hal & Orch. (Strand) NYC, t.
Kerr, Jack (Pauisette) NYC, no.
King, Carol (Park Plaza) St. Louis, h.
Kirland, Jerry (Café Savini) NYC, no.
Kirk, Murray (Nappe Gardens) Columbia, O., h.
Koletic & Deane (Wired) NYC, no.
Korolis, The (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., t.
Kressel, Fear (Club New Orleans) NYC, no.
Kreuger, Stubby (Aquasade) World's Fair, NYC.
Lalldos, Janina (Yaz) Chi, re.
Lalldos, Arthur & Boys (Capital) Washington, D. C., t.
LaPier, Arthur (Stratins Circus) Toronto, Ont.
Larson, Fred (Edison) NYC, no.
Lassie's Cooksies & Macaws (Jungland) NYC, no.
Laurie & Verina (Harry's New Yorker) Chi, no.
Laurie, Mary (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, no.
Lane & Ward (Sherman) Chi, h.
Lane, Teddy (Café) NYC, no.
Larson, Leo (Edison) NYC, no.
Lassen, Sigrid (Armando's) NYC, no.
Lathrop, Rose & Lee (Edgewater Beach) NYC, no.
Lathren, Vicki (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Lavers, Doris (Royal Box) NYC, no.
Lawrence, L. Clarence (Lincoln) Evansville, Ind., h.
Lawrence, Marian (Crystal Palace) World's Fair, NYC.
LaZella, Aerial (Casino) Scottsbluff, Neb., no.
Le Brun Sisters (Ches Ami) Buffalo, no.
Lee, Bob (Wired) NYC, no.
Lee, Joe & Betty (Belmont-Plaza) NYC, h.
Lee, Gypsy (Dempsy's Broadway Room) NYC, re.
Leonard, Hazel (Roumanian Village) NYC, no.
Leone, Tony (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Leslie, Mona (El-Bat) Chi, no.
Lester, Ann (Club Maxim) Bronx, N. Y., no.
Lester, Ted (Roxby) NYC, no.
Lester, Ben (Lockett House) Covington, Ky., no.
Lewis, Dorothy (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Lewis, Hank (Henry Mattoosoff's) Stockton, Calif., re.
Lewis, Joe (Ches Fare) Chi, re.
Lewis, Ralph (Chateau) Cleveland, no.
Libuse, Frank (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Linwood, Lucille (Crosby) NYC, no.
Linn, Betty (Cotton Club) Chi, no.
Lisa, Mona (Club Gauche) NYC, no.
Liz, Bernie (House of Ionoff's) Harrisburg, Pa., no.
Little, Joe (Kaufman's) Buffalo, no.
Logan, Pauline (Henry's) Chi, re.
Logan, Pauline (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
Long, Nick, Jr. (Palmer House) Chi, h.
Lopez, Maria Luina (El Chico) NYC, no.
Lorenz, Eddie (Edgewater Beach) NYC, no.
Lorraine, Billy (Gay '90s) NYC, no.
Lovene & Frankie (Keenan's) Fort Wayne, Ind., no.
Lospio, James (Ambassador) NYC, no.
Lynn & Marianne (Berlotti's) NYC, no.
Lynn, Royce & Vanya (Palmer House) Chi, h.
Lynn, Royce & Vanya (Palmer House) Chi, h.
McCoy, Eleana (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, no.
McCurdy, Marsh (Thompson's 16 Club) Chi, no.
McCurdy, Dennis (Club Kona) El Cerrito, Calif., no.
McFarland, George (Villa Browny) NYC, no.
McGee, Ralph (La Marquis) NYC, no.
McGinlay, Pauline (Rose Bowl) Chi, no.
McKay, Sylvia (Colosimo's) Chi, no.
McKay, Sylvia (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
McLean, Barbara (St. Regis) NYC, h.
McNaughton, Virginia (Berlotti's) NYC, no.
McNulty, Fred (Cotton Club) NYC, no.
McKnight, Hypnotist (Roxby) Forest Hills, Ind., 23-25; (Comedy) ESE, Wash., 27-28, t.
Mad, Ann (Broad-Mount) Chi, no.
Madera, Nedra (Club Gato) NYC, no.
Maidie & Ray (Edgewater Beach) Chi, h.
Madden, Sisters (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Mann, Lloyd & Danning Marionettes (The Madison) NYC, no.
Mann, Peggy (Tat) NYC, h.
Mann, Gloria (Radio-Frank) NYC, no.
Mann, Bob (Edison) NYC, no.
Manno & Stratford (Nicolet) Minneapolis, h.
Mannone, Wilmy (Off-Beat) Chi, no.
March, Linda (Berlotti's) NYC, no.
Marcus-Barger's Night at the Moulin Rouge (Carran) San Francisco, Calif., no.
Mars, H. Unit (Riverside) Milwaukee, t.
Margo & Romola (New Palace Royal) Brookline, Mass., no.
Mars, Gloria (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Markoff, Mitha (Russian Yax) NYC, no.
Marlyn & Michael (Radio City) NYC, no.
Marshall, Ernest (Aquasade) World's Fair, NYC.
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Martel, Ray (Silver Cloud) Chi, no.
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## Metropolitan, Brooklyn,

(Reviewed Thursday Evening, Oct. 19)  
After years of straight films, New's \$200-week Brooklyn de Luxe is trying one week of Eddie Cantor and then back to double features next week with The Women and Challenge.

The price scale ordinarily is 25 and 50 cents, 35 and 55 week-ends. For the Cantor show the scale went up to 25 to noon, 35 to 5 p.m., and 55 after that. Saturday scale went up to 35 to 1 p.m., 55 to 5 p.m., and 55 to 7 p.m., with Sunday prices being 40 to 2 p.m. and 75 thereafter.

The theater has been averaging from \$15,000 to \$22,000 a week with duals, but it will now be getting 50 per cent more from the first dollar. Cantor is carrying 11 people, excluding the pit band. Only vaude opposition in Brooklyn to Cantor is Brandt's Flatbush, featuring Jack Harty, Mary Kaye and Ben Marshall's Band at a lower price scale.

Cantor's week here will undoubtedly hurt the rival de Luxe, the Albee, Paramount and Fox, all double featuring, and the Albee and Fox are showing the picture on the same bill as an awful stinker, *Fast and Furious* (MGM).

The stage show runs almost an hour and lacks that good old vaude punch. Cantor sets the table studio team from the beginning. Except for one real sight act, the Stuart Morgan Dancers, the rest of the cast runs for the mike. As a result the show is topheavy with singing and dancing, and the other acts are slung out gags, singing a couple of songs and kidding the others that come to the mike. He has an amusing session with Bert Gordon and with beautiful Joyce Hertzog. Also, the Abbott-and-Costello style of cross-fire with Sidney Fields (Mr. Guffy) that isn't half as funny as the A and C delivery. Miss Hunter sings a torchy *Melancholy Mood* nicely enough.

A novelty sketch was Leni Lyno, a girl about 12 years old, whose adult coloratura soprano singing voice is spectacular. Sang an Italian operatic aria and the pop, *Over the Rainbow*. Her voice has everything but expression. Of course, she has tremendous possibilities.

Tall, brunet and shapely Jean Mona clicked off some fancy tap dancing, drawing good applause. The boys, Dancers and Dancers, also provided a much-needed sock with their spectacular adagio routines. Edgar Fairchild and Adam Carroll mount the stage from the pit and work the twin pianos. Cantor's singing, though, are good pianists but lack stage presence.

Cantor closed the show with a bit of flagwaving when he sang *Let Them Keep It Over There*. Paul Denis.

## Palace, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, October 20)  
Truly a one-man show. His Joe Cook, who doesn't get one dime from the clean and wide highway and keeps the customers amused for nearly a solid hour. And once his stories get under way they draw a laughter these walls haven't heard in many weeks. An amiable chap who doesn't get one dime from the neighborhood sort of personality that has an admirable brightening quality about it.

He stays out of very few scenes, fortunately, and has something different to offer every time he appears. Besides stories, Cook comes back to back to revive his Indian chief skit, the imitation of three Hawaiians, presents his Rube Goldberg band and tops a circus spectacle. Before it's all over he proves himself a juggler, pole balancer, guitar strummer, ball roller and clown.

A couple of acts, plus the Chester Hale Girls, also take the spot besides Cook and his stogees. The Deweys, male trio, juggle clubs long enough to bring on Cook for some funny bits. A couple of tapping littersbugs, Johnny Sager and Dorothy Sherman, young ballet-tap interpreters, hold other individual spots.

The Hale line, 20 youthful, bouncing shapelles, dance thru three routines, two of them at any rate, have been seen here before. They open with a high kick novelty, re-create their fetching fan number and in the finale produce a cireusy atmosphere with their spright-

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ly parade. It is in that finale where lunacy reigns supreme and the stogees are at their best. The show is a straight band balancing team (Fulton and Wells) is on for a couple of bits.

Business end of first show opening day was better than it has been at similar shows for some weeks. Ginger Rogers and Arthur Askey on the screen, is of considerable box-office help. Sam Honigberg.

## Loew's State, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, October 20)

With Ted Fio Rito band, Wally Vernon and Mary Kaye and Neil Leslie on the stage bill, State will likely do fair business this week. Program is well balanced, strong on both comedy and music. Picture is *Golden Boy*.

Arthur La Fleur, iron jaw turn, opened. La Fleur did tap work on rings suspended from the rigging. Business was performed slowly, La Fleur stressing the control angle. Femme contortion dancer filled with a good number, La Fleur followed with his usual act.

Joan Abbott, blond vocalist, sings *Are You Having Any Fun, Melancholy Mood, Little Man Who Wasn't There and Jim Jam Jumpin' Jive*. Miss Abbott did not encoze, although there was certainly enough of a demand. Her voice has one quality of inestimable value to femme vocalists—sex appeal. Her more torrid tunes were accompanied by a bit of hip waving. Clicked well.

Raye and Naidi, top ballroom toppers, kept the audience interested with their classy business, including a dance to poetry, sans music. Opened with a Viennese waltz, a marvel of flowing action with beautiful lifts. Second was more in the nature of a jodely, the new number, punctuated by staccato phrases. A third number in faster tempo followed. Encore, to poetry, was probably more class than the burghers ever expected, but they appreciated it. Team's work is consistently outstanding.

Wally Vernon show stopped. Opened with a few gags, went on to do comedy and eccentric hoofing, and then did a strip tease satire, a solid piece of robust comedy that gave the audience a long round of bellylaughs and clinched the act. Vernon also introduced his father, who did a dancing routine. Vernon proved strong in everything he tried.

Fio Rito ork impressed as a well-rounded aggregation, capable on stage and in the studio. Opened with medley of pops, and subsequently played a raft of tunes composed by Fio Rito, much of it solid stuff. Vocalist is Shirley Gaye, a fair warbler. Frank Flynn did one vocal, but not up to Miss Gaye's class.

With the band is a Miss Jayne Franier, a topnotch hooper. Paul Ackerman.

## Irving, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

(Reviewed Tuesday Evening, October 17)

Having come thru the first 10 weeks' trial with flying colors, Manager Fred Herman feels sure that vaude is here to stay, even tho it is a three-day-a-week affair.

Marking the first bill booked thru the Amalgamated Vaudeville Agency, Comerford booking office, the show reached a new high, with Harry (Hickey) Levan practically walking away with the program.

The short comedian who kept the packed house in chuckles thruout was teamed with Lettie Bales. Their antics, especially Levan's wisecracking and piano piano puns, kept the audience laughing. Levan using Miss Bales, the audience and members of the pit orchestra as tolls in his cracks.

The Two Jacks opened the program with a hand-balancing act which was dated at times, but brought in several rounds of applause from an especially receptive house. Lovely Eleanor Bowers, who looked like the movie's "Oomph Girl," was entertaining in special renditions of *Comes Lore and Regis the Act*, with a take-off on *South American Way* and *Donkey Serenade*.

Ventriloquist Herbert Dexter and comedy Irene St. Clair brought plenty of laughs with their "A Day in the Barber Shop." The dummy, Jerry McIntyre, closed with a take-off on Durante.

In addition to his antics and comic dress, Levan's haircomb had several of the front-row patrons literally in stitches. Ford, Marshall and Jones, three colored lads who certainly can wiggle a man

tap, closed the show with a bang. Comedy highlighted their routine.

House packed. Pic, *Pride of the Blue Grass*. Don MacLuskey's Orchestra performed in the pit. Milton Miller.

## Shea's Buffalo, Buffalo

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, October 20)

With a good crowd on hand Ken Sisson made his initial stand as conductor of the Buffalo's 22-piece house orchestra today. Even tho competition has arisen for this house in form of the Century Theater, also having stage shows and occasional name attractions, there is no doubt that Sisson will hold his own with his genial personality, broad experience in arranging and good showmanship.

The presentation, billed *Sadio Revels*, preceded by Sisson's own introduction, had a novel feature in the melody of numbers consisted of theme songs of popular network broadcasts with which Sisson had been associated in the past few years in either an arranging or scoring capacity. Each theme song was heralded by a few identifying lines of lyrics by one of the band members. Themes included such well-known air shows as Phil Baker's, Ben Bernick's, *Ziegfeld Follies of the Air*, Camel Caravan, the Beauty Box Theater of the Air, Lanny Ross', Chesterfield Cigarettes, Lucky Strike Hit Parade and others. In addition to these well-blended numbers, the ork scored heavily with an unusual arrangement of *Ding Dong the Witch Is Dead* (from *Wizard of Oz*), which showed off the new maestro's capability to full extent.

Gertrude Lutzi, who's enjoyed popularity here for several years, stood out pleasantly with a rendition of *Moonlight and Roses* and captured applause. The up-and-coming Howard Johnson, was in the usual fine form with several snappy renditions. They are Eddie Manguso, Al Colthurst, Warren Hardy and Art Steffen. The latter's solo of the *Wizard of Oz* number impressed with its full-voiced, rhythmic melody. Other featured soloists, violinist, who sports a strong bass voice, gave forth with *A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody* and did a commendable job.

Shea's Theater are managed by Vincent McPaul and the Buffalo is run by William Brett. Charles Taylor heads the publicity department.

Picture, *Babes in Arms*. Harold J. Warner.

## Strand, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, October 20)

With the Vera Zorina film, *On Your Toes*, on the screen, Hal Kemp and band take care of the flesh assignment nicely. Kemp doesn't try to be dynamic or funny but, rather, sticks to straight arrangements, occasionally using a clarinet and a sax. He is the modest type of front who lets the band speak for itself. The band and the specialties blend into a pleasing, but not very punchy 46 minutes of lights-up.

Kemp band's music is solid and sweet, with enough instrumental variations and arranging tricks to make most of the numbers completely satisfying. For the first time here he had a solo blown out by hotcha bands, Kemp's outfit is a welcome relief.

Kemp's *Time To Shine* radio commercial gets a nice plug thru this p. a., and the program's specialty people are on hand here, too. Nan Wynn, lovely brunet singer, sighs her way thru *Are You Having Any Fun; Day In, Day Out and That's New*. Has a big smile, comical facial style that's easy to look at and listen to.

The Smoothies (Babs, Charlie and Little) close the show with fancy harmonizing of *The Man With the Masoline*, *Swing Time*, *For You and Me*, *Jim Jam Jumpin' Jive* and *Chirichiri*. The arrangements are swing and the harmonizing is smooth. Bob Allen, baritone, made the girls happy singing *You Crazy Man, Fm in the Mood for Love* and *Lullaby of Broadway*. Drew an appreciative hand. Jack LeMaire provided the show's only solid show-stop when he dropped his guitar and do burlesque on a littersbug. Screwed bit, but very funny. Eddie Kusby stepped up front for fancy tromboning in *Mood Indigo*.

Only outside act is Jimmy Shea and Gus Bamond, a very brilliant, well-remembered scarpuss combo, who drew a lot of laughs with zany antics. Drew good applause. The band (four reed, five brass, guitar, drums, bass and piano) was given

a swell scenic backing when Harry Gourlain, house stager, gave it a lovely blue and white eye and side pieces as the perfect setting. Paul Denis.

## Chicago, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, October 20)

An old formula: Employ three standard acts, one of them a comedian, don't change with the times, whip in shape a couple of house line routines and you have better but entertaining flesh support to a big picture (in this case it is 20th-Fox's *Hollywood Caravale*).

Dorothy Hill, formerly of the Oriental, is now line producer, and her current efforts include a clever dancing introduction for Cardini, during which the 16 girls do some illusions in unison. The master manipulator of cards and cigarets follows and with his customary degree of polish and skill proceeds to demonstrate what he is tops in this art. His exit bit, the lightning graduation from cigaret to cigar to pipe, can stand a change if only because too many magicians are now doing the very same trick. And tho the master might be the first to introduce it, he is expected to tap regions unknown once his grounds become crowded.

Peter Higgins, the dependable Irish singer of songs, scored as usual with a batch of tunes that invade the old, new, novel and timely. His easy-going mannerisms and style. The first of Harry Corley's very much in evidence, tending *Did Your Mother Come From Ireland? Over the Rainbow, Vieni Vieni and God Bless America*.

The girls are next with a cute doll dance novelty, dolls in this instance appended to the right leg of each line up. They are led by the first girl, in a public costumes on a darkened stage. Aaren and Broderick furnish the comedy. Act has some good laughs furnished by the woman, who is funny, and a strong punch melody by the man, who is a talented keyboard musician.

Finally finale, *Drum Majorettes on Parade*, brings out a parading line in bright costumes and twirling batons. Audrey Corley, shapely "national champion," tops the tricky baton spectacle.

Business fair thro show opening day. Show is slated to hold over and will be followed November 10 and 11 by the Joe E. Brown stage revue. Sam Honigberg.

## Music Hall, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, October 20)

A Jerome Kern Caravale, built around a few of the songs this eminent composer has written in 30 years, is the Music Hall's stage show accompanied by the superb film, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. The show and act at no time measures up to the quality of the musical compositions which are its backbone. Not many of Kern's tunes are used, three chiefly featured being *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, *Old Mrs. Rice* (of course) and *Look for the Silver Lining*.

What's called a prolog opens, but it's really a recitative by Jan Peerce and a few bars by the orchestra—which never at all could have—the corps de ballet, dressed in hoop skirts simulating smoke rings, for the second number. Terpers and the lighting produced their usually pleasing effects, but the show probably could have been far better sold in a duet and production following the motif of the composition.

Walter Cassel and the glue club do stirring work in the classic *Old Man River*, scene depicting the ex-convict Peerce, as nurse, introduces the only duet specialty, Melissa Mason, who clicked with high kicks and contortion. The showboat's dancing line is the troupe of Rockettes in one of their typical precision routines.

Some of the producers really had to strain to finish after Peerce sings *Look for the Silver Lining* and that they couldn't think of anything else but to wave the flag, the Statue of Liberty rising on an elevator for a George M. Cohan finale. The production was remarked, looked very much like the Russian Pavilion at the World's Fair, an illusion that's not so far-fetched because of the lighting.

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## Review of Unit Stage Jamboree No. 3

(Reviewed Saturday Evening, September 30, at the Weller Theater, Zanesville, O.)  
This is Mutual Booking Office's Unit No. 3, produced in New York and touring Westward. Five acts and a band. Unit played Newark, O., same night, but had enough time to make the jump here for a midnight show.

Judging from the reception given the music, it will become a permanent policy at this house. The three bills played by the Weller have lived up to advance notices and have proved good entertainment. The five acts go on at 11:45 each.

Five Breeze-Up Bascales are talented instrumentalists a cross between hillbilly and Western entertainers, doing several novelties and keep up a continuous line of comedy chatter.  
Frank and Eleanor Carr are different dancers. The team has an almost new repertoire and execute some difficult steps. Team turned in some really crack adagio stunts.

Rene Ryan made a pleasing musical comedy that registered well. Anser and Moeley nearly steal the show with their hits and gags. They are clever comics and dance specialists. Stikley Boscart entertains with his magic, the act rounding out a well-balanced bill, replete with variety and clean thru-out.

Warrie Todd's Rhythm Makers, a six-piece combo, plays okeh for the acts and also dispenses a couple of hot numbers. On the screen was Detective Horneleph.  
Ree McConnell.

## Warn U. S. Acts on Canada

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—Barney and Legie, who have been playing clubs and theaters in Ontario and Quebec, write *The Billboard* from Montreal to warn American acts of conditions in that territory. "American acts lose money changing Canadian money into American," they inform. "At present, the percentage is from 11 to 15 per cent less on a dollar. The roads in Quebec are mostly gravel and very hard on the car. Gas in these parts is from 26 to 32 cents a gallon. Up around Timmins and Kirkland Lake it goes up to around 45 cents a gallon. (Imperial gallon is composed of five quarts.)"

## N. O. Clubs To Reopen

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—Two former night clubs may be relighted in time for the opening of the 1939-40 racing season Turkey Day. They are Club Forest and the Suburban Gardens.  
Club Forest first brought a name band here (Abe Lyman) after the Suburban Gardens did a one-nighter with Louis Armstrong.

## Lopez Opens Tulane Room

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—A short winter season for the Tulane Room of the Jung Hotel is set for opening November 2. Vincent Lopez and cork and two floor shows nightly. Manager is Ray Cantrell.

## Cashing in on Confucius

SEATTLE, Oct. 21.—Davey Chinn, of the Twin Dragons Cafe, has developed his own policy of blending Confucian sayings and philosophy with cafe operation.

He promotes this spot with observations quite reminiscent of Charlie Chann, such as his "Davey Chinn says: A man without a smiling face should not open a shop." The nuggets of wisdom are used in his advertising.

## French Line's Nitery Yen; See Normandie a Hot Spot

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A new high in night club lavishness will become a reality, if present negotiations with the French Line and a "prominent Broadway showman" are concluded within the next few weeks.

The plan is to operate a public night club aboard the \$25,000,000 luxury liner, the Normandie, flagship of the French Line. Normandie has been in pilot ever since the outbreak of the war, fearing to return to France.

Since it operated the most luxurious night club floating on the Atlantic, executives of the French Line approached said "prominent Broadway showman" to operate the night club here in port as the most ultra night spot in town. Idea will be to operate the club as a society spot, installing name bands and name acts.

## Leo Carrillo Dates Raise Agent Tangle

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A squawk over the booking of Leo Carrillo has been raised by Charles Allen, who claims that he is Carrillo's exclusive representative in the East and that other agents have been submitting names to theater bookers without authorization.

The situation became aggravated when it was reported that the William Morris Agency was negotiating a tour for Carrillo. Agents had also been sending offers to Carrillo, Allen says, with the knowledge that they knew he was representing him.

Allen produced a telegram, which was sent to Al Dow, in which Carrillo said that "Charles Allen has full authority to represent my interests for public appearances. Anyone else who is offering me is doing so without my permission."

Allen also said that he received a notification from Berg and Alsenberg, Coast agents, authorizing him as Carrillo's exclusive agent in New York, and Allen further commented "that the Morris office or other agent has any right to submit Carrillo for personal appearances."

Nat Kalchheim, of the Morris Agency, said that his office has dropped arrangements for a Carrillo tour.

## Dows Set Names For Adams, Newark

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 21.—Adams Theater, booked by A. and Belle Dow, New York, opens its full-week vaude policy tomorrow with a batch of topnotch talent already lined up.

Bands set are Cab Calloway, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Bob Crosby, Larry Clinton, Shep Fields, Wil Osborne, Hal Kemp, Clyde McCoy, Eddie Duchin and Phil Spittayno.

Also contracted are Martha Raye, Ritz Brothers, Ink Spots, Andrews Sisters, Dead End Kids.

House is owned by Adam A. Adams.

## Benny the Bum's Reopens

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Benny the Bum's, closed because of a suspension for violation of the liquor code, is again open. The initial bill contains Hal Cummings, Jean Lee, Temple and Jeron. Three Toppers, the Mystics and the Joe Frassetto Trio. Linda Wilson vocalist.

Tony Phillips is booking and Milt Shapiro resumes the p. a. post. Barney Zeeman at the miniature piano.

## Another Kiddie Nitery

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Jitterbug night clubs and milk bars with nickel machines furnishing music are increasing locally. The latest conversion from a regular nightery to a younger set dance spot is the Village Barn, Max (Doc) Hof, who formerly operated the 1214 Club, is the proprietor and Johnny Kayser, manager.

## 25G Nut Too Heavy; Marcus, Barger Unit Cuts

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The A. B. Marcus-N. S. Barger show, *A Night at the Moulin Rouge*, which one-nighted its way to the West Coast during the last two weeks, is reported to be closing for a week for recasting and tightening up of the budget. Current weekly net is around \$25,000, a load that few towns can meet.

The unit opened in Davenport, Ia., September 30 with a talent line-up that is setting the Marcus-Barger bank roll back \$11,000 weekly.

## Paris Notes

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Andre Denis and Paul Lefebvre announce the reopening of the Concert Mayot, the first music hall to resume operations since the commencement of hostilities. With a cast of 150, it is a typical Parisian music hall revue in 16 scenes. Owing to the early closing (10 o'clock) still affecting all amusement houses, performances are restricted to matinees only.

Charles Trenet, one of the first mobilized with his regiment in Coulon, Capt. Pierre Fresnay is in command of the company of Zouaves somewhere in the Lorraine sector. Rene Le Graves is cyclist-messenger for his battalion. Albert Prejean, mobilized as lieutenant, has already received his captain's commission in the aviation. Henri Decoin, captain in the aviation, has joined his.  
(See PARIS NOTES on page 67)

## Buffalo Colored Acts Boom

BUFFALO, Oct. 21.—Colored niteries have experienced a general switching around, and there should be openings for a new influx of colored talent. Le Roy Smith, who was in charge at Montgomery's Hotel, has taken over the Little Blue Hotel, pulled flesh after the second week. Audiences didn't go for straight vaude, although it was presented at pop prices and given additional exploitation. Charles Hogan, who booked the house, will continue to supply shows to that chain. Stratford Theater Saturdays and Sundays. That South Side Theater, on the other hand, is doing nice business with a combination policy week-ends, playing either five acts or small units.

Dan Montgomery, who already runs an established colored club by the same name, has taken over Montgomery's Hotel. Both spots feature colored dance music and entertainment.

## Chi Nabe Vaude Out

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Warner's Symphony Theater, which attempted Sunday matinee, pulled out after the second week. Audiences didn't go for straight vaude, although it was presented at pop prices and given additional exploitation. Charles Hogan, who booked the house, will continue to supply shows to that chain. Stratford Theater Saturdays and Sundays. That South Side Theater, on the other hand, is doing nice business with a combination policy week-ends, playing either five acts or small units.

## Talent Agencies

WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY, New York, is putting out two more "package shows." Martha Raye unit opened at the Earle, Philadelphia, October 20 and has dates running up to January 19 week. The Joe Brown unit has been set for a string of vaude dates. . . . BILLY JACKSON, New York, and Max Halpern, Chicago, are agenting the George Jessel Old New York unit to be produced by Max Richards. The unit will have the Walter Fowell Band, York and King, Ann Pennington, Jack Goldie, Rosebuda, the Philharmonica and a 12-girl line. Unit will play up the "direct from the World's Fair" angle.

RAY S. KNEELAND, Buffalo, reports an enormous upswing in talent and band bookings. After substituting Joe Rines' Band for John Philip Sousa for the Veterans of Foreign Wars ball November (See TALENT AGENCIES on page 66)

## A Real Privilege

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Giovanni, the pickpocket artist, who has been set by Eddie Ekort, of MCA, to work the customers at the Drake Hotel, during tonight, has the distinction of not only picking pockets and getting away with it, but also picking the supporting acts on his show.

Ekort loosened the reigns, permitting Giovanni to use his own judgment.

## Vaudeville Notes

RUSTY STEUBEN RADIO GANG are doing a two-month series of engagements thru the Minnesota Public Theaters out of Minneapolis. Cast includes Happy Yappy, Tex Richards, Uncle Jim Dunn, Freddie Stone, Betty Lou Robertson, Tex Paul Kerr, Pee Wee Minnotte and Bennie Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brest are managing. . . . MARLYN AND MARTINEZ, in their 12th week with George Hamdi's *Fantasies of 1939*, are heading for the South. . . . GEORGE OFFERMAN JR., coming to New York from Hollywood for an eastern personal appearance tour. . . . HANK MOELLER, currently appearing at the World's Fair in New York, will take out a unit for an extensive vaude tour following completion of present engagement.

FRANKIE CONVILLE and Sunny Dale went into the Oriental, Chicago, week of October 20. Eddie White returns to that house the following week. . . . TERRY HOWARD will tour with Joe E. Brown's show, opening in Cincinnati October 20. . . . GOODRICH AND NELSON open at State-Lake, Chicago, November 17. ESTELLE AND LEROY and Pierce (See VAUDEVILLE NOTES on page 66)

## Willard at Milwaukee Club

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 21.—Jess Willard has been engaged as greater by Tom Terris at the Club Terris, local nitery, and will referee the free nightly wrestling shows staged at the spot. Willard, former heavyweight champion, has been appearing before local luncheon clubs relating his fistie experiences. The Terris claims to be the only night club in the country featuring free nightly wrestling. Gordy Gensh and his ork do the musical honors.

## Accused of Suggestiveness

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 21.—Franklin County Court of Appeals will shortly review the case of Mrs. Esther Jacobs, operator of Esther's Night Club here, who was convicted December 2, 1938, of permitting one of her dancers, Yvette, to "willfully and suggestively twist her torso." She was fined \$200 and costs.

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# AGVA Signs Henie Ice Show; Lists Minimum Cafe Wages; Claims Improved Conditions

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—American Guild of Variety Artists this week pressed forward in the night club, vaude and agency fields, and in addition signed its first ice show. In line with consolidating its membership plans are now being mailed whereby different performer categories, including dance teams, novelty acts, singles, doubles, etc., will have a chance to meet, in order that the union execs might better ascertain the particular conditions existing in each division.

Union gave a breakdown of minimums and conditions in clubs already signed to temporary contracts and, as indicated previously, is following the A, B and C classification of Musicians' Local 802 as a guide.

Salaries and highlights of spots already paced follow:

Club 18, \$50 minimum for principals, two shows nightly; Bertolotti's, 22 Chico, Havana Madrid, Queen Mary and Jimmy Kelly's all have a \$40 minimum and three performances nightly instead of four as before; La Coma, \$40 for principals, \$30 for chorus girls and \$20 per performance a week or three a day. A

fourth performance is allowed one day a week.

Village Barn sale is \$40 for principals and \$26.50 for chorus. Bal Tabarin is \$35 and \$25. Butler's Tap Room, Monte Carlo and Moskowitz and Lupowitz, \$35. Rainbow Inn, \$35 and \$23.50.

All contracts prohibit free auditions before paid audiences and provide for four days' notice instead of two. In case of those classifications, as Bertolotti's, which call for three shows nightly, a fourth performance must be paid on a pro rata basis. Contracts also give the acts more freedom of movement, allowing them to leave premises between first and second shows. In some instances, dressing rooms have been improved, claims AGVA.

AGVA says these contracts have improved conditions somewhat, but outstanding point made is that they have helped to stabilize the industry. AGVA claims that AGVA activities have also been the primary cause behind when the American Federation of Actors lost its grip on the field.

Of all casts of clubs signed, AGVA says only two members are not paid up. One of these is the Royal Hebe Ice Show was negotiated in Chicago by Arthur A. Write for the show, and Henry Jaffe and Aubrey Blair for the Four A's. Minnie is \$75 on basis of eight shows weekly, with additional one-third week's salary for each additional show. Rehearsals to be paid for at rate of \$50 weekly. After three weeks of work, either rehearsal or performance, artist is guaranteed four weeks' free-of-charge transportation to and from Los Angeles. After this guarantee is satisfied, artist may be dismissed with payment of one week's salary in advance or given a 14-day notice. Further, artists will be covered under Workmen's Compensation Law. Rehearsals start November 10, with show slated to open about December 8.

Among those agents listed in *The Billboard* last week, new agents signatory include Harry Carlin, Eddie Lloyd and Max Hart. AGVA board has about a dozen more applications which it will consider.

In the vaude and presentation field, AGVA expects to open negotiations soon with managements of the Roxy, Loew's State, Paramount and the Strand. These vaudeians have never been organized. In San Francisco AGVA has signed five clubs and assumed a number of contracts at the Frisco Fair, closing October 29. Clubs are the Bessecomber, Club Lido, Mona's, Monaco's and the Tablithum Hut. Conferences are also being held with management of the Tivoli, which will use between 40 and 50 members weekly.

Mrs. Dorothy Bryant, executive secretary, plans next week for Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco to pick up loose threads and supervise organization.

## War Affects U. S. Clubs

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Among the local "casualties" of the European war are German, Austrian and Bavarian atmospheric night clubs that find anti-German feeling running down their business.

The Broadway Hofbrau, a big money-maker for years, changed its name to Broadway Brewery when it reopened earlier this month. Other hofbraus are contemplating name changes.

## Diamond Ties in With Mutual Units; Max Richards Also

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Billy Diamond, Chicago booker, and Harry Sherman's Mutual Booking office, have closed a deal whereby Diamond will represent Sherman in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Max Richards, former Chicago booker, has also been enlisted to help whip up act replacements when necessary and fill in time.

Diamond and Richards are replacing Joe Feinberg, whose Comerford time withdrew from the Mutual circuit after the first 10-week trial period.

The losing nine days on the Comerford, Mutual has picked up substitute date at Seneca Falls, N. Y., on the Schine Circuit, and at least two on the Joe Cooper circuit, in Lincoln, Neb., and Oklahoma City. Unrested time on the Cooper time will be added if the shows click at these two. Three weeks have been verbally agreed to by the Interstate Circuit in Texas, Sherman office reports.

## Chi Observations

By SAM HONIGBERG

In justice to acts and the customers who pay to see them, combination shows should run their war newsreels after the stage shows. Battle scenes do not make a very interesting sight, and it is a horror that comes with them lingers with audiences for a time after their shadows have disappeared. The first two or three acts on a bill following a war reel are faced with an almost impossible task of building up any sort of response from an audience.

With more flesh dates in sight almost all over the country, the shoeing unit producer is set for a comeback. In the Midwest alone the list of the veteran show impressaria is getting many un-welcome additions from the fly-by-night ranks. Acts would do well to investigate the employer before taking to the road to see whether he has more than a back drop and a one-day "break-in" date to his name.

A local improvement of speech school recently revealed that several band leaders have enlisted its services for courses in public speaking and for general relief from voice impediments. It is an encouraging report which should be given careful thought by many a leader lacking in stage experience. With the life of an orchestra these days so dependent on the physical and vocal performance of the leader, particularly when the filling vaude engagements, every maestro should be highly concerned with his vocal capabilities.

It is our firm conviction that the Palace here would have a better chance with a combination policy thru a more localized vaude booking system. The New York office handling the shows undoubtedly knows acts and all that, but it takes a party closer to home, aware of local changing conditions, to come thru with a profitable job week in and week out. Combo policies are being used in the bargain priced State-Lake and Oriental and there is no reason why another Loop house of the Palace caliber could not make a go of it.

ROY HARRINGTON, emcee at the Club Mayfair in Yatesville, Pa., missed a performance Saturday (20) when he and his wife figured in an auto crash in nearby Spanton. He was severely shaken up, while his wife incurred cuts of the face, nose and forehead, and 37 stitches were required to close the wounds. Manager James Ferrari drafted a local emcee to fill in until Harrington is ready to perform again.

## Club Talent

### New York City:

WALTER CASSELL, legit baritone, now at Radio City Music Hall, begins an engagement at the Raleigh Room of the Warwick Hotel October 28. . . . DE LLOYD MCKAYE has been rehired indefinitely at the Hickory Room. . . . JAMES RICHARDS started an emcee assignment at the Red Mill last week. . . . DIANE AND DEL CAMP are introducing a new dance, *Brazilian Bayans*, which will be done with a sarong, fancy head-dress and bare feet. . . . DOROTHY LEWIS, ice skater at the Iridium Room of the St. Regis, has just completed a technicolor movie short called *Seeing is Believing*.

### Chicago:

HI HAT CLUB goes back to names November 1. Show will have Gus Van, Willie Shore, Ann Lester and the Muriel Kretlow Girls. . . . PIERRE AND RENEE CHIFFOLETTI have been held over at the Drake. . . . COLLETTE AND GALLE moved into the Rose Bowl, where they introduced the English craze, *Boomp-a-Daisy*. . . . ISOBEL DeMARCO, pianist and accordionist, has been held over at the Elysian, Club Sheboygan, Wis. Miss De Marco has been signed to a personal management contract by MCA. . . . SALLEY SHARRATT, singer, has been held over at Old Heidelberg. . . . DIANE DENISE has been signed by Savoy-Ostalek to a personal management contract.

### Here and There:

DR. MARCUS, the "mad magician," after extended stays at Jimmy Brick's Lookout House, Covington, Ky., and the Gibson Hotel Rathskeller, Cincinnati, opened Saturday (21) at the Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, O. He is slated to return to the Gibson Rathskeller November 12. . . . PATRICIA D'ESPY, emcee, in a dance act, has resumed with club work in Cincinnati after closing recently with the Russell Bros.' Circus in Tallahassee, Fla. . . . FRANK PERRY (Fuzzy Feather) completed a 24-week stay at Club Mentel, Buffalo, N. Y., is now at Kaiser's, and there. . . . JACK LEYSTAN is in his fifth week as emcee at Club Madrid, Los Angeles. . . . REX BELL and Lena Ginter opened at the Hilltop Club, Lorain, O., October 20 for an indefinite run. Freddie Federicks and Ronnie Ivo's Collegians are also on the bill. . . . HAL HAIG, comedy emcee at Silver Ball Cafe, Utica, N. Y., is being held over two additional weeks. . . . VALLEY AND LYNNE opened October 23 in Steuben's Vienna Room, Boston. . . . NTC'S UNIT, *World's Fairest Emcees*, opened an eight-week engagement at Colosimo's, Chicago, October 20. Unit consists of Eddie, Jack and Betty, Chiquita, Doris DuPont, Nan Blair and Jane Reynolds. . . . BETTA MILSKVA, now appearing at the Samovar, Montreal. . . . VERNON AND VANOFF being featured at the Rainbow Room in the George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla. . . . DEVO CHIFFOLETTI, singer and emcee, has been held over for an indefinite run at the Palm Garden, Columbus, O.

## Big Unit Folds After 4 Dates

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Tough sledding that expensive units are having this season came to light this week when the Al Borge-Sammy Rose *Sierone's Emcees* folded. The unit, which had been on for two weeks and five days playing time, listed in the \$3,500-\$4,000 class, it couldn't compete with name-band shows available at similar or slightly higher figures. Borge has a couple other shows on the road, but they have much lower budgets.

## London Vaude Reopening

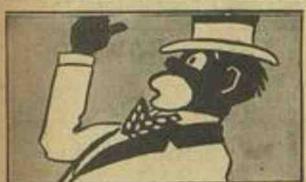
LONDON, Oct. 14.—West End 6 p.m. curfew area is to be reduced. This will permit reopening of such houses as Palladium and Holborn Empire, which had been preparing to stage *The Little Dog Laughed* at times as soon as possible. Hoffman Girls have gone back to the States, but other American acts originally booked for this optics remain here and will be recalled from vaude dates.

## La Crose Club Resumes

LA CROSE, Wis., Oct. 21.—The Cavalier Inn here has resumed nightly entertainment with Eva Thornton, singer, accompanied by Norman Kranich, pianist and accordionist.

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## Palace, Chicago, Vaude Out Nov. 9

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Palace Theater is pulling vaude out November 9 and switches to a first-run twin bill. The remaining vaude houses have been faring poorly with combination shows and since reopening in August after a brief summer fold has been going from bad to worse. Decision was reached here when RKO's chief booker, Bill Howard, surveyed the situation.

Local bookers blame spot's failure to attract profitable houses to the "long distance" booking arrangement handled in New York. They feel that the local boys could do a more practical job. Remaining vaude strongholds in the Loop are the B&K Chicago and State-Lake, and the Oriental, operated by Jones, Linick & Schaefer.

## 3 More Wisconsin Houses Ad Vaude

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 21.—Flesh gathers more converts weekly in Wisconsin. Latest announcing vaude are Paramount State, Excelsior, Wednesdays and Thursdays; William Exton's Roosevelt, Kenosha Saturdays and Sundays, and Warner-Saxe's Capitol, Madison, Saturdays and Sundays.

# Magic

By BILL SACHS  
(Communications to Cincinnati Office)

FRED HONER, magician, has gone into the Radio City Rainbow Grill, New York, where he will conclude a 21-day engagement in Berlin August 31, a day before the present hostilities broke out, succeeded in escaping the European holocaust via Denmark, arriving in New York October 17, 1938, and making his first appearance at the St. Regis Hotel. Dante experienced considerable difficulty in getting his show property out of Germany, but payment of a sizable chunk of wampum did the trick. Day with a show at Memorial Hall, New York, is making efforts to arrange a Coast-to-Coast tour for the Dante organization.

LEO VANDERGER, Buffalo undertaker-magician, is assembling his show for a hectic season in the schools, churches and lodges in that territory. He transports his equipment in an outmoded hearse and uses six assistants.

CHARLES A. LEEDY, well-known magician-comedian and co-manager of The Yountstown (O.) Wanderer, has been appointed to the park commission in that city. He will serve until January 1, 1942.

COLUMBUS, O. Magic Club will observe National Day with a show at Memorial Hall, Columbus, October 31, for the kiddies of the county homes and institutions in that area. On the show committee are S. W. Healy, R. W. Ebon, Arthur Martin, Joseph Robertson and J. W. Van Gorden) and his Magic Cavalcade will soon hit the road to play churches and schools thru Western New York. Van will again be assisted by Shirley Shady, New York and Zonia. J. TUDOR Hill Magic Club, Des Moines, recently visited the Marquis Show in a body at Marshalltown, Ia. Mrs. Tommy Downs was also among those present. Marshalltown gave Marquis light matinee and night crowds, but the Marquis reports that Iowa has been generally good to date.

MIKE ZENS, Kenosha, Wis., was elected president of the Wisconsin Houdini Club at the organization's second annual convention October 15 at the Moose Club in Kenosha. Other officers named were Dr. R. C. Finkle, Seymour, vice-president; Judge Frank Carter, Eagle River, secretary, and R. M. Vetter, Madison, treasurer.

SI STEBBINS, veteran water skier, originated the system for card to be held in his name, has discarded that moniker for the billing, "Moe, French triester from near Paris (Mo)." He's now in Cincy preparing an act for club work.

ALO THE MAGICIAN and wife, Helen, wind up a 30-week season with the Majestic Showboat at Parkersburg, W. Va., October 28, after which they return to their old stomping grounds in Michigan to play school dates.

JOE THEOBOLD, formerly a magician and humorist under the name of Jobey, is now in charge of the orphan lads in the vocational wood-carving department of the Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield.

GEORGE W. STOCK, dean of Cincinnati magicians, continues to keep company with club dates and private parties in the Cincy area. Stock, still spry and deft at 78, is filling in his spare moments promoting a new game, Dingo, which he recently perfected.

JARROW, magician at Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odditorium, New York, reports that business has slowed up considerably.

GREEN THE MAGICIAN, after concluding four weeks of Canadian fair dates, is now filling eight weeks in the Northern Ontario gold fields for the "Goldfield" theater circuit, working three-day and week stands. Green continues under the management of J. Lindsay Perrin.

# Pa. Liquor Board Drives Out Nudes

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board is again putting its foot down on flesh displays in night clubs. Agents of the board issued an order to the Little Bathsheba forbidding Dorothy Henry from performing her nightly milk bath. This is the second time within the year that this spot has been ordered to make its cuties wear more than a G string.

Most clubs have already substituted other acts for the nudes, with the result that nudity is to be seen only at the burlesque houses.

# Detroit Burly Slump

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—Local burlesque business, with four theaters now open, took a serious slump last week due to local industrial conditions. Break was especially noticeable over the week-end. Probable major auto strike at local Ford plant was the major factor causing the drop.

# Snake Act Called Improper

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 21.—The City Excise Board withheld decision on revocation of the liquor license of Edward Kravis on charges that the summer show in his club had included an improper dance.

Zorita and her pet snake were the cause but could not defend themselves, having moved on to other engagements. Two State Excise Board agents appeared as natural at the conclusion of her dance.

# Burlesque Notes

(Communications to New York Office)

## New York:

DICK RICHARDS, comic discovered in the Catskills last summer by Producer Kenneth Rogers who sings, dances and plays the piano in his specialties, is being held over indefinitely at the Eltinge. Made his debut October 13.

LOIS DE FEE, six foot four, ex-bouncer at Leon and Eddie's and also Queen of the Amazons at the World's Fair, became a new burly stripper at the Galety October 13. Managed by Murray Bert, who was manager of the Cuban Village at the fair.

ESTLA ALJA added to the cast at the Capitol, Toledo, week of October 13 in place of Dorothy Wald, taken suddenly ill. Phil Rosenberg, New York booker, in Toledo at the time, penciled her into the Garrick, St. Louis, October 21, as added attraction. Other bookings on the Hirst Circuit to follow.

CHARLES (PEANUTS) BOHN, of the Galety, thru Harry Nathano and Charles Allen, signed for a Shubert production to open some time in April. He turned down another production offer from Frank Nell for Australia.

ELINORE SHERIDAN, new strip from the West, replaced Kenza Vinton at the Galety and moved from there to the Triboro for October 22 opening.

MARIAN ELLIS, dancer at Shubert's Brooklyn, birthday-partied October 9 at Leon and Eddie's. Harry Collins' guests included Moe Costello, Arlen Stewart, Jules Leventhal, Gile Hager, Charles (Red) Leventhal, Marilyn Towns, Murray Austin, Abe Weisman and Kitty Foppette.

LILLIAN (BERGER) BRENT, a former Sun Worshiper at the fair, doubled as stripper and showgirl at the Eltinge last week. Ditto, Colin Arndt, at People's and also Marjorie Benson in bits and in the dance line at the Star, Brooklyn.

FRANK PENNY and George Reed, brothers of Harry Reed, became first-time uncies on September 25 when the stork left a girl, Carol Frances, at the Worth Hospital. Ma Elsa Ryan and Pa Harry, who opened at the Star, Brooklyn, September 28, thru Dave Cohn, are both doing well.

ROXANNE went to Philadelphia from the Galety for October 5 week, and then to the Star, Brooklyn.

BETTY SMITH, stripper and former showgirl, and the four Mick Sisters (Helen, Barb, Mary and Letty), who are appearing in debuting this season in burly on the Hirst Circuit in the show that has the team of Starke (Art) and Dorne (Paula), other burly newcomers, doing novelty dances.

JACKIE ROBERTS, formerly with circus acts, is showgirl at the Eltinge.

# Vaude in Kenosha, Wis.

KENOSHA, Wis., Oct. 21.—Standard Theaters' Kenosha Theater here inaugurated September 30 week-end vaude.

E. R. Brennan, manager, promoted a double-spread newspaper ad which included letters from the city manager and the Chamber of Commerce commending the theater on bringing vaude to Kenosha.

# Club Loses License

## Due to G-String Act

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—The license of the 69 St. Rathameller was ordered revoked by Judge A. D. McDade in the court at Meadon on charges that a stripper made regular appearances there. The decision was used upon the dances of Paula-Paula, advertised as direct from Minsky's. Agents of the Pennsylvania State Liquor Board testified that the peeler, when they viewed her performance in March, wore nothing more than a G string. Paula doesn't work there any more.

# Disputes Barney Grant Name

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 21.—With Barney Grant in Australia, his father, Jack Grant, is doing the act and calling it Jack Grant Family Hillbillies. Jack Grant is using the name until Barney comes back. Jack Grant claims an act which recently played the Carman Theater, Philadelphia, billed as Barney Grant and Hillbillies, is using the Grant name without authority.

# Burlesque Notes

(Communications to New York Office)

ANN BERGEN doubted in bits and in the chorus at the Triboro last week.

BRISHMAN and LEVENTHAL sided two more houses to their recently acquired leases. Now have besides the Shubert, Brooklyn; the Park, Bridgeport, and the Modern, Providence; also the Galety, Boston, where principals only will go, and the Lyric, Bridgeport, which will tenant legit, latter opening October 16 with a touring company of Tobacco Road. Peggy Garcia has been signed as extra attraction for the circuit. Route of burly shows goes from Brooklyn to Bridgeport, to Providence and to Boston.

DIANE SIAW finished six weeks at the 606 Club and opened at the Rose Bowl, Chicago.

DIANE ROWLAND heads a new Hirst wheel show, Fast and Loose, that opened at the Troc, Philadelphia, October 15. Others in the cast are Max Fernan, Alma Malben, Aloha, Herb Harris, Dot Darling, Harry Evanson, Pat Farrow and the three Blabop Brothers.

LAVIDES moved from the Triboro to the Republic October 6.

PHIL ROSENBERG, a happy booker now that his wife, Muriel Adair, has recovered from a tonsil operation and has at last after over a year's doctor and proffesor consultations found out, thanks to a Mount Sinai hospital examination, why a throat trouble had not been relieved by other methods.

GINGER (COOKIE) WALDRON's next move out (See BURLESQUE NOTES on page 67)

# Shuberts Settle Suit Over Name

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Suit to restrain use of Shubert name in connection with burlesque at the Shubert Theater, Brooklyn, was settled, with Shuberts gaining initial point to protect their name, but agreeing to pay \$1,200 for expense of changing all signs on the house.

Theater's original name, Century, will be returned. Max Rudnick, of the Eltinge, is reported to have been peace-maker in this issue. Terms were set by time case was heard by Judge Schuck October 17. William Klein represented the Shuberts and Max Shenkel, Briskman.

# Burly Activity In the Midwest

TOLEDO, Oct. 21.—Visitors to the Capitol, Hirst Circuit house, over last week-end, included Oscar Merkovich, New York concessioner, and his brother, Harry, home for the unveiling of their dad's grave marker; also George Young, of Cleveland; Jack Kane and Marvin Jacobs.

Company last week had Sam Raynor, Three Lunatics, Gloria Gayle, Dorothy Wald, Estla Alja, Alondra Ryan and Rose LaRosa, with Chuck Gregory, producer over a line of 16 chorus girls. Managing the house this season are Bill Collins and Sam Green. Show opening yesterday (20) had Hinda Wassau, Jack Diamond, Harry LeVan, Ethel DeVoe, Ray Parsons, Mimi Reed and Lammie Lane. Petite Carroll closed with the Wassau show October 19 and opened the day following in St. Louis. The show headed by Bob Ferguson and Charmaine, Mimi Reed closed at the Galety, Detroit, to join the Wassau show here.

Due to the Grand Opera House opening for the Midwest Circuit, a new show opens this week at the Galety, Cincinnati, with Jack LaMont, Monkey Kirkland, Wen Miller, Stella Mills, Nickolas Brothers, Julie Bryant and Zonia DeVul.

# Harris Sues Joe Weinstock

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—J. D. Harris, rock leader formerly at the Republic, has retained attorney Harry Seiden in a breach of contract suit against Joe Weinstock, Republic operator. Contract entered into 1936 was interrupted by closing of theaters by License Commissioner Moss.

# Rialto, Seattle, Closes

SEATTLE, Oct. 21.—The Rialto, burly house, recently reopened under new management, is once more dark but with the promise, however, of early reopening.

# White and Tan Shows

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—The Shubert, operating under Hirst, has changed to a white and tan show.

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## Reynolds Enlarging Majestic Showboat

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—T. J. Reynolds' Majestic Showboat is headed up the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., where the floating theater brings its season to a close October 28.

The Majestic will go into the docks at Parkersburg for repairs and alterations, which will add to the craft's width and length and augment the show's seating capacity. The Majestic has had a successful season.

In the cast are Harold Lowe, Al and Helen Audry, Katherine Reynolds, Margaret Reynolds, Tommy Reynolds and Garnet Reynolds. The last two named recently replaced Phillip and Madelyn Pine, who left the boat at Carrollton, Ky., September 28 to jump into New York to visit Madelyn's folks.

The Majestic's advance man, Ray Lambert, left the boat last week to join Al Cooper's Dixie Queen Showboat, which is slated to head up the Cumberland River soon.

## Tom McLaughlin Finds Biz Ahead of Last Year

ARTHUR, Neb., Oct. 21.—After a 24-week season of one-nighters, during which only three nights were lost due to inclement weather, Tom McLaughlin's Hollywood Tent Theater, movie pic attraction, will call it quits here tonight. The company will establish winter quarters at Ardmore, S. D.

McLaughlin reports that business for the tour now ending was a considerable improvement over last season's. The company is mounting up big for the troupe. Show traveled thru eight States, covering more than 6,000 miles. McLaughlin plans to launch two units next season.

Personnel of the show comprises Tom McLaughlin, owner-agent; Elizabeth McLaughlin, treasurer; D. Leslie Lafan, superintendent and chief operator; Lillian Lafan, front door; George Barrett and Glenn Guffy, truck drivers, and Frank Morris, concessions.

## Steve Cass Plans Tenter

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—In a communication to *The Billboard* from Los Angeles Steve F. Cass, well known in Midwestern repertoire circles, reports that he will take a new tent show out of Waverly, Ill., early next May, the outfit to be named the Steve M. Cass Players after his wife. Waverly is the home of the former popular tent troupe, the Hazel M. Cass Players, and Cass plans to play the territory formerly made by that organization. Cass contemplates making all week stands.

## Wallace Bruce in Wichita

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 21.—Wallace Bruce Players, who recently covered a circuit of Kansas towns, has moved into Wichita for a stand at the Nomar Theater, Northside house. The company is new to Wichita audiences. Bruce is playing the male lead, and cast includes Esther Macklin, Ruby Clare, Wayne Huff and Loretta Coby. Double-feature films and vaudeville acts will augment the bills.

## Wall, Orbin Framing Unit

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 21.—Jay Wall, for the past several seasons on the advance of John R. Van Arman's Radio Funmakers, and C. E. Orbin are making plans to launch a show out of here in December to play schools, halls and theaters from Pennsylvania to Maine. Troupe will be known as Radio Stars on Parade and will tote 12 people. Wall and Orbin plan to put the show under canvas in the spring.

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## Strolling Players

By E. F. HANNAN

FIFTY years ago so-called strolling players played a prominent part in show business. The entertainers, mostly of the variety or vaudeville type, moved from town to town with no advance billing, and upon striking tents they hired a hall and gave a show. Many times they combined medicine sales with entertainment. In summer they pitched on the street or from platform, on occasion even using the highway for their rostrum, spreading blanket or carpet to cover the dust.

For three decades or more such trouper have been scarce, if they have been operating at all. But, lo, now they are back. In Eastern Canada and the mountain resort section of New York State I recently ran into performers giving what was called a free show on the street, and passing the hat for their recompense. Unlike the old days, they didn't foot it from town to town, but wheeled along in a motor bus. Thus, now they can make fair-sized jumps and get into out-of-the-way places. However, their chief business is to furnish entertainment at roadhouses, hide-away night clubs and smaller dine and dance spots. No advance booking, just a personal call, arrangements for a set fee, or if not a fee a chance to get what they can in a collection. Many performers and hundreds of musicians are eking out a living in this way, feeling sure that where there's food they will at least be fed. Show business, like history, seems to repeat itself, at least in the performing respect. Even Punch and Judy is being strongly revived.

## Montgomery, Ala., Good For Milt Tolbert Tenter

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 21.—A near-circus band banged itself to keep warm Monday night but withdrew hands from pockets frequently to applaud outstanding acts of Milt Tolbert's Tent Show. Lew Childre, with a combination of wit and guitar music, was the main hit.

The show pitched its tent at Gunter Park, in the city limits, and in competition with an Army Legion-sponsored wrestling match next door. Admission was 25 cents; reserved seats, 15 cents; concert, 25 cents.

## Tent Shows in Advance

(Communications to BILL SACHS, Cincinnati Office)

### 19 and 7 in Chi Walkie

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Nineteen teams and seven solos remain in Sid Cohen's walkie, which began September 23, in the Coliseum here. The Don Reid, Hank Rink and Billie Walker, Johnny Reed and Chad Alviso, Earl Harrington and Violet Kaye, Jimmy and Minnie Ferenz, Phil Ramsey and Jennie Busch, Larry and Hilda Decarado, Pat and Joyce O'Brien and Bonna Terry, Henry Hay Bacharach and Ellen Trandell, Bill Rogers and Helen Clark, Jack Glenn and Helen Caldwell and Bob Lee and Hazel Dietrich. Solos are Phil Arnold, Skippy Skidmore, Mickey Britton, Guy H. Swartz, Bob Lee Jr., Jack Kelly and Billy Watson.

MACK TOWNSEND would like to read notes here from the old gang with whom he worked his four years in walkies with Guy H. Swartz. Mack insists that he is working the football games in Memphis.

SUE WILKERSON, Red Walter, Sam Simon and Al Zuckerman card from St. Louis, where they are waiting for a show to open, that they would like to read bits of news in the column on Jack Murray, Johnny Russo and the Four Lucky Stars.

ELMER (JITTERBUG) GENTRY incites the Johnny Huggins and Bob Kelly Joy and De King have been with Zeke Youngblood at the Jitterbug Jamboree.

## Austin Ends Tour; Jumps to Hollywood

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Oct. 21.—Gene Austin's tent show closed here tonight, with Austin jumping to Hollywood to fulfill a night club contract.

The show's equipment and big top have been stored at winter quarters here, and it was reported here today that the show will definitely resume its under-canvas trek early in the spring.

The Austin organization has been under the management of Hoxie Tucker, formerly with the Billy Wehle and Heffer-Vinson tent shows.

The show took flight out from its tent last week to play a week stand at the Tower Theater, Kansas City, Mo.

## Harley Sadler Denies He Has Political Yen

STAMFORD, Tex., Oct. 21.—During the recent two-day engagement of his tent show here, Harley Sadler, in a front-page story in *The Stamford Leader*, refused to substantiate the rumor that he intends to enter politics in the next Texas election. He stated that the life of a politician did not appeal to him and that he would stick to show business long as there was any.

On the Monday night opening here the Sadler show was forced to cover the sidewalks to accommodate the overflow crowd. Tuesday gave the show a capacity house.

The writer of "Round About Town" column in *Stamford Leader* devoted a full column to Harley Sadler and the show's successful stand here.

## Rep Ripples

JIMMIE MASON, general agent of the Florida Orange Blossom Minstrel, denies the statement made here recently by Claborn White, who had been doing the billing for the show. "The Florida Orange Blossom Minstrel," writes Mason, "is not thinking of closing." We will remain out under canvas as long as the weather permits, after which we will play theaters until spring. Our personnel is as follows: Sullivan Shroyer, lessee; J. L. Johns, manager; W. M. Shores, bookkeeper; Eddie Lee Faulk, billposter; Will Eldridge, producer; Dock Green, assistant producer, and the writer, general agent. . . . WALTER F. ADAMS has

a talking pic show playing schools and churches thru Southern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. . . . NEAL CUNNINGHAM replaced Alan Moore as leading man with the "Hazel" show at High Point, North Carolina circle October 23. Hazel unit is now doubling from Asheville, N. C., after the regular Saturday night show, into the Paramount at High Point, N. C., for a midnight performance, giving the show a new status in the Carolinas. . . . GEORGE R. GUY, said to be the oldest living minstrel and former manager of the old Guy Bros.' Minstrels, celebrated his 84th birthday October 7 at his home, 93 Chestnut street, Springfield, Mass. . . . BILLY TERRY, straw-hat tent-show operator, now has his Arizona Cowboy in Crescent Amusement Co. houses in Tennessee and Alabama. . . . MEMBERS OF the Manhattan Players, working schools in North Carolina, were guests of Manager Jimmy Simpson, of the Trucking Revue, during the show's recent appearance at Reidsville, N. C. Rex M. Ingham, well-known showman and now a deputy on the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, was a special visitor on the Simpson opus in Reidsville.

GRIFF AND HI, black and tan team, well known in Southern tent show and vaude circles, have just concluded a week's tour at the State Theater, E. I. nitery, after fortnight's stand at the Greenwell, Louisville. They were originally set for a week at the latter spot and were the first talking act ever held over there. Matt Kolb, of the Jack Merritt office, set the show for both engagements. . . . LOLA E. PAINTER, who recently took up the trail-blazing for H. Kay Lewis' *Hollywood Varieties*, will route the outfit southward into Florida after winding up on its Indiana dates. Featured with the troupe are Madam Alberta (Mrs. H. Kay Lewis), Della Lewis, Thayer Lewis and J. Kay Lewis. Harlin Talbert is second agent. . . . J. C. (CLIFF) MUSSEY, former repeter, is promoting amateur shows for a Boston convalescent home. . . . KENNEDY SWAIN, of the Harley Sadler Show, posts from Aspermont, Tex.: "We visited the Downie Bros.' Circus in Sweetwater, Tex., October 15, where I enjoyed a chat with E. O. Lewis, who was with my father's show before I was born. Also visited with Bee, Gwen and Jingles Carsey, who were with my father for years. Incidentally, Bee Carsey, who has the Downie show band, has the Eddie place circuit back 'twice over heard." . . . HARLIN TALBERT, former stock and rep manager and producer and for the last five years associated with the H. Kay Lewis family show as advance and press representative, will be back at the rep desk last Saturday, having jumped into the Queen City from Indiana, where the show is now playing.

RUBY AND KEN LANG have signed with the J. B. Rotnour Players for the fall and winter. . . . DOROTHY BENNETT circle is playing an Iowa loop with the following folks: Francis Casey, Jack Martin, Dennis Hooker, Jane Epier and Dorothy Bennett. . . . JOHNS AND MYRA CALDWELL circle is playing a southern loop three times. . . . HAZEL MCGOWEN Players will open on a loop of Nebraska towns this week with a show and dance policy. . . . JACK AND GRACE BELL, recently rejoined the Eddie and Minter Hart raggy stock for the fall and winter. . . . AL W. CLARK, former director and character man with the Dixie Queen Showboat, was a recent arrival in Kansas City, Mo. . . . CHRISTY OBRECHT CO. closed last week at Aspermont, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Obrecht will spend the winter at Excelsior Springs, Mo. . . . WAYNE AND LORETTA HUFF and Paul Weiss have joined the Wallace Bruce Players circling in Kansas. . . . MANHATTAN PLAYERS will reopen on the advance of the winter, playing a loop of North Carolina towns with Reidsville as the base. Among the folks engaged are Jack Howe, Rodney Cabell, Marian Marsh and Catherine Bauer. . . . FRANK SMITH Players have closed their long under-canvas season in Arkansas.

## William Lamar in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—William Lamar, who has been barnstorming for the past two and a half years, was in New York as the Roadshowman's desk this past week. Lamar has been traveling from Coast to Coast, putting on shows in churches and schools. *The Passion Play* and *Abraham Lincoln* have proved his big draws. During his stay in New York Lamar is looking around for new equipment and is all set to start out again by the middle of November.

"WE HAVE BEEN OUT of shows for the past three years," write Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Karpman from Springfield, Ill., "and we are excited down here and have a three-month-old son who keeps us in trim walking at nights."

# Local Newsreels New Field For Roadshowmen, Stern Says

**Cameraman who titled "The Birth of a Nation" reveals a mint within reach of traveling operators with 16mm cameras—outlines plans for making money in rural areas**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—That the roadshowman who knows how to handle a 16mm. camera has a mint within his reach was revealed today by Ernest Stern, formerly a cameraman with leading motion picture producers and now an instructor in motion picture photography at the New York Institute of Photography. Stern, who made the title for "The Birth of a Nation, Independence, Orphan of the Storm, Way Down East, Broken Blossoms and others, has followed the 16mm. film business since it began as a rumor back in the '20s. His constant association with movies for over 30 years qualifies him to predict great things for those in the 16mm. field, especially roadshowmen.

Sections far removed from the general run of things, Stern suggests that roadshowmen equipped to do it should offer local newsreels. While it is out of the question for an operator to produce all the programs he uses, news shots of local personalities, he says, will pay dividends. The circuit operator is especially fortunate, Stern says, in that he can produce one newsreel to be displayed at all the spots. One local newsreel with the same amount of space allotted each of the points served would tend to promote attendances. This is a proposition which will probably net the operator 75 or 100 additional admissions each night in each spot. As a promotion, the reel would more than pay for itself.

**Production Cost Low**

The cost of such a reel, which would probably be issued once or twice a month, would remain with the roadshowman. A 400-foot reel would cost \$18 or \$20, including processing. The number of presentations would depend upon the extent of the circuit or circuits.

What would a roadshowman "shoot"? People like to see themselves in the movies. People in the area served by certain roadshowmen do not have many occasions to appear on the screen. When they know they're to appear in the movies they will see that their immediate families and friends and their families attend. The extra admissions would most certainly gross in a five or six-town circuit much more than the cost of production.

Another idea which roadshowmen may use to cash in on is that of making colored photographs. The operator could tie in with the newspaper circulating in the area. If it is a daily paper the campaign should run about three weeks. Where weeklies co-operate, more time would be required.

The plan works this way. A campaign is conducted with the paper to find the most popular boy and girl in the area. Votes are reported in the paper and on the screen with slides. When the contest is over the girl assumes the leading feminine role and the boy "takes" the masculine lead in the photoplay to be produced. The picture is filmed outdoors as much as possible because of the light, and there is a wedding to bring the film to a grand finale. The story, however, must be an action picture and the boy must be subjected to a part that may reflect upon their characters. It is just a show with a little plot, but the main thing is to get the residents of the section in the picture.

This is money going out and nothing coming in, the roadshowman might contend.

**Many Angles Present**

Here are the angles. Have the popular couple—because they are to marry in the picture—purchase the furniture. For this the furniture store will pay for the advertising it gets. This idea may be worked with the shoe store, the butcher, the depart-

ment store, the grocer and the men's store. Stills of the leading "actors" visiting the stores may be displayed in the lobbies of the spots on the circuit for a compensation from the stores represented. While this is not an idea that can be worked over and over in an area, it is one which will get a roadshowman some ready cash and create good will. Local talent in a movie will pack them in night after night, Stern says.

Films advertising the area can also be "shot" with advertising for merchants worked in. The manner in which advertising is brought into the film will have to be cleverly done and the technique should be given some thought by the roadshowman. If a farmer is shown on his tractor in the field, take a picture that will show the trade name of the tractor. This advertises the firm and a fee can be secured for the publicity.

The roadshowman has an opportunity to add an extra touch to his shows and yet make money. While not every operator is in a position to present local films, Stern advises those who can operate 16mm. cameras to get in on the ground floor and make some money.

## Bisceglia Readying Tour

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Thomas Bisceglia, prominent roadshowman of Paterson, N. J., was in town recently arranging for a supply of films. He makes a

## Actor Shows Roadshowmen How To Charge and Get It

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Bijou Dream Theater, operated at 33 Sutton Place, South, by John Griggs, who played four years in the radio sketch, "Roses and Drums," has closed for five weeks while Griggs is on the road with Ethel Barrymore and "The Farm of Three Echoes."

Attending the final performance of the season was Helen Chlairs, of "Rise of the Boys Goodbye fame. The program at the theater, "conducted for the lovers of silent films," included Cullen Landis in "The Fighting Coward," Charlie Chaplin in "Some Nerve and Cowboys and Indians."

Griggs proved that roadshowmen can get the admission price they demand. His was a bottle of beer.

## Enlarge 16mm Show at Beach

KEANSBURG, N. J., Oct. 21.—Proving there is money in the 16mm film show business, Abe Landou and his partner, Miles Murphy, are expanding their 88-seat house on the beach-front here. When present plans are completed the house will seat 200 additional people.

Completing the first year of operation in which they used rear projection of films not less than seven years old, the plan to remove two two-room apartments in the rear of the building was drafted.

No provisions have yet been made for the projection of film. At first it was thought that the rear projection would give way to front projection. However, after plans were drafted it was discovered that the ceiling is too low to permit this form of projection. Experiments are under way to project the films from the basement with the aid of a mirror or possibly two mirrors. When this work is completed, it will be discussed in detail in this section of "The Billboard."

specialty of playing churches, schools and halls. At present he is mapping plans for his fall and winter season.

# New and Recent Releases

(Running times are approximate)

**ISLAND OF MYSTERY**, released by Associated Film Enterprises. A strange story of a small island in the Gulf of Mexico, which was forgotten for years until it was recalled by "The Prisoner of Shark Island." It was here that Dr. Samuel Mudd was imprisoned for attending John Wilkes Booth after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Presented by Associated Film Enterprises. Running time, eight minutes.

**COUNTY FAIR**, released by Associated Film Enterprises. If you've ever been to a county fair this reel will bring back fond memories, and if you haven't you're in for a lot of fun and excitement. Running time, eight minutes.

**MARTY THE MONK**, released by Associated Film Enterprises. A trip to the annual fair. Marty sits on the elephant's trunk; the elephant sneezes and falls to the knees, and that is the end of the monk. Running time, eight minutes.

**HOROSCOPES**, released by Nu-Art Films, Inc. A series of 12 horoscopes for each month in the year. Produced by James A. Fitzpatrick, of "Travel-Talk" fame. Unique and ideally fitted to add to any program because of the wide interest. Running time, each 10 minutes.

**TEDDY BEARS AT PLAY**, released by Bell & Howell. A story of Australians. Running time, 10 minutes.

**PICKSKIN PROGRESS**, released by Bell & Howell. A football short. Running time, 10 minutes.

**MARSHLAND MYSTERIES**, released by Bell & Howell. A one-reel silent in color. Running time, 10 minutes.

**SOMEWHERE ON THE WESTERN FRONT**, released by Astor Pictures. A one-reel sound film featuring Allen Mowbray and E. E. Clive. Running time, 10 minutes.

**THE STORY OF THE SPONGE**, released by Pictorial Films, Inc. A one-reel film about the sponge, including the preparation for market. Running time, 10 minutes.

**WAR IN EUROPE**, released by Castle Films. A special edition of News-parade, showing the war from the beginning to the present time. The destruction of the Westerplatte is featured in this one-reel film. Running time, 10 minutes.

**BALI**, released by Castle Films. A one-reeler in silent and sound. Pictures the exotic island of Bali. Running time, 10 minutes.

**RIDE 'EM, COWBOY!**, released by Castle Films. A story of rodeos. Running time, 10 minutes.

**LITTLE BOY BLUE**, released by Castle Films, a Terrytoon cartoon. Running time, 10 minutes.

**EDGAR GUEST'S POETIC GEMS**, released by Post Pictures Corp. A series of 12 artistic productions that bring to life the themes of great dramatic poems and that visualize the entertaining and inspiring philosophy of the famous Poet Laureate. Narration by Norman Brokenshire. Running time per reel, 10 minutes.

**WASHINGTON, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN THE WORLD**, released by Post Pictures, Inc. An intimate excursion to the heart of U. S. A. A patriotic and inspiring subject, in a musical and home life setting. Running time, 18 minutes.

**SIX-GUN TRAIL**, released by Post Pictures Corp. The story of a railroad robbery by a notorious outlaw and his gang. Bill Carson, of the United States Secret Service, is assigned to capture the outlaws. Stars Tim McCoy. Running time, 60 minutes.

**THE BROKEN COIN**, released by Post Pictures, Inc. An interesting "crime

doesn't pay" subject. Running time, 48 minutes.

**INDIAN VILLAGES**, released by J. H. Hoffberg Co., Inc. How the present-day American Indian lives and governs himself. Running time, 10 minutes.

**THE VOLGA BOATMAN**, released by J. H. Hoffberg Co., Inc. Based on the world-famous chant. A powerful drama with authentic Russian background. Stars Pierra Blanche and Vera Korene. Running time, 70 minutes.

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# The Final Curtain

**ALBERTS**—Harold (Pete), 34, auto race driver, September 17 of injuries sustained in a race at the Mt. Vernon (Ill.) Fair. Alberts' manufacture of the Franklin midsize auto speedway, East St. Louis, Ill., and a brother-in-law of Ed Aldrich, circus side-show man. Burial in East St. Louis.

**BARTLE**—Lou, wrestler and vaudeville performer for many years, of a heart ailment October 8 in Rensselaer, Ind. Survived by his widow. Burial in Cleveland October 12.

**BERRY**—Charles F., prominent Back Bay, Boston, physician, known to his patients as playing that vicinity, of a heart ailment October 10. Survived by a daughter, Carol, night club entertainer, and three other children.

**CASWELL**—Rev. Lincoln, 67, known as one of the greatest preachers of Abraham Lincoln, in Monroe, Conn., October 31, of a heart ailment.

**CHAPLIN**—Clifford Ray, eight-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chaplin, of St. Joseph Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz.

**CHAPMAN**—Nancy (Mrs. J. H. Red), 32, formerly with Royal American and Beckmann & Gerety shows, in Augusta, Ga., October 17. Survived by his mother, three sisters and a brother, all of Barnwell, S. C.

**COTTELL**—Edward N. (Red), 36, auto race driver, of Chestnut Hill, Pa., October 6 of injuries sustained when his car overturned at Greenville, O., during a qualifying run. Services and burial in Chesterton.

**DEBAZELLE**—Former professional magician known as Duval, in St. Louis recently. He had toured the national carnivals for the past 20 years, and was one of the first magicians in America to present the Seibit version of sawing a woman in half.

**ESLICK**—Prof. Arthur U., 60, well-known hand-ender, in Columbia, Pa., October 10, of a heart attack resulting from bronchial pneumonia. Professor Eslick was bandmaster on the Con T. Kennedy Show for 19 years, and had been with Dodson's Whitey Pair Shows and the E. J. Dodson Show, which he directed, for 27 years and this year with Mighty Monarch Shows. October 8 in Bayboro, N. C. Survived by his widow and son. Interment in Bayboro.

**GALLAGHER**—N. Lee, manager of the American Amphitheater, Monaca, Pa., at his home in that city recently after a lingering illness. For a number of years he was associated with the Johnny J. Jones Exposition. He also produced and managed the Danamora Wax Shows in Bayboro, N. C., for the years of 1932 and was booking agent for various units. Survived by his widow, parents and sister. Interment in New Richmond, Pa.

**GESSER**—Anthony, 65, owner of Tacoma Park, Dayton, Ky., at his home in that city October 8 after a long illness. For a number of years he operated the Gem Bathing Beach on the Ohio River at Bellevue, Ky., which he disposed of in 1923 and built Tacoma Park and bathing pool. Survived by his widow and a daughter. His adopted son, Edgar (Buster) Gesser, professional skater, was fatally injured in a bus accident near St. Louis three years ago. Services in Bellevue October 11, with burial in Mt. Vernon (Ky.) cemetery.

**GREBE**—Mrs. O. D., mother of Mrs. Lester McGee Gray, at her home in Whitehall, Ind., August 30. She had a host of friends in the show world. Other survivors include a daughter, Edna, and a son, Fred.

**GREEN**—Joe, 43, orchestra leader with National Broadcasting Co., October 16 in Post Graduate Hospital, New York, of pneumonia after a major operation. He was formerly with John Philip Sousa and was inventor of the vibraphone. He left his wife, mother, two brothers and a sister.

**GRINNELL**—P. E., 61, old-time band leader and father of the Grinnell Midgets, in Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Oct. 8 of double pneumonia. He had been in ill health for several Christmas. Survived by his widow and two sons. Burial in Hill Rest Cemetery, Pelly, Tex.

**HARRIS**—J. Walter, 63, 40 years an official of Rusk County Fair, Henderson, Tex., October 6 at his home in that city after a year's illness. Survived by his widow, Eliza, a daughter, Frankie, and a brother, Richard. Services from First Methodist Church, Rusk County, that city.

**HARTFORD**—W. G., 82, one-time operator of the old Casino Theater, Providence, and the Imperial, Pawtucket, R. I., October 6 in New Haven, Conn. With his wife he had left his home in Providence, moving to his winter home in Florida. Stricken en route at New Haven, he was taken to St. Raphael's Hospital for an emergency operation, where he died.

**HELLUMS**—Dr. H. D., 60, owner of Lake Hellums Amusement Park, five miles from Enid, Okla., at his home at Lake Hellums October 4. He had been in ill health for a year and twice had been in a Kansas City, Mo., hospital. He was well known among Southwestern showmen and park operators, having founded the park about 15 years ago, being active in its improvement and operation until his death. Survived by his widow and brother residing in Tulsa, Okla.

## HOUDINI

October 31, 1926  
Eyes of Memory Never Sleep.  
Mrs. Harry Houdini

**HOWARD**—Mrs. Betty, wife of George Howard, showman, recently in Ropesy Hospital, Charleston, S. C., of double pneumonia. Her husband and parents survive. Burial in Jacksonville, Fla.

**HUBBARD**—Muriel D., 67, wife of a pioneer Detroit Zoological Park when he was city park commissioner in 1900-13, October 12 at his home in Detroit. Survived by a daughter. He was a member of the Knights Templar. Interment in Detroit.

**HENKINS**—Della Smith, 29, better known as Baby Smith, parachutist, jumped October 9 in Edwin Shaw Sanatorium, Akron, after a long siege of tuberculosis. Before her illness, she toured the country with flying circuses. Her parents, brother and sister survive. Services and burial in Akron.

**LEVYQUE**—Mrs. Vera, 33, wife of Paul Levyque, manager of Cinema Service, Detroit, October 6 in Women's Hospital, that city, of anemia. Her husband and several children survive. Interment in Michigan.

**LEVIN**—Myra F., wife of Samuel I. Levin, assistant manager of the Oriental, Chicago, in that city October 13. Funeral services October 16.

**LEVY**—Pierre C., 53, manager of the Interstate Circuit theaters in Fort Worth, Tex., since 1934, in a hospital in that city October 15 of a heart ailment after a year's illness. Levy was one of the first picture theater owners in Fort Worth, having operated the Healy Theater as a nickelodeon, and later the Hippodrome, Strand and Palace theaters. He sold the three last named houses in 1919, but re-entered show business in 1934 when he joined Interstate. Survived by his widow, the former Evelyn Lohr, one-time member of the Ziegfeld Follies; his mother, Mrs. George P. Levy, and a sister, Mrs. Maurice Thorp, the last two named of Paris. Services in Fort Worth October 17, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were managers of local Interstate theaters.

**LIBSON**—Louis, motion picture operator in Cincinnati for 30 years, in Jewish Hospital, that city, October 17 after a heart attack in his office at the Keith Theater. Libson came to Cincinnati in 1909 and was projectionist at the old Bijou Theater for many years before the house was razed. He had been an operator at Keith's for the past nine years. Survived by two brothers, Isaac Libson, vice-president of HKO Midwest Corp., Cincinnati; Abe Libson, also associated with HKO; three sisters, Ethel, Sticker, Florence Libson, both of that city, and Mrs. Sadie Hytowitz, of Portland, Ore. Services in Cincinnati October 18, with burial in Price Hill Jewish Cemetery there.

**LING**—Katherine G., Detroit, musician, October 17 at her home in that city after six months' illness. She was the daughter of the late Derrams C. Ling, for many years in the music busi-

ness in Detroit. Survived by two brothers, J. Henry Ling, who took over the music business, and Louis C. Ling, former music and dramatic critic of *The Detroit Journal*.

**McDONALD**—John H., for 30 years special ops officer in the United States Army, at the age of 61, died at the old Music Hall and more recently at E. M. Loew's Capitol, at his home in Pawtucket October 13 after an illness of several months. Survived by his widow, daughter and son.

**McMAHON**—Arline, 35, stage and radio actress known on stage as Elleen Douglas, October 16 at her home in New York. She began radio acting and directing in 1929 and more recently was a member of Fred Allen's company.

**MEEHAN**—William A., veteran vaudeville trouper and pioneer dog trainer, October 15 in Albany, N. Y., of a fractured skull sustained in an automobile accident earlier in the day. Years ago Meehan had a trained Russian wolfhound in the Ziegfeld Follies. He exhibited a dog named "The Millionaire" and "The Dog" during the summers he worked extensively among fairs, his last showing having been at the Troy Horse Show this year. He leaves his wife, Frances Whalen Meehan; a sister and brother.

**MINIHINICK**—John R., former theater manager and for many years a person representative of the late Ambrose J. Small, Toronto theater man, in London, Ont., recently after a three-month illness. Minihinick had managed the Grand Theater, one of the Small chain, until three years ago, and in 1922 was appointed director of the Trans-Canada Theaters, a company formed to take over and operate the Small theaters.

**MURRAY**—James Sylvester, 77, character actor, October 17 in the House of Actors, Bronx, New York. He was the brother of the late Murray's Irish vocalist and comedian. Murray's stage career began with the William T. Carleton Opera Co. at the Star Theater, Buffalo, 1893. He later played stock in Pittsburgh, Norfolk, Va., and Richmond, Va. His Broadway successes included *Naughty Marietta*; *Good Morning, Judge*; *The Girl From Rector's*; and *The Student Prince*. He last played in the London production of *The Night of January 15*. Murray was a member of the Lambs, Radio City Equity Association and the Catholic Actors' Guild. Buried in the Catholic Actors' Guild plot, Calvary Cemetery, under the auspices of the Actors' Fund of America.

**MURPHY**—Frank, 64, veteran stage screen and radio actor, recently associated with Station WGY, Schenectady, N. Y., at his home in that city October 16. He had been ill for eight weeks. Born in London, Oliver made his first stage appearance at the age of 15 in the play *Cinderella*. He toured England for a number of seasons and then came to this country where he appeared with stock companies. Deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge at Charlotte, N. Y. Survived by his widow and a sister. Services in Schenectady October 18.

**POLAIRE**—Mlle., 59, queen of the Paris music halls during the Gay '90s, at the home of friends at Champigny-sur-Marne, Paris. Born Emille Marie Bouchard in Algeria, she was taken to Paris by her brother and at the height of her career attained great wealth and popularity, although she died in poverty and obscurity. Her husky voice and imitations of well-known characters of the day brought her fame, which was accentuated by the fact of the smallest waist in France. Mlle. Polaire came to this country in 1910 to act in Georges Numa's one-act play, *Le Visiteur*, at Hammerstein's Victoria Theater, New York, where she held star billing until the season. Her second visit to the United States was in 1913 as a member of a dancing troupe imported by Morris Gest. In Paris she played roles in such plays as *La Maison de Densie*, *Le Frigate*, *Claudine*, *Les Hamnetons*, *Le Glin* and others. Buried in the suburb of Chantilly.

**PROSSER**—Isaac H., 66, singer and pianist, prominently identified with musical activities in Youngstown, O., for more than 40 years, October 7 in that city after a heart ailment. He was a figure among the Welsh people of the district and was frequently called upon as an adjudicator at valley estafettes and made a reputation for his fairness and integrity when he was director of the Masonic Male Chorus in Youngstown, and directed the American Glee Club there when it won the \$1,000 prize in

1924. His widow and four children survive. Services and burial in Youngstown.

**RACKLIFFE**—Charles Winship, 78, prominent Holyoke and Springfield, Mass., merchant and pioneer theater operator, at his home in Holyoke recently after a brief illness. He went to Holyoke in 1890 and after a number of years in the hardware business built the Rackliffe Building, housing his Suffolk (St.) Theater. He bought the Majestic Theater in Holyoke and the Bijou Theater in Springfield. He also became the leader of the Academy of Music in Northampton, Mass. A few years ago he leased the latter three businesses to the Rifkin interests of Boston. He also operated the Rialto in Lowell, Mass., for several years, which he sold to other interests. Since leasing his theaters Rackliffe had operated a book store. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Albert S. Pinney, of Holyoke; two brothers, Benjamin D., of Springfield, and William, of Holyoke, both of whom are buried in Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown, Conn., his birthplace.

**REDAN**—Harry, 70, one-time professional magician and member of the Houston Assembly, Society of American Magicians, after a prolonged illness, at his home in Chicago, October 16. He had retired from the boards in 1904. In later years he did occasional benefit shows in Houston. He was a past president of that local and a past president of the national council of the Society of Magicians were conducted by his lodge. Interment in Lebanon, Pa.

**RILEY**—Jack, 58, advance man for road shows and circuses for many years, October 19 in Chicago. Burial in that city. His widow survives.

**RITZ**—Charlotte Greenfield, 25, wife of Harry Ritz, of the Ritz Brothers' comedy team, in New York October 12 of lobar pneumonia. She had caught cold 10 days previous at her father's funeral.

**ROGERS**—Bert, 62, father of Charlie (Buddy) Rogers, motion picture actor and judge, the Probate Court of Olaf, Kan., at his home in that city October 15.

**SICHOUKIN**—Boris, 45, known for his portrayals of the role of Lenin in the play *Lenin* at the Grand Opera House, October 7, apparently of a heart ailment. He played the Lenin role first in *The Man With the Gun*, which ran for several years in Moscow, and for this performance was decorated with the Order of Lenin by the government. Lenin in October scored the greatest hit in Soviet film history. Among his other pictures were *Revolutionists* and *Men on Wings*.

**SIBLEY**—Homer W., 57, of a heart ailment in New York October 16. He was married and first-in-command lecturer of Hubert's Museum, New York, for 15 years, almost since its inception, but left for a few years and returned to his post only recently. He trouped in vaudeville and circus for more than 30 years and was an expert in the art of prestidigitation. He most inexhaustible record of this segment of physical artistry. Survived by his widow, Evangeline. Funeral services held from Riverside Memorial Chapel, New York, October 18, and burial in plot of National City Cemetery. He had the first service interment in the association's memorial grounds, Perinell Cemetery, Ardley, N. Y.

**SIMMONS**—Dell, veteran clown and juggler, at Cordell, Okla., October 9 in a doctor's office while taking treatment for a kidney ailment. He had joined the A. G. Kelley and Miller Bros. Circus the week before. An effort is being made to locate a brother in Colorado.

**WAITE**—Menzio H., for 40 years associated with the Sotheby's, October 12 in Riverside Hospital. Waite played at the old Racine Theater for 20 years and spent eight years with the Primrose & West Minstrels during his earlier life. Survived by his widow.

**WALKER**—Walter F., 70, brother of E. W. Weaver, of the F. E. Gooding Amusement Co., at his home in Springfield, O., October 14. A nephew, E. W. Weaver Jr., also survives. Burial in Vale Cemetery, Springfield.

**WIDMER**—Dr. E. W., 67, veterinarian and for many years owner of a racing stable, October 4 in Hollisterville, Pa. Survived by a son, three brothers and two sisters. Services October 7 in Moscow, Pa.

**WILKAMS**—Harry (Calculator), jam pitchman and medicine man, in St. Louis October 4. His family name was Fitzsimmons. He has worked with Jimmy Lockwood, Doc Eller, Guy Warner and others.

**WILSON**—Harry L., 71, funhouse operator in his home in Joliet, Ill., October 9 of a heart attack. Wilson and his son, Harvey T., had been operating funhouses on the Johnny J. Jones Exposition



# NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

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## 1940 Session Starts Later; Month Shorter

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Plans for 1940 went ahead steadily this week with personnel of all departments devoting major part of their attention to the new season and to groundwork of various sorts considered necessary before the fair goes into quarters for the winter. Subsequently, Harvey D. Gibson, chairman of the board, announced officially that the expo season will be four weeks shorter next year, opening May 25 and closing October 27, or a run of 126 days against 165 in 1939. In opening late it is hoped that much of the inclement weather experienced during the first part of this season would be avoided.

Altho Gibson made a vague announcement that 1940 would see a revamped and re-realized amusement area, a statement said that nothing definite about just what is to be done to achieve those ends. He has been conferring with fair officials, concessioners and local showmen personalities, however, as preliminary steps toward what is expected to be a change in midway administration. Many operators, fearful that options on '40 participation would not be granted them by the fair corporation, were heartened when Gibson stated that every effort would be made to "play along with the concessioners, especially those who lost money this year, for another season."

Openly dissatisfied with the current fun-zone administration set-up, majority of concessioners have already suggested to Gibson that the control of the amusement area be passed to hands not only more sympathetic toward the showmen's interests, but also more experienced and capable in expo midway operation. Less stringent and costly participation regulations and less interference from the treasury, design and operations departments have also been suggested by at least one concessioner (see 1940 SESSION on opposite page).

## Mardi Gras for Wind-Up

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Beginning Monday (23) a full-week Mardi Gras celebration will hold sway on Flushing Meadows as a special inducement to New Yorkers to see the fair before it closes for the season Tuesday, October 31. Plans call for a series of special events, with concentration in the fun zone. Concessioners are expecting better patronage on week days than they have been experiencing since mid-September. On Friday children of junior-high school age and up, involving 200,000 eligibles, will be admitted for 5 cents.

## On the Flushing Front

By ROGER LITTLEFORD JR. and LEONARD TRAUBE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The first ride over the \$200,000 mark is the Parachute Jump, which reached that figure 13 days ago. It will be recalled this heavy click opened a few weeks after the expo got off. As the jump tab is 40 cents, with two to a chute required, and 11 chutes available, it's doubtful whether any other device can attain 200 Gs. even by the October 31 finish. However, the Giant Coaster and the Bobbed will come closest, but a 15-center like the Dodgem will make a highly successful showing, under the circumstances, as will the Aerial Joyride. On the show and space front, the competing Aquacade, of course, which is reaching for the \$3,500,000 mark, Frank Buck's Junglieland will come closest to \$200,000 and will in all likelihood pass it by a nice margin. Michael Todd's Hot Hitch will also press for attention in this money bracket while others are reaching for more modest takes in the \$125,000, \$100,000, \$75,000 and \$50,000

## Paid Attendance

Previously reported .....	22,577,537
Saturday, October 14 .....	299,917
Sunday, October 15 .....	381,512
Monday, October 16 .....	81,831
Tuesday, October 17 .....	83,549
Wednesday, October 18 .....	93,790
Thursday, October 19 .....	99,946
Friday, October 20 .....	112,580
Total .....	23,710,632

## Two Major Exhibits Back for '40 Run

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Two major exhibits signified their intention of returning to Flushing in 1940, and despite continued grumbling by many exhibitors concerning the small rate of reduction in next season's rental charges, exhibit department reported renewal of contracts with several other '39 participants, but their identification was not disclosed. General Motors Corp., operator of the sensational Futurama, and the railroad industry, which presents the largest single exhibit in the entire area, are the two major projects that will be back definitely, with slightly changed presentations.

In the foreign zone Poland and Belgium became virtual certainties for '40, while Italy joined the large list of "probable starters." President Franklin D. Roosevelt pledged from Washington to recommend that the U. S. government appropriate funds for the continuation of its massive enterprise. E. F. C. Parker, who was recently made temporary head of the exhibit department, took office in the Administration Building on Monday and is expected to get his teeth into the job shortly.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 21.—Ohio will not participate in the 1940 New York World's Fair. This decision was reached on October 12 by the Ohio World's Fair Commission, of which Governor John W. Bricker is chairman.

## Earle Andrews Working On Agricultural Exhibit

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Earle Andrews, former general manager of the fair who returned to active duty recently, is confining his efforts to "reintegrating" groundwork and preparation for a large fair-sponsored agricultural exhibit for next season. Aggie exhibit, which is expected to incorporate crop, livestock and farming equipment displays, will be framed along lines of exhibits appearing annually at State and county fairs. Earle Brown, in charge of the Florida exhibit, will assist Andrews.

## An Insider Looks at the Fair

— Seventeenth of a Series —

The writer of this series is a consultant on the staff of the New York World's Fair who feels, in common with The Billboard, that the amusement world at large is entitled to the information on the basis of its future, as well as present, value. For obvious reasons the name of the writer cannot be divulged.

## Subject: Funzone Personnel

"The visitor to the 1940 World's Fair will find a new, livelier and brighter amusement area that will be truly a 'people's playground,' with many free entertainment features and inexpensive amusements, Harvey D. Gibson, chairman of the board of the Fair Corp., promised yesterday at his bi-weekly press conference."

—New York Times, October 21.

IT SOUNDS swell and, what is more, Mr. Gibson means it. But so far these are only words. Mr. Gibson has been in constant touch with some leading showmen. He is trying to get suggestions from them as to the type of attractions he will need to appeal to the masses the fair expects to attract next year. All of this is highly laudable and exactly what we would expect of Mr. Gibson.

When these suggestions are well in hand, they are scheduled to be presented to the board to be worked out. We haven't any doubt that Mr. Gibson will get good suggestions. We have even less doubt that he will forward them with all the vigor for which he is so well known. But to what avail? After all, Mr. Gibson is only one man and a busy one at that. It seems a little discouraging when those on the inside realize that the Amusement Control Committee called into session last week to discuss ways and means for next year consisted of practically the same people who managed so brilliantly to mess up the amusement area this year.

It doesn't matter in the least if Billy Rose makes a good suggestion or half a dozen of them. It won't matter much more if all the Schencks, Abbotts, Rosses and Goldins make a dozen other good suggestions. It won't matter much if Mr. Gibson approves all of them and a busy one at that. It comes hard for him to understand why those on the inside realize that the Amusement Control Committee called into session last week to discuss ways and means for next year consisted of practically the same people who managed so brilliantly to mess up the amusement area this year.

Mr. Gibson has lately come to understand the horrible mess that some of his employees made of things. It seems, as he reviews some of the 1939-38 suggestions that were thrown out, that it comes hard for him to understand why. That is what we warned Mr. Gibson of long ago. And if, as we said long ago, we know anything about Mr. Gibson, it won't happen again. His attitude and present attention to Amusement Area problems seem to bear that out.

The fair had pretty plans for 1939, too, but they seem to have bogged down somewhere. And with the same old bog working on new plans all over again, what is there to assure anyone that they won't bog down again? After all, Mr. Gibson is only one man and a very busy one at that. From what we know of the range of his activities, he will have to delegate authority to carry out the new plans. We want to go on record now as telling him that it won't do to delegate authority to the same people who had it before.

There may or may not be some significance in the absence of Commander Flanigan from the meeting. There may be some significance in what Mr. Gibson intends when the resignation of John Krinsky is considered. We give you the committee as it was constituted the past week: Lammers, Scott, Gates, McCaffrey, Massmann (by special invitation), Smith and Addison. It looks pretty much like the same old line-up, including substitutions, that started the game. We have the impression that the committee, as a board, is not doing much. Some of us have labored mightily for the fair; one or two who are competent at this work, and some who are highly qualified to help certain phases of the work along.

But as a team we have seen them in action before—and teamwork was conspicuous by its absence. We wish we had the time to go over each of the members and point out the good things they have done for the fair, as well as show where they have fallen down. It will have to be left, however, to point out what is already known: That as a unit, planning and executing for the area, this group has fallen down badly.

If there need be an amusement board at all, then it should be so constituted that it has someone at its head in complete authority; someone responsible to Mr. Gibson; someone who with Gibson's aid can cut thru the mass of half-baked ideas that are being generated by a board such as this; and someone who can keep the respective members concentrating on the sphere of activities for which they are chosen. It won't do to let each member wander all over the lot, making decisions in a field in which he knows nothing.

A good bookkeeper is a very valuable asset to any company so long as he keeps books. But let him wander out into the field of creative enterprise and he is more apt to be a distinct liability. Let us have an executive at the head who can draw on its members for that part of the work for which they are qualified and who can at the same time keep those members from passing on ideas in a field where their experience, temperament and knowledge are not suitable.

Once again let us say that we believe Mr. Gibson knows all this. Let us say that he will see to the proper co-ordination of committee functions. But let us warn him once more that this same group, more or less, failed miserably to do a less difficult job than the new one on which it is embarking.

Maybe this club needs a couple of star performers to bolster it up. Maybe, above all things, it needs a coach. And maybe we waste words on Harvey Gibson, who knows all this.

you' for the very gracious way you have treated all of us at the Aquacade. In particular, many thanks for printing the alleged information this sanctum has been issuing all summer. The attention you have shown our releases is more than just gratifying. As for that recent paragraph in *The Billboard*, we have always tried to be truthful here, especially since the show has been such a helluva hit; and also because yours truly has always figured that a p. a. who actually does tell the truth might become something of a novelty. Anyhow, the whole summer has been a great deal of fun and many thanks to both of you for making it even more so.

We think Sydney is kidding us just a wee little bit in that last sentence, but his deviation from the truth in this instance is forgiven. While Aquacade & Co. indulges in turkey next month others will have to be content with the eggs they lay. This column will have to be content with "handouts"—and those of the Spier variety are always welcome because prac-

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Ideally every line breathes news and vitality. The Mutual Admiration Club rests.

Whitey and Hazel (Gottler) Harris, clown cop and aerialist, respectively, at the expo, will work indoor circus and vaude dates in the East. Whitey, under doctor's care recently, is back at the Goodrich Arena with the Lynch Death Dodgers, working the laugh-getting mystery horsecar. . . . Capt. Myle Mack's Small Fry Circus, featuring Mike the Goose and David the Miracle Dog, clicked in Hamid's Carnivalland Circus. And Harry De Dio's Wonder Dogs were a hold-over in Hamid's show week after week.

That was Howard Y. Barry, the circus organizer, budding with T. A. Loveland, manager of Frank Buck's enterprises. . . . Eddie (Shalaja) Ackerson and his tor-torned, Thomas Aloysius McNell, have been faring nicely peddling astrophysical info in the Food Show Building on Rainbow avenue, west of the fair. . . . Pat Adams, manager of Adolph J. Eagle, Montgomery (Ala.) attorney, as a visitor—renewing acquaintances—with brother, Nate Eagle, of course, Nate being the managerial trouble shooter for Dufour & Rogers enterprises. . . . Tickets for the World of Mirrors Shows at their final stand and then the paths divide, the Kelleys reaching for Florida and Talker Al back among the longhorns in Texas. . . . Harry G. Traver says he has sold out his interest in all of the 19 rides known as the Baker-Traver group but still holds his share in the Giant Coaster. Norman Alexander, manager of Philly's Woodside Park, was here going over 1940 plans. He is part of the syndicate with money in six of the Baker rides.

Some of the boys have their glims focused on the forthcoming Buenos Aires expdown below the Caribbean. It opens October 6 for a week's round at El Placer thru Slim Kelley, Al Shrirner and a doer who will be buying Dr. Soursup's Infalible Pills for Curing Seasidekness. . . . Aside to Commander Lammers: We were looking for you at the Boatshow on Tuesday night, but you weren't around at the time. See you across the street and played Klee Roll for drinks. Littleford won, as usual, so the drinks were on Trube. Along came Mike Mermey, chief of Carnivalland, and took the financially embarrassed owner out of the hole by buying two rounds at the Rondevoo. When and if Michael reads this he will know what a saviour he turned out to be. And it all started because the Commander wasn't in the Boatshow.

Light trouble hit part of the fun area Thursday night, throwing the northern end of the cone into an unintentional blackout temporarily. Darkened midway reminded many of those early nights of the season when half the attractions were lacking current. . . . Pappy, the human nose on the bally stand of Nature's Mistakes, received a broken leg last week when a sign blown off the show front by a high wind struck her. . . . Pancho in Pando, a Nyzos, will spend the winter at the Bronx Zoo. . . . Frank Miller, the concessioner, leaves for Florida shortly for the closing stands of Ringling-Barnum, season ending in Tampa October 30. . . . Matthew J. (Squire) Riley, general agent for Eddy Brothers, George Traver, Pat-at-Home Shows, and Mr. Traver, and Frank and "Patty" Conklin. Conklin shows, were among the visitors to Flushing this week.

## 1940 SESSION

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tractionists as a means of easier and more profitable operation in '40.

## ACC Discusses Plans

Commander Howard M. Lammers, chairman, National Control Committee, discussed plans for the 1940 session Tuesday with members of his committee plus George McCaffrey and Frank Gates, of the treasury department, and Paul

Massmann, former member of the ACC, who resigned shortly after the fair opened to return to his regular position with the National Broadcasting Co. ACC members present were Henrietta Addison and George P. Smith Jr. Details of the meeting were not revealed, but it is understood several members were definitely opposed to permitting certain 1939 midway operators from returning to the fair

in 1940. This attitude, of course, is directly opposite to Gibson's, who has indicated openly that he believes every current operator should be afforded an opportunity to recoup his losses during the second year of the fair.

Mr. Gibson's popularity around the fairgrounds has obviously been heightened by his apparently open and frank approach to chronic problems that have troubled fair participants for months. His co-operation with newspaper reporters has had a marked effect on press notices the fair has been receiving since Gibson took over the reins from President Grover Whalen. His willingness to listen to concessioners, exhibitors, etc., has increased his popularity in those circles.

## GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION SAN FRANCISCO

February 18 to October 29

### Reopening in '40 Indicated; 700G Raised

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Indications today pointed to a reopening of this exposition next year. It was apparent, following another meeting of the "Exposition in 1940" Committee yesterday, that an announcement may be forthcoming on Monday that the fair will do a return engagement. "We will conduct our drive to raise the 1,650,000 to make possible a fair in 1940," Dan London, chairman of the committee raising the money, announced. He was enthusiastic about the prospect for the campaign. London said that \$700,000 had been raised.

In anticipation of the liquidation of its affairs following the closing of the exposition next Sunday, the exposition company has filed a petition with the United States District Court for assistance to the end an orderly and equitable liquidation of its affairs may be carried out. Under the arrangement, fair is not liable to return moneys for the conduct of the project.

Statement in Federal Court declares that the company has liabilities of \$4,600,914. Its assets are \$280,000, accounts receivable \$400,000, subscriptions \$147,000 and miscellaneous \$35,000. An immediate reaction to the announcement the drive to raise funds will continue was renewed clamor from exhibitors and concessioners, who said they had been promised a decision by October 15.

Exhibitors, who declare it is necessary for them to know immediately whether the fair is to continue, so that they can make arrangements, burned phone wires to Managing Director Charles H. Strub's office with hundreds of calls for definite info.

London also stated that he had received word from Los Angeles that the additional funds needed might be forthcoming from merchants and hotel operators there.

Director Strub declared there would be no reopening on a week-to-week basis and that the fair would remain closed after October 29, with one exception. On October 31, he said, gates will open for one hour to permit delegates to two conventions brought here on the promise of visiting the expo to be transported thru the grounds by bus.

## Expect To Halve Debts

Indications are that the fair will have wiped out about half of its debts by closing day. A survey shown a daily attendance average of 68,750 after the board's announcement on October 4 that the fair would end this month. Week previous to the announcement averaged 29,912.

Neel Folies Bergere, one of the top-line shows, scheduled to close on October 26, will extend its run thru the final day.

Expo honor scrolls are to be awarded to seven riders, talkers, Diplomats winners are Cal Lyle, Motorhome; Hughie Mack, Robert Roun, Midget Village; Frank Bennett, Nude Ranch; Mack Bybee, Robert Raynor, Richard Tomp-

kins, Ripley's Odditorium. Qualifications included "no use of off-color language in ballyhoo all season."

## Rand Talker Sues for Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Charles (Chuck) Bedell, former talker at Sally Rand's Nude Ranch, filed suit in Superior Court against Sally Rand Enterprises, Inc., seeking an accounting of earnings of its Miss America show. In April, Bedell alleges, he and the fan dancer signed an agreement whereby he was to receive 10 per cent of the attraction's take after financing charges had been paid. It has not been forthcoming, he complains.

## Gleanings

By WALTER K. SIBLEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—"The straw that broke the camel's back" and caused Sally Rand, under her real name of Helen Gould Beck, to file a petition in bankruptcy on October 14, was her latest venture, Gay Paree, on the Gayway. This show was "the last in the season under great expense for construction and costly stage presentation, including Sally. Announced closing of the fair on October 29 brought a horde of creditors down on Sally, who was behind in some of her obligations. Gate receipts were attached by the principal creditor and as it appeared as to the there would be no money for artists and employees if this creditor grabbed all the dough. Sally paid off salaries and called it a day for the season. Principal creditor can now have the plant, which should make fine firewood if it can ever be brought off the island without the hauling company taking it so much that it will be better to burn it where it stands. If she had been given a little more time, what with greatly increased attendance that came after the early closing announcement, La Rand probably could have met most of her claims. It is the feeling along the Gayway that she instituted bankruptcy proceedings to protect her future stage earnings. There is a question whether Sally will participate next year if it is decided to hold a fair.

Many operators here would be willing to try another year, provided ground rent and percentages are whittled down to meet a natural drop in attendance. If the Gayway is moved to another location, as has been intimated, most of the boys say they would not care to stand the expense of rebuilding. J. Ed Brown, "mayor of the Gayway," at conclusion of the fair will remain in San Francisco

## Material Protection Bureau

## A Free Service for Readers

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Those wishing to establish idea or material priority are asked to inclose descriptions of same in a sealed envelope bearing on its face their signature, permanent address and other information deemed necessary. Upon receipt the packet will be dated, attested to and filed away under the name of the claimant.

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to take eye treatments. M. Ginsburg, hustler extraordinaire, will remain until after the holidays. Mrs. Ethel Wolfe, who has done a fine managerial job with the Fred and Gless Showers of the World attractions, is only awaiting word from husband Tom, who is at the New York fair, to join him. Cliff Lowe, now on the front of Television City selling the Fred and Gless Showers attractions, will trek to Los Angeles after the closing. Elystun, feature show of Television City, now being operated by Fred Salib, has taken on a new lease of life since it has been under his management. Donald Currie, manager of Treasure Island branch, Bank of America, who has been promoted to a bigger job which has taken him east, was extremely popular with concessioners.

On General Petroleum Day, October 15, thousands of combination tickets had been sold, good for most of the shows on the Gayway. The tickets in this case paid better than the ticket to the concessioner, and, as the volume was so great, few shows ballyhooed; all they had to do was call attention to the names of their shows. It is thought attendance would have been much greater had it not been for the same. The auto rates, caused by difficulty of finding the entrance ticket in the booklet. The jam finally extended to San Francisco and Oakland, causing many to give up attending the show. The climax, a radio announcement was made at noon advising people to stay away, as they could not be accommodated. However, it was a great day and everybody was thankful for it. It is claimed that the average expo visitor has spent \$1.22, including gate admission, and that from this amount the fair management has averaged about \$0.25 per visitor. The remainder should be being organized by Elmer Bose to drive to Mexico City is fast assuming proportions of a parade. Two more prominent concessioners have signified their intention of being part of it. Al Malignan, operating the Village, and Fuses Mechanique, who knows Mexico well, and Harry Taylor, who has been associated with Johnny Branson in the drome. Rod Seckel will buy a new car for the show. The General Petroleum contractor who became a showman overnight, now has a finger in Gay Paree, Miss America, Nude Ranch, Scotch Village and Midget Village. He is also operating the Frozen Lady show. Ripley's Believe It or Not show made an all-time attendance record on Sunday, October 15, with 20,000 paid admissions, according to Eddie Brown. Chinese Village played to over 20,000 on General Petroleum Day and the little Frozen Girl show played to nearly 6,000 without being on a ticket. Infant Incubators had to stop selling tickets three times on Petroleum Day. Cal Lyle, president of the company operating this show, is slated over success of the attraction, which in the first days of the fair looked like a bloomer. Dave Smith is present manager.

## Weather To Decide Russell Folding Date, Tho Biz Down

CLEBURNE, Tex., Oct. 21.—Russell Bros.' Circus, entering Texas on October 12, is now in the 21st State and 28th week of its 1939 season. Total mileage to date is slightly in excess of 8,000. Last time the Russell show was in Texas (1937) it played 27 stands in the State and 40 the year before. Manager C. W. Webb gives every intimation that the show contemplates extending the season as long as weather will permit. T. Dwight Pepple, general agent, was recently back for his first visit to the show since early summer and conferred with Manager Webb on route. R. M. Harvey, former general agent, is now doing special promotions on the advance.

A new menagerie top has been received from Baker-Lockwood and was used for the first time at Kilgore. It is a 70-foot round top with three 30-foot middles.

While business has been far from satisfactory, Manager Webb states that a fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation on the part of the show's personnel has enabled it to keep going in face of adverse conditions.

### Webb's Home Destroyed

The show has had more than its share of the bad breaks including several costly wrecks, and Mr. and Mrs. Webb suffered a heavy personal loss a few weeks ago when their home at winter quarters, Rolla, Mo., was destroyed by fire with all its contents.

Superintendent George Werner has been putting the show up and down promptly in spite of a shortage of workmen. The show lost its first performance of season at Leesville, La., where a terrific rainstorm made it impossible to give a matinee. A period of heavy rain and later down-pouring rain was experienced during the 10 days spent in Florida. The show had its second Sunday stand of season at Jennings, La.

Flying Lester, who opened the season with the show and later left because of illness, have been back for several weeks. Their act consists of Lester and Connie (Rogers) Thomas and Elmo Rankin, with Connie announced as the only woman catching a complete flying act.

### Additional Personnel

The concert is in charge of Jack Hoxie with a troupe of eight people and 10 (See WEATHER TO on page 41)

## Peru Pickups

PERU, Ind., Oct. 21.—Aerial Valentines were here several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malloy, who with the close of their Eastern dates the Valentines will move to Houston for Arabia Shrine Temple Circus.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beatty stopped here en route from Lauderdale, Fla., to Rochester, Ind. While at Cole Bros.' winter-quarters city Beatty sold his beautiful Fulton avenue lake resort home to Carl W. Thacker. He left for Hagerstown, Md.

Betty Olds, member of the Abbott troupe, internationally famous dancing stars, touring South America, 1939, is here with S. and will join her mother, Mrs. Clay Olds, who has been vacationing with Mrs. Alice Newell at home north of Peru.

Paul Nelson's tumbling and acrobatic troupe of six, past season with Lewis Bros.' Circus, have been practicing a new sensational routine and left for the East, where, it is stated, they are booked for indoor dates.

Red Potter, past two seasons back-lot detective on Hagenbeck-Wallace, left for a winter stay at Sarasota, Fla., and other Southern points.

James Brogdenale, former houseman for the 1-10 Mr. Circus, Mrs. Jerry Fitzgerald, is now in employ of Mrs. Bessie Bowers.

Joe Hodgkin family of riders arrived from Fort Smith, Ark., where they crossed with Parker & Watts Circus. They are now at their palatial south side urban home.



PICTURED here are three members of the Ham and Eggs Circus, playing to good business in California, and a Circus Fan, Jim Chiospek, second from right. The circus folk, from left to right, are Doctor Boggs, legal adviser; Frank Chioverth and William Matlock, owners. Photo was snapped at Oakland, where the show played a three-day engagement.

## Feasibility of Bonding Plan Up for Discussion

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21.—Executive committees of the International Alliance of Billers, Billposters and Distributors will convene in the near future to discuss feasibility of the plan for requiring bonds from traveling shows for IABDD men, President Leo Abernathy intimates.

The demand for cash guarantees in case of closings or payment defaults, if granted by circuses and carnivals, would probably pave the way for similar requests from other unions dealing with the show owners, IABDD officials believe.

Bonding Cole Bros. during the past year, Abernathy stated, rescued about \$100 for each of the 17 IABDD members with that circus that would otherwise have been lost when it closed.

## R-B Folding Oct. 30 at Tampa; In Black Despite Spotty Season

SARASOTA, Fla., Oct. 21.—The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, following its date at Tampa October 30, will, as usual, go into quarters here. All stands next week will be in this State, including Jacksonville, Orlando, Daytona Beach, West Palm Beach and Miami. Last named will be a two-day stand.

Ringling attaches said that federal and State of Florida watchdogs could not but be pleased with the financial success of the show this season and hinted that John R. North's job as executor of his uncle's estate was firmer than ever, despite efforts of the State attorney-general's office to dislodge him. The Big One will wind up decidedly in the black despite a spotty season, largely because of North's astute management. Typical example was his decision to go lightly on the Deep South because of reported bad crops.

Incidentally, while all argument has been concluded in the attorney-general's court action to get rid of North, neither side has shown any desire to hasten a decision from County Judge Forrest Chapman. Case ended on a note of lightness as the State demanded and finally got a detailed report of a \$7,000 lobbying fund that the estate spent to defeat a bill introduced in the Legislature by the attorney-general's office for the express purpose of forcing North out of the picture. In court the State broadly hinted that the report of expenditures would reveal irregularities, but not a word was said after the report was finally forthcoming.

### No Answer to Charges

Meanwhile, neither North nor his attorneys have offered to defend themselves by offering a "sub rosa" explanation of the State's charge of improper administration. There is, however, one possible reason for the virulent attack, beyond a zealous safeguarding of the

## How To Improve Local Publicity for the Circus

By P. M. SILLOWAY

SINCE the passing of the parade, local publicity for the circus has become a major problem. The parade, however, was merely the climax of the local publicity in behalf of the expected circus, serving notice to patrons that the show had arrived in town and to draw the populace at large to the showgrounds. With no parade local publicity for the circus becomes a greater and more vital problem than ever before.

Local publicity is a matter of advertising the show in each community preliminary to showday, and of attracting the people to the showgrounds on the day of exhibition as potential patrons. The aim of such publicity is to sell the circus to the community in such a way

that all in the exhibition area who love the circus shall hear about its coming and respond to the lure of circus day. And incidentally, the local publicity should generally augment the number of circus-lovers already existing, thus adding to the prestige of the circus as an American institution.

### Methods Now in Vogue

I have been interested in following what might be termed the build-up for showday with several of the large circuses, and in nearly every instance the exhibit has been astonishingly inept and meager. In general, the efforts at publicity begin with a few inches of one-column displayed notice, usually in or near the space devoted to picture shows and outdoor amusements or resorts. Then nothing for a couple of days, then the same displayed notice appears and disappears intermittently until showday, with perhaps double the displayed space on the day before showday. The first notice appears generally about 10 days ahead of showday, and thus there may be from six to eight insertions of the displayed notice, always the same—a pitifully small amount of newspaper advertising for a first-class circus in a metropolitan stand. Remember that during the same period some of the stores of the city are running half and full-page advertisements almost daily.

### Elephant "Billy Sunday" Put to Death in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—"Billy Sunday," 35-year-old elephant, was put to death here Monday.

The elephant, with other animals and equipment, was purchased by Louis M. Meitus, Los Angeles and Chicago manufacturer, from the Sells-Steinberg Circus in Sheboygan, Wis., when the show's property was auctioned off there in September, 1938. Since then Meitus has used the elephant, with other animals, to provide free circus performances for underprivileged children.

The elephant because of viciousness had been chained in quarters of the Meitus Charity Circus in the California Zoo park. It went on a rampage October 16 and did considerable damage to property. Joe Metcalfe, trainer, tried out two poison potions on the big bull. It ate the first, then tossed away the second. Police were called, and a firing squad killed it.

The elephant was formerly owned by Rhoda Royal and was christened when a baby by the late evangelist, Billy Sunday, and named for him.

Also, as a part of the publicity, there may be one or more readers, of lengths varying up to 200 words or more, generally accompanied by a city of some notable feature of the show, the space used being not more than an ordinary carnival under auspices might have, and not so much as is used by each of the better movie houses of the city, being billed.

The foregoing is about all the newspaper space ordinarily used, despite the fact that the circus is to exhibit only one day at that stand, and in that one day it must reap all the results of its publicity efforts. To illustrate, (See HOW TO IMPROVE on page 41)

## Siegrist Club To Meet November 5

CANTON, O., Oct. 21.—Showmen, entrepreneurs and Circus Fans from a number of Northwestern Ohio cities and towns will be here November 5 for a roundup of the Charles Siegrist Showman's Club at Hotel Belden. The event will be in the form of a "welcome-home" party for troupe returned after a season on the road, accompanied by Charles (Duke) Drukenbrod, president of the group.

Committee in charge of arrangements includes Rex McConnell, H. G. Bauman, J. E. Malloy, Maynard Mast, Jack McNulty, Ralph Peters, Roy Wild and J. Jay Myers Jr. Showmen identified with several of the major circuses have been invited to participate in the festivities. Circus atmosphere will prevail thruout the hotel lobby and the ballroom on the occasion.

Program will include brief talks by visiting showmen, review of outdoor show activities during the season, taken by Ted Deppish, official photographer of the club, entertainment by members of the Madge Kinsey Players, appearing at the Grand Opera House here, and vaudeville by Charles (Duke) Drukenbrod.

The affair will be the first of a series of monthly sessions planned by the group during the winter months, according to Drukenbrod.

## World's Largest Show Trains In Mobile Simultaneously

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 21.—The trains of the world's largest circus and the world's largest carnival were here October 17.

It was about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning when the 79 cars of the Ringling-Barnum circus came thru here and passed alongside the 50 cars of the Royal American Shows, which were here since Sunday afternoon for their stand at the Greater Mobile-Gulf Coast Fair this week.

The circus, which has not shown at Mobile in four years, was Pensacola, Fla., bound for performances October 17,

## "When Eviction Is Lawful"

See Carnival Department of This Issue.



**With the  
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ROCHELLE, Ill., Oct. 21.—J. A. Wagner, of Des Moines, past president of the C.F.A. who is spending the winter in Tucson, Ariz., writes that the warm, sunny days and cool nights, combined with splendid doctors, have shown a marked improvement in his health. He has been suffering from arthritis. "How thankful we should be that there is a place to which we afflicted can go, where climate alone contributes 75 per cent of the cures to those who have arthritis and neuritis that many doctors are unable to cure. The specialists in these diseases here give the above percentage of cures. The climate is interesting and something difficult to describe." Mr. Wagner is located at 1533 East Spring street and would be glad to hear from his many Fan and circus friends.

National Director Charles Davitt, C.F.A. Joe Beach and Wally Beach, all of Springfield, Mass., attended the Northampton, Mass., Fair and visited with the Adele Nelsons, Hazel Williams and Voice Troupe. These acts were working as grand-stand attractions. Beach also recently visited with Wally Cooke, who was showing his horse act at the Court Square Theater in Springfield.

Burt L. Wilson, of Chicago, on his regular trip to the Southwest, states that he was just two weeks behind the Big Show and was disappointed with the crowd to catch it at least once more this season. He said there was a lot of paper still up, and as Burt is a collector of lithos, expect the trunk will be loaded on the return trip. He also stated he missed the Downside show by two days. Fred W. Schlotzhauer, of Oquawka, Ill., attended the Grand Lodge sessions at Chicago at which Dan de Butagh, of the Ringling office, was elected and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois. In his letter Fred said: "I extended my personal congratulations and also congratulated him on behalf of the Circus Fans' Association. I have known him as a Mason for 16 years or 15 years before I ever knew of his circus connections."

Dr. William Wolf, Jr., Circus Fan of San Antonio, entertained the members of the Alfredo Codomo Tent with a ranch dinner 14 miles out, on the ranch of the Ranch of Dos Hielos Rancheros. Dinner was served under the trees, and a Texas moonlight made the setting perfect. The regular meeting was held, presided over by Dr. Wolf himself. The annual tamale party given by the local fans for the Ringling-Barnum circus was planned by the members, as the circus played in San Antonio October 6. Richard Gill related the experiences of his trip around the world, and Harry Hertzberg kept the group entertained for some time. Guests included a well-known musical director from the West Coast, Salvatore Santalita, brother-in-law of the Scaperlanda brothers, members of the Alfredo Codomo Tent; also Ben Austin, former general agent of the Al G. Barnes Circus. Members present were Hollis L. Bridgeman, Pompeo Coppini, Richard Gill, Harry Hertzberg, Lewis Kayton, Porter Loring, Walter Loughridge, Paul McSwain, J. O. Meusebach, C. W. Miller, William McIntosh, Jack N. Pitluk, Park Street, Tom Scaperlanda, Pasco Scaperlanda, Adolph Toepperwein and Dr. William M. Wolf Jr.

**Horses Vs. Tractors**

Editor The Billboard:

For a period of 50 years the circus has been able to maintain an almost perfect schedule of handling equipment to and from the show, also in setting up and tearing down the show, by the use

of baggage stock instead of tractors. From actual proof by examination of the shows of the heavy wagons, it may be said that the tractors have caused more harm in one year than the baggage stock has in 30. The blacksmith shop is working day and night on repairs of the wagons because of the abuse they receive from the tractors. Broken poles, "springing goosenecks," burned-out bearings, gear work shaken and broken axles and wheels have been the result. There are only a few of the mishaps caused by the tractors in the short time they have been in use. Due to the fact that the blacksmith is working overtime repairing wagons damaged by the use of tractors, what horses are left have to be shod out of another wagon.

The most important barometer of feeling in this dispute is really the men who work with the wagons themselves. After talking to many of the men, I have found that the majority of the men prefer work with the horses rather than tractors. One example of this is the "polar" case. Shorter poles, necessitated by the use of tractors in hooking up several wagons for a street haul, have lighted the danger of the polar's job in loading and unloading. The regulation length pole (12 feet) gave the polar enough leverage to guide the heavy wagon over the flats without too great amount of danger. The shortened pole (about 6 feet), together with the new pneumatic tires, has decreased the leverage, thus increasing the chance of injury.

The tents have been cleared with as much speed in former years by the use of baggage stock as they are today by the tractor, and upon actual examination we can see that tractors can not be handled at the railroads as expertly as well-trained teams of horses. Countless switches, unlevel track beds and sloping shoulders have caused the slow, tedious job—the main result bringing late arrivals and shorter runs for the shows.

JERRY P. BOOKER.

**15 Years Ago**  
(From The Billboard dated  
October 25, 1924)

The secret marriage of L. B. Greenhaw, contracting agent of Sells-Floto Circus, to Blanche Rigney, of Albany, Mo., was revealed. They were wed on July 10. . . . Ralph Noble closed with Golden Hill Circus and went with Truroton's Museum in Chicago. . . . In a wire to The Billboard Al G. Barnes denied that Mugavin, Bowers & Ballard had purchased the Barnes show and said he did not intend to sell the show. . . . Ringling-Barnum circus, after cancelling its date at Oklahoma City October 2 because of the foot and mouth disease quarantine, returned to play that city October 23. . . . Maximo, "Cuban wonder on the wire," with Walter L. Main Circus for two seasons, signed with Ringling-Barnum for the 1925 season.

Valletta Armstrong, midget entertainer, joined Prince Emer's Side Show on Tom Atkinson's Circus. . . . An extra night show was given by the Sparks Circus in Jacksonville, Fla., to accommodate the crowds. . . . New arrivals at the Mighty Hoop Show were Jimmie Walters and wife from the John Robinson Circus and the McCune family of wire performers and acrobats from Gentry-Patterson Circus. The Schulz Society Circus and Wild Animal Show closed in Plymouth, Wis., and went to quarters at Utica Junction, Mich.

Robert Bullock, of Robbins Bros. Circus, fell in Morrilton, Ark., and broke his left arm. . . . Sells-Sterling Circus closed a satisfactory season and was at quarters in Plymouth, Wis. Milton Green, of that circus, purchased an elephant, three lions, a zebra, two camels, two small mules and four ponies to be added to the show next season.

J. W. Bonhomme closed with the Honest Bill Show at Elm, Tenn., October 15, and will give a brief stay in Memphis joined Christy Bros. Circus at Huntsville, Ala. . . . Billy Exton, widely known in circuseum before he took charge of the outdoor advertising department of the Famous Players-Lasky Corp. and before he was married to Grace Burnett in Detroit October 6. . . . Fred Jason and Jessie Smith, members of Harris Bros. Circus, were married October 6.

**Favorite  
Outdoor  
Performer  
Contest**

See Coupon on page 55

**Mabel Stark Holds Lead**

1. *Mabel Stark	17,325
2. *Bee Kyle	17,008
3. *Aerial Apollos	14,683
4. Four Jacks-Aces	12,002
5. *Marjorie Bailey	11,996
6. Frank Cushing	9,107
7. Thumpe Brothers	8,000
8. *Herbert Castle	7,912
9. *Harry Clark	7,585
10. *Valentine's All-Girl Flyers	7,462
11. *Ollie Hager	6,548
12. Zaccchini	6,501
13. Terrell Jacobs	6,106
14. *Mary Gordon	5,791
15. Valentine's Sens. Flyers	5,538

**Important Notice**

Performers and troupes listed above and below are requested to forward following data to Contest Editor: 1. Permanent address, or where owner or manager may be reached. Names and birthplace of each member. 2. Billing style. 3. Shows on which act appeared this season—if fr. act at parks, fairs, etc., state so. 4. Booking agency, if any. 5. How long act has been in contact with present personnel. 7. How act prefers to be classified in divisional groupings. (The Billboard reserves the right to deny such preference where doubt exists as to exact classification.) 8. History of act in brief. 9. Head and shoulders or full-length photo—action photos not desirable.

16. Speedy Phoenix	5,516
17. Flying Bebees	5,469
18. *Mario and Lefors	5,416
19. *Frank Mack	5,394
20. *Frank Shepherd	5,294
21. Dave Geyer	5,099
22. Dorothy Herbert	5,098
23. Harold Barnes	5,087
24. *Lionel Legare	5,077
25. Four Queens	5,012

**Final Ballot**

. . . will appear in the next issue. Be sure to vote on or before midnight of November 4, otherwise your ballot will not count.

26. Seldon, Stratophere Man	4,816
27. Captain Mass	4,808
28. Jack Smith	4,792
29. *Blondin-Rellins	4,761
30. Veretta Byrd	4,623
31. *Cheerful Gardner	4,382
32. Bert Nelson	4,291
33. Smith's Diving Ponies	4,267
34. Connors Trio	4,142
35. Clyde Beatty	4,106
36. Maximo	4,052
37. *Edna Curtis	4,022
38. Buddy Penn	3,959
39. Wallendas	3,857
40. *Dave-Devil Waters	3,841
41. Pete Carsetti	3,828
42. Sol Solomon	3,803
43. Virginia Senior	3,791
44. *Christina	3,683
45. Ben Beno	3,674
46. Flying Bebees	3,640
47. *Peerless Follies	3,636
48. Flying Concellos	3,634
49. Felix Adair	3,493
50. Flying Sallies	3,440

Black Brothers, 3,362; \*Fusser, 3,330; \*Yacop, 3,305; Lucky Tefer, 3,269; Oscar Babcock, 3,234; Emmett Kelly, 3,204; \*McCall Circus, 3,125; Shary Flyers, Virginia East, 3,119; Don LaVela and Three Miles, 3,102; Nustrini and Mickey King, 3,089; Rita and Naud, 3,067; Grace Darling, 3,008.

In the 2,000-2,999 class act: Athleta, Bill-Jeth, Con Colleano, Carver's Diving Horse, Hazel Carter, Helen Christensen, DanWills, DeCarados, Mary Erdits, American East, \*Egils, Feathers Flyers, Virginia East, Otto Crickling, Charles, Jamie Grace, Will Hill's Elephants, Joe Jackson, Ethel Jenner, Larkins, Joe Lewis, \*Dorothy Lewis, Flying Melozars, \*Neilon Family, Aerial Ortons, Pruske's Tigers, Reiffensch, Rudy Rudyoff, Rooney, See

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# Under the Marquee

By CIRCUS SOLLY

LEON LONG, magician, spent the day with the side-show folks on Haag Bros' Circus at Pontotoc, Miss.

E. R. (SPARKEY) WALKER has been playing Northern California with his animal show and doing very nicely.

GEORGE SHREY writes that he has closed with Aerial Leon and is now booking theaters and indoor circuses thru Pennsylvania.

EDW. C. ANDREWS cards that he is doing magic and fire-eating act in side show of Richard Bros' Circus. He has been in show business 30 years.

THERE ARE two ways to win—either create a chance or take one.

CALVIN WHITES, contortionist and credit bearer the past three seasons with the Four Crescendos, closed with the troupe at Pierceton, Ind., and is at his home in Cressona, Pa.

TEX ORTON, of the Grace Orton Trio, after a brief visit with his brother in Cincinnati last week, departed Thursday (19) for Pueblo, Colo., where the Orton trio joined the Polack Bros' Circus October 23.

MRS. FRED SCHULTZ has returned to her home in Martins Ferry, O., due to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. F. H. Hall, who has suffered two strokes. Mrs. Schultz and her husband had been working the North Carolina tobacco markets.

ERNE WISWELL and wife are in Erie, Pa., arranging their indoor dates after being forced to cancel Southern fairs when Mrs. Wiswell contracted typhoid fever in the recent Fair. The Wiswells were with Haag Bros' Circus prior to the fair season and expect to go to Florida upon completion of indoor bookings. Ernie closed at the Carthage, O. Fair.

THE CIRCUS ticket wagon reflects the meagre condition of the country.

MAXINE PENNY is back at her home in Peru, Ind., after 33 fair dates played with Barker Bros' Rodeo and Circus. She did manage to win Wild Director and captured in high jumps over fire and without reins. Miss Penny is the wife of Eddie Woekener, band leader. Woekener has been playing week and two-week stands of circuses under auspices all summer, most of the dates being for the C. A. Klein Attractions.

DOC WADDELL writes from his Masonic home residence, Springfield, O., that he was recently visited by John I. Richards, Canton, O., showman; Prof. Jack Hamilton, museum owner, aerialist and occasional astrologer, and wife, Medea; and Mrs. Dan McShaffey, Doc says Richards was en route to San Antonio to establish a fruit and produce market and the Hamiltons were headed for the annual Pumpkin Fair at Circleville, O.

HARLEY SADLER visited Downie Bros' Circus in Sweetwater, Tex., October 15 with some 30 members of his company. Reports that he never received more courteous treatment, and that the show has fine personnel, splendid performance and one of the finest circus bands he has heard in years under direction of B. Carsey. Sadler adds that he does deserved much better patronage than it received; that conditions are not so good in that particular section.

KARL KING, former circus band leader, for many years conductor of the Thayer Band at Canton, O., spent a day there recently renewing acquaintances with former musicians. King was honored at a party given by Ray Clewell and attended by several Canton musicians who were members of the band during the time he was director, including Adam Shorb, Harry Burton and Ralph Norwood. King is director of the Ft. Dodge, Ia., Municipal Band, which post he assumed on leaving Canton almost 19 years ago.

THE CIRCUS FANS Association has the motto of "We Pay as We Go," and asks no favors from the circus. Which is as it should be.

SEABORN F. KERSLAKE and wife, noted circus people, observed their

golden wedding anniversary at their home in Riverside, Turners Falls, Mass., October 15. Retired for several years, the couple traveled 42 years under the big tops, during which time they were connected with many of the larger circuses in the country. Kerslake, known to the boys as "The Boy," has had his small animal acts, his troupe of trained pigs being his specialty, and Mrs. Kerslake, who accompanied her husband on his travels, was almost equally well known. Kerslake had given command performance before several of the crowned heads of Europe.

UNDER THE CAPTION of "Gymnast Who Won Plaudits of World Now Trains Others," Lester McCrea, writing in the October 8 issue of The Centon (O.) Repository, related a story on Earl Vardel, of Vardel Brothers, acrobatic trio, who recently was appointed assistant physical director of the Northeast Y. M. C. A. in Canton and how he is giving young men the benefit of his many years' experience in show business by instructing a class in acrobatics. The story told of the long career of Vardel and his two Canton companions, who toured for years with circuses and in vaudeville in this country and abroad. The trio won much recognition with their original "chute dive." The story was accompanied by a four-column layout of art, showing Vardel demonstrating acrobatics to his pupils.

AFTER a successful route of fairs and celebrations for the Lew Rosenthal office LaPearl troupe of clowns and Loretta and her small trained-dog act returned to Chicago last week. The story was continued. Week of October 2 they were at the Roosevelt Theater, Kenosha, Wis. House is owned and managed by Billy Exton, former circus press agent. The LaPearl troupe closed at the Kenosha, Wis. Bros' Indoor Circus of Peru, Ind., to produce clown numbers. Show is set to open in November and continue until before Christmas. Harold McEvoy, with Haag Bros. this season, will be band leader and give concerts before the show. The LaPearls' fox terrier, "Hot Dog," died. Was 11 years old and was the original dog used for the clown walkaround of live dog between a loaf of bread, hence the name.

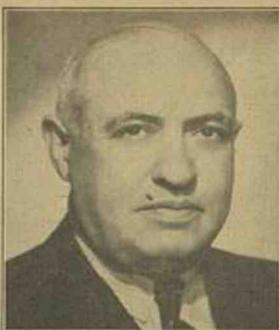
SHOWS, sometime or other, are bound to run into some tough breaks. It is best to have a little bankroll on hand when they come. Don't play too close to the margin.

HUGH S. MCGILL attended the press preview of Marx Brothers' At the Circus picture at the Westwood Village (Calif.) Theater last night of October 19. Here's what he says: "Audience was made up largely of radio and picture stars and executives. The way these people went for it proved the picture to be a bright, witty and hilarious comedy with a thread of a circus story running thru it. It also has the germ of some future circus streamlining. It was nice to hear and see the circus train making its way in the night, with the flats loaded with wagons. Walter Matthei's model circus wagons of the Al O. Barnes show were used in these night train scenes. The Eskante flying act makes a great show. In fact, the whitewash of this picture takes place on the Escalante's aerial rigging. Originally At the Circus was to have had three rings laid out in clover-leaf pattern. The cloverleaf design can be seen on the banners of the property men's coveralls. Stan Rogers, Western vice-president of the Circus Fairs Association, was associate art director of the picture."

## Philly Rodeo Closes After Three-Day Run

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Championship rodeo at the National Speedways Grounds here, produced by Don Lieberman, with Fred Beebe as general manager, following on October 8, after operating only three days of its scheduled eight-day run. Event opened September 30, to fair crowds, but inclement weather, which caused cancellation of matinee and night performances Monday (2) and lack of attendance on Tuesday, was said to be the reason for calling off the show.

It was reported that no one was left stranded and all advertising bills were paid.



UNCONTESTED, non-contesting champion of rodeodom's managers, who passes the acid test by the most critical, the top hands themselves—the lads and lassies of chutes and corrals. For nine consecutive years he has been resident chief of Madison Square Garden's Rodeo, having functioned right here under two different administrations. A product of the Pacific Coast, he has been associated with many cowboy classics, the best known of which was the show produced by the late Tex Austin at Wembley Stadium, England, in 1924, which drew a fantastic gross and attendance. The evergenial Frank Moore this year is back at the helm of the second-year Garden show, which concludes its 26-day run on October 29. Of this picture he says: "My hair gets thinner—photographers get better."

## The Corral

By ROWDY WADDY

OKLAHOMA, GURLEY ROBERTS, after 12 weeks at fairs in Nevada, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, joined the Piccadilly Circus with his whip and roping act and headed for the West Coast. He says he will spend most of the winter in Los Angeles and break in two new acts for 1940.

BETTY HARNETT, who in recent years has been working her stock and doing trick riding and rope spinning with several circuses and rodeo units, has concluded her outdoor engagements and has her stock quartered in one of the barns at Stark County Fairgrounds, Canton, O. She plans to play indoor events and clubs this winter.

MANY of the smaller sectional and county fairs in West Texas are featuring rodeos. Johnson County Fair, Cleburne; North Central District Fair, Graham; Tarrant County Fair, Arlington; and Montague County Fair, Bowie, staged rodeos for the first time this fall. At Johnson County Fair excellent time was made in the events, as a number of professionals, who usually make the big rodeos, entered, including Roy Matthews, George Wilderpin, Eddie Cameron, Bob Elliott, Clinton Booth and Bill Herx. West Texas Fair, Abilene, October 2-7, had a non-professional contest, as did Tarrant County Fair, Arlington. Ollie Cox furnished stock for these. A new arena was constructed for the first rodeo at Graham Fair, where Frank Bush Jr. was in charge.

WINNERS IN first six performances at Chicago Stadium Rodeo, as furnished by Fred Kressmann, arena secretary: Wild Cow Milking—First go-around, Hugh Ridley, Oran Ross, Jim Snively, Jim Laycock. Saddle Bronk Riding—First go-around, Jerry Ambler, Gerald Roberts, Frank Martz and Cliff Helm. Second go-around, Len Jacobs, Ned Ferraro, Happy Sankey, Jerry Ambler. Steer Wrestling—First go-around, George Hinkle, Andy Curtis, Johnny Strachan, Ralph Warren. Second go-around, Dub Phillips, Herschel Ross, Buff Brady and Glenn Soward. Steer Riding—First go-around, Gerald Roberts, Slick Ware, Rex Campbell, Durwood Ryan. Second go-around, Bill Hancock, Durwood Ryan, Grant Marshall; Frank Quirk and Ken Hargis split fourth. Third go-around, Jack Kennedy, Slick Ware,

Felix Cooper, Jimmie Hazen. Fourth go-around, Grant Marshall; Buck Wyatt and Steve McEwen split second and third; Jim Patch and Rock Parker split fourth. Bareback Bronk Riding—First go-around, Durwood Ryan and Ned Ferraro split first and second; Elmer Martin, Bob Rivers. Second go-around, Jimmie Hazen; Buck Wyatt and Frank Marshall split second and third; Dewey Fox and Roy Martin split fourth. Calf Roping—First go-around, Jess Goodspeed, Tom Taylor, Lonnie Rooney, Jack Hinson. Second go-around, Tom Taylor, Buck Goodspeed, Arvo Gamblin, Buck Standifer. Musical Chairs—First performance, Barton Carter; second performance, Hugh Ridley; third performance, Buck Standifer; fourth performance, Floyd Peters; fifth performance, Hugh Ridley; sixth performance, Buck Standifer. Favored with ideal weather, rodeo has had only a fair draw during the first 10 days. Injuries to contestants have been comparatively few.

CONTESTANTS at the World's Championship Rodeo in the Chicago Stadium in Chicago, Oct. 21-22, were: Steer Wrestling, Art Zander, Willie Clay, Chet McCarry, Mendes, Durwood Ryan, Hugh Ridley, Ben White, Larry Schultz, James Irwin, Buck Lee, Port Parker, Gordy Smith, Jerry Lee, Russell Lewis, Smoke Barnard, Jimmie Hazen, Jess Goodspeed, Arvo Gamblin, Johnny Strachan, Andy Curtis, Cliff Helm, Gene Hamilton, Ralph Warren, Grant Marshall, Jim Snively, Tommy Smith, Pat Parker, Dick Stephens, Cecil Hensley, Pat Herman, Earl Stevens, Ned Ferraro, Happy Sankey, Steve Hancock, Jim Meyer, Shady Janice, Eddie Boyesen, Len Jacobs, Jimmie Hazen, Lucky Boy Williams and Mike Fisher. Bill Eaton, Jack Skipworth, Le McElvain, Frank Quirk, Jerry Ambler, Dan Wilder, Grady Price, James Ashton, Albert Hines, Jess Goodspeed, Arvo Gamblin, Buck Goodspeed, Dick Slapert, Jack FAVOR, Heavy Henson, Buck Standifer, Barton Carter, Royce Sewall, Frank Van Meter, Leonard Mitchell, O. B. Lynn, Tommy Wilson, Frank Martz, Bob Hargis, John Burnett, Frank Marshall, Dewey Fox, Pat Clay, Floyd Weaver, Nancy Bragg, Emily Jean Davis, Virginia A. McIntyre, Charles Henson, Don Stewart, Bill Ryser, Darlene Stephens, Bill Brady, N. A. Fitzcock, Bayli Harris, Oran Ross, Jim Wilkinson and Jim Laycock.

Slick Ware, Dub Phillips, Charles Bennett, Joe Vinas, Warren Kawell, Don McLennon, Rex Campbell, Felix Cooper, Buck Wyatt, Francis Maltala, Jiggs Burg, Pat Lewis, Lonnie Rooney, Bull Brantley, Arvo Gamblin, George Hinkle, C. J. Shellenberger, Ken Hargis, Herschel Ross, Floyd Peters, Bill Hancock, Bob Boden, Wayne Louks, Paul Densmore, Ole Rice, Jim Patch, George Hinkle, George Tyler, Pete Forrester, Les Knudsen, Fred Kressmann, Frank Hays, Betty Lou England, Frankie Stocker, Glenn Soward, Earl Moore, Ed Davis, Rabbit Quirk, Roy Martin, Mickey McCreary, Rock Parker, Tommy Cassidy, Shorty Becker, Ted Miller, Joe McManis, Art Keller, Spick, Joe McManis, Buck Hickey, Fred Hays, Ed Collins, Jack Kennedy, Joe Farrell, Buc McDaniel, Bud McMackin, Ted Buschbaum, Bill Buschbaum, Jack Hinson, Tom Taylor, Silver Blohoveck, Cliff Anderson, Cliff Lewis, Bob Atkins, Penn Dinkins, Betty Hazen and Jane Burnett.

DAY-MONEY winners, second week of World's Championship Rodeo, Madison Square Garden, October 4-29. Cowboys' Bareback Bronk Riding—Second day (five shows), Paul Carney; Larry Finley and Tom Knight split second and third; Bill Eaton and G. K. Lewis split fifth (four shows). (Third day (four shows), Tommy Smith, Hubert Sandall, Fritz Truan, Frank Finley, Fourth day (four shows), George Mills, Paul Carney, Cecil Bedford, Mitch Owens.

Steer Wrestling—Second day (five shows), Bill McEwen, Dave Campbell, Jimmie Hazen, Harry Ambler, Tom Hogan. Third day (four shows), Tom Hogan, Buck Scirells, Hugh Bennett, Ralph Stanton, Lonnie Allen. Cowboys' Saddle Bronk Riding—Third day (four shows), Bill Blewett, Ward Waddy, Tom Hogan, Fritz Truan, Nick Knight and Gene Pruitt split fifth and sixth; Bill McEwen, Bill Greenough and Jack Wade split seventh. Fourth day (four shows), Bill Greenough; Bill McEwen, Fritz Truan, Bart Coker, Tom Hogan, Fritz Truan, Fritz Truan; Ken Roberts, Floyd Stillings. Cowgirls' Bronk Riding—Fourth day (three shows), Helen Kirkendall, Claire (See CORRAL on page 35)

# GATES AGAIN IN DIXIE

## Highs Made For Jackson

Free State Fair has a top day and 10-year mark in stand—parades draw big

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 21.—Favored by weather except for cold on the last two days, the annual Mississippi Free State Fair here on October 9-14 was unanimously pronounced one of the most successful in history. An all-time attendance high was set on October 13 with an estimated 100,000. One railroad, the Central, operated seven special trains and a partial check revealed 690 school buses parked in vicinity of the fair.

Mabel L. Stire, secretary-manager, stated over the unprecedented success, declared that an attendance day by day exceeded last years, and that revenue from all sources would run slightly ahead of that of 1938. Featuring as its theme, "Mississippi's Parade of Progress," the city-owned and operated fair was opened with a three-mile "Jackson on Parade" procession of floats, decorated cars and equipment and marching units, one of the most spectacular parades in Jackson history, with Mayor Walter A. Scott and Commissioners A. F. Hawkins and R. M. Taylor leading the line of march.

Opening day was Press Day, in honor of members of Mississippi Press Assn.—(See HIGHS MADE on page 51)

## Hamid Letters Belief Dates of IAFE Should Be Changed

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—His belief that the dates, December 5 and 6, for the annual meeting in Chicago of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions should be changed so as not to conflict with the December 4-8 dates of the annual meeting and trade show of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches, has been transmitted by letter from George A. Hamid to President Sid W. Johns, Saskatoon, Sask., and Secretary Frank H. Kingman, Brockton, of the IAFE.

"I am not writing from a selfish point of view," read the Hamid letters, in part. "I have been approached as president of the American Recreational Equipment Association by many carnival men and half a dozen other people desirous of seeing the exhibits in New York and who also want to attend the convention in Chicago.

"It is not too late, something should be done. I am not taking the liberty of recommending what could be done but feel it would be wise to choose more suitable dates, as this is a matter of vital importance to us."

## Nine Days for Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 21.—A proposal to lengthen Wisconsin State Fair from nine to 12 days to spread out daily attendance has been abandoned by the State department of agriculture and markets. The 1939 fair drew a record \$30,564. It is planned to raise remaining wooden horse barns and erect a \$75,000 stone building 132 feet long to store the horse show to the first three nights of the fair, using all the barn space, and then turn these buildings over to house junior club stock. This year has had difficulty handling hundreds of head of cattle and horses brought in by Juniors.

## Montgomery Cut From '38 by Cold; Legal Moves Enter

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 21.—Central Alabama State Fair here, sponsored by Montgomery Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, set originally for October 4-14 and extended one day, had estimated average daily attendance of about 10,000, said J. B. Joyner, VFW finance chairman. Final day was disappointing in attendance and receipts because of a cold wave. Best days were opening day with 15,000; Sunday, October 8, 8,000, and October 7, Children's Day, 20,000. P. H. Lipman, VFW general chairman, estimated gross receipts at \$12,000, not including hold-over day. Admission was 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

Attendance, as compared with the 1938 fair, also sponsored by the post, was called "slightly off." It was pointed out that weather this year ranged from abnormally warm to showers to uncomfortably cold. School children, when accompanied by teachers on designated days, were admitted free. Agricultural and domestic exhibits came from 10 counties. Last year only four counties were represented. Receiving favorable comment were exhibits of long-staple cotton and work of the Future Farmers of America.

Sky-High Aleidos and Los Aeros Troupe, free high acts, were well received. On the midway of West's World's Wonder Shows business, which was disappointing in bad weather, also spending was (See MONTGOMERY CUT on page 41)

## Upper Peninsula State Set For Later Dates Next Year

ESCANABA, Mich., Oct. 21.—Upper Peninsula State Fair, canceled this year because of lack of funds, will probably be held later in the season next year, it was revealed at a meeting at Upper Peninsula Fair Secretaries' Association here.

J. R. Rishby, Escanaba, manager of the fair, indicated that it would be held four or five weeks later than usual. In recent years it has been held the second week in August.

Dates of county fairs in the Upper Peninsula were set at the meeting which elected Milton C. Spencer, Marquette, head of the association for the ensuing year, and James G. Wells, Chatham, was named secretary.

COVINGTON, Tenn.—Tipton Park Association here re-elected J. H. Bennett, president; John Franklin, secretary; C. E. Johnson, treasurer.

## Spartanburg Gate, Stand Marks Made; New Site Has Been Laid Out

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 21.—Gates of 32d annual Spartanburg County Fair closed here on October 14, following a five and one-half-day run which saw all attendance records in history of the event shattered by a wide margin. With gate receipts still unavailable, estimates place them at nearly 200,000.

Favorable weather thruout aided soaring attendance figures. Not until Saturday afternoon did the temperature drop to usual mid-October level for this area, and on that day auto races prevented figures from nose-diving. Biggest crowds were recorded on Tuesday, County School Day, and Thursday, City School Day. About 45,000 turned out on both days. Thirty thousand to 35,000 was estimated turnout on Wednesday, Negro School Day, and on Friday and Saturday. Remainder of the estimated total was accounted for by several thousand who attended a free-gate preview of Dodson & Baillie's World's Fair Shows Monday night before fair opening Tuesday morning.

Mel Dodson Sr., Jack Baillie and other show officials were reported pleased with the week's take. It was the show's first appearance here. Officials reported that the Silver Tread and the Ferris Wheel grossed heaviest among rides and that



PHIL WIRTH (left), of Frank Wirth's booking office; Minerov, of the aerial act of Ora and Minerov, snapped with Ted Allen, world's champion Korsehoe pitcher, at Hughesville (Pa.) Fair. Ora and Minerov were en route to the West Coast after completing a season of fairs and special events in the East and Middle West, including a run in Detroit.

## Raleigh Is Up Despite Previous Tobacco Slump

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 21.—North Carolina State Fair here on October 10-14 had attendance estimated by Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager for the State, at between 200,000 and 225,000, somewhat above that of last year. School children were admitted free on two days. Definite figures will not be available until State auditors finish checking receipts. Officials and showmen expressed satisfaction with business, which was surprisingly good in view of the tobacco war.—(See RALEIGH IS UP on page 51)

HENRIETTA, Tex.—Clay County Pioneer's Fair Association has been incorporated to hold an annual fair here. E. P. Worsham, James Henry and Virgil O. Johnson are given as incorporators.

## Dallas Tops 75,800 Daily

State Fair has over 530,000 in initial week—concession bill takes spurt

DALLAS, Oct. 21.—With average daily attendance of 75,839, the 51st annual State Fair of Texas, October 7-22, completed its first week with a gate of 530,000. Largest of the week was on Friday, Children's Day, with 193,082, 20,000 less than the all-time record set in 1929. Moderate temperatures and clear skies helped attendance since opening day except for two-inch rain and a cover wave which lowered figures on Monday and Tuesday. There was a children's free gate on Friday and the inter-sectional football game between Texas University and University of Oklahoma was played on Saturday. Cotton Bowl admission reached over 26,000 on Saturday for the first big football attraction sponsored by the fair management. Prices of football tickets ranged from \$1.85 general admission to \$3.50 for best reserves.

Sixty-five Texas counties had individual exhibits and each county was given a cash award instead of competing for prizes. Success of the cash-award plan was demonstrated in the fact that 50 per cent more counties exhibited than in 1938 when the cash-award plan was inaugurated by the fair management. Live-stock exhibits drew larger crowd than any previous stock show. Entertainment program was highlighted by appearance of the Mexican.—(See DALLAS TOPS on page 54)

## Donaldsonville Put In Black by Big Day

DONALDSONVILLE, La., Oct. 21.—Despite a bad break by rain on opening day, attendance at the 27th annual South Louisiana State Fair here on October 8-15 fell barely short of that of a year ago, with an estimate of 60,000. Exhibits were best in years, with all space occupied and a 10 per cent increase in awards. Clear, cool weather on closing day with a political rally was the best gate with 14,000. School Day on Friday drew 12,000.

H. T. Kottig, secretary-manager, re.—(See DONALDSONVILLE PUT on page 41)



A BUSY FAIR MANAGER takes time out to pose with showjolks. Dr. Ernest R. Bragg (right); Leavercreeburg, Tenn., president-manager of Middle Tennessee District Fair there, held on October 2-7, was also manager of North Alabama State Fair, Florence, October 9-14, where the picture was taken with Bee Kyle, high fire driver, and Manager J. W. Laughlin, West Bros. Shows, which were on the midway. Photo by Cliff Barnhart, furnished by Don Truedood.

**"When Eviction Is Lawful"**  
See Carnival Department of This Issue.

## New Kan. Combo Has Big Crowds

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 21.—Heavy attendance in free gate exposition and stock-show areas and long lines of people at the pay gate for the Harvest Festival, featuring name entertainers, marked the Harvest Festival and 4-H Pat Stock Show here on October 9-14. So successful was the 1939 version that business men demanded a repetition in 1940 and this was promised by Carl Hines, president of the board of directors.

Attendance at the Pat Stock Show in exposition buildings was estimated by Manager Conley Smith at 50,000, some nights showing to capacity. Arch Booth,

general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, from which festival directors were drawn, said that the Forum, which houses the night club and stage show, drew about 18,300 paid attendance. Credit for success is ascribed to streamlined type of entertainment in a night club setting and uniting of the festival with the stock show. President Hines said sellouts the last four nights of the festival show enabled the organization to break even. Business men back the enterprise, and two newspapers and two radio stations gave front-page spreads and spot announcements. Promotional features, including camera night, were used early in the week to create interest.

Night club was set up on floor of the Forum and decorated in frontier motif. Tickets for the show and dancing afterwards to Clyde Lucas Ork ran from 60 cents to \$1.50 top for tables. Entertainers included Red Davis and Char Chase comedians; Dorothy Byron line of 20 dancers; Berry Breen and Wyler, dancers; Lew Hoffman, juggler; Speck and Spot, comedy unicyclists; Margo Gavin and Lynn Lucas, Norma Ballard, organist. One-night appearances were made by Don McNeill, Nancy Martin and Jack Baker, radio act; KMBC British Creek Polka; WBYW Kansas Round-Up Gang, and KFH and KANS artists, including the Ark Valley Boys.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to obtain a carnival. Advance ticket sales were made thru wholesalers, jobbers and retailers.

## Revived Virginia Annual Sets Good Attendance Mark

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Oct. 21.—Albemarle Agricultural and Industrial Fair on October 9-14, first to be staged here in 11 years, had good attendance throughout the week, reports Sam Burdport, exploitation director. Attendance was biggest on Tuesday, when large crowds witnessed a baby parade staged under his direction.

James R. Strates Shows were unable to open Monday night due to a long jump and difficulties encountered in getting wagons on the lot. Exhibits were housed in a tent. Saturday was Children's Day. Other officials were W. P. Carter Jr., president; Cary L. May, secretary-treasurer, and C. W. Cracraft, vice-president and manager.

At close of the fair Burdport was making final arrangements to leave for Cocoa, Fla., where he will be associated with Curtis Ireland at the Casino.

## County Annuals in Conn. Are Financially Successful

HARWINTON, Conn., Oct. 21.—With exception of one, all fairs in Litchfield County, Conn., were financial successes this year, reports Louis L. Campbell, superintendent of concessions and press representative of Harwinton Fair, which broke attendance records on October 7. Concessioners reported fair takes.

Terryville Fair on September 30 was the only one going in the red, reporting attendance of 1,900, compared with 3,000 in 1938.

Riverton Fair on October 12 had good weather and 8,500 attended. Ideal weather favored Goshen Fair, which had average attendance of 6,000 on September 4.

## Calif. Fete Bucks Weather

COLUSA, Calif., Oct. 21.—Rain, followed by wind of almost gale-like proportions, which wrecked flocks, kept attendance at a minimum on the first two nights of Colusa County Harvest Festival here on October 5-7, but perfect weather on the final night brought out a large crowd and only a small deficit was shown, reported Secretary-Treasurer R. Q. Power. Attractions were Martin's United Show, Buster Pearl's Orchestra and 14 radio performers, Japanese broad-sword exhibition, Sacramento Convention Singing Ensemble, Farm Bureau Chorus, parade, free dance and singing contest and horse show. Fair was sponsored by 44th District Agricultural Association.



J. L. CLAYTON, 18 years in the field of fairs, is president of Rockingham County Fair, Leesville-Spray, N. C., and Henry County Fair, Martinsville, Va. A staunch advocate of generous advertising, he "puts up plenty of paper" for the annuals. He has been assisted by Clyde Vernon, who reports that the Clayton one-wheel trailer has been pulled more than 6,000 miles advertising the fairs with more than 4,500 sheets of paper in 15 counties in North Carolina and Virginia.

## Minnesota Loop Foresees Good Prospects Next Year

WINDOM, Minn., Oct. 21.—Prospects for 1940 were reported good at the annual meeting of Southern Minnesota Corn and Clover Belt Circuit here on October 16 in city hall community room. President C. T. Crowley, St. James, president and delegates from about 10 fairs were present, including President William O. Johnson, Minnesota State Fair, and Lee M. Shell, Worthington, past president of the State Fair. Mayor's address of welcome was responded to by William Hauck, Redwood Falls.

There was a turkey dinner at noon in the Park Hotel. Dates were set for 1940 fairs in New Ulm, Windom, Redwood Falls, Jackson, Slayton, Worthington, St. James, Palmount, Blue Earth and Hutchinson.

President Crowley, Vice-President W. F. Sanger, Windom, and Secretary William Lindemann, New Ulm, were re-elected. Invitation to meet on October 14, 1940, in Blue Earth was accepted. Delegates to be guests of the fair board there.

## Fair Grounds

LOCH LOMOND, N. B.—Recent Loch Lomond Fair had best attendance in years. Secretary-Treasurer Alex Johnston is 89 years old and has held the post 54 years. Thomas Jordan is president, and William Jordan, assistant secretary and advertising manager, has served 25 years.

PICTOU, N. S.—Col. J. A. Adamson, manager of Pictou Exhibition, reported deficit of \$693 for the 1939 fair to Pictou Agricultural Society. War and unfavorable weather cut receipts \$691 under the 1938 take, making a total deficit of \$1,412, which the provincial government will be asked to assume. Herbert Priest was re-elected president; Walter Ross, vice-president, and Charles A. Douglas, secretary-treasurer.

MADISON, N. C.—Cold weather resulted in disappointing business for Dixie Model Shows at Madison Fair under auspices of the Lions Club on October 9-14, reports Deputy Sheriff Rex M. Ingram, former trouper, who supervised concessions. Dan Riley's Animal Show got some money. Free act was Flying Sullivans.

HONESDALE, Pa.—Bequests of \$100 each were made to Wayne County Fair Association and Green-Drake Fair Association under the will of Judge Alonzo T. Searle, Luzerne County, who died October 2 at Honesdale at the age of 83.

CINCINNATI.—H. J. Stretzmeier, former showman and now connected with the American Federation of Labor in Detroit, reports he recently visited fairs in various States, including Bloomberg (Pa.) Fair, where he met an old friend,

Jimmie Goss, who has been connected with the fair in an official capacity 40 years. When Goss became identified with the fair the plant consisted of two buildings, 100 acres. Today it has 120 acres and is equipped with modern buildings.

ONTARIO, Ore.—Books of Malheur County Fair here have been closed, showing the 1939 annual to have been a financial success for the first time in several years.

BERRYVILLE, Ark.—Officials expressed satisfaction with exhibits and estimated attendance of 2,000 to 3,000 daily at annual Carroll County Fair here on October 5-7. Live stock and poultry exhibit were heavy. C. T. Denney is president and J. B. Wann, general manager.

ESTEVAN, Sask.—Thru a federal unemployment plan, assistance by the town of Estevan and donation of sheet metal by the Rotary Club, repairs will be made to building at Estevan Fair grounds next spring. Some will be rebuilt, others will be added to and all will be painted.

YORKTON, Sask.—Net loss of about \$2,500 on operation of the 1939 fair. Exhibition was reported to the board by Secretary-Manager W. J. Cowan. Total indebtedness, including mortgage and debentures, is less than \$17,000. (See FAIR GROUNDS on page 41)

## Grand-Stand Shows

MABEL MACK'S Mule Circus played Coahcohan County Fair, Coahcohan, O., on October 3-7.

CASTING DELCOS completed eight weeks of fairs for Barrie-Carruthers and his company, Victoria, Conn., reports Jimmie Delco. Rose Delco will return to the act.

ACTS booked by Gordon Entertainment Bureau for Elvira (Conn.) Fair on October 13 were Donnelly and Betty Dalton, Babe Lorraine, Nick Grass, Don Ricardo and Earl and Larry, reports Jack W. Gordon.

PEERLESS CAMPBELLS, who have been playing fair circuit in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio in Circleville, O., on October 21, reports Ed Raymond. On the bill were Aerial Cowdens, LaVine Trio, Millie Long, the Lerches, Houghton and Houghton, Victorians, Frank and Wigand Troupe, Olive Craig and the Raymonds.

RAYMOND ATTRACTIONS closed a successful 14-week tour of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio in Circleville, O., on October 21, reports Ed Raymond. On the bill were Aerial Cowdens, LaVine Trio, Millie Long, the Lerches, Houghton and Houghton, Victorians, Frank and Wigand Troupe, Olive Craig and the Raymonds.

## Fair Meetings

International Motor Contest Association, December 4, Hotel Sherman, Chicago. A. R. Corey, secretary, Des Moines, Ia.

International Association of Fair and Expositions, December 5 and 6, Hotel Sherman, Chicago. Frank H. Kingman, secretary, Brockton, Mass.

Fair Managers' Association of Iowa, December 11 and 12, Savery Hotel, Des Moines. E. W. Williams, secretary, Manchester, Mo.

Iowa State Fair Board, December 13, Savery Hotel, Des Moines. A. E. Corey, secretary, Des Moines.

Ohio Fair Managers' Association, January 10 and 11, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Don A. Detrick, secretary, Bellefontaine.

Western Canada Association of Exhibitions, January 15-17, Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, Man. Sid W. Johns, secretary, Saskatoon, Sask.

Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association, January 18 and 19, Hotel Kimball, Springfield. A. W. Lombard, secretary, 138 State House, Boston.

Virginia Association of Fairs, January 20 and 21, Marshall Hotel, Richmond. Charles B. Ralston, secretary, Staunton.

Texas Association of Fairs, February 1-3, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas. Pete H. Smith, secretary, Ft. Worth.

Association of Tennessee Fairs, February 6, Noel Hotel, Nashville. O. D. Massa, secretary, Cookeville.

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# Rinks and Skaters

By CLAUDE R. ELLIS (Cincinnati Office)

W. H. STANLEY reports good crowds attended his Skateland, Post Smith, Ark., on October 15, when June Marshall, Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Dorothy Moseley, Little Rock, Ark., amateur trick and fancy skaters, were guests and put on exhibitions at afternoon and night sessions.

LEO DOYLE has resumed roller rink operation in St. Mary's Auditorium, East Hartford, Conn. Hammond organ provides music.

ARMORY Roller Rink, Chicago, reopened recently under new management of Armory Skating Co. with most of the

personnel remaining, reports Bill Henning, skates-room manager. Staff includes Joe Latour, floor manager; Rodger Sadzech, doorman; Alvin Hohman, checkroom, and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Keane, refreshments. Rink will operate nightly except on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Sunday evenings will be held. Good Skates Club is being formed. Season dues are 50 cents and members will be permitted to skate for 10 cents one night a week. Rink has been equipped with Chicago skates with fiber wheels. New emblem stickers are being prepared.

CARL RUSSO, floor manager of Rollerway Rink, Revere, Mass., reports he will direct a skating party in the rink on October 29. Program will include waltz and two-step contests, dance exhibition by Louis Testa, two-mile race for men and one-mile and half-mile races. Door prizes will be awarded. Rink will stage a Halloween party on October 31, when novelties and refreshments will be distributed.

RALPH LAMBERT is electric organist in Smith's Roller Rink, Columbus, O. Rink operates nightly and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Management reports many private parties booked for the next several weeks.

NEWLY equipped Crystal Pool Roller Rink, Seattle, was reopened recently by Manager Guy Sherwood. New furnishings include Hammond organ, with Evid On, a dance console, marble floor, with beginners' and practice floors, and decorations and lighting fixtures.

DANCELAND Whirling Dervishes, six-piece skating act, completed the season of fine and colorful skating at Blue Man (Ill.) Homecoming on October 5-7 and plan to play rinks, theaters and night clubs during the winter, reports Noble Galliger.

NEW Arcadia Roller Rink, Kalamazoo, Mich., opened recently under management of Jack LaTua. Rink is equipped with double-spring hardwood floor and organ.

MONTEREY Figure Skating Club, Spokane, Wash., recently staged a revue in Kellogg (Ida.) Roller Rink, opened by Edward Lord, who has been operating in the vicinity of Spokane for 15 years. Six sets under direction of Harry Leonard, instructor, were put on by Jim Metcalf, Elmer Stary, Don McNaughton, Margie Hayes, Dolly McConnehey and Lillian Stewart.

OWEN WILLIAMS reopened Bluff View Park Roller Rink near Brodhead, Wis., following extensive interior remodeling. Floor has been resurfaced and new lighting fixtures and Hammond organ have been installed. Mary Jayne Williams is at the console. Rink has been installed to permit winter skating. Rink operates nightly except on Fridays, when dances are held.

MR. AND MRS. R. G. KEISTER are operating their Delavan Lake (Wis.) Roller Rink on Wednesday Saturday and Sunday nights. Sweetheart Night was October 18, when women, accompanied by men, were admitted free.

"BRITISH government's home office sanctioned a general reopening of all entertainment on September 18, following first a total close-down and a few days later the reopening of spots in those areas which had not been evacuated," writes Cyril Beattall from Clasterfield, England. "So far as I have been able to ascertain, rink attendances remain satisfactory in most areas. But unless the war ends more quickly than has been generally anticipated competitive roller skating will be conspicuous by its almost entire absence. There was to have been a world's championship event in Dortmund, Germany, on October 14-16. This has, of course, been postponed indefinitely. Effect of hostilities has been more in practice on the Continent than here in England. In Germany the sport is practically at a standstill. In Switzerland only four roller rinks are operating. In Italy, Belgium and Portugal activities are about normal, while in France several rinks in the Nord area have closed temporarily. If war continues any great length of time it is certain that some rinks will be taken over for government use, as was the case in the World War. Lids Rink, Concaster,

has already been taken over, and New Rink, Belper, is being used as offices."

HUNT'S POINT PALACE, one of the largest community centers of the Bronx, New York City, added a roller-skating rink, opening on October 16. Admission is 10 cents at matinees, with 15 cents for skates, and 15 cents evenings, with 35 for skates.

EAIL VAN HORN'S Mineola (L. I.) Rink staged a trio voodoo number on October 19, winning members receiving Chicago skates attached to Van Horn special shoes. Rink has scheduled a Halloween party for October 31, when prizes for men and women will be awarded for finest, original and comical costumes. Chicken Scratch contest for married couples will be staged on October 26. Only couples married five years are eligible.

FLYING WHIRLWINDS, skating team of Milton Gardens Roller Rink, Diamond, O., were recently booked by G. A. Klein Attractions for Lakota Mills Dog Track in that city, reports Carl Cowell.

## Notes From Philly

By E. M. MOORAR

Attendance at all Philadelphia rinks since opening has been a surprise to operators, considering many improvements that boom business does not generally materialize until close of the football season. Carman Rink was first of the rink to open on September 7 and with a well-lit floor. Complete renovation was made, including a new floor. Chez Vous Rink, Upper Darby, Pa., got away for the fall season on September 13. Recently closed, redecorated and a new floor was installed. Opening night was a little off from previous seasons due to a competitive event, a water carnival which drew immense throngs from all parts of the city and affected amusements in general.

Circus Gardens Rink, with a new floor and general rearrangement of interior, reopened on September 27 to its usual large crowd and, if business continues its present volume, this promises to be a banner season.

Joe Barnes' Adelphia Rink opened on September 14. Old patrons were agreeably surprised at many improvements from front to rear. A new skating surface, considerably enlarged, is one of the most important additions. Decorative scheme is exceptionally attractive and, as this is the pioneer rink of Philadelphia, it no doubt will draw its old as well as new patronage. Opening was better than in previous seasons.

Recently visited a neat and well-decorated rink in Willow Mills Park, near Mechanicsburg, Pa. Owner A. L. Runk advised he will soon start a \$28,000 building nine miles south of Harrisburg, Pa., using the park rink in summer and the new plant in winter months.

In Washington, D. C., found Coliseum Rink well fitted and all interested in their figure skating club being boosted by the rink. Capitol Rink there is under same management as the Coliseum. Ground has been secured and application filed for a building permit for a large new rink under Capitol and Coliseum management.

It seems unfortunate that more news pertaining to the Roller Skating Rink

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Operators' Association of the United States is not forthcoming. There are a number of non-member first-class rinks that probably could be induced to become members, but they appear to be in the dark on many objects of the association; also some of them would make A-1 boosters.

Unfortunately, Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey rinks are considerably behind on dance and figure skating. A large number of skaters from this territory indulge in freak skating such as jitterbug stuff and wheel-barrowing. Both are unsightly, and the latter style does not tend to add to the moral standard.

Jess and Malcolm Carey entrusted for Cincinnati on October 5 to be on hand for the World Series games. They planned to visit Cincinnati rinks and make several stops en route home.

### LET'S GO ROLLER SKATING

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## Activities of NAAPPB Reviewed By Gurtler, Urging Big Turnout In N. Y.; Space Sale Is Record

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—President Arnold B. Gurtler, Elitch Gardens, Denver, successor president to the late Harry G. Beer, has met with a large group of members of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pool and Beaches, reviewing activities of the organization for the year and urging the membership to turn out en masse at the 21st annual convention and trade show to be held in the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, on December 4-8. Secretary A. R. Hodge from his office here declared that never in association history had practically all available space been sold so early in the year and indicated on his chart that not more than a half-dozen spaces were still available and these, he indicated, would probably be disposed of before the end of the month.

Secretary Hodge also reported that work of the program committee headed by Harry J. Batt, Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, with Paul H. Huedepohl, Jantzen Swimming Association, Portland, Ore., heading the pool program committee, is practically completed. Personnel of the committees: Program committee, Harry J. Batt, chairman; Edward L. Schott, vice-chairman; Paul H. Huedepohl, A. R. Hodge, A. B. McSwiggan, Spas, heading the spa program committee, Paul H. Huedepohl, chairman; Leonard B. Schloss, vice-chairman; N. S. Alexander, James K. Monteth, Harry O'Hare, J. O. Ziegfeld. In the judgment of Secretary Hodge, they have done an outstanding job.

"President Gurtler was in Chicago on September 23 to confer with the secretary, and then went to New York for conference with the spa and pool committees in convention arrangements and operation," said Secretary Hodge. "He was made president during a very trying period, with the convention arrangements moving along in full swing. In indications he has jumped into the harness with great enthusiasm and is doing a man's job for the organization. Recently the secretary's office notified all members to make room reservations early because tremendous attendance is anticipated and latecomers are apt to find themselves in some other hotel if they neglect taking care of reservations early."

### Increased Use of NAAPPB

President Gurtler's letter reads, in part: "Our great association, which has weathered the stormy seas of many years, is now stronger than ever and is a great tribute to those of our leaders who have had the patience, perseverance and tenacity to guide it successfully through troubled waters. We have most hope that all of our members stand together more closely than ever for our mutual good and that we tap more and more the infinite resources of our association for our individual success."

"Last year we had one of the most successful and interesting meetings we have ever held. It was exceedingly well attended by exhibitors and operators of our industry. There were over 100 exhibits and our entrance turnstiles recorded an attendance in the exhibition halls of more than 8,000 during the four days of the trade show. Members were profound in their words of praise and showed their confidence by the numerous trade show purchases of the various rides, equipment and supplies. Program sessions were well arranged and diversified. Aroused interest was shown by the large attendance at each session, proving that a keener appreciation of the value of convention attendance is developing in our industry. Another outstanding exhibition and program is being prepared for our 1939 meeting and you owe it to yourself and to your business to attend."

### Staffs Are Invited

"Work of your public liability insurance committee continues outstanding and each year finds a larger group of satisfied policyholders who have taken advantage of the public liability insurance plan as sponsored by the association. Participation in the plan enables policyholders to benefit in the net profits accrued from its operation as well as to enjoy an initial saving where State laws permit.

"I want to conclude by urging all Western members to make it a point to attend the convention even tho it involves greater sacrifice than when we gather in Chicago, and I wish to urge them to bring along neighboring park and pool men whom they know do not visit our conventions regularly. Eastern members I am sure will be there en masse, but I want to urge them particularly to invite their fellow park and pool men and bring as many of their own staffs as possible because of the convenience of the convention to all Eastern operators. Our staff members can often learn much from program sessions or in exhibition halls which may not come to our notice but which will make them more valuable employees and thus redound to our benefit in the long run."

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### Gulf Pier Project Pushed

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 21.—Four officials of Houston and Galveston returned from a trip to Washington this week in connection with application by Galveston for RFC funds for construction of the proposed \$1,500,000 pleasure pier in the gulf at the island city. Included were Mayor Brantly Harris, Houston; W. J. Aicklin, chairman of a special committee; William Blanton, head of Houston Chamber of Commerce, and R. J. Cummings, Houston engineer, in charge of plans. Pier, intended to be self-liquidating, will run from the beach between 23d and 25th streets.

### End Resort Will Continue

ENID, Okla., Oct. 21.—Lake Hellums Amusement Park, five miles north of the city, will continue in operation. It was said after the death on October 4 of Dr. H. D. Hellums, who founded it about 14 years ago and had been active in its improvement and conduct. He is survived by his widow, who will operate the well-known resort. Details in the Final Curtain.

## With the Zoos

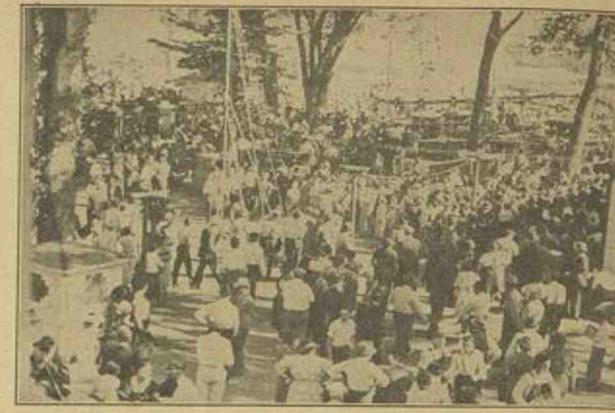
LONDON.—Sam, a polar bear, many years on exhibition in London Zoo, died recently of old age in a private zoo in Maidstone, Eng., where he had been for the past year. He was more than 20 years old.

DETROIT.—John T. Millen, superintendent of Detroit Zoological Park, was reported out of danger in Henry Ford Hospital. Seriously injured on September 18 in an auto accident, he is expected to remain in the hospital several more weeks.

TOLEDO.—Population of Toledo Zoo has been increased by purchase of animals and birds reported to have cost \$7,800 and gift of a baby chimpanzee. Chimp is gift of Miss Elizabeth Mau, society trustee. New purchases are two giraffes, two elands, two pairs of antelope. (See WITH THE ZOOS on opposite page)

## Akron Operators To Push Summit Development; Plan Acts All Season

AKRON, Oct. 21.—In keeping with their program for improvements each season, directors of Summit Beach Park here announced this week that extensive modernization will go forward soon after first of the year. Since taking over the park in 1937, Summit Beach, Inc. operator, has expended more than \$150,000. Major improvements included a \$50,000 Roller Coaster, renovated roller rink operated the year round under management of Russ Golden, several new rides and a new beer garden. Newest construction planned includes modernization of midway buildings and



WHEN RIVERVIEW PARK, Sioux City, Ia., was scene of a family picnic staged by station WNAX more than 30,000 jammed the playset for free rides, dancing, free acts and thrill performances by Johnny Winters and his Death Drivers. Crowd was called the largest in history of the park by James G. Gies, WNAX director of publicity. The event on September 24 marked commemoration of opening of WNAX's new supplementary studios in Sioux City.

## Jones Beach May Up Revenues By Added Amusement Features

By ALFRED FRIEDMAN

FAR ROCKAWAY, L. I., N. Y., Oct. 21.—Jones Beach is shuttered for the cold months, but a crew remains for maintenance and development. Jones Beach to date has frowned on installation of amusements other than those of a so-called "dignified" sort, but the talk is that there may be a radical change in policy and that something on the order of an amusement park may be installed as a means of upping the resort's revenue.

At Rockaway Beach, where a vast program of public building involving more than \$20,000,000 has been in force for a couple of years, Robert Moses, also head of Long Island State Park Commission, in his capacity as New York City park commissioner continues to move ahead with plans to create an amusement area in the community that will be "separate and distinct from the commercial and residential regions." Next summer will see important measures regarding this. There may even be mandatory removal of amusements from certain sections by enactment of legislation. Contemplated steps have caused considerable uneasiness among amusement people with large interests, many of whom see their holdings' values imperiled.

Long Beach has no special plans for winter that have been revealed. Town is sitting quietly, nursing its wounds incurred by deep disappointment regarding the World's Fair. Trade was predicted as a result of the Flushing expo was not in evidence thru the season except in spots. Town is in a quandary as to what plans to make for next year's "possible rush" of World's Fair folk to this seaside.

Atlantic Beach and Pils Park administrations will devote themselves to protecting the coastlines from onslaughts

of the sea, which is endangering much shore property. Later spot has allotted more than \$500,000 for a project already in motion.

## The Pool Whirl

By NAT A. TOR

(All Communications to Nat A. Tor Care New York Office, The Billboard)

Braggadocio

Glad to see that Harvey Gibson, head of the New York World's Fair, reads this column. Or maybe it's just that we think alike. At any rate, last week newspapers said that Gibson is seriously considering building a swim pool in one section of the fair's amusement area for next year to combat the exposition's summer opposition from pools and beaches—an idea that saw print in this pillar some weeks ago.

Late dispatches from Wholen Wonderland reveal that the pool plan was dropped temporarily because fair bigwigs felt the fair was in no position to make the investment necessary to start such a project. However, tho it wasn't mentioned to the daily press, the writer has it on good authority that the fair would be very much interested if some private parties would care to finance the proposition. In other words, the management from Gibson down concede the fact that it needs something during June, July and August to offset near-by beaches, but it claims the greenbacks aren't there.

Some insiders confessed to the column last week that the pool might really isn't the thing that is holding up the aquatic proposal. They point out that no pool, even if it were only a crib on the shores of Flushing's Meadow Lake, could never be undertaken as a one-year proposition. So if an aquadrome is to be built on the fairgrounds, whether it be fair property or privately owned, it will have to be one that will remain after the fair closes. And the talk is in some circles, at any rate, that Park Commissioner Robert Moses nixed the idea because Moses has already made arrangements to convert Billy Rose's Aquadrome tank into a municipal pool after the fair.

### Convention Plans

While you sit back reminiscing of last summer or perhaps thinking of next year's activities a group of men are busy working out a beach and pool program for the forthcoming NAAPPB meeting to be held in New York week of December 4. Men like Paul Huedepohl of Jantzen Swimming Association, Portland, Ore.; J. O. Ziegfeld, of Meadow Brook Park, Baltimore; Harry Batt, of New Orleans, and Chauncey Hyatt, Chicago health authority, are staying up nights trying to think up ideas to make this year's pool sessions top all others. And those who have attended previous years' (See POOL WHIRL on opposite page)

## "When Eviction Is Lawful"

See Carnival Department of  
This Issue.

# National Recreational Equipment Association

By R. S. UZZELL

There is no rift between the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches and the International Association of Fairs and the outdoor showmen. In Chicago last year when the late Chicago Zoo was the center for its 1939 meeting a canvass of our exhibitors was made while they were still in Chicago to get their preference on a choice of one of three places, Chicago, Toronto or New York City. The vote was 98 per cent in favor of New York because very few wanted to try Toronto again after the 1934 experience. A small minority favored Chicago again, while the Eastern metropolis obtained almost a unanimous vote.

The negotiations were protracted and difficult, but finally an agreement was concluded with the New Yorker Hotel. The shift of Thanksgiving date made a few set-up necessary. After a satisfactory adjustment all around the war broke and caused the fair men and showmen to meet in Chicago but left our association bound by agreement to New York, leaving no alternative but to go thru with the contract. This is the substance of the many conferences of our committee, all shifting and changing were wholly unforeseen at the time of initial commitments. Cordial relations have been maintained, and there is no occasion for ill will. When we can all meet in one city again we can resume the same co-operation that has prevailed heretofore.

### Publicity for Mangels

In a Sunday magazine section of the New York Times a story of a child's adventures in Chicago but left our Whip car at Coney Island, N. Y., gave that standard ride valuable publicity of the uninspired kind that makes it an Associated Press item. A fine plume to the tip of our valued member, W. F. Mangels.

The national association urges all to get at next year's requirements now. The time is ripe, there is nothing to sell, so therefore is impartial in its advice. It is only one more way of serving its members and building good will for the organization. It cannot afford to be imprudent in its advice, else it would endanger its still and lose prestige. Therefore to make commitments now must be the thing to do.

The Automobile Show is on in New York City at this writing. F. Buchanan says they make their selections now at present prices and insure early delivery. Park men are beginning to follow this custom.

### WF Prospects Better

When these lines reach readers the New York World Fair will have arrived at its last week of 1939 operation. Prospects for 1940 opening are better than ever before. There is money enough in the air to make the big show and pay all pressing obligations. The bondholders will have to wait for another season, while advance payments on 1940 rentals will apply the funds for repainting and painting.

Now that America appreciates the merits of the world's greatest exposition with proper press relations and reduced prices all along the line, next year's operation is sure to bring public opinion that was lacking in the first months of 1939. Some of the big-salaried but inexperienced boys are going to be conspicuous by their absence. Return of Earle Andrews, a well-known showman, has been let out. Already there are many evidences that a business administration, and not a political one, is emerging.

### WITH THE ZOOS

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in crown cranes, one pair saurus cranes, two manna snakes and a mate for the zoo's emu.

ST. LOUIS.—In a \$2,800 shipment of more than 100 birds and 21 kangaroos received by Director George P. Vierheller, of the zoo here, were six birds of paradise, including the Emperor and Empress of Germany, a pair of blue birds, a pair of the Waseka and Count Riegl types, said to be the first of their kind to enter this country. There were also some rifle birds, brown Australia, green catbirds, bichenos, Wango-Wango, blue pigeons, blue honey eaters and 40 pairs of chattering finches.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Population of Municipal Zoo here, estimated by specimens to nearly 1,000 in the past decade and their value from less than \$5,000 to \$187,000, said W. E. Sprott,

curator, and since he came here in 1928 annual attendance has increased from 10,000 to over 500,000 in 1938. Much of the zoo's financial success, he pointed out, is due to profitable raising of Bengal tigers, and to the young Bengals have brought an average of \$500 each.

FORT WORTH, Tex.—With the lion population in Forest Park Zoo here increasing rapidly, Zookeeper Hamilton Hittson sold three 3-month-old cubs to Frank Delmar, animal trainer, Atlanta. Another cub was traded for two black raccoons. Lion population before the transaction numbered 12, four adults and eight cubs. Two cubs were born on September 27.

MILWAUKEE.—T. J. Bartel, first vice-president of Washington Park Zoological Society, was elected president on October 10, succeeding the late Louis Schneller. Rudolph Hokanson was elevated from second vice-presidency to first. Phil Orth Jr. to second vice-presidency and Henry H. Ojten to third. A. C. Bierman, elected secretary-treasurer. Edward A. Kieckhefer was elected to fill the vacancy.

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—Manly F. Miner, Kingsville, Ont., is to furnish Moose Jaw Zoo with a gift of 15 Canada geese. The gift is due to keen interest in the park by his father, Jack Miner, who visited Moose Jaw in 1931 and was later made a park patron.

### POOL WHIRL

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confab know that that is no easy task. Most important feature of the transaction, to me at any rate, is the round-table discussion where everyone in pool biz is invited to voice opinions. Many topics have already been jotted down for discussion this year about which this department had the privilege of hearing last week. Some subjects to be aired in round-table fashion are: (1) Modernizing Old Swimming Pools, (2) What's New in Swimming Pool Construction, Operation, Promotion, (3) 1939 Promotional Successes and Stunts, (4) Problems Pertaining to Equipment, Play and Drive Apparatus such as revamping old walks and decks, outdoor showers, sand beaches versus green lawns, dressing rooms, proper routine of patrons and proper bathroom design.

Gluck Sandor, who conducted the ballet classes at Manhattan Beach, Coney Island, N. Y., last summer, is now associated with the St. George indoor tank. Understand that this is a new Midwest indoor pool which actually has an enclosed sand beach for patrons. Sounds like a swell idea and would like to hear more about it.

### HOW TO IMPROVE

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Barnes-Sells-Floto show last season for each of its many stands used less display space than the leading movie house in each place, and that not every day. Also, while two first-class circuses were playing Chicago spring of 1938, neither used as much display space as one of the leading picture houses there. Preliminary to showing a new circus is publicized by a flood of date-lines, window cards and lithographs, and big sheets with gorgeous coloring and old-time circus blazonry. This is the fundamental and approved method of giving local publicity to the circus. However, this material has no constructive value, merely impressing the name and date, and doesn't go much beyond notifying the community that a big show is coming.

### The Build-Up for Showday

Immediately upon the first announcement in the newspapers there should be a motion picture build-up campaign, describing specifically that particular show, and soliciting public interest in it. The show's purpose in advertising should be similar to that of the home merchant's, in that it has something to offer which the community needs and would be willing to pay for—that is, to buy. A good circus has always a very considerable element of educational value to offer any community, besides bringing in certain amusement features which the community usually lacks and that particular show can supply.

A series of short newspaper readers or special articles descriptive of the expected show, appearing regularly for the week preceding showday, would add greatly to the build-up, and surely help to develop interest in the particular circus. A good example of a helpful reader or article appeared in a leading daily newspaper at the beginning of the

Big Show's engagement in Chicago this season. The article dealt with the unloading of the show on the morning of the first day's performance, and it was signed by one whom I presumed to be a staff writer of the newspaper. This reader with one exception was the only one that appeared during the week of the show's stay, something I regarded as peculiar, for in my opinion there should have been a reader in every day's issue of that newspaper during that week.

The reader I am suggesting might be prepared by a staff writer of the newspaper detailed for that purpose, or they might be prepared by officials of the circus, or anyone endowed with the circus spirit. It would be fine if they were composed as interviews with leading performers or showmen. Such material is real advertising, and should not be expected as gratuitous along with the limited space usually taken by circuses.

Radio articles and interviews and stunts are being shown now to a varying degree, the mostly in the interest of the "Save-the-Circus" movement. However, much of such publicity does not precede the expected circus, as a lot of it is follow-up service. In this article I am discussing ways and means of real publicity for each particular circus, and build-up to affect the attendance and ticket-wagon receipts on showday, besides adding to the general popularity of the circus.

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### WEATHER TO

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head of stock. Joined after completing engagement at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto. Other additions to the performing personnel include the Clyde Widener family, Chuck Sateja and Gladys and Fonda, the last named replacing the Anneli Laska, who were forced to leave because of a bad fall sustained by Floyd Lake at Palatka, Fla. A. H. Valentine, late of Parker & Watts Circus, has joined the mechanical department. Mrs. Roy Rogers is in the ticket department.

Walter Jenner has been receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter to his wife, Ethel, at Cleveland October 11. It is their first child. Before Ethel left the show she was given a shower by Irene O'Hara.

Jim and Margot Webb, of New Orleans, paid a week-end visit to the show at Hammond, La. Jim was in the office of the show for five years and Margot trumped with Ian.

Ray Blankenship, former general agent, who has been off the road this season because of impaired health, visited while the show was in East Texas, as did Big Frances and Maxine Fisher and A. E. Brown, who trouped four seasons with Russell Bros. and are now with the Texas Longhorn Shows. Other visitors from the latter organization included Tiny Cowan, Milo Anthony and Professor Marcus. Jimmy Hunter, who had his circus unit on the Texas Longhorn Shows, has been a frequent visitor, and Mr. and Mrs. Huntley, who have their elephant on Bill Hames' Shows, visited at Jacksonville, Tex.

### R-B FOLDING

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for grand work done in crossing Old Man River at Baton Rouge Friday when the engineers used approved method of giving local publicity to the circus. However, this material has no constructive value, merely impressing the name and date, and doesn't go much beyond notifying the community that a big show is coming.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 21.—Attendance at 700 Ringling-Barnum show here October 19, especially at the afternoon performance, was not quite equal to Montgomery's usual turnout for this show. Cause was not definite, but some suggested it was due, in part, to confusion over location of the big top. The city recently, at the request of property holders in the southern part of town, ordered the old circus site abandoned and established a new one on the opposite side of the city where there is ample parking space.

Weather in the afternoon was hot, and patrons appreciated the air conditioning. At night the temperature dropped and the interior became chilly. Side-show business was described as being fair. Costuming, acts and clowns were highly praised in local press reviews.

### MONTGOMERY CUT

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not up to expectations. A public wedding at 10 p.m. on final day undoubtedly

would have held a large crowd on the midway had not most of the crowds come unprepared for suddenly lowering temperatures.

The fair was not without accident or friction. A girl was hurt when thrown from the Whip, although serious injury was prevented by quick action of the operator. Frank West, owner of West Shows, had Mort L. Bixler, fair manager, arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct (later nolle prossed in City Court), and Manager Bixler had three attachments served on the shows. Jack Crenshaw, attorney for Bixler, reported he had obtained an injunction restraining the West Shows from moving the property out of Alabama until certain financial claims of Bixler had been satisfied.

Police, in early days of the fair, clamped down on two girl shows. Management met objections and the shows were permitted to proceed. Bingo proved popular with patrons. Octopus and Skooter were reported among top-money rides.

### DONALDSONVILLE PUT

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ported that the closing day gate turned the annual from the red to the black side of book. He said the association will be able to pay all bills and have a fair surplus. There were cash attendance awards of \$100 on week nights and \$1,000 on Sunday.

Grand-stand attendance was estimated at 35,000, with 10,000 on closing day. Acts booked thru Barnes-Carruthers included Aerial Ballet, Six Skating Machines, Will Hill's Elephants, Four LeVernes, Hill Wilbur Circus of dogs and ponies, and Hip Raymond, clown announcer. Opening and closing nights had fireworks by Theaters, Pa. Field Co. Ralph R. Miller's Shows on the midway drew well but concessioners reported spending only fair. Dancing in the pavilion nightly drew well.

### FAIR GROUNDS

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assets of the association are about \$50,000. Officers will be elected at the annual meeting on November 28.

HELENA, Ark.—Phillips County Fair here on October 4-7 was most successful since revival three years ago. Attendance was about 10,000 and quality of exhibits and horse show was high.

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## Crafts Closes Well In Oxnard; Season Business Satisfies

OXNARD, Calif., Oct. 21.—Crafts 20 Big Shows closed a 35-week tour here last Saturday with a successful stand at a downtown location, under American Legion Post auspices, and immediately went into new quarters in North Hollywood. Season, which got under way in Indio, Calif., in February and saw the shows play the Imperial Valley, Southern California, National Orange Show, up-State cities, San Joaquin Valley, Pomona Fair and Los Angeles, brought the organization a gratifying gross business, reports Roy Scott.

Earnings fell moderately until the usual pre-summer lull, business spurted on July 4 and until Labor Day showed an increase of 25 per cent over 1938. After the latter date, however, another reverse was suffered and, with inclement weather, Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, Calif., midway experienced its poorest business in the event's history. Officials contemplated closing the tour there, but Legion officers here prevailed upon Owner Crafts to extend the season another week, one when which good one, also another show had played here two weeks previous.

Many members have been signed by Crafts for 1940 and many plan to win. (See CRAFTS CLOSES on page 46)

## Western States Score in La. Bow

BATON ROUGE, La., Oct. 21.—Western States Shows' debut in Louisiana territory proved a banker one when which good one, also another show had played here two weeks previous. Many members have been signed by Crafts for 1940 and many plan to win. (See CRAFTS CLOSES on page 46)

## Mrs. Gerety Is Honored

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 21.—Mrs. B. S. Gerety, wife of Barney S. Gerety, of Beckmann & Gerety Shows, was tendered a surprise party here on October 19 in celebration of a birthday anniversary. The party was given by the members of the club. Mrs. Gerety arranged the event, which wound up with a luncheon served under her direction. Mrs. Gerety received numerous gifts.

## R. H. Wade Rides Close in Canton; Season Profitable

CANTON, O., Oct. 21.—R. H. Wade Rides called it a season at conclusion of the American Legion Fall Festival at Columbus, Pa., O., on October 7, and equipment has been moved to Mahoning County Fair grounds, Canfield, where Wade has stored for many years.

Wade said the season was substantially better than 1938 and several new spots played during the tour were winners. He anticipates a very better year next season and plans to buy another ride to augment his equipment for 1940. Wade said he and wife will return to his home town, Millfield, O., for a visit before going to Florida for the winter.

## Stevens' Oddities Start Auspiciously in Paducah

DANVILLE, Ill., Oct. 21.—J. J. Stevens' International Congress of Oddities moved in here this week for a stand at 11 North Vermillion street, after getting away to one of the best openings in its history in downtown Paducah, Ky., two weeks ago. The week netted worked to good results in Terry Hulse's traps.

New velvet drapes adorn the walls and new backgrounds prevail on each stage. Numerous compliments have been received by the management on its lighting effects. On the staff are Ray Marsh Brydon, contracting agent; Willard Beck (See STEVENS' ODDITIES on page 46)

## "Just Beginning"



ROUNDING OUT his 50th year in outdoor show business, Fred Beckmann, "grand old man of the midway world," as he's affectionately known, said, as the 1939 tour of Beckmann & Gerety Shows terminated: "This business is just beginning. Never in carnival history has this business had such opportunities as now exist nor such an absorbing relationship with the institution of public entertainment." He is chairman of the board of directors of the Amusement Corp. of America, which also operates Royal American Shows and Rubin & Cherry Exposition. All report outstanding business under the new order of operation. Photo by Jack Dadawell.

## Spartanburg Fair Okeh for D. & B.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 21.—Dodson & Baillie World's Fair Shows on the midway at Greater Spartanburg Fair here, October 10-14, created favorable impression with the fair board and local papers in their Sunday editions following the fair devoted space to complimentary notices on the cleanliness of the midway. Gross receipts were on a par with former years, despite wintry weather on Thursday and Saturday.

Ferris Wheels, in charge of Bill Burton, broke their previous records with an unbelievable gross for the week. Visitors (See SPARTANBURG FAIR on page 46)

## Showmen Honor Memory of Con T. Kennedy Troupers

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 21.—About 100 showmen assembled in Riverdale Cemetery here on October 19 to pay tribute to the memory of trouper on the Con T. Kennedy Shows who were killed in a wreck on the Central of Georgia Railroad on November 22, 1915. Headed by Fred Beckmann and Barney S. Gerety a motorcade of showmen left Chattanooga. (See SHOWMEN HONOR on page 46)

## Ballyhoo Bros.' Circulating Expo. A Century of Profit Show

By STARR DeBELLE

High Pitch, Ala. Week ended October 21, 1939. Dear Mixer: While playing the races in New Orleans General Agent Lem Trucklow was steered to this spot by a race-track tout. Ever willing to pick a winner as well as do a fellow man a favor, the tout whispered in Lem's ear that the spot was open and figured that it would pay six to one. After doing a stretch of thinking while deep-sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, our aggressive agent wired the Low Pitch Promotional Fair board for a contract. On the contract's arrival it was only a small matter to affix his signature and then wire the office. "Even with keen competition from our competitor, I was successful in swinging the contract your way. You boys should feel honored that your show was selected above all others."

## R. & W. Tour Okeh; B. & G. Chalks 30% To Barn in Kansas Columbus, Ga., Fair

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Oct. 21.—Reynolds & Wells United Shows moved into winter quarters here last week after close of their season in Winfield, Kan., on October 13. Secretary W. J. Lindsay said that the 1939 tour resulted in fair business, with the latter part was about 25 per cent below par.

Showfolk left for various destinations at closing, while General Manager Reynolds, Secretary Lindsay and others of the staff went to Hot Springs, Ark., for a few days vacation.

## J. R. Edwards '39 Trek Is a Success

WOOSTER, O., Oct. 21.—J. R. Edwards Shows' 1939 tour, which closed at Lodi (O.) Street Fair, was highly successful. Jesso R. Edwards, owner-manager, said this week. Shows opened here on May 20, played Central Ohio all season and made several new fair this year.

Repainting and reconditioning of rides and equipment is under way on Wayne County Fair grounds here under direction of Foreman William Bane. As in previous years, shows are stored in the exposition buildings. Owner Edwards said the organization would be enlarged for 1940 and that six or more rides, including the new Tilt-A-Whirl, which was added in the middle of the season, would be carried.

## PCSA-Zeiger Show Helps Coast Club

TUCSON, Ariz., Oct. 21.—Members of Pacific Coast Showmen's Association, its Ladies' Auxiliary and C. F. Zeiger United Shows combined forces here on October 12 and staged a successful benefit performance in the Swing Time Revue tent, after the night show, for the PCSA's sick and relief fund.

Committee included Dime Wilson, emcee; Cleo La Juno, G. E. Montgomery, Margie Lindsey and Rosemary Loomis. Rita Brazier sold banners and Mrs. C. F. Zeiger handled the ticket sales. Performers included Helen Woods, Jimmy Hughes, Joe Davino, Halvor Morgan, W. H. Carson, Margie Lindsey, George Woods, Hugh Warren, G. E. Montgomery, Helen O'Brien, Cleo La Juno, Carl Lindsey, Volva Dixon, Bonnie Brink, Ed Hicks, Tony Chontos, Jack Lindsey, Lillian Wilson, W. O. Wilson and Rosemary Loomis.

## Mrs. Dodson Buys Hotel, Tourist Camp in Savannah

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 21.—Mrs. C. Guy Dodson, wife of the former co-owner and manager of Dodson's World's Fair Shows, has purchased a hotel and trailer camp opposite the fairgrounds here on Reynolds, it was learned this week.

Property, besides the hotel, includes 30 tourist cabins, cafe, bar and service station. C. Guy Dodson, who recently sold his half interest in Dodson's Shows to J. B. (Jack) Baillie, will manage the new enterprise.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 21.—Final check of Beckmann & Gerety Shows' midway receipts at Chattahoochee Valley Exposition, October 9-14, disclosed a 30 per cent increase over 1938, the reported previous high midway gross here. Perfect weather prevailed and date marked the second successive week and second successive fair where the shows have created a new midway mark. Fair's general manager, Felix Collins, reported he was pleasantly surprised at the way fair patrons took to the shows. Newspapers and radio gave organization much time and space, and midway was crowded nightly in addition to receiving heavy play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Rides and shows received the heaviest play, with the big five among shows being Nancy Lee, Miller's Gay Parade, Peter Kortjes' Side Show, George Vogstead's Secrets, Earl Chambers' Monkeytown and Jess Shoats' Jitterbug Revue.

Heavy play on rides went to Tom Lee, Aust Grooter, Albert Edwards, Merry-Go-Round, J. E. Gregory's Boom. (See B. & G. CHALKS on page 46)

## Nominating Committee Is Named by Showmen's League

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—In accordance with its by-laws the Showmen's League of America in regular meeting Thursday night named the nominating committee to select candidates for officers for 1940. Members selected from the board of governors are L. Clifton Kelley, Sam J. Levy, H. A. (Whitely) Lehrter and Jack Benjamin; from the membership at large, James Campbell, A. R. Cohn and John O'Shea.

Selections of the committee will be announced at the league's next meeting.

## Dodson & Baillie Benefit Adds \$223 To SLA Home Fund

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 21.—Dodson & Baillie World's Fair Shows' benefit performance at Spartanburg Fair here last week for the showmen's home fund of the Showmen's League of America added \$223 to the fund's total success. Staged in the Gay Parade tent. (See DODSON & BAILLIE on page 46)

## Jones NSA Benefit Show Brings \$340

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Benefit performance for the National Showmen's Association's cemetery and hospital fund on Johnny J. Jones Exposition this week in Greensboro, N. C., netted \$340, according to NSA President George A. Hamid. Sale of lunch boxes prepared by members of the auxiliary accounted for \$115, while sale of tickets to the minstrel show brought in \$225.

Hamid said members of the show evidenced keen enthusiasm in the NSA and he expects several new members to be drawn from the ranks before the season close. Six auxiliary members were obtained at the jamboree. Visitors included Art Lewis, John W. Wilson and J. C. (Jimmie) Simpson.

## Happyland Starts Fair in Detroit Carnival Revival

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—This city witnessed a return of carnival business last week when Dumas & Reid's Happyland Shows came in for a stand in Lincoln Park under veterans' post auspices. Shows are first to play near here in about two months, aside from the Beckmann & Gerety Shows' stand at State Fair.

Business was reported fair, although uncertain weather made total returns problematical. Opening was preceded by a record heat wave.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 21.—Missouri Show Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the season here in its clubrooms on October 26. President Anna Jane Peterson announced today.

# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## Showmen's League of America



165 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Past President G. R. Fisher was greeted by a good attendance as he called Thursday night's meeting to order. With him at the table were Secretary Joe Streibich and League Counsel Morris A. Haft. Membership committee presented applications of J. P. (Irish) Moran and Mal (Lucky) Smith, proposed by Past President Sam J. Levy and Brother Nate Miller.

Press committee announced it has started its publicity campaign on the banquet and ball to be held December 5. Brother S. T. Jessop, badges and registration chairman, appointed Neil Webb, new Keller, Jack (Doc) Wilson, J. C. (Tommy) Thomas, Jack Fuffield, Sunny Bernet, L. W. O'Keefe, Harry Mamech, Louis Claver, Robert E. Hickey, Walter Hale, Charles H. Hall, H. A. Lehrer, George W. Johnson and James Campbell as his assistants.

—Brother Bill Carsky left on a business trip, but duties of the President's Party Committee will be carried on by Lew Keller and Jack Benjamin. Brother Mamech reports that Brother Hadji Delano has two fingers severed in a recent accident. Brother Ben Beno is in town in poor health and arrangements are being made to see that he gets to the Pacific Coast. Brothers Dave Picard, John Bulry, Earl Taylor and E. L. Schooley attended their first meeting in a long time. Brother Jack Lydick advises he may have to enter American Hospital. Beckmann & Grety Shows sent in a check for \$371.50, proceeds of their Atlanta benefit, and Brother Mel Dodson and Jack Dodson & Billie Shows, sent in \$223, receipts from their benefit. Brother Edward A. Hook, Imperial Shows, also sent a check covering their recent benefit.

Response to the call for dues has been good but perhaps you have overlooked yours. Notices have been sent out, so please give them attention as soon as you receive them. Chairman Al Rossman asks for an early response to his request for ads in the Banquet and Ball program. Rossman will be handling the same as last year, as an outdoor amusement world directory, and the price for space is \$10. Members were grieved to note the illness of Brother F. Purcell. Relief committee reports Darby W. Adams is expected to leave the hospital and head south. Harry Paul, B. F. Trevellick and Harry Cloe are still confined there. Jack Lydick, Colonel Owens, Tom Rankine and Tom Volmer are still ill at their homes.

## Michigan Showmen's Association

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—Monday night's meeting was presided over by President Harry Stahl. Also at the officers' table were Treasurer Pop Baker, Third Vice-President Hymie Stone and Bernard Robbins, newly appointed secretary, who will replace George Brown, secretary for the past three years. Several interesting subjects concerning the annual New Year's ball were discussed. Meeting was well attended and all seemed pleased with the decorations in the clubrooms. Past President Louis Margolin is expected soon. Several new membership cards were issued and several applications presented to the board of directors for balloting. A number of members came in for the winter and the bridge and billiard tables are getting a good play. Johnnie Quinn is expected soon and White Tate and Frank Condon arrived recently. Dock Plack, of the North-western Shows, was in town last week, and Pop Baker's shop is busy applying bingo equipment. Stanford Baker is still on the road but is expected soon. Happening Shows closed Sunday at Lincoln Park. Frank Allen, bingo operator on the show, stated business was off 10 per cent this season.



Palace Theater Building, New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Club's first regular meeting in the clubrooms on October 18 was well attended. In the absence of President George A. Hamid season was presided over by Secretary Jack Rosenthal. Board of governors convened earlier in the committee rooms, with the following in attendance: Jack Rosenthal, chairman; Jack Greenpoum, treasurer; Sam Rothstein, assistant treasurer; Dr. Jacob Cohen, Herbert H. Levess, C. P. A.; William J. Block, Arthur E. Campfield, Mack Harris, Arthur L. Hill, Jack Lichter, Joseph McKee, Fred Phillips, Irving Rosenthal, George W. Traver and Irving Edowitz.

Plans for the banquet were discussed and several new ideas outlined for the coming season and arrangements for all committees to have everything in readiness for the October 30 meeting, at which time President Hamid will preside. Meeting was given over to open-floor discussion of ideas and plans for the season and was practically a pep meeting for the cemetery and hospital drive, the banquet and the boosting of the sales for the coupon award books.

It was also announced that the next meeting, originally scheduled for October 27 would be postponed until October 30 and notices are being mailed accordingly. Change was necessitated because changes in Southern fair dates prevented President Hamid from being in New York until that date.

More than 150 NSA members, acts and prominent figures in show business attended the burial services October 18 of Homer W. Sibley, the NSA poet, Ferrellist Cemetery, Ardley-on-Hudson, N. Y. It was the first burial in the recently purchased club plot. For details see Final Curtain, this issue.

Banquet committee selected the following sub-committees for the banquet: Entertainment: Jesse Kay, chairman; Joseph Basile, Allen Corelli, Edward M. Fay, Sam Grisman, Jack Rosenthal, Billy Rose, Herman Blumenfeld, Alexander Pinn, Joseph H. Hughes, Fred Phillips, Frank Wirtz and Andre Dumont. Publicity: Bert Kevins, chairman; Elias E. Sugarman, Johnny J. Kline, Doc Morris, Roger Littlefield Jr., Leonard Traube, A. C. Hartmann, Clem White and Joseph Onda.

Program: Jack Lichter, chairman; Gerald Smellens, Adolph Schwartz, Nathan Weinberg, Harry Rosen, Bernard Wren, Joseph Landy, Aaron Haines, Mack Harris, Jack Feldberg, Dave Epstein, David Blum, George Diefenbach, Bill Block and Lou Lang. Tickets: Joseph McKee, chairman; Joseph Laures, Alfred McKee, Jerry Pishkin, Frank Miller and Sam Wagner. Distinguished guests and speakers: Thomas Brady, chairman; Max Hofmann, Dr. Jacob Cohen, George Bernert, Charles Bernert, Joseph Bernert, ladies' committee, has called a special meeting of its committee for next Monday night, when he will deliver campaign plans.

George Bernert, who has just returned from the Eastern States Exposition, where he has held the position of concession manager for the past 20 years, is rounding up his drill formations for the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is to be one of the features of the second annual banquet. Special drill meetings will be set next week. New costumes also are being made. Call schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the Ladies' Auxiliary rooms. Upon his late arrival Brother Bernert was notified that he also was added to the executive banquet committee.

Jack Lichter, program committee chairman, reports that he is in receipt of more than \$700 in advertising contracts for the program and year book. Among the many accounts are the World of Mirth

Shows, Palladium Amusement Park, George A. Hamid, Carnival Novelty Co., Triangle Poster Co., Cotlin Wilson Shows, Frank Peit, Baker-Lockwood, Arthur Goldberg, Doctor Rahn, Jack Greenpoum, William Block, Phil Schrage, Dave Lodge and William Benton.

Happy birthdays to Joseph A. McKee, James Davis, John Greenwood, Dick Bennett, October 21; Joseph H. Hughes, James M. Hurd, William P. Kern, October 22; Michael Buck, October 23; William Goldsch, October 24, and Hamda Benn, October 25.

**Ladies' Auxiliary**  
First meeting of the season on October 21. Next meeting will be October 30, when plans for winter activity will be discussed. Donations to the Bess Hamid Sunshine Fund have been received from Dorothy Packman, Emma Fink and Lola Chalfonte. Fannie Linderman proposed Marie Simpson and Marie Antoni for membership.

Catherine Hanneford is at home recuperating from a broken arm. Irene Greene was injured in a taxi accident Sunday afternoon. Her neck is swollen and is confined in her home. Flowers were sent by the club. Send all rummage to the clubrooms for the forthcoming rummage sale.

## Heart of America Showmen's Club

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 21.—With several of the Midwest shows in quarters, members again are making the club their headquarters, and bridge parties are held nightly. First regular meeting will be held October 27 and all members are asked to attend if possible. Gay Way and Midwest shows are wintering here, and the Don & Ray Shows are in quarters at Belton, Mo. Brother Lester Howell and wife are here for the winter, as are Brother Bert Cummings and wife, Brother and Mrs. R. E. Haney and son, Connie, tended several members of the Gay Way Shows a dinner at the closing date. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Terry, Darrell Michael and Brother Harry Duncan and wife.

Brother W. Frank Delmaine, who was severely injured several weeks ago, is recuperating in Chapman, Kan., quarters of the J. L. Landes Show. Brother Lloyd Anderson was acting secretary of the shows during Delmaine's absence. Anderson arrived recently and brought in a live petition for membership. Brother Harry Altshuler obtained two more petitions and Brother Cig Adams one. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin, of the Landes Shows, visited briefly while en route home. President Mellor is in New York on business and Brother Jimmy Mortisey returned from his swing thru Missouri and Illinois. Brother Milford Smith is in the South and Brother Frank Capp reports he visited the Harley-Sadler Show at Mineral Springs, Tex., on his return from the Coast. Capp, entertainment committee chairman, also states that reservations for the Annual Banquet and Ball, which will be held as usual on New Year's Eve, are coming in daily. Brother Henry (Pat) Duncan, who had been confined in his room at the Hotel with a severe cold, has recovered. Members are showing more interest in club activities this year than in several years past and Secretary G. C. McGinnis reports that the dues are coming in better than ever.

**Ladies' Auxiliary**  
Ruth Ann Levin, first vice-president, with her husband, Chester Levin, left this week for an extended vacation, which is to include a visit to fairs and friends en route. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nathan had Frank H. Walden, formerly of Kansas City, who reported a pleasant season on the James E. Strates Show, as a dinner guest. African books have been received from Mrs. Maude Bay-singer and Mrs. Rose Hennies. New members are Adean Thatcher and Mrs. Rose Goldstone.  
Redecorating of clubrooms is about

completed and plans for an early meeting are going forward. Mrs. Ruth Martons reports a number of new entertainment activities for the winter. Splendid co-operation has been forthcoming from those with Afghan books, there being only eight outstanding. Please send in yours. Dues are payable now.

## Pacific Coast Showmen's Assn

623 1/2 South Grand Ave., at Wilshire Los Angeles.  
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—Unwinding of Pop Ludwig's art collection marked Monday night's regular meeting. Art adorns the walls of the Assembly Room, and Brother Lou Berg, of Honolulu, financed the frames. Ludwig and Berg were given a note of thanks. Attendance totaled 101. Officers on hand were President Harry Harrava, First Vice-President Joe Glacy, Second Vice-President Pat Armstrong, Third Vice-President John R. Ward, Treasurer Ross E. Davis and Secretaries Dobbert and Johnson.

Following opening formalities secretarial report revealed that 41 new cards were issued during the week. Nine new members and reinstatement applications were approved and five were presented during the meeting. Treasurer Davis' (See PACIFIC COAST on page 46)

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AFTER a season at Revere Beach, Mass., Morris Fred Kaplan played fairs, finishing at North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh. He then hopped to New York, found it too cold and was scheduled to go south again, this time to Florida to play winter circuits. Operated scales and age-guessing stands.

EDDIE BARR, in his *Rebels* Remblings column of a Dallas newspaper, recently devoted much space to the career of Rubin & Cherry Exposition. He celebrated his 77th birthday anniversary on October 23 and his total stretch in show business embraces 45 years.

AN AD read, "Salaries out of the office," but it didn't mean a thing to me. I know that office—Lizkie Schmidt, native blond Hawaiian.

JIM AND SARAH BULEY and Clyde Welch and son, Jerry, of Great Superior Shows, narrowly escaped death when one of the tires on their car blew out while en route from Corinth to Ripley, Miss. Again, their car and trailer were hurtling toward a ditch, but the safety chain kept the car from going into the ditch after the trailer overturned.

WHILE Art Lewis Shows were playing Petersburg (Va.) Fair, Mr. and Mrs. F. Percy Morency were guests of Jimmie Green's father at a dinner in his home there. It was a sort of home-coming for the Morencys, as they were married in Petersburg nine years ago while William Chick's Ideal Exposition Shows were wintering there.

TWO COMMUNICATIONS hit the carnival desk last week which bore no date lines to tell from where or when they were sent and both started with, "We are here this week," etc. Being unable to determine where they were, we were forced to discard them. One of the writers didn't even mention with what show he was connected.

C. A. of the Great Pin Head Shows says he has been asked only by two writers are working because "if there wasn't any money there they wouldn't be there."

MANY years with F. E. Gooding Amusement Co., John P. Enright and wife left for the South for a visit with friends after Circleville and Pumpkin Show. Later they will go to Ruskin, Fla. where they have wintered several years. Early this season Enright handled several Columbus, O. locations for one of the Gooding ride units and later played several fairs and celebrations with novelties.

"WHILE playing Pelahatchee, Miss., with Rogers & Powell Shows, I visited Royal American Shows in Jackson, Miss., and renewed acquaintances with Dave Frank and wife, Gene and daughter, Lou Louette Davis. Also met my old friend Billy Logsdon, who has the annex attraction with Dick Best's Side Show. All reported they are getting ready to go fishing."

AMONG shareholders elected directors of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., Huntington, W. Va., which opened its



**GUESS WHO?** He says his ambition once was to be a matinee idol but his plans were thwarted years ago by Mrs. L., now Roy E. Ludington is a full-fledged carnival executive. The general manager of Griffin 39 Big Shows was "done" by Caricaturist Doc Blake at the recent Pomona (Calif.) Fair and sent on "in case The Billboard is tired of running other and dignified pictures of carnival executives."

doors for the first time on October 11, was F. H. Bee Jr., owner-manager of the shows bearing his name. Forced to close his shows on September 30 because of illness, he plans to enter the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., soon for a physical check-up.

DISPLAYING merchants' banners on the front entrance as I believe, is obsolete as ads printed on the front curtain of a modern theater.—Smackover Slim.

ADNER K. KLINE, of Eyerly Aircraft Corp., reports the firm recently sold a Rolloplane to Mrs. Ethel Baillie, of James E. Strates Shows. She now operates two of the rides. Three other organizations Beckmann & Gerety Shows, Rubin & Cherry Exposition and World of Mirths Shows, now operate twin Rolloplanes, and a number of shows are contemplating installation of double units in 1940, said Kline.

AFTER hearing several pieces of our new swing band a smart-cracking jerk said, "When you fellows get all tuned up play us a tune."—Cousin Peleg.

SINCE closing as manager of the Expose Show on Hennies Bros' Shows, George L. Crowder has become associated with Leo Seltzer's Roller Derby and is in Mexico City arranging for one of the units to open there about November 1 in the Palace of Sports. He will remain about six weeks before returning to San Antonio, Georgia, as special agent with Beckmann & Gerety Shows in 1937-38.

HAP PALMER, general agent of Panhandle Co. of donkey baseball and basket ball notes, letters from Rockford, Ill.: "Closed our baseball season successfully in New Berlin, Ill., after opening on May 16 and playing Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Best spots were in Illinois, Kansas and Michigan. Opened the basket-ball season in Chadwick, Ill. on October 16."

THE guy who coined the word "roughneck" as part of midway jargon should have copyrighted it and sold exclusive rights. Terms that belittles the backbone of any show.

IT OCCURS To The Mixer that enough good news goes to waste each week with carnivals to fill several pages of the outdoor section with short, newsy items. Why let it sit in by those directly concerned or others with the various organizations? Don't leave it all up to the press agents or other show-letter writers, because they usually must use a great deal of their space in writing of their organizations as a whole.

NOTES from Smith Bros. Associated with Mrs. Frank Smith: Organization is playing what the natives call the Death Valley of Oklahoma but it has been far from such, as shows chase five bands from such on the route. Stand at Soper, Okla. was oked. Shows will remain out until Thanksgiving if weather permits. Billy Adams' cookhouse is clicking, as is

Tuffy Barnett's Athletic Show, Mrs. J. C. Adams, formerly with Groves Greater Shows, joined recently.

I'D LIKE to see a census of the "Boy Wonders" that the talkers on every show on the lot brag about. Seems as the every midway in the country boasts an unlimited number of 'em.—Mr. Ushaw.

DOING torture acts on Dick Miller's Side Show with Mighty Monarch Shows is Duke Alvaro. Roster also includes Haba Haba, glass dancer and fire eater; Roxanna, annex; Major Fox, midget; Pat Alvarado, escape artist; Edith Greystone, half and half; Helen Miller, bally and annex; Bombay, strong man; Princess Ann, midget; Jolly Jack, fat man; Betty Ann Miller, mascot; Earl Mullins, tickets, and Dick Miller, talker. Alvarado also does inside lecturing.

POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY in its November issue devotes several pages to an interesting study of Jack Dadswell's portable photo laboratory on Royal American Shows. Story is accompanied by several pictures, one of which shows Jack surrounded by display work which he made on the road, while the others depict equipment and processing departments. Said to be one of the most complete laboratories of its kind in the country, wagon and equipment represent an investment estimated at \$12,000.

NOW that the Big Show has successfully pulled six-cylinder tops, these carnival writers who have been telling about having the innovation since last spring should come out with copy about it stronger than ever.—John Onceyear.

JACK AND MERCEDES HAMILTON, of the Hall of Oddities, and Knoll, free act, closed on October 21 and moved south. They probably will winter in Fort Springs, Ark. With the show are Earl Carroll, pin cushion and fire; Marie Raymond and Rose Kelley, tattooed ladies; Johnny Love, the "Ubangi Boy," and Napoleon, smallest entertainer. All will go south with the Hamiltons. Rose Johns, Mrs. Hamilton's sister, will go to Houston, Tex., remaining until later in the winter.

WITH Tracey Bros' Side Show on Gold Medal Shows are Mr. and Mrs. A. Mel-Roi, who report the shows have been encountering cool weather at night in Arkansas. Side-show line up has Jack (Old Red) Lang, talker and tickets; Gilbert Tracey, sword swallower and inside lecturer; Capt. Monroe Tracey, midget iron eyelid; Mo and Ko, midget boxers; Slap Happy, human pin cushion; Betty Frenchett, blade box, and Mary, electric chair. The Mel-Rois are doing their mentalist act. Unit is operated by Gilbert, Arthur and Leonard Tracey.

A CHERY "Good Morning" from the big boss to the man who wears overalls on the midway is a big factor toward building up the morale of any show.—Egbert Ironbender, modernistic blacksmith.

AFTER close of his stand with Pryor Shows in Stamping Grounds, Ky., Ford Munger Jr. left for Florida in the hope of playing several spots on the way down with his Portrait Parlor. However, after visiting Keystone Shows in Murphy, N. C.; Cody Fleming Shows in Jasper, Ga.; L. J. Heth shows, Marietta, Ga.; Funland Shows, Villa Rica, Ga.; Cumberland Valley Shows, Carrollton, Ga., and Beckmann & Gerety Shows, Atlanta, he decided to play still dates and cards in his left's found, that every crossroad has either had a photo gallery or one has just left.

STAGE MANAGER on Swingland Revue with Mighty Monarch Shows, Homer Lee Bowen, letters from Chertaw, S. C.: "The outfit has had successful season. Roster also includes George Dennis, talker; Slim Jones, bass drum and comic; Elma Wheeler, band leader and sax; Buster Brown, guitar; Edward Eady and Bob Yeoman, trombones; Red Dennis, trombone; Buddy Yeoman, sax; James

Galimer, drummer, and David Shaw, emcee. Chorus has Bessie Dennis, Pearl Bowen, Wilma Wheeler, Clara McCoy, Emma Galimer, Sarah Yeoman and Fluffy Moore.

MEANEST showman in the world is he who hires inexperienced town gals who know nothing of the business or its hardships, and being what they are and knowing nothing of the value of such seasonal labor, pays them a measly nightly tip and often fires them miles away from home without means to return. "Oh, well! She was stage-struck and just a cheap broad. What does it matter?"

IT LOOKED as tho someone had declared war on Wilson, N. C., recently while Cetlin & Wilson Shows were playing Wilson County Fair there when three cannons pulled on the lot, reports Show Secretary George Hirschberg. First to arrive was Edmondo Zaccchini with Vittorio, who is booked this season with the shows. Then came Hugo Zaccchini with the repeating cannon. He was accompanied by Mario and Bruno Zaccchini. Last to arrive was the Great Wilno, who recently closed his season in Washington, N. C. After a brief visit all except Edmondo left for winter quarters.

WHILE playing Ely, Nev., personnel of Hilderbrand's United Shows took in the unique sights of the countryside and visited the great copper mines and excavations at Ruby, Nev., some six miles distant. Some of those making visits were Mr. and Mrs. Doc Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Harry Chernow, Mr. and Mrs. Epple, Emmett Carrin, Mr. and Mrs. Leahy; Mr. and Mrs. Pickard and daughter, June; Hazel Fisher, Verna Seeborg, Jimmy Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beate, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Utzke, Jack Knight, Carl York, Harold Weedon and Doreen Summers.

JOE PEARL, who chose to retain his position as bartender in a Rochester, N. Y., hotel (where he has spent the past five winters) in favor of returning to outdoor show business this season, took a week's vacation recently and visited the New York World's Fair, He (See MIDWAY CONFAB on page 46)

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IF I HAD \$1,000,000 I'd probably give it all to charity and then have to struggle thru life like any other poor man. Giving too freely has always been one of my greatest weaknesses. The name, Big-Hearted Johnson, by which many showmen know me, will follow me to my grave. Just yesterday I had the opportunity to repay a good deed done me years ago. In 1928 when the show closed and I found up stony banks, the party that I am telling about, seeing my predicament, gave me a ten spot to get home on.

Yesterday that man, his wife and four little kids plow onto the lot blank, hungry and with no place to sleep. The barefooted party were walking in the cold mud, crying at every step. Seeing me, he rushed over and asked if I still remembered that favor of years ago. So after paying their story I told them, "My troubles and worries are over. Take these six passes and enjoy all the shows and rides. Take in the entire midway and drown your sorrows in mirth and joy."

I can still see the tears of gratitude popping out of their eyes as I quickly walked away.—DIME JAM JOHNSON.

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## American Carnivals Association, Inc.

By MAX COHEN

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Plans for the sixth annual meeting of the association are being formulated and, altho the programs of the affiliated bodies which will meet in Chicago simultaneously with our association have not been fully announced, our meeting will be held in the Hotel Sherman, starting on December 4 and continuing nightly until business has been disposed of.

In accordance with practice of the past few years, meetings will begin at 11 p.m. so as to give each member and others interested an opportunity to be present without neglecting other interests. Such matters as are not disposed of Monday night will be completed at the second session on Tuesday and, if necessary, sessions will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Detailed program will be in accordance with by-laws of the association adopted in 1936 and will be announced later. In accordance with the by-laws, official notice of the annual meeting will be mailed to members at least 10 days in advance of December 4. Altho notice of the annual meeting is confined to membership only, sessions have always been open to all who are interested in attending. All sessions will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago. We would appreciate suggestions from members regarding the meeting.

## B. & G. CHALKS

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erang, J. A. Wagner's Bolloplane, Felix Charneski's Heyday, Fred Baker's Caterpillar and Jack Dillin's Peet's Wheels. Date marked shows' last stand of the season, and word to tear down for the last time was given at 12:30 a.m. Saturday by Barney Gerety and show train pulled out for quarters in Atlanta at 9 a.m.

### Showfolk Scatter

Tony Ybanes, secretary-treasurer, and Glen Buck, auditor, remained until late to pay members their final salaries and arrears. About 200 went to Room 10 with others scattering to various parts of the country. Only a few will be kept at quarters as Managers Beckmann and Gerety don't plan on any work or re-building until January 1. Here are where some of the Beckmann & Gerety folks will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckmann, Chicago and then Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Barney S. Gerety, Chicago, then Mexico City; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Korthe and family, Miami, Fla., then north; Dave and Nancy Miller, Tampa, Fla.; Zeke and Virginia Shumway, Gibsonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shosts and son, Bartlett, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harwell, Atlanta; Earl Chambers, Atlanta, then to Texas; Buddy and Betty Moon, Columbus, Ga.; Tiny and Mrs. Weston, Conway, Ark.; Felix Charneski, Shreveport, then to San Antonio, Tex.; George Hellman, New Orleans; Glen Buck, Springfield, Ill.; Tony and Myrtle Ybanes, Atlanta; Walter White, Quincy, Ill.; Harry Bert, Chicago, and J. E. Gregory, Atlanta.

Charles and Madge McDougall, Tampa,

Fla., then back to Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Del Ward, Oklahoma City; Paul Eastus, Dallas; Edgar T. Neville, Atlanta; Whitley Weiss, Passaic, N. J.; Sam Feinberg, New York; Van Buren Jones, Van Buren, Ark.; John Giles, Atlanta; H. H. Bradford, West Plains, Mo.; R. D. Harris, H. C. Landecker and family, Jack Dillin, Ralph Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bodenschopf, Atlanta; Dave Graham, Englewood, Fla.; Johnny Cissel, St. Louis; A. E. Tripp, Houston; Mrs. W. D. Sullivan, San Antonio; Florence Cameron, Minneapolis, and Bertha Shubb, Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy West, Dallas; H. L. Wagoner, Wichita, Kan.; Tom Ellis, Gibsonville, Fla.; J. A. Logan, Tampa, Fla.; Jack Murray, Valdosta, Ga.; Ted and Dorothy Webb, Atlanta; R. H. Byers, Shreveport; Bill Maynard, Atlanta; Ralph (Pop Corn) Anderson, Springfield, Ill.; Al Reeve, New York; Roy and Helen Hewitt, Atlanta; Dr. Paul Myers, Rockville, Ind.; Ben Jacobs, Denver; Bill Robinson, Kansas City; Ralph (Radio) Anderson, Lindsborg, Kan.; Sam Appel and Arnold Berman, Denver; Leo J. Cox, Ava, Mo.; R. H. Hukill, La Harpe, Kan.; George Fogelstad, Bonita, Fla.; Mike Jones, Shreveport; James E. Limbaugh, Mishawaka, Ind.; Sam Aldrich, San Antonio; D. W. Clements, Bonham, Tex.; Percy Martin, Etewa, Wis.; William Salisbury, Mrs. Charles and Madge McDougall, N. C.; Darlene Mongson, Rolette, N. D.; Charles DeKreke, Louisville; A. J. Weiss, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Fred Baker, Meehan, Miss.; S. G. Jurica, Hope, Ark., and Albert Edwards, Birmingham, Ala. A feature closing day was the special farewell dinner served in the cookhouse by Charles McDougall, steward, to officials and executives of the show, as well as workmen.

## SHOWMEN HONOR

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hoochee Valley Exposition grounds at 10:15 a.m. Dr. Frederick S. Porter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, presided at the memorial services. One of his predecessors, Dr. L. R. Christie, officiated at the public funeral on November 25, 1915, of victims of the wreck at the First Baptist Church.

Charles Beckmann and Frank Julian, members of the Kennedy Shows who escaped injuries in the wreck, attended the services. Both are with Beckmann & Gerety Shows. Floral offerings were sent by Chattahoochee Valley Exposition, Felix Jenkins, general manager, and employees of the Beckmann & Gerety Shows.

## SPARTANBURG FAIR

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Included Peary Hoffman and Isadore (Murphy) Piresides; Jack Shafer, Harry Biggs and Harry Ramish, John H. Marks Shows; J. C. (Tommy) Thomas, Johnny Jones Exposition; R. C. Henry, Sherman House and Red Brady, Henry Shows; J. A. Mitchell and party, Anderson (S. C.) Fair; J. P. Moon, Newberry Fair; Paul Moore, State Fair, Columbia; E. B. Henderson, Greenwood County Fair; Ralph Hinkley, Jimmy Victor, and Bill Tucker and Jack Stone, Eady Bros. Shows. Mel Dodson, J. B. (Jack) Bailie and Carl Barlow were honored by a call from Governor Mayfield, who extended them an invitation to share his private box at the race Thursday afternoon. The

governor's party later made a brief inspection tour of the midway.

## DODSON & BAILIE

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with tickets priced at 50 cents, event netted the club's fund \$223. Jimmy Victor, who handled grand-stand attraction of the fair, co-operated with the committee leading Al Morrison as emcee and several other acts.

Show was in charge of Carl Barlow and Roy B. Jones and entertainment lasted until early morning. Participating were: King's Band, and his dog act, Mae Britt, singer; Charles LeRoy, magician; members of Guy Paree; Oja Sid, mentalist; Reeve Sisters, singers; Soapy and Anabelle, comedy team; Rita Ellis, soloist with Victor's Band, and Texas Jim's Long Side Rattle. Morrison handed the emcee chores in capable style.

## BALLYHOO

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not to be disturbed. Hunting up the president of the fair, the boss was informed that he was out of town, making a pay day writing sheet, inquiring as to the whereabouts of the fair manager, it was learned he had been out of town. Orleans who had given Truckload the tip, immediately a wire was sent to the tout asking for co-operation. Long before night the fair see opened his game, saying: "If you are worrying about who to pay the guarantee to send it to me. Have tip on horse."

Realizing that nothing could be done with the fair board, the office decided to carry on and sent our sound car out to advertise the event. By opening time the fair president arrived and took up his post selling gate tickets at 50 cents a copy. The fair see opened his game, and everyone was on his own. Some 80 patrons showed up but never got past the chuck game. The morning paper carried quite a story on the 50 per cent increase over the previous year.

Tuesday afternoon all attractions opened, but not a soul came on the lot. The evening newspaper carried a big fair story featuring the cookhouse operator who had been charged the grounds and the clicking of turnstiles. The show did get some recognition in the press due to an argument between the show's staff physician and the cookhouse operator relative to whom had the exclusive on asperin. Each claimed all rights and swore out a warrant for the other.

Saturday night the banner crowd of the week arrived but went directly to the grand stand, which was making a 10-cent jam. The grand-stand show was held up until 9:30 waiting for more customers due to the acts being signed a no-work no-pay contract. The fair see decided to buy the house and put the people on the midway. After a close check of grand-stand patrons, including passes, the bosses handed the fair see \$250.00, and the show was called off. The crowd, thinking the event was over, rushed out of the front gate.

The office just received a wire from Trevelyan stating: "Local police advise that show should work further east. She is now going into a seance to locate spot."

MAJOR PRIVILEGE.

## STEVENS' ODDITIES

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entree, legal adjuster; Jack A. Ryan, press and radio; Irving W. (Happy) Atwood, assisted by Harry Brown, commissary department; Eckett, Jack Wallace, assisted by Joe E. Baker and Arthur Mellor; dining department, Clarence Walters, steward; Charles Denby, chef; Joe Stricker and John Earl, writers, and George Baker, dishwasher; Fred and Arthur Firth, agents; V. O. McBeth, lithographer; Frank Bellows, billposter; Hank Lynch, banners; Willie Kirk and Ben Peterson, programmers, and Col. W. H. Green, advertiser.

Attractions include Christine Holley, crocodile girl; Ray Harter, knife act; Lloyd Fowler, frog boy; Roy Chapman, Scotch bagpiper; Madu, iron tongue; Robo, mechanical man; Zep, pig, pig head; Diamond Bay, tattooing; Millicent, girl of mystery; Madame Zeeba, mentalist, assisted by Mr. King; Yveta Betty, fat girl; Jean-Jeanette, snakes; Wilbur Fumbler, hypnotic man; Determinate Eddie, handless marvel; Captain Nelson, sword swallower. Irene Farrell is in the annex, assisted by Miss Slater.

## CRAFTS CLOSES

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is in the quarters parking area in North Hollywood. The show's officials and members gave the following as their winter destinations: Owner O. N. Crafts and Manager Roy E. Ludington left in the former's plane for a hunting trip in Mexico and will return to quarters for

the winter. John Alexander Pollitt, general agent, will winter at Hotel Padre, Hollywood; Harold Perry, special agent, San Francisco; H. Mook, auditor, quarters, Los Angeles; John Glick, Mack Down and George Bryant, North Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanson, Los Angeles; Alph Maler, electrician, Stockholm, Sweden; Side Show members, including Jay Ridenour, Lady Ellen and Tony Tomblin, will join a winter cruise in Texas. Others will go to the Pikes, Long Beach.

Athletic Show members including Ed Kanthe, Bill Brooks and George Yuseff will winter in Los Angeles and Joe Nallen, Pop Swagerty and Bill King, of the Animal Show, will remain near quarters, while Karl Miller, owner of the follies, retires to his restaurant in Culver City, Calif. Virginia McKay, Ruth (Peewee) Elam and June Snyack plan to enter movie studies near Los Angeles. Concessioners: Mr. and Mrs. John Ragland will go to San Bernardino, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Korte, Waco, Tex.; Emmet Hartmann, San Francisco; A. C. (Teetop) Young, Sacramento; E. R. Stetson, Los Angeles; Fred Miller; Al Zolban, Fresno; Mrs. Phil Williams, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. William Delmar, North Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fitzgerald, Oakland, and William Traher, San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott went to Monterey, Calif.; Floyd Ebbe, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Hank Arnold, Mexico City; George Nolan, Van Nuys, Calif.; Phil Terry, Burbank; P. M. Cornelius, P. V. Macglashan, Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Ontario, Calif.; Frank Stone, San Bernardino; Harry Miller, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, New York; Louis Cechini, Glendale, Calif.; H. S. Peevy, New Albany, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. William MacMahon, Shreveport, La. James Lynch left for home in San Francisco. Tommy Camp, Fresno; Tommy Ross, Santa Maria; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Rieling Sun, Ind.; Charles Johnson, Goodnight, Tex.; Charles Schultz, Los Angeles; Pop Johnson, San Diego; Louis Pettinari, North Beach; Bill and Mrs. Tommie Johnson, Ind. and family, Columbus, O. Many of the ride boys plan to go to San Francisco to assist in dismantling rides at Treasure Island. Those announcing destinations were: Hershey Taylor to Hollywood; Joe and Mrs. Frank Schell, Los Angeles; Jack Schell, San Diego; Duncan Walters, Venice, Calif.; C. L. Turner, Porterville, Calif.; S. C. McCormack, Fresno; H. Vanslike, Inglewood; J. B. Vanslike, Patton; Wesley Cooper, Honolulu; Carl Cook, San Francisco; Sam Cannon, Camell, Watts, Calif.; Johnny Gilliland, Birmingham; J. Beck, Altadena, Calif.; Gene O'Neil, Fort Worth, Tex.; Joe Duran, Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Ella Hendry, Palm Springs.

## PACIFIC COAST

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financial statement showed that the club's net assets for 1939 are well above the average for this time of the year. President Hargrave announced that pictorial postcards, illustrating club facilities, were available in the office. Sick committee reported a plan of progress for Pat Shank's Club. Jack Lyon is out again and Charles Chubman is about to re-enter a hospital for another operation.

Some little mix-up has occurred in the delivery of mail and wires to the club and members are requested to send all club mail to Street address, 223 1/2 South Grand avenue in order to avoid confusion. Words "Club" or "Association" will also insure better attention. A long letter was received from Past President Theo Southworth, who has been elected to the Hilderbrand's United Shows. Short talks were made by a number of "back-home-again" members, including Ed Smithson, Pop Ludwig, John (Jimmy) Lynch, Charles A. Johnson, Harry Phillips, Gene Hudson, Fred Williams and Tom Lewis, with Brother Ludwig and John William Bush, Bart Fisher's friend.

## MIDWAY CONFAB

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reports an enjoyable time and says he visited with Bob Burch, Hazel Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Weakes at Jessel's Little Old New York. Larry Davis and Joe Mans at Frank Buck's Jungle Camp; Lonny Hill, Joe Rogers and Lew Dufour, at the Rondevoo; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Malos, in Merrie England Village, working a guess-your-age stand for Murray Goldberg; Fredy Glenn and Bill King, at Clit's Snake Show; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. (Slim) Kelley and Whitley Sutton, who has Kelly's Headless Illusion Show, and Bly, the rice writer, at the Strang

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**John H. Marks**

(Baggage cars and trucks)

Monroe, N. C. Week ended October 14. Union County Fair. Weather, cool. Business, excellent.

Variable weather prevailed here. One of the largest Kids' Days of the season was chucked up on Tuesday and patrons spent freely. Governor R. Lee E. Hoey, of North Carolina, was guest of honor Tuesday afternoon and visited the midway as the guest of Owner John H. Marks. A street downtown parade preceded the arrival of the show. The show, which was a prominent part in the pageant, Human Ballet and John Robinson's Elephants were the free circus attractions. Merry-Go-Round, under Foreman James (Shorty) Anderson, chalked its best week of the season here. Business Manager James M. Rafferty learned that his daughter, Mrs. Olivia Turner, of Wilmington, N. C., had given birth to a six-pound daughter, Tom Pincush, well known to the show. Local hospital, Dutch Leisters crew on the Whip. Fred Sawyer, talker on the Club Chocolate Minstrel revue, renewed numerous acquaintances here, as this is his home town. Mrs. Bud Turner underwent medical treatment at local hospital. Visitors included Jack Wilson, Celin & Wilson Shows; Secretary T. W. Huey, Rock Hill (N. C.) Fair, and Jake Shapiro, Triangle Print Co. Lee Wyatt joined with Princess Marguerite, single mother and baby attraction, and Bob Edwards booked his International Casino Polles. H. W. Jones, bingo impresario, visited with Ralph Flanagan, manager of his unit, here.

WALTER D. NEALAND.

**Dee Lang's**

(MotORIZED)

Lufkin, Tex. Week ended October 14. Forest Park Fair. Weather, fair. Business, excellent.

Organization was set up with a view to big business, as was experienced last year, and all shows and rides were clicking early Monday after a successful 200-mile jump from Denton, Tex. One of the largest Kids' Days here prevailed when school buses from all near-by counties poured children on the midway early in the morning. A Colored Day was successful, but Saturday was the big day. Some 400 Sprinklers hit the midway on that day after a long parade thru the city. Free acts proved popular. Festival association, under direction of Mr. Abernathy, co-operated. Leonard McDaniel, with six new concessions, landed as did E. Steinberg, with two Cecil Sanders, two, and J. Lemon, George Jones, E. Gahart, E. N. Gahart, E. N. Fortney, R. Morrow and Delbert Norton, with one each. Plans for a new side show, "The Great Escape," was the show for next season are in the making. Charles A. Lenz was among visitors.

**West Bros.**

(MotORIZED)

Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Week ended October 7. Weather, good. Business, fair.

Midway crowds the last three days surpassed any other marks set up here, but with a few failures, spending was at a minimum on Kids' Day, with the banner one of the week, with the Skooter setting up a new mark for the season, while the Octopus, Tilt-a-Whirl and Rolloplane reported good play. Shows, John Howard's Peeking Show, John Howard's Hollywood Museum, Sampson's Athletic Show and Speedy Wood's Motordrome chalking the best play. Mrs. Virginia Laughlin, wife of C. W. Laughlin, owner, was stricken ill on Monday afternoon at a local hospital. By Saturday there was some improvement, but her chances of rejoining the show for the remainder of the season are very slim. Dr. Braly and Gene Stockard co-operated.

**Gray Bros.**

(MotORIZED)

West Point, Miss. Week ended October 14. Claiborne County Fair. Weather, fair. Business, fair.

Show arrived here in time for opening on Monday morning after its shortest jump of the season from Starkville, Miss. Monday isn't considered much of a fair

day here, but Tuesday saw improved attendance. City, however, is located in the middle of the seven counties which lost their crops from rains last spring and never got a comeback this summer. Committee and local business men co-operated. Local politicians do try to get out of hand, but all local opposition was overcome by the management without having to stand the usual fees charged and collected in the past from other shows. Children's Day, Wednesday, drew a large crowd, but light spending. Thursday, Colored Folks' Day, drew a crowd but on Friday and Saturday it was too cold. Kelly Grady was stricken ill here and placed in a hospital at Amory, Miss. Members sent flowers and good wishes.

**Endy Bros.**

Washington, N. C. Week ended October 14. Aspsiecia, Beaufort County Fair. Weather, good. Business, good.

Spot was much better than last season with strong participation by exhibitors. Several productions were put on successfully and all departments reported a good week. F. T. McDevitt, fair secretary, co-operated. A big frolic was held Wednesday night after closing in State Armory, with dancing and barbecue feed for personal shows and friends of fair officials. More than 250 attended the event, which was financed by sick and disability fund surplus. Mr. and Mrs. David H. Endy left at the end of the week to pick up their daughter in Pottsville, Pa., before going South for the winter. Shows opened here coincident with reopening of the tobacco markets and plenty of spending resulted.

GLENN IRETON.

**Kaus Expo**

(Baggage cars)

Chase City, Va. Week ended October 14. Aspsiecia, Mecklenburg County Fair. Weather, good. Business, good.

Fair opened Tuesday to good attendance, but Wednesday, Children's Day, was marred by late afternoon showers. Thursday, colored day, drew well. Fair closed Friday with attendance and business holding up about the same as former years. Ralph Pendlly and son, Harvey, joined the staff of Motordrome riders. Lee McDaniel is talker on the drome. Monkey Circus continues popular. Mrs. James Burns put an air cream stand here. Barney Tusnell visited and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Traylor left here for their home in Petersburg, Va.

Warrenton, N. C. Week ended October 7. Aspsiecia, Warren County Fair. Weather, fair. Business, fair.

Rain started Sunday as show was moving on lot and continued until Monday morning. Cool weather followed and not until Friday was there good weather again. Children's Day, Wednesday, and Wednesday, Colored Children's Day, were hurt by the weather. Remainder of week, however, registered good attendance, but it was not sufficient to make up for the first part. James Plouff, show artist, joined the ranks of concessioners with scales and guess-your-age stores. Pauline Frazer is his agent. I. K. Wallace has new scenery on his kiddie auto ride. Harold Smith purchased a trailer. New concessioners here were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sisk and W. H. Any pitch and ball game. LESTER KERN.

**J. J. Page**

Lawrenceville, Ga. Week ended October 14. Aspsiecia, Osnethett County Fair. Weather, fair and warm. Business, excellent.

What had the appearances of another one of those things turned out on the right side to the surprise of all. Business started slow Monday but beginning Tuesday good grosses were registered, especially on Thursday. Citizenship and Children's Day, with free admission for adults until 2 p. m., Children and their teachers were admitted free until 8 p. m. And they came in droves. Rides, shows and concessions reported a swell business until midnight. A score of prisoners from a near-by prison camp enjoyed adults until 2 p. m. Children and their teachers were admitted free in getting the grounds and buildings in shape. P. V. Kelly, secretary and local business man, co-operated. Twin Ferris Wheels got top

money during the day, while the Merry-Go-Round and Tilt-a-Whirl led the night grosses. Minstrel Show topped shows, with Hollyhock and Side Show also getting money. Jack King's Monkey Show did well too. Many members visited Atlanta on Sunday, while others visited that city during the week. L. J. Heth Shows played a short distance from here and Matts were engaged. Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marion, Joe Mason, Berney Shapiro and Jerry Kohn. Sensational Royals were signed as the free act here.

**Hilderbrand's**

(MotORIZED)

Ely, Nev., October 10-14. Aspsiecia, VEV Post. Location, Circus grounds, East Ely. Weather, cold at night. Business, poor. Pay gate, 10 cents.

Shows jumped 400 miles into this city with thousands of miners on the pay rolls, but cold weather kept most of the natives at home, resulting in poor receipts for the organization. Country-side was well billed by Special Agents George and Ruby Morgan and newspaper men were generous with space. Sound car under J. Emerson Mote, also traversed wide territory daily. Reggie Marion, of the Hollywood Skyrockets, made a flying trip to Los Angeles, on business and returned prior to opening here. Doreen Summers joined the Skyrockets staff here. Owner O. H. Hilderbrand left on an inspection trip to his No. 2 Unit. Howard Clifford, old-time trouper, visited from Los Angeles, on business celebrating birthday anniversaries here were Margaret Balcom, Grover Melton and Hazel Faber. Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Goldberg left for a brief visit to New York City. Jack Arnott, Postage Show led grand shows and Karl McKinley's Side Show topped the big ones. Joe De Mouchelle turned over his interest in the side show to McKinley and left for Los Angeles. Manager Pickles Peckard is lining up personnel and equipment for his winter show.

JOHN H. HORDAY.

**Crystal Expo**

(MotORIZED)

Gadsden, S. C. Week ended October 14. Kershaw County Fair. Weather, excellent. Business, very good.

Shows' fifth year here, with good attendance, far surpassed any previous year. Weather helped considerably and less. George and Schloesser co-operated. Saturday the colored population appeared en masse and spent lavishly. Mary Webb, Ten-in-One operator, left here, and Doc Marcus, of the Olive Oop Show, took over and did a swell job of reorganizing the side show. Personnel is eagerly awaiting the close of the season, when most of them will trek to Crystal River, Fla. for the winter.

H. NELLA.

**World of Mirth**

(Railroad)

Raleigh, N. C. Week ended October 14. North Carolina State Fair. Weather, fair.

After a year's absence shows returned to top of their previous stands here. Laid out in horseshoe fashion, organization used every available inch of midway space. Silver Streak nosed out Karl Walker's Gay New Yorkers for top money. Business is spending in construction and Tiny Day on the Hammond electric organ continues popular. Russell Judy's Harlem Casino and Chief Kern's Night in Hawaii reported good weeks. Thursday, considered the biggest of the week, was marred somewhat by rain which began early in the morning and thoroughly drenched the grounds, necessitating additional tons of sawdust on the midway. Contracting Agent Gerald Snellens did his usual efficient job in handling this detail. Grandstand insurance opened up for the midway. A huge National Showmen's Association benefit, under direction of General Manager Max Linderman, was held Wednesday night and proceeds from this and a previous bene-

fit ran a little over \$1,000. A drive for members has been started by L. Harvey Cann, general agent. JIM McHUGH.

**Buckeye State**

(MotORIZED)

Marks, Miss. Week ended October 14. Aspsiecia, American Legion Post. Fair Association. Location, fairgrounds. Weather, fair and cold. Business, good. Date marked shows' first stand here and business was good despite a cold spell which hit this section. Children's Day crowd was small because of the weather, but the usual night crowd turned out on that day. Mrs. Bill Brown joined from Galloway's Golden State Shows with her diggers and Mrs. Allen took charge of the Ten-in-One Side Show. A new band replaced Pee Wee and band, which remained in a Yaxoo City night club. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hillard visited relatives and friends on Thursday and Helen George and daughter, Marn, who is recovering from a fractured skull, arrived Friday.

ELOISE LOWRY.

**L. J. Heth**

(MotORIZED)

Monroe, Ga. Week ended October 14. Aspsiecia, Washington County Fair Association. Location, fairgrounds. Weather, clear and cool. Business, good.

This date, a typical Georgia fair, proved the surprise of the season. Two children's days, Thursday for white and Saturday for colored, brought out capacity crowds. Friday also was very good. Outside Thursday, Friday and Saturday, however, only a night business was done. Location, which was only two blocks from town, was the only asset, but shows chalked up a swell week's business. Visitors included fair officials from Covington, Hawkinsville and Americus. Paul Conway, Macon attorney, and party Jake Shapiro and Henry Glass; members of the J. J. Page Shows, and Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Harris, of Winder, Ga. Many members of the Heth organization visited. Beckmann & Greety Shows as Southeastern Fair, Atlanta. George Kelly reported his largest single week's gross on his diggers, as did Paul Roy-

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olds, ride superintendent, for his Twin Ferris Wheels, Dock Bauldorf, cookhouse operator, also reported swell business. George and Betty Spradue took delivery on a new Ford car here.

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Legal Adjuster Buddy Braden returned from Atlanta after visiting the Beckmann & Gerety Shows. Mrs. Ernest Evans has returned from her home in Alabama.

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## Mighty Monarch

Bennettsville, S. C. Week ended October 14. Marlboro County Fair. Auspices, American Legion Post. Weather, fine. Business, excellent.

Shows broke attendance records the first five nights of the week here, but cold weather on Saturday resulted in light crowds. Caterpillar continued to top rides, with Minstrel Show leading that department. Committee, under Commander Covington, co-operated, as did county officials. Shows are arranging for their benefit performance for the Showmen's League of America when they play the Bamberg (S. C.) County Fair.

Bayboro, N. C. Week ended October 7. Pamlico County Fair. Auspices, American Legion Post. Weather, good. Business, excellent.

Date was the surprise of the year as it was the first fair held here in 14 years, and all rides, shows and concessions chalked good results. Colored and white schools co-operated, as did sponsors, headed by Al Ingram. Tilt-a-Whirl and Caterpillar vied for top honors. Because of the tobacco situation, Manager N. P. Roland changed the shows' route.

Windsor, N. C. Week ended September 30. Bertie County Fair. Auspices, Fire Department. Weather, rain and cold. Business, fair.

City was not up to expectations because of the tobacco situation, but on the whole shows had a fair week. Tilt-a-Whirl and Ferris Wheel got top ride money and Minstrel Show led shows. Concessions also did well.

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Milledgeville, Ga. Week ended October 14. Middle Georgia Fair. Location, fairgrounds. Weather, fine. Business, fair.

This fair gave the show, rides and concessions only fair grosses. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harris reported an enjoyable visit with friends on the shows during the week. Mrs. Matilda Beth's rides and concessions did well. Ben F. Tush, lot superintendent and assistant manager, was busy lining up footages, etc., for the following stand. Two musicians were added to Prof. Joe M. March's Concert Band and Jammie Graves took on two more concessions. Charles Miller's six stock cars did okay, as did Mr. Bentley's Midway Cafe.

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## Golden State

(Motorized)  
Fresno, Calif. Week ended October 7. Aupices, Italian Park Committee. Weather, rain and cloudy. Business, fair.

Everything was ready on schedule, after a 300-mile jump here, the longest move of the season. Only trouble on the hop was four blowouts and a broken drive shaft. Business the first three days was all, because of rain. Saturday and Sunday were away under show's last appearance here. Scooter got top money among rides, while the side show and girl revue led shows. O. N. Crafts visited for two days and Manager Bill Hobbay tendered him one of his special dishes, ham with scalloped potatoes baked in milk. Mrs. Jewel Hobbay left for a short trip to Los Angeles. Roy Shephard returned from Pomona (Calif.) Fair. Fred Soley, sound technician, left to check over Crafts 20 Big Shows' sound equipment.

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## Keystone Modern

(Motorized)  
Cherokee, N. C. Week ended October 7. Cherokee Indian Fair. Weather, clear; cold nights. Business, good.

Jump from Murphy thru the Smoky Mountains was made without mishap and shows and rides ready for Tuesday's opening. Clyde M. Blair, president, and J. L. Walters, secretary, reported more interest was shown by both Indians and whites in this annual than ever before. Indian exhibits, both agricultural and craft, surpassed exhibits seen by this writer at other fairs. Event draws visitors from various points, who appear on the midway as early as 9 a.m. Owner Hartzberg reported shows and rides did as well as in previous years here. General and truck loads of business were reported to Georgia. Harry Agne's bingo was popular. Frank's Diving Troupe was said to be the first free act to play here. Mr. and Mrs. James Richard, members of the Eaton Troupe, are sporting a new car and truck here. Superintendent Bob Jones' wife returned from a visit to her mother's home at Dalton, Ga.

HERBERT L. SWIFT.

## St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 21.—International Association of Showmen will hold its first fall meeting on the night of November 2, when a number of showmen will be here for the winter. They are beginning to arrive daily now. Fairly & Little Shows pulled into quarters in East St. Louis recently and several other shows are slated to winter here. Ike Lewis, concessioner, passed thru the city on route from Wisconsin to the South and reported a fair season. He advises he will winter in the South and visit friends. Mr. and Mrs. Noble C. Fairly, of Fairly & Little Shows, after seeing that their equipment was safely stored, left for the fairs in Dallas and Shreveport.

J. O. (Buster) Shannon, Fairly & Little Shows, and wife left today for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will vacation for several weeks. Eddie Vaughan returned after being at the New York World's Fair all summer. He reported that Mrs. Vaughan and his granddaughter, Betty McKee, would winter in Providence, where Miss McKee is attending school.

Eric Casares, general agent Imperial Shows, is here in search of quarters. Sam Benjamin, agent Fairly & Little Shows, after several days here left for Kansas City, where he plans to winter. L. Clifton Kelley, general agent Amusement Corp. of America, passed thru the city en route from the South to Chicago. Earl Shipley, clown, all season with Jimmie Lynch's Death Dodgers, is visiting relatives here while on a two-week vacation. He will join Lynch at his final Southern fairs. Francis L. Deane, Fulton

Bag and Cotton Mills, returned from a two-weeks trip thru the South.

Charles T. Ooss returned from a trip south on which he succeeded in selling several special movie and sound trucks. Matt Dawson, of Acme Premium Supply Corp., is visiting shows thru the South. Joe Scott, magician, was among other visitors to The Billboard. He's playing neighborhood houses near St. Louis.

Marvin R. South, concessioner, is visiting relatives and friends here, and Joe S. Scholibo cards that he and wife are located for the winter in Houston. Mrs. Tom W. Allen, who underwent an operation several weeks ago near St. Luke's Hospital, was released last week and is rapidly recovering.

## Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—George Wiler had the concessions for the Italian Picnic, Streamland Park, on October 17. Another heat wave considerably helped business at Venice, Ocean Park, Santa Monica piers. Col. Ed Nagle and wife, Bertha, with a new housecar, are touring in the big trees and lakes sectors. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Thomsvaldsen came in from New York and will make the Golden Gate Exposition, San Francisco. Bill Nelson returned from a trip to New Orleans and will be a Coast Defender. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanscom and Elmer's mother are wintering at the Bristol Hotel. Roy Z. Ludington plans another two-weeks tour in California, putting Crafts 20 Big Shows away has been completed. He says he'll visit Laurel, Ind., and Cincinnati. Harold (Pop) Ludwig came in from Virginia Park, where he reports business is holding up well. E. W. (Doc) Hall, who has been ill for two months, has been released from General Hospital and arrangements are being made for him at a rest home near here. Charley Guberman has recovered sufficiently to be up and about. John S. Lyons' condition remains about the same. St. Luke's and Harry Booth motored in from the East and will winter here.

Pierre Ouellette, general agent Hilderbrand's United Shows, came in and reported the No. 1 and No. 2 units have had a fair season. Bill Linder, of Monte Young Shows, will winter at Bell Gardens. Floyd Gilligan came in to join the Coast Defenders, Jimmy Lynch, who had the cookhouse on Crafts 20 Big Shows, came in after putting his layout out for the winter. He was accompanied by Louis Pettinari. Charley Johnson, chef for Lynch, also came in this week. Steffen's Shows have been signed for the Business Men's Fiesta at Adams and Crenshaw boulevards. Paul Hill, director-manager of the Annual Fair, and Frank L. Linder, who wintered at National Military Home, Sawtelle, Calif., for a physical check-up, was with Ted Metz on the Monte Young Shows.

Frank W. Babcock Shows had one of their best spots of the season at Belmont Shore, Cal. Frank is promoting industrial shows in East and South Los Angeles. Skip and Bob Ferdyce, after an absence of two years, have returned, will locate near Pomona, Calif. Waldo G. Tupper and Earl Hall have several propositions under way.

Clyde and Tony Gooding came in from the E. O. Douglas Shows and reported a successful season. Roy Barnett drove his new car here from the Conklin Shows and reported a good season, as did Art Campbell, back in town from Harlan's Blive Shows. Frank is promoting winter in Southern California, are headed this way and have set Armistice Day as the close of the season. Dr. Ralph E. Smith returned from a two-week business and pleasure trip in the North.

Ross D. Davis states that business at the city parks, where he has rides, is holding up okay. Roy E. Ludington, manager of Crafts 20 Big Shows, states that business at the Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, was off October 23. Crafts 20 Big Shows and Crafts midway included Duke Lee and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Walsh, J. F. Main, Bill Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Helien, Jack and Lillian Euston, Capt. Arthur Masek, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kirkendall, S. L. Cronin, George and Betty Coe, Moe Levine, Earl Hall, W. G. Tupper, Nina Rogers, Leo J. Haggerty, Frank J. Downie, George Silmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beach, Harry M. Brown, Capt. Arthur Masek, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, G. Curry and Margaret Bernard, Harry Gargrave, Will Wright, Ross B. Davis and Lew Berg visited Archie Clark's Greater Shows at Santa Paula.

## Tom's Amusement

(Motorized)

Camilla, Ga. Week ended October 7. Auspices, American Legion Post. Weather, perfect. Business, good.

Midway was located at grand-stand entrance on the new rac track and all were ready for opening Monday night, and good crowd prevailed and continued thru the week. Committee co-operated and exhibits overflowed the 300-foot tops, but Owner Tom Rich provided another tent pronto. Children's Day, with 23 busloads of kids, was the best day. Fair committee from Fort Gaines, Ga., was entertained by Owner Rich Friday night. The Guthries, free act, left to fill other contracts and Professor Odar joined with his two best attractions.

DR. L. E. BROWN.

## I. J. Clark

Dallas, Ga. Week ended October 7. Paulding County Fair. Weather, good. Business, good.

Several concessions joined here, as did three shows. Athletic Show, operated by Bob Martin, got top money here and Dale Parrish's girl show also did well. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, bingo operators, reported the best week of the season so far. Concessions owned and operated by Mrs. I. J. Clark did well. Photo gallery operators, Mr. and Mrs. Shinn, also had their best week of the season. Owner-Manager I. J. Clark returned from a booking tour in Georgia.

# Eviction Is Lawful

By LEO T. PARKER, Attorney at Law

**I**N MANY instances owners and employees of amusement places are confronted with the question: When and under what circumstances may a patron be evicted from the premises or assaulted without liability on the part of the owner of the place of amusement?

The answer to this broadly is: A patron may be evicted from the premises when his conduct is boisterous or otherwise objectionable to other patrons to the extent that he either is disorderly or violates reasonable rules and regulations of the owner of the place of amusement. And he may be assaulted if necessary to evict him, after he has been requested to leave quietly and he refuses to go, or if such assault is necessary to protect the owner or employee, or other patrons, from injury.

## Special Police Officer

While the above-mentioned rules broadly are correct, yet so many distinctions and variations of the law are apparent that, to impart dependable and authentic legal information, it is necessary to review the higher courts' decisions involving various phases of the law.

For example, it may be stated that the owner of a place of amusement or his employees may, without any legal liability, eject a disorderly or undesirable patron from the premises provided and no express or implied authority to do so. On the other hand, the law may be stated to the effect that the owner of a place of amusement is liable if unnecessary or undue force is used by an employee in ejecting a patron who is boisterous or disorderly. This law is applicable only when the employee is authorized to eject the patron, or such employee is placed in such position that the court could imply that he had authority to eject disorderly or undesirable patrons.

For illustration, it has been held that an usher implicitly is authorized to maintain order and eject disorderly patrons. However, other higher courts have held that the owner of a place of amusement is not liable for injuries or injuries effected by disorderly patrons by a person employed to erect circus seats or to clean premises. In other words, a proprietor never is liable for injuries acts accomplished by an employee who used no express or implied authority to eject a disorderly patron, unless the owner or his manager wilfully permits the unauthorized employee to effect the injury.

Then again the rights and liabilities of a proprietor of a place of amusement differ materially if the injurious acts are performed by an employee instead of authorized police officers. These distinctions are important and will, therefore, be illustrated.

For example, the owner of a place of amusement is liable in damages for the unlawful injurious acts of a special police officer if the injury is effected to protect the proprietor's property, but he is not liable if the conduct of the injured disorderly person was such that it was the duty of the police officer, by virtue of his police powers, to eject and arrest the patron for apprehension and punishment by the law.

Other higher courts have held that if the owner of a place of amusement employs and pays a police officer who is under the employment of the State, county or city, then the proprietor is liable in damages for unlawful and injurious acts done when such officer because, under these circumstances, the officer was the agent of the proprietor's police officer when the injury was effected.

Of course, as above indicated, the proprietor of a place of amusement never is liable for an injury committed by an employee, officer or other person not authorized to maintain order and eject disorderly patrons, particularly if the injurious acts are performed without knowledge or assistance of the proprietor. But, on the other hand, the proprietor of a place of amusement always assumes risks when he authorizes a city, county or State police officer to come upon the premises for maintaining order. This is so because, while the owner of a place of amusement is not liable for the injurious acts of either a special or regular police officer inflicted while the officer is arresting a person who has violated the law, yet the proprietor may be liable if the patron is injured while the officer is protecting the proprietor or employee or endeavoring to make the premises suitable and satisfactory to

other patrons. The same law is applicable to part-time police officers. As seen in *Huttenlocher Amusement Co., 130 Atl. 571*, in which it was shown that a man was appointed by city officials to act as a special policeman at a place of amusement. His wages were paid by the proprietor. The man did odd jobs and during certain hours also acted as a police officer.

One night he clubbed a patron who sued for damages. Since the testimony proved that when the patron was clubbed he was not performing any act which was in violation of the law, and the police officer was not attempting to arrest him, the higher court held the proprietor of the amusement company liable in damages and said:

"A more difficult question would be whether the plaintiff (patron) committed an offense against the law for which he could be arrested or detained for a longer time than was necessary to eject him from the place of amusement. . . . If Benson (policeman) was at the time of the assault making an arrest for the commission of a crime, he was acting as a police officer, and the defendant (proprietor) would not be responsible, altho he used excessive force in so doing."

## More Than Necessary Force

Various higher courts have held that if any man strikes another and inflicts an injury to another, and can show a lawful cause for it, he is not liable in damages. It is also a principle of law that mere words are never sufficient or lawful excuse for assault or battery. It does not matter how insulting or opprobrious the language may be, the law

at this point of law is *Klaming v. Orleans Theaters Co., 117 So. 132*, in which it was disclosed that a patron of a place of amusement was attempting to assist another patron who was sick. An employee, authorized to maintain order, used force in ejecting or assisting patron from the premises believing that he was creating a disturbance. It is interesting to know that the higher court held the patron entitled to recover heavy damages. This court said:

"Whenever such managers or those charged with the duty of maintaining order have reason to believe one in the audience guilty of improper conduct, calculated to alarm or disturb the audience, they are justified in taking such reasonable steps as will be necessary to put an end to the disturbance, even to the extent of ejecting the offenders. On the other hand, people who visit such places of amusement and entertainment are entitled to full protection at the hands of the managers in the enjoyment of the privilege for which they have paid their money. And where, as in this case, a patron is insulted, maltreated and caused to leave by the employee without just, reasonable, or probable cause, such proprietor will be held liable in damages."

## Who Is Authorized Employee?

As above explained the owner of a place of amusement is responsible in damages when an employee, authorized to maintain order, unlawfully ejects a patron from the premises. Therefore, in many cases, the outcome of the litigation hinges on the answer to the question: Was the employee legally authorized to

## Every Employer and Employee Should Know When Eviction Is Lawful

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does not recognize that words are sufficient provocation to justify an assault. While this law may appear unreasonable, nevertheless it is universal law. The result of a person who is insulted by abusive language is suit against the other but never assault.

Moreover, neither the proprietor nor employee of a place of amusement may strike or assault a patron altho he is making a disturbance violating reasonable rules or acting disorderly. See the leading case of *Shramak v. Walker, 149 S. E. 331*, in which it was disclosed that the owner of a place of amusement struck a patron who refused to leave the premises when the proprietor demanded that he leave at once. Altho the testimony proved that the patron was acting disorderly the higher court held the proprietor liable in damages and stated important law, as follows:

"If one goes to a place of amusement on a lawful mission, and he so conducts himself as to become offensive to the proprietor of that establishment, the proprietor has the right to eject. Now how must he eject him? He must proceed, first, by ordering him to leave the premises. If he declines to go, and does not go, he must first use gentle means and lay his hands upon him gently. If he resents and refuses to go, the proprietor of the establishment may use whatever force is necessary to eject the trespasser, but he must not use more force than is necessary."

## Mistaken Offense

Another important point of law is that proprietors, managers, police officers and employees should, before attempting to eject a patron, be certain that the patron is disturbing other patrons or otherwise acting in a disorderly manner. Failure to make certain of this fact will result in the proprietor being liable altho he, or his employee, acted reasonably when ejecting the patron.

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"If . . . the act was fairly and naturally incident to the business then being performed for his principal, and with a view to further the principal's interest, then the act was within the scope of his employment."

Now, therefore, it is quite apparent that proprietors of various places of amusement, which include circuses, carnivals and other traveling shows, concessions, amusement parks and the like, should exercise the utmost care in selecting employees intended to maintain good order on the premises.

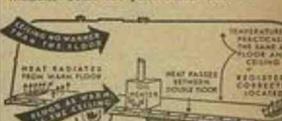
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ARKANSAS Little Rock—State Farm Bureau Fed. Nov. —, W. Fraser.

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IOWA Des Moines—State Horticultural Soc. Nov. 17-17. R. K. Herzig, State House. Des Moines—Natl. Farm Institute, Feb. 23-24. J. D. Adams. Des Moines—State Adjutants Conf. Post Commanders, Am. Legion, Feb. 18-19. R. J. Leick. Des Moines—State Farm Bureau Fed. Jan. 13-20. V. B. Hamilton. Des Moines—State Farmers Grain Dealers Assn. Jan. 29-29. D. E. Edison, Box 686, Ft. Dodge.

KANSAS Manhattan—State Farm Bureau, Nov. 6-8. Mrs. J. K. Smith, Box 302. Neodesha—P. of H. State Grange, Dec. 11-13. R. M. Porter, Ochs, Neodesha. Topeka—A. F. & A. Masons, Feb. 14-15. E. P. Byrum, Masonic Grand Lodge Bldg. Topeka—Natl. Breeders Assn. Jan. 4-8. J. B. Coedery. Topeka—State Board of Agriculture, Jan. 10-12. J. C. Mohler, State House, Topeka. Topeka—State Fair Assn. Jan. 9-10. H. M. Sawhill, Glascow, Kan. Topeka—Farmers' Exh. & Co-Op. Union, Oct. 23-23. Pauline Cowser, Box 29, Salina. Topeka—State Hort. Soc. Dec. 7. G. W. Richard, Topeka.

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MICHIGAN E. Lansing—State Farm Bureau Fed. Nov. 10-11. C. J. Brody, Lansing. Grand Rapids—State Hort. Soc. Dec. 5-7. H. D. Hoodman, E. Lansing. Grand Rapids—State Nurseriesmen Assn. Dec. 12-14. R. E. Larsen, 655 O'Neill st., S. E. Grand Rapids. Lansing City—State Veterin. Feb. —. H. E. Hunsaker, Yankee st., Niles, Mich. Traverse City—P. of H. State Grange, Oct. 26-27. C. H. ...

MINNESOTA Minneapolis—State Hort. Soc. Nov. 14-16. R. E. Macdonald, Univ. Farm, St. Paul. St. Paul—State Nurseriesmen Assn. Dec. —. H. N. Ruedinger, 2929 Colfax ave., S. Minneapolis. St. Paul—American Legion Post Commanders and Adjutants of Minn. Nov. 3-4. C. A. Zander, St. Paul. St. Paul—A. F. & A. Masons, Jan. 17. H. Anderson, St. Paul. St. Paul—Farmers & Home-makers' Week, Jan. 15-17. L. A. Churchill, Univ. Farm, St. Paul. St. Paul—State Farm Bureau Fed. Jan. 15-17. J. S. Jones, Olohe, Minn.

MISSOURI Jackson—State Dairy Products Assn. Jan. 25-26. H. P. McWilliams, Box 1039, Harrisonville. Meridian—State Farm Bureau Fed. Nov. —. R. E. Aldrich, Jackson. MISSOURI

Excelsior Springs—State Farm Bureau Fed. Nov. 15-15. Miss Chas. Schuttler, Box 604, Jefferson, Mo. Kansas City—Western Assn. of Nurseriesmen, Jan. 3-5. G. W. Holzinger, R. 2, Kansas City. Kansas City—Order of Odd Fellows, Nov. 24-25. A. E. Lister, 1811 Westport road. Kansas City—Oleander Springs Exh. Oct. 24-26. C. W. Evans, Cairo, Mo. St. Louis—State Outdoor Adv. Assn. Oct. 26-28. C. Olenick, Springfield. St. Louis—State Fraternal Congress, Oct. 19-23. Miss Anna Kamposan, 4 N. 8th st. St. Louis—N. W. ...

Boonman—State Farm Bureau Fed. Nov. —. Mrs. F. Wyatt. NEBRASKA Omaha—E. & S. M. & R. A. Masons, Dec. 5-6. L. E. Smith, 461 Masonic Temple. Omaha—Patrons Educational & Co-Op. State Union, Feb. 14. E. L. Shumaker, 28th and Leavenworth st. Lincoln—State Assn. of Fair Managers, Jan. 22-23. G. G. Marshall, Box 25, Arlington, Neb.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Manchester—P. of H. State Grange, Dec. 12-14. J. A. Hammond, Lacota, N. H. ATLANTIC CITY

New Jersey Atlantic City—State Farm Bureau, Dec. 8-8. E. H. Adams, Three Bridges, N. J. Atlantic City—State Hort. Soc. Dec. 4-7. A. J. Farley, New Brunswick. Trenton—Agr. Week and State Farm Show, Jan. 29-29. W. C. Lynn. Trenton—State Farm Bureau, Jan. —. H. E. Taylor. Trenton—State Poultry Assn. Jan. —. L. M. Black, College of Agriculture, New Brunswick.

NEW YORK Albany—State Agricultural Accl. Societies, Feb. 20. O. W. Harrison, 121 N. Pine ave. Albany—State Agri. Exh. Jan. 17. P. M. ... Albany—State Hort. Soc. Feb. 12. Albany—National Home Show Assn. Nov. 4-11. J. S. Wise, 120 Broadway. New York—State Hort. Soc. Jan. 9-12. R. P. McPherson, R. D. 2, Le Roy, N. Y. Syracuse—P. of H. State Grange, Dec. 12-15. Harold Stanley, Skaneateles, N. Y.

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck—State Farmers Grain Dir. Assn. Probably Feb. 7-9. C. H. Couway, 4 1/2 E. Broadway, Fargo. OHIO Cleveland—State Nurseriesmen Assn. Jan. —. H. B. ... Columbus—State Bro. of Magdalenas, Jan. 26-27. S. W. Reilly, 57 E. Long st.

Columbus—State Fair Managers' Assn. Jan. 10-11. Mrs. Don A. DeRitz, Holland Theater Bldg., Bellefontaine, O. Columbus—State Farm Bureau Assn. Jan. 11-12. A. J. Larsen, 693 Odessa st., S. E. Columbus—Rappers, Columbus. Columbus—State Farm Bureau Fed. Nov. 23-24. L. ... Columbus—P. of H. State Grange, Dec. 13-13. W. F. Kirk. Columbus—Farmers Grain Dir. Assn. Feb. 21-22. G. B. Latchaw, Box 123, Fort-Cloria, O. OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City—H. State Grange, Dec. 7-8. M. E. Stober. Guthrie—A. F. & A. Masons, Feb. 13-13. C. A. Sturgeon, Masonic Temple. Oklahoma City—State Livestock Assn. Nov. 17. C. Robert, ... Oklahoma City—Knights Templar, Nov. —. J. Sinez. Oklahoma City—State Farmers Educ. & Co-Op. Union, Jan. —. T. Cheek.

OREGON Hood River—State Hort. Soc. Dec. 6-7. O. T. McWhorter, Oregon College, Corvallis, Ore. Chamberburg—P. of H. State Grange, Dec. 12-13. K. Bagshaw, Hollidaysburg, Pa. Harrisburg—State Outdoor Adv. Assn. Jan. 18-19. C. Yecker, Box 13, Lancaster. Philadelphia—National Pigeon Assn. Jan. 18-21. H. P. Baldwin, Box 592, Kansas City, Mo. Pittsburgh—State Fraternal Congress, Nov. 2-3. H. H. Michol, 1229 Arch st., Philadelphia.

PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg—Order of Red Men, Oct. 23. James Monroe, 175 Althea st., Providence. Philadelphia—P. of H. State Grange, Dec. 12-14. F. J. Kennedy, Greene, R. 1.

RICHMOND, VA. Richmond—R. A. Masons, Oct. 24-25. Richmond—A. F. & A. Masons, Feb. 13-13. J. M. Cliff, Masonic Temple. Winchester—P. of H. State Grange, Oct. 27-27. M. Turner, ... WISCONSIN Madison—Farm and Home Week, Jan. 20-Feb. 3. W. W. Clark, College of Agr., Madison.

CANADA Edmonton—Alta—Un. Farmers of Alta, Jan. 23. Eileen Hird, ... Regina, Sask.—Daily Assn. of Sask. Feb. 6-7. P. Reed, Legislative Bldg., Regina, Sask. & A. Masons, Dec. 27-27. H. H. Hannan, 39 Drake st.

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CALIFORNIA Imperial—Imperial Co. Mid-Winter Fair, Feb. 1-2. ... San Francisco—National Dairy Show, Oct. 21-29. Lloyd Burlingame, 288 Wash. st., Chicago, Ill. COLORADO Denver—National Water Stock Show, Jan. 12-20. C. R. Jones. FLORIDA Fort Myers—Southwest Fla. Fair, Feb. 12-17. C. F. Bruce. Jacksonville—Duval-Jacksonville Fair, Nov. 17-26. E. Ross Jordan. Live Oak—Savannah Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 30. Orlando—Central Florida Expo, Feb. 19-24. Crawford T. Bickford. Pensacola—Pensacola International Fair Assn. Oct. 24-29. J. E. Frankel. Taylor—Taylor Co. Fair Assn. Nov. 7-11. E. Powell. Tampa—Tampa Fair, Jan. 30-Feb. 10. P. T. Strider. Winter Haven—Florida Orange Festival, Jan. 24-27 (tentative). W. W. Jamison.

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Houston—Texas State Expo. Oct. 13-22. W. J. White.  
Indianapolis—Walker Co. Fair Assn. Nov. 7-11, John Baldwin.  
Lagrange—Fayette Co. Fair Assn. Nov. 9-12, John Koenig.  
San Augustine—San Augustine Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 31-Nov. 4. J. M. Schell.  
Evanston—North Co. Fair Assn., Midwest Expo. Oct. 24-28. George D. Harber.  
Emporia—Emporia Fair, Oct. 24-28. B. M. Garner.  
Hudson—Tidewater Agri. Fair, Oct. 30-Nov. 4. J. M. Howard.  
**WISCONSIN**  
Milwaukee—Winter Fair, Dec. 3-5. A. R. Cooper, Jr. 4 West Hills, Wis.  
**CANADA**  
Saskatoon, Sask.—Winter Fair, Oct. 25-27.

**OHIO**  
Ashland—Halloween Celebration & Parade, Oct. 31. P. H. Hill.  
Lima—Fall Festival, Oct. 23-28. O. C. Rauch.  
**OREGON**  
Portland—Auto Show, 23-Nov. 5. James H. Cassell, 602 Artisans Bldg.  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
Philadelphia—Auto Show, Oct. 26-Nov. 1. W. P. Berrien, 600 N. Broad st.  
Philadelphia—Food Show, Nov. 9-14. Harry C. Stratton, 122 E. Alton.  
Philadelphia—Hamid-Morton Circus, Nov. 13-19.  
Pittsburgh—Auto Show, Oct. 21-25. W. N. Owens, 124 S. Highland ave.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
Florence—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 13-18. Grover C. Hinds.  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Brookings—Fair, 28. Home Week, Nov. 7-10. Humboldt—Turkey Day, Nov. 25. Sioux Falls—Auto Show, Nov. 30-Dec. 1. DeWalt T. Kaffer.  
**TENNESSEE**  
Carthage—Middle Tenn. Tobacco Festival, Oct. 25. Francis Key.  
**TEXAS**  
Gilmer—Yamboree, Oct. 25-28. C. H. Cox Jr. Houston—Arambia Shrine Circus, Nov. 27-Dec. 2. Stratton, 122 E. Alton.  
Robstown—King Cotton Carnival, Oct. 25-28. J. Lawrence Dean.  
Waco—Ex-Servicemen's Reunion, Nov. 7-12. W. S. Foster, 6124 Franklin st.  
**WEST VIRGINIA**  
Martinsburg—Auto Show, Festival, Nov. 9-21. J. M. Sellers, W. Burke st.  
**WISCONSIN**  
Milwaukee—Auto Show, Oct. 21-28.  
**CANADA**  
Regina, Sask.—Sheep & Swine Show, Oct. 21-Nov. 2.  
Toronto, Ont.—Hamid-Morton Shrine Circus, Oct. 23-29.

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**HIGHS MADE**

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... who had assembled Sunday afternoon for an informal dinner in the... and guests from practically every section of the State were present for Press Day events, which included a luncheon at the fair at which Mayor Scott presented Jack Dale, Water Valley, and Murphy Wood, who served as emcee. Wood's \$50 for best editorials on the contribution made by the fair to Mississippi progress.

**Shows Are Popular**

Royal American Shows, playing their sixth consecutive engagement here, were ready hours before the noon opening on Monday. Presenting their usual races and span appearance, enhanced by brilliant neon lighting, the RAS rides and shows were given liberal patronage. Barker Bros. Circus, under management of Bill Blomberg, was afternoon grandstand attraction, reeling in \$100,000, which had been abandoned due to conversion of the track into a baseball field for the local league team. Altho playing its first engagement here, the circus attractions exceeded last year's opening-day gross by a good margin.

A 10-year record was broken by throngs that packed and overflowed the grand stand on opening night to see Ernie Young's *Under the Stars* revue. Among numerous acts featured in the musical show were: Maximo, slack wire; William and Joe Mandell, comedy; Six Gretonas, high wire; Carl Fred and his Harmonica Band; Zeppie Troupe, unsupported ladders, and California Varsity Eight, returning to play their second consecutive engagement here. Carl Fred did a good emcee job, keeping the show moving at satisfactory pace and coaxing extra applause from audiences already responsive to the high-class caliber of the performance. Lytle Sisters and Leonard and DuCharme, dance teams, drew liberal applause. After the overflow opening night performance two shows were given each night thru Friday.

Four parades were staged during the week, headed by the program on Monday, State of Mississippi on Wednesday in a brilliant procession, Mississippi Schools on record-breaking Friday, and veterans, fraternal orders and travelers on Saturday. Parades drew the largest crowds in history to downtown streets. More than 50 crack Mississippi college and high-school bands took part in the parades.

**Plant Plans in Making**

Secretary Stire was host during the week to a number of visitors, including Secretary and Mrs. Ray, Minn. State Fair; Douglas Baldwin, manager of Alabama State Fair, Birmingham; Secretary William Taylor and party of Mississippi - Alabama Fair, Meridian; Secretary and Mrs. L. K. Booth, South Mississippi Fair, Laurel; W. C. Martin, Florida State Fair, Tampa; Max Goodman, owner of Goodman Wonder Shows, and J. (Jimmy) Simpson, vet general agent, Birmingham. Secretary-Manager Henry W. Beaudoin, Tri-State Fair, Memphis, brought six department heads to inspect various phases of the fair. Exhibits were well up to standard, with the best cattle show, due to increased emphasis on the industry, reported to have been best in years. An addition to this season was an automobile show which occupied center of Hugh White Industrial Building. Every available inch of exhibit space inside and outside of buildings, was sold a week before the fair opened. At a luncheon on Mississippi Progress Day, attended by a majority of members of the 1940-'44 Legislature, Gov.-Elect Paul P. Johnson, Hattiesburg, addressed the group.

Mayor Scott and Commissioners Hawkins and Taylor, working in co-operation with Miss Stire, secretary-manager, and staff are laying plans for next season. A number of plant improvements are projected in keeping with Jackson and Mississippi's expected growth due to industrial progress and discovery of oil in near-by Yazoo County.

**RALEIGH IS UP**

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house shutdown in effect several weeks before the fair opened. Large crowds attended. Lucky Teter and his Hell Drivers drew

an overflow on the Thrill Day, Wednesday, Friday was record-breaker. Manager Dorton estimated that 2000 an all-time one-day attendance mark. On Saturday auto races under Ralph A. Hankinson's banner and staged under direction of Jim Malone drew another overflow crowd. Grandstand shows were presented on Tuesday and Friday but wet weather kept them off the track on Thursday.

Acts and revue, *Fantasies of 1939*, presented by George A. Hamid, drew splendid crowds as usual, and Rudy Carley again served as emcee. Woodford's DeChalmers drew wide acclaim. Other acts included Great Beronist Troupe, high wire; Donatella Brothers and Carmen, musical act; O'Donnell and Hamilton; Five O'Clocks trapeze; Windsorettes, acro dance; Day, Monte, wire, and Mac's Trained Steers. Joe Basile's Band provided musical accompaniments. Nightly pyrotechnics were staged by Ohio Display Fireworks Co. and the State College of Agriculture. Agricultural exhibits, due to co-operation of State College and agricultural extension service, were declared the most attractive and representative ever at the fair. Premiums, limited to North Carolinians, total \$175,000, about a 10 per cent increase over last year's.

World of Mirth Shows under Max Linderman brought many new features, and generous use of neon gave the organization, long a favorite in North Carolina, a most striking appearance. Fair officials said the show, which approximated the shows' 1937 stand here, which was rated excellent. General press for the fair was handled by Louis H. Wilson, publicist for the State Department of Agriculture. Assisted by publicists for participating agencies, he did a good job. For the first time since 1932 C. A. Upchurch Jr. was not connected with the fair press department, unable to spare time from his duties as press agent for North Carolina State College.

Far marked the third time it had been presented by the Department of Agriculture since leasing to private operators was dropped after George A. Hamid and Norman Y. Chambliss had demonstrated for several years that it could be a paying proposition. Dr. Dorton has reported a profit each year, laying aside a sizable reserve fund in addition to spending many thousands on grounds improvements, a number of which, including gravelled walks, were in evidence this year.

**Hamid Charges Attack**

Until Saturday afternoon only jarring notes in an otherwise rosy week were rain Thursday morning (traditional big day) and an alleged assault on George A. Hamid by owners of a trick mule act. Controversy was said to be the nub of a ruckus which Hamid took to court. Mr and Mrs. E. R. Scott, Shelby, N. C., act's owners, were ordered held for the grand jury when the committing magistrate found probable cause. Act's owners allegedly attacked Hamid with fists, feet, dogs and a pitchfork. The showman suffered a slightly blackened eye and a cut on his neck, which he said, represented a nibble taken by a dog which Scott was obliged to have "staked" on Hamid. He said he was "staked" on him with a pitchfork and that Mrs. Scott kicked him. Sherwood Upchurch, former showman, was the committing magistrate.

Late Upchurch was named in a suit filed by Philip Brockwell, local billposter, along with Linderman, Dr. Dorton and General Outdoor Advertising Co., with which Upchurch is connected. Brockwell charges that his "live" paper for the Angier Fair was covered by Hamid fair advertising. Brockwell, who has been connected with a number of shows, did not state the damages he desires.

Camelia Garcia, 22, Tampa, Fla., motorcycle rider in Earl Purdie's motor-drome event, was covered by three days' hospital after a crazed lion reached thru bars during a belly and raked her across the left shoulder. Muscles were slashed and she was scratched on her back.

IONIA, Mich.—Interest in revival of harness racing on four days here 1939 Ionia Free Fair brought in \$5,000 over expenses, according to Pat Beahan, clerk of the race meet. Increase of purses this season was one of the reasons for the boom in business. He said, and plans to put on two more \$1,000 events on next year's program.

**Coming Events**

These dates are for a five-week period.

**ARIZONA**  
Phoenix—Fiesta del Sol, Nov. 6-11.  
**CALIFORNIA**  
Anaheim—Halloween Festival & Horse Show, Oct. 31.  
Gardena—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11.  
Huntington—Turkey Show, Nov. 16-19. Miles Nickles.  
Huntington Beach—Armistice Parade & Celebration, Nov. 11.  
Pasadena—Flower Show, Oct. 2-5. L. Swahar, 3115 Hillside st., Hollywood.  
Perrisville—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11-12. R. M. Dunbar, 255 Oak st.  
Riverside—Turkey Day Celebration, Nov. 4.  
San Diego—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11.  
Santa Cruz—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11.  
Ventura—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11.  
**COLORADO**  
Centennial—Fetato Show & Fair, Nov. 2-4. W. O. Bader.  
Durango—San Juan Basin Expo., Seed & Feeding Show, Nov. 11-12.  
**CONNECTICUT**  
Hartford—Auto Show, Oct. 23-28. Arthur B. Smith, 1000 Hotel.  
Meriden—Frank Wirth's Circus, Oct. 23-28. Louis Brown.  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Washington—Auto Show, Oct. 21-23. R. J. Murphy, 1457 Eye st. N. W.  
**GEORGIA**  
Savannah—Auto Show, Oct. 15-22-29.  
**ILLINOIS**  
Champaign—Corn Day, Oct. 28. Ralph Ragsdale, Chicago—Auto Show, Oct. 28-31. A. Reeves, 366 Madison ave., New York.  
Chicago—Autism Expo. & Hobby Show, Nov. 18-20. C. C. C. & C. 518 Michigan.  
Gales—Halloween Mardi Gras, Oct. 31. Ray Hirt.  
**INDIANA**  
Napoleon—Ind. State Mock Pig Show, Nov. 7-10. Roscoe Fraser, Hoek Bldg., La Fayette.  
New Albany—484 Cass.  
Lawrence—Natl. Corn Husking Contest, Nov. 3-5.  
Paris—Legion Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11. Ora B. Bowen.  
**KENTUCKY**  
Lexington—Halloween Carnival, Nov. 1-4. W. Greathouse.  
Louisville—Fall Stock Show, Nov. 8-10. E. L. German, Johnson Hotel & Main sta.  
**LOUISIANA**  
Creswell—Nac Rice Festival, Nov. 7. J. Brock Barrouse.  
Gretna—Live-Stock Show & Rodeo, Nov. 8-12. W. M. Habin.  
**MARYLAND**  
Baltimore—Auto Show, Oct. 21-28.  
Baltimore—Hamid-Morton Circus, Nov. 6-11.  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Boston—Hamid-Morton Circus, Boston Garden, Nov. 20-25.  
**MICHIGAN**  
Bangor—Fruit Belt Apple Show, Nov. 7-11. Hugh A. Steebek.  
Detroit—Auto Show, Oct. 21-23. H. H. Grand Lodge—Fall Festival, Nov. 10-11. Short Kelsey.  
Muskegon—Thornapple Community Fair, Nov. 9-10. Roy E. Walters.  
Traverse City—Potato & Apple Show, Nov. 9-10. C. Hemmingsworth.  
**MISSOURI**  
St. Louis—Auto Show, Oct. 27-29.  
St. Louis—Southern High School Expo., Nov. 4-9. A. A. Boyle, Kingsway Hotel.  
**NEBRASKA**  
Allamore—Fall Festival, Oct. 28. E. V. Black.  
Omaha—Auto Show & Transportation Expo., Nov. 7-12. J. J. McCutcheon, 416 Electric Bldg.  
**NEW JERSEY**  
Newark—Auto Show, Oct. 21-27. C. E. Holcomb, 24 Bradford Place.  
**NEW YORK**  
Buffalo—Auto Show, Oct. 21-27. P. J. Hunt, Erie St. Station.  
New York—N.Y. Horse Show, Nov. 4-11. W. Stone, 90 Broad st.  
Schenectady—Kings Indoor Circus, Oct. 30-Nov. 2.  
Syracuse—Auto Show, Nov. 6-11. J. D. Hayes, 416 Chimes Bldg.  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Charlotte—Armistice Celebration, Nov. 11. Chamber of Commerce.  
Charlotte—Expo. & Horse Show, Nov. 8-18. James B. Vogel, 1139 Elizabeth ave.  
Wilmington—Legion Celebration, Nov. 5-11. Ralph J. Jones.

**Frontier Contests**

These Dates Are for a Five-Week Period

**CALIFORNIA**  
Dinuba—Dinuba Rodeo, Nov. 11-12. J. E. Arden.  
Chicago—Chicago Auto Show, Rodeo, Oct. 12-29.  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Boston—Boston Garden Rodeo, Nov. 1-11. Walter Brown.  
**NEW YORK**  
New York—Rodeo at Madison Square Garden, Oct. 4-29. Frank Moore, Jr.  
**TEXAS**  
Dalhart—JIT Cowboy & Rodeo Reunion, Oct. 26-28. John Colquhitt.  
**ILLINOIS**  
Chicago—Nov. 25-26. W. Show, 2806 12th st., Detroit, Mich.  
Rockford—Nov. 23. Trussdale Smith.  
**INDIANA**  
Indianapolis—Nov. 19. John W. Hillman, care Indianapolis Star.  
**IOWA**  
Des Moines—Nov. 11-12. Don E. Hatching, 1988 21st st.  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Boston—Nov. 5. M. J. Donlon, 101 Melvin ave., Swampscott, Mass.  
Boston—Nov. 17-19. Dr. F. F. Carter, 232 Newbury st.  
Lowell—Nov. 12. Mrs. Fred Saunders, 231 Central st.  
**MICHIGAN**  
Benton Harbor—Nov. 5. A. W. Bow, 2806 12th st., Detroit.  
Lansing—Oct. 29. A. W. Bow, 2806 12th st., Detroit.  
**MINNESOTA**  
Mankato—Nov. 16. C. O. Eryen.  
Minneapolis—Nov. 19-19. Henry Norton, 600 New York Life Bldg.  
**MISSOURI**  
Bourbon—Nov. 4. S. J. Lamprecht, 5428 8th st., Detroit.  
St. Louis—Nov. 11. Mrs. L. C. Kraechel, 815 S. Webster Groves, Mo.  
St. Louis—Nov. 21. C. G. Parcell, 835 S. 8th st.  
**NEW JERSEY**  
Camden—Nov. 24. Polley, Inc., 2065 Hanstead st., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Newark—Nov. 12. Lloyd Williams, R. D. 3. Plainfield, N. J.  
**NEW YORK**  
Brooklyn—Nov. 19. John J. Sullivan, 39 W. 13th st., New York.  
Buffalo—Oct. 23. Harry J. Brogan, 393 E. Giles st.  
New York—Nov. 12. Polley, Inc., 2065 Hanstead st., Philadelphia, Pa.  
White Plains—Nov. 5. Polley, Inc., 2065 Hanstead st., Philadelphia, Pa.  
**OHIO**  
Cleveland—Oct. 29. Polley, Inc., 2065 Hanstead st., Philadelphia, Pa.  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
Harrisburg—Nov. 18. Polley, Inc., 2065 Hanstead st., Philadelphia.  
Philadelphia—Nov. 12. Polley, Inc., 2065 Hanstead st.  
**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle—Nov. 18. Mrs. H. C. Grier, Box 34-A. R. E. Seattle.  
**WEST VIRGINIA**  
Charleston—Oct. 26-27. J. C. Byrd, Box 966.  
Huntington—Oct. 26-27. H. C. Taylor, Box 1853.

**Dog Shows**

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Rockford—Nov. 23. Trussdale Smith.  
**INDIANA**  
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**IOWA**  
Des Moines—Nov. 11-12. Don E. Hatching, 1988 21st st.  
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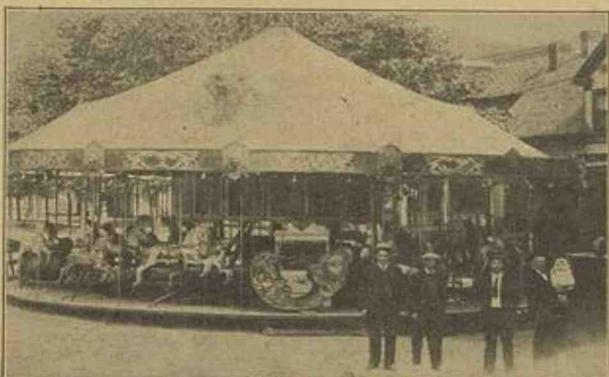
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off. Read or fake. Sober, experienced and... off. Read or fake. Sober, experienced and...

TROMBONE AND ARRANGER—READ, FAKE,

transpose any parts. Good tone, high range... transpose any parts. Good tone, high range...

TROMBONE—AGE 27, UNION, EXPERIENCED.

No one nitters. CARL SCHULTZ, Mt. Vernon... No one nitters. CARL SCHULTZ, Mt. Vernon...

TRUMPET PLAYER—DOUBLE STRING BASS,

swing man. Cut shows and swing arrange-... swing man. Cut shows and swing arrange-...

TRUMPET—EXPERIENCED, FORWARD STAGE

and/or Sober, F. BILL, 806 Howard Ave... and/or Sober, F. BILL, 806 Howard Ave...

VIOLIN DOUBLING STRING BASS—EXPERI-

enced, South preferred, BOX C-154, Bill-... ence, South preferred, BOX C-154, Bill-

A-TWING DRUMMER—AGE 21, single, good

musical, read, fine theater, radio, floor show... musical, read, fine theater, radio, floor show...

ALTO SAX-CLARINET—Doubling Trumpet and

Piano. Eight years' experience all lines... Piano. Eight years' experience all lines...

DANCE TRUMPET AND GUITAR—Accept anything

you play. Excellent musician, General Del-... you play. Excellent musician, General Del-

DRUMMER—Read, fake, swing, good vocalist,

M. C. Sherman, Age 28, single, Can, Not... M. C. Sherman, Age 28, single, Can, Not...

DRUMMER—Well experienced in dance work. Able

to read, solo, No experience, No violin, Write... to read, solo, No experience, No violin, Write...

EXPERIENCED TROMBONE—Will go anywhere

with orchestra. Write or phone FRASCO... with orchestra. Write or phone FRASCO...

STRING BASS—Double Cello, sing, read, fake,

Good singer, 21, single, available... Good singer, 21, single, available...

TENOR, ALTO AND CLARINET—Read, trans-

pose, tone, great swing, good substitute... pose, tone, great swing, good substitute...

TRUMPET—Read, fake, solo, good range,

Best musician, Band Director, reason for... Best musician, Band Director, reason for...

VIOLINIST—Violinist 1st Director, 16 years

experience, excellent musician, also... experience, excellent musician, also...

VIOLINIST AT LIBERTY—Reads, fake, Rhythm,

120 S. Howard St., Chicago, Ill... 120 S. Howard St., Chicago, Ill...

1ST OR 2ND TRUMPET—Age 20, experienced,

good. Eight years' experience with good bands... good. Eight years' experience with good bands...

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est Contortion Trapeze Act, Rigging 100 ft... est Contortion Trapeze Act, Rigging 100 ft...

SI, FANNY AND TRICK MULE, ABERN-

Comedy Novelty Act, Rubs Clown grand-... Comedy Novelty Act, Rubs Clown grand-

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and/or Sober, F. BILL, 806 Howard Ave... and/or Sober, F. BILL, 806 Howard Ave...

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DASHINGTON'S CIRCUS—Ten Days, Cate, Mon-

keys. Two distinct acts. Also natural wonder... keys. Two distinct acts. Also natural wonder...

FAMOUS WHITESIDE TROUPE at Liberty—

Parade Act, Original Show, Original... Parade Act, Original Show, Original...

FRED AND MARIE GUTHRIE—Four separate

acts for variety act. Comedy, Variety, Sing... acts for variety act. Comedy, Variety, Sing...

THE CLAYTONS—Four different Free Attractions.

Dancing, Tight Wire, Balancing, Trapeze... Dancing, Tight Wire, Balancing, Trapeze...

AT LIBERTY

PIANO PLAYERS

PIANIST—NAME BAND EXPERIENCE. READ,

Rhythm, go, cut shows and arrange. Prefer... Rhythm, go, cut shows and arrange. Prefer...

PIANO MAN—READ, FAKE, ETC. RELIABLE,

all essentials. MUSICIAN, 829 N. 15th St... all essentials. MUSICIAN, 829 N. 15th St...

PIANO MAN—READ, FAKE, CAPABLE, EX-

perienced, dependable; all essentials. BOX... experienced, dependable; all essentials. BOX...

NON-UNION PIANIST—Excellent reader, good

player, improvising, some jazz, good... player, improvising, some jazz, good...

PIANIST—Age 21. Just finished 10 weeks in

AVAILABLE FOR Department Stores—Christina... AVAILABLE FOR Department Stores—Christina...

CALVERT'S SOCIETY PUPPETS—(Punch and... CALVERT'S SOCIETY PUPPETS—(Punch and...

MORRELL'S ORIGINAL Whittling Art—Eugene... MORRELL'S ORIGINAL Whittling Art—Eugene...

PAMERIKA'S SOCIETY CIRCUIS—Big Punch... PAMERIKA'S SOCIETY CIRCUIS—Big Punch...

VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS—Broadway man offers... VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS—Broadway man offers...

SPARTANBURG GATE—(Continued from page 37)

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## New Mark Is Set By S. D. Corn Show

MITCHELL, S. D., Oct. 21.—In the face of a showstorm on opening day and cold weather for half the remaining week, Corn Show Festival here on September 25-30 had receipts of \$28,968, an increase of \$3,199 over the 1938 show, and an increase for the eighth successive year since inception in 1932, reports Charles S. Weller. Last year weather was fair and warm during the entire week.

Increase in receipts was attributed chiefly to booking of Paul Whiteman's Band, contracted by Wallace J. MacLean. Whiteman's program was broadcast Wednesday night over a national hook-up. Other attractions on the bill were Jean Edwards, Clark Dennis, Modernaires, Whitson Brothers, Three Olympians, Roscoe Ates and Hudson Wonders. Credit for yearly increases in attendance and receipts is given a committee of local business men who direct the festival and give particular attention to the entertainment program. This year's group was headed by Dyer H. Campbell. In 1932 receipts were \$7,496; 1933, \$8,538; 1934, \$10,464; 1935, \$15,200; 1936, \$15,434, and 1937, \$18,239.

## Fresno Show Pulls 34,000; Six Vaude Acts Are a Draw

FRESNO, Calif., Oct. 21.—Aided by presentation of a six-act vaude bill, National Home Show, under auspices of the Realty Board, drew 34,000 in Memorial Auditorium here on October 19-18, reports Chairman George Brown Hammond. There were 52 booths in operation, 60 per cent of which were re-signed for next year's show.

Show was produced by Federal Production Co. and directed by Edwin N. Williams. Stage bill included Oakie and Taiki, perch; Pina Tulo, ladders; Roman Troupe, foot juggling; Severance Revue and Jeffries, tight wire.

## Mo. Jubilee Makes Profit

SIKESTON, Mo., Oct. 21.—Drawing power of Ray Hutson's Ork lifted the recent Southeast Missouri Jubilee here out of the red. Dance made a profit of about \$485, while remainder of the Jubilee broke even, said Conly Furell, general secretary. Receipts from other phases of the event were: Advance subscriptions, \$1,100; exhibit booths, \$538; ride, \$143; and concessions, \$127. Expenses included payment for tents, fire acts, prizes, advertising and visiting queens and bands.

## Conn. Carnival Has Profit

ROCKY HILL, Conn., Oct. 21.—One of the most profitable carnivals in 15 years was staged by the Fire Department here on October 11-16, reports Carl A. Holmberg, general chairman. Weather was good. Profit is to be used for social and charitable activities. De Luxe Amusement Co. furnished rides under management of Joe Barry. Concessioners were Charles Andrews, shooting gallery, and Mrs. Charles Andrews, and C. Gold, pitcher-batter-win. Bingo was added attraction.

## Wirth Readies in Paterson

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Frank Wirth's fourth straight circus for Paterson (N. J.) Elks is being readied for Paterson Army, the booker announced. Exalted Ruler Norman Tattersall has appointed ticket sales committee which went into action this week.

FOUR Midnight Sons, musical turn, and George Hesseberger's Tyrolean Ensemble were featured at the financially successful Monroe (Wis.) Swiss days on October 15 and 16 under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, said Chairman H. C. Roth. Event was publicized by newspapers, radio and booster trips.

## Western Air Circus Draws Big Crowds

SANTA ANA, Calif., Oct. 21.—Western Pacific Air Circus here on October 14 and 15 at Martin Airport drew fair business on Saturday and a big turnout on Sunday. Vic Hayes and O. L. Henderson promoted the event and associated with them were Bob and S. A. Fordyce. Downie Brothers supplied equipment. Other staff members were Leo Hagertry, tickets; Bob Downie and Steve and Scoop Henry, grand stand.

Among lunch and soft drink concessioners were Deep Sea, Dutch Thome, Bill Arnold, Eula Fordyce, Betty Kamman, George Boerster, Kenneth Henderson, Harry Waldorf, Skip Sherman, Hal Stearns, John Robinson, Les Ritchie, Tom Jordan, Sammy Tibbs, George Mead, Ben Earley, Jack Haverman, Bill Carmichael, Hugh Bell, Mrs. Frances Jennison, Myrtle Salyard, John Priesman, Jim Furnace, Henry Skillman, Minnie Walliser, Edna Veppard, Tom Ber, Pat Murphy and Harry Both.

## Shorts

EIGHTH Annual Milwaukee Food Show under auspices of the Retail Grocers' Association on October 9-14 had attendance of 66,406. Stage shows twice daily

featured Alice Templeton and Red Skelton and included Forswick and Cook, cyclists; Armstrongs, acrobats; a dance chorus and Billy Baer's Orchestra. Admission was 25 cents to 5 p.m. and 35 cents thereafter.

ATTRACTIONS at Carroll County Fall Festival, Carroll, Mo., on October 4 and 5 were Daze-Devil Dault, acrobat; Christmas's Goals; Charles Lee's Kansas City Kiddies Revue, booked thru WHB Artists' Bureau; contests and parades.

CHAMBER of Commerce, East Liverpool, O., will sponsor a three-day fall festival on streets, featuring free acts and live stock, poultry, automobile, farm produce and machinery exhibits.

FEATURE attraction at 10-day South Texas Exposition in Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, will be Hell's Half Acre, an Indian village and historical display directed by Rev. J. W. E. Airey.

PROFIT of \$762, to be used for erection of historical markers in the county, was made by a centennial celebration in connection with the 1939 Williamson County Fair, Herrin, Ill., reports Harris W. Jones.

ARABIA Shrine Temple, Houston, which staged an 80-act circus last year in Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, will hold its show under canvas this year, reports Rev. J. W. E. Airey, director. During a recent visit of Ringling-Barnum circus in Houston the committee, headed by Cecil W. Sisson, visited the show, and some H-B acts may be booked.

## CORRAL

(Continued from page 36)  
Thompson and Mildred Mix Horner split first, second and third; Marge Parks and Violet Clement split fourth and fifth. Fifth day (three shows), Margie Greenough and Tad Lucas split first and sec-

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ond; Claire Thompson; Alice Greenough and Violet Clement split fourth and fifth. Sixth day (three shows), Claire Thompson, Helen Kirkendall, Margie Greenough, Virginia Fletcher.

Call, Roping Fourth day (three shows), Roy Lewis, T. J. Brannan, Buck Sorrella, Harry Hart, Toots Mansfield, Fifth day (three shows), Cecil Owsley, Jack Shaw; Carl Shepard and Clyde Burke split third and fourth; Everett Bowman. Sixth day (three shows), Bud Spilsbury, Sonny Hancock, Hub White-man, Juan Salinas, Everett Bowman.

Wild Cow Milking—Wednesday, Dick Truitt, E. Pardee, Buck Sorrella, Thursday afternoon, James Kenney, Irvy Mundy, Jack Shaw, Thursday night, Roy Lewis, Tony Salinas, Sonny Hancock, Friday, John Bowman, Clyde Burk, Juan Salinas. Saturday afternoon, Bob Crosby, Carl Shepard, Saturday, Buck Sorrella, Sunday afternoon, Irvy Mundy, James Kenney, Jack Shaw, Sunday, Roy Lewis, Bud Spilsbury, Sonny Hancock, Monday, Toots Mansfield, Everett Shaw, Tuesday, Carl Shepard, Bob Crosby, Ike Bude.

Wild Horse Race—Wednesday, Mitch Owens, Tommy Smith and Bill Greenough split second and third; best bucking horse, Larry Finley. Thursday afternoon, Carl Dossey, Hank Mills, Lyle Cottrell; best buckler, Cottrell. Thursday, George Mills, Bill Greenough, Pete Karscher, best buckler, Tommy Smith, Friday, Hank Mills, Orville Stanton; best buckler, Joel Pangborn. Saturday afternoon, Pete Karscher, Fritz Becker, George Mills; best buckler, Bill Greenough. Saturday, Lyle Cottrell, Hank Mills, Orville Stanton; best buckler, Hank Mills. Sunday afternoon, Pete Karscher, Fritz Becker, Bill Greenough; best buckler, Larry Finley. Sunday, Hank Mills, Terry Lockyer, Orville Stanton; best buckler, Lockyer. Monday, George Mills, Bill Greenough, Pete Karscher; best buckler, Hank Mills. Tuesday, Chip Munk, Kid Fletcher, Lyle Cottrell; best buckler, Orville Stanton.

Steer Riding—Third day (four shows), Buttons—Thickdy: Paul Carney and Hoyt Hefner split second and third; Albert Sells; Roberts and Mitch Owens split fifth. Fourth day (three shows), Dick Griffiths, Hoyt Hefner, Kid Fletcher; Frank Marion and Jim White-man split fourth and fifth. Fifth day (three shows), Zack McWiggins, Terry Lockyer, Jim Whiteman, Mitch Owens, Hank Mills.

Day-Money Purses—Cowboys' Saddle Bronk Riding, \$920. Cowboys' Hareback Bronk Riding, \$850. Cowgirls' Bronk Riding, \$292.50. Calf Roping, \$897.50. Steer Wrestling, \$1,182.50. Wild Cow Milking, \$75. Wild Horse Race, \$75, plus \$25 for best bucking horse. Steer Riding, \$442.50.

For first 15 days ended Wednesday (18) rodeo is running 10 per cent behind the corresponding period last year, according to Col. John Reed Kilpatrick, Garden president.

Virginia Fletcher sustained a fractured pelvis in bronk riding Tuesday night and was removed to Polyclinic Hospital, where it was reported she will remain for at least six weeks. Joe Fletcher received severe bruises on leap from his mount in bulldogging at Wednesday (18) performance and was informed by the physician that he could not continue in competition and was scheduled to leave for his home last week.

Representative top hands and novelties, including the rope-spinning McLaughlin youngsters, presented the annual performance at Bellevue Hospital last week and was recorded an enthusiastic reception.

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10. (1 Point) .....	

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 City and State.....  
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## Canadian Churches Continue Bingo Games To Raise Funds

### St. John's receipts build recreational centers and improve parish schools

ST. JOHN, N. B., Oct. 21.—Bingo for prize merchandise on a weekly basis in parish halls and recreation centers continues to be the vital source of revenue for churches here.

Biggest financial winner among churches in St. John is St. Peter's Catholic Parish. There are accommodations for 900 people in a recreational center next to the church and often capacity is tested. Minimum attendance has been 500. The center, built in 1938 and financed with receipts from weekly parties which had been held in the church basement. The two-story brick center contains eight bowling alleys, shower baths and a gym. Redemptorist Fathers take charge of the games, aimed at providing needed revenue and a means of social contact. Money from bingo not only goes to the recreational center, but it has aided in erecting a playground for underprivileged children and also goes to a fund from which poor school children are given noon meals.

### Games Draw Big

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish has been sponsoring a weekly party for the past four years which is providing funds for erection and equipping of a recreational center and furnishing money for improvement of the parish school. Parties are held in the church basement, which has a capacity of 800.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish has been sponsoring weekly bingo games for four years. Capacity is 900. Bingo has provided the means for acquisition and equipment of a new parish hall.

Cathedral of Immaculate Conception resumed weekly games in September after a summer lapse. Parties were started in 1938 as a means of financing a recreational center that was in debt. Capacity of the center is 900.

### Parties Weekly

Stella Maris Parish offers a weekly party, established four years ago. Proceeds are the chief item in paying the building debt on this church.

Assumption Parish holds a weekly bingo in the parish hall and school building. Profits are used for charity.

St. Joachim's Parish offers parties irregularly, usually about once a month and in a hotel or the parish hall. Proceeds go toward church maintenance and charity.

Mater Misericordia Home for Aged Catholics is the scene of a monthly bingo, profits of which go for maintenance. Attendance is usually capacity.

Other churches favoring bingo as a way of getting revenue are Danish Church and St. Paul's.

Lucky Hall, once a store building that couldn't be rented satisfactorily, is now a bingo base. Every week night a sponsored bingo party is held there.

## Social Security Items Improved

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The keeping of Social Security numbers is being made easier by introduction of new-style plates and round tokens on the market. While plates which fit into the wallet have been the rage, the token with key chain is now making great headway on the market and earning profits for pitchmen and novelty workers.

With the coin-shaped key chain item the Social Security number and name of the owner are printed on the coin. No address is given, which makes it necessary for the keys to be returned to the Social Security office to be delivered.

## Christmas Cards, Signs on Market

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Christmas cards and signs are making an early bow on the market in view of an anticipated increase in business. Many new designs will be exploited, and the items are of every conceivable description and inscription to please any taste.

Among the first to announce cards and signs this year are Weideman's, which offers 20 cards and folders in a set; Comic Shop offers "the kind hard to get," and Charles H. Co., which has a special value box of 21 Christmas card and folder assortment. Ace Co. is offering Zeon-se signs with the usual yuletide greetings. Gem also carries a complete line of signs. The boys are taking advantage of low prices being offered at this time.



By BEN SMITH

The new date set for Thanksgiving has apparently upset some of the boys who give holiday deals a good play. They don't like the idea and make no bones about hiding their feelings. The switch from the last Thursday in November to the Thursday a week earlier will have adverse affect upon business, they believe. Other operators, however, are of another opinion. They're pleased with the change because in many communities plans are being made for observing Thanksgiving on both days, November 23 and November 30. The latter group of operators believe this double celebration date will make available an extra week in which to finish big-take deals that were started and not completed by the first date.

And talking of Thanksgiving, have you noticed that candy deals are going strong again. They always go well at this time of year, especially since manufacturers and distributors began to offer confections in beautiful containers which may be put to a useful purpose after the container is empty. One of the most popular of these containers is the two-tone, modernistic, mirror vanity dressers being offered currently by Zenith Sales Co.

Holiday seasons are a godsend to operators. During most of the year John Public needs a special job to get him to patronize a card, but when the holiday spirit hits him he is likely to go for almost anything. However, it is well to remember that he is in a spending mood, he will spend more if offered a chance on what he wants most. It shouldn't be too difficult to find out what items will prove to be the best bait. Visit local shops. See what is being displayed. Ask questions and before long you should have a good picture of what merchandise is receiving the greatest play. With this information as a guide it is less likely to make a mistake when selections are finally made.

One item is a sure bet for Thanksgiving. The turkey.

Gellman Bros. have just issued their new salesboard catalog. Firm reports it lists the season's newest salesboard and salesboard merchandise assortments. It's free for the asking.

## Big Swine Novelty Gets Play in "Life"

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A new paper novelty, that of fidelity pictures of four pigs to make a dictator's picture, has taken New York by storm. The boys operating up and down Broadway did a rushing business at top prices.

The trick was so unique that magazine *Life* featured it in its October 16 issue. A half page of drawing was given to show how the novelty works. It was contributed by a London reader.

## Business Good In Pa. Cities

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Reports of improved conditions in Pennsylvania attributed to war activity continue to come from official State agencies and are of interest to pitchmen, bingo and salesboard ops and concessioners. Official figures for the month say that upwards of 65,000 people were hired in September and the consensus is that October will provide even a greater addition to the employment rolls.

At the Philadelphia Navy Yard officials said that personnel now numbers 9,649, an increase of 43 over the peak figure during the World War. President Roosevelt's navy program is said to account for the feverish activity. Long a center of shipbuilding industry, Philadelphia is expected to see an increase of 2,000 more workers will be added. Dull spot in Navy employment is the aircraft factory, which is still in the nature of an experimental factory. Only 1,965 are employed as against 3,556 during the late war.

Contributing the greatest increase in the State is the Pittsburgh district, which accounts for an increase of 31,500 workers.

Advices from the State Department of Commerce say that bituminous mines and coke ovens accounted for an increase of 3,150 to the pay rolls of Fayette last year's players return. Veterans took home pay envelopes that amounted to \$3,000,000 during September.



THIS YEAR'S CROP of bingo operators is an alert bunch. They're already trying new twists to bring in new customers and they're not overlooking the fact that these promotions are aimed to make last year's players return. Veterans realize that a lot of the oldies will return to their tables, but they go on getting new twists for the game to make it more interesting.

NOT LONG AGO we wrote something about rain falling to reduce crowds at last year's hand at a prominent carnival. Now comes a story from Bridgeport, Conn., which we quote in part to show that it takes a lot to keep players away from a bingo: "Not even failure of electric lights could halt the bingo games sponsored by St. Peter's Church last night. When lights went out candles were lit and the games resumed in the church basement."

THIS HAPPENED in Connecticut, where there are many dyed-in-the-wool bingo fans, but the case is typical of any section where bingo counselors are in charge of the men. The men have had to put on an attractive game. They work (See BINGO BUSINESS on page 61)

## 1939 Fair Items Pushed

### Souve men in New York see bigger, better sales in 1940 world's fair months

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Altho the World's Fair is scheduled to close at the end of this month and novelty firms and workers have money tied up in WF souvenirs, the boys aren't worried, a survey reveals. They are unloading as much as possible of the items marked "World's Fair, 1939," but at the same time stocks are being replenished and plans made for a bigger and better 1940.

St. Fingold, speaking for Expedition Souvenirs, Inc., which operates 84 stands on the fair grounds, reports that his firm is making extensive plans for next year. While they are heavily stocked at this time, fast-moving items are being constantly reordered. A concerted drive is being made to sell 1939 items, but there is no abnormal effort being expended to clear the shelves before closing day at Flushing. Of course, the workers are doing all the business possible, but the management is not worried over carrying the stock thru to next year.

Ed Ginsberg, of Ger-Gin Novelty Co., reports that his sale of World's Fair souvenirs has increased since Labor Day. "Of course, we have sold a lot of pins, ash trays and lamps. Our postcard sale has been fair, but we're on the beaten path for this item. As for 1939 items, we've had only one specific request for a dated novelty. A woman, evidently a visitor, wanted an item with 1939 on it. I had to get it out of the window, for it was the only one we had in stock. We're still reordering when necessary, but the amount of stock we have on hand isn't worrying us in the least."

Hedlo City Souvenir and Novelty Co. has tier upon tier of World's Fair items on display. Ed Cohen, manager, reports that he hasn't given much thought to a drive to sell 1939 items. While every effort is being exerted to sell all goods possible, there isn't much change in the sales talk pressure a few days before the fair's closing. The stand will remain open and display WF novelties through the winter.

While Broadway Magazine and Book Shop, of which Paul Kaplan is manager, hasn't reordered any 1939 items lately except in small quantities of fast-selling numbers, he is optimistic over the outlook. With this firm, pins and postcards have been ready sellers, ash trays and ash trays making bids as top items.

### Pins Are Tops

Pins and postcards have been top items sold by Nat Louis Magic Co., James Herpich says. With one case of items still on hand, no reorders have been filed lately. Practically every item on hand is updated. Herpich also says that patrons at his stand have asked for WF items with no special emphasis on dates. Engraved pins and personal items were demanded. The entire postcard stock on hand is in a small rack in the corner of his concession.

Lords Jewellers, managed by Sam Harris, reports a few date items on hand. He plans to return 1939 items after the fair closes and obtain items that are either undated or marked for 1940. Gold novelties and necklaces lead the parade with this firm.

Every World's Fair souvenir and novelty worker in the vicinity of Times Square reports that sales have surpassed expectations. While business is moving along at a normal pace now, no thought is being given to the amount of items that will be carried until the fair opens next year. The men believe that by the end of the year their shelves will be pretty well emptied and they can stock up items for 1940 which they predict will be bigger and better than 1939.



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**Transparent Canisters**

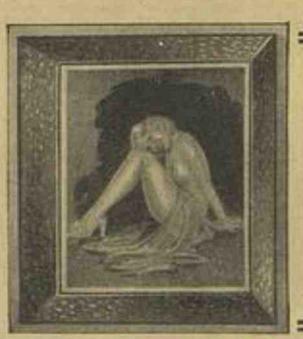
Good profits await alert boys who will stock the transparent canisters recently introduced by Weinman Bros. The canisters, made of crystal-clear acetate, are light weight and easily cleaned. Transparency enables a housewife to see how near full the canister is without removing it from the shelf. Covers are of red or green metal. Requests for catalog and new price lists are invited, the firm reports.

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ACCORDING to reports hitting the pipes deck, novelty men working the football stands throught the country over the week-ends have been getting some big returns.

**J. F. SULLIVAN** . . . closed a 10-day engagement on South Michigan avenue, South Bend, Ind., with his wild life exhibit. P. J. England and A. Yerden are handling the subscription section.

**HAROLD (TOMMY) THOMPSON** . . . worked tie forms in the exhibition hall at the Hagerstown, Md., Fair last week to fair results. He says the boys on the midway had a rough time because of cold weather.

**JACK HENDRIX** . . . has made the Canton, O., Fair for seven years and says he has the X on two spots every year. He reports that he did eek at the fair this year, too. "On the opening day," he writes, "five med men popped up, four of whom pulled out and one remained. It was Jockey Ross, of liniment fame, who held on."

"WHETHER A NEW MAN or not, we are all out to make a living and to help each other," reasons E. A. Pine from Augusta, Ga. "There is one thing certain, the so-called J. C. L. will accept advice, while most of the older ones refuse to accept it. My partner, Jack Hendrix, bought a new trailer and paid half in cash in territory that some of the boys piped in as n. g. He has put many boys in the polish business and still gets more money than any other one I know. I am still selling jaw wrenches, graters, juicers and peelers. The late tobacco market is supposed to open here October 10. Pipe in, Pat Graham and Frank Libby."

THINGS WE NEVER HEAR: "We never could understand why merchants in our town are ever ready to dish out adverse criticisms against the pitchman. After watching itinerant salesmen at work it is our belief that they, above anyone else, know how to pull up the potential ability within themselves, something which is not used to the fullest extent by our local merchants when it comes to knowing how to sell their merchandise."—City Council.

**FRED SWALLOW** . . . was sighted in Knoxville, Tenn., October 19 by Harry Leeds, who writes that Swallow has been there for nine weeks in the market, doing well with herbs. Fred infers that he was leaving for Nashville.

**SOME OF THE BOYS** . . . are lying down on the job of writing, observes Big Al Ross, who makes a call for the gang to start slinging ink spears. Writing from Chicago, Ross says: "Indiana towns are open, but some good ones were burned up lately by certain persons."

**STANLEY NALDRETT** . . . is still holding down a chain-store spot in Houston. He says that Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy visited him recently en route to the Beaumont, Tex., Fair.

### Pitchdom Five Years Ago

Pitchfolk at the Waterloo, Ia., Cattle Congress included: Gene Golin, Ray Marly, E. D. Henry, Fred Stabeck, Doc Scullen, Harry Lane, Ben and Grace Brownie, Mrs. Curran, Tom Kennedy, Art Cox, Bob Miller, Jim Osburn, George Brecht, Charley Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fischer, Jim Bassett, Doc Hale. . . . Al Wagner and wife were traveling with Bloom's Gold Medal Show. . . . W. Irving Smith was in Petersburg, Va., where his brother, William, was seriously ill. . . . Among knights working the cotton belt of Southeast Missouri were Frank C. Keith, medicine; Jack O. Custer, pens and a donkey show; George A. Sauerwein, medicine. . . . The Red Fox Med Show worked Goshen, Ind., to good takes for a week. . . . Silver's Fun Show was getting big business in Manson, Ia. Roster comprised Pierce Hall, Nellie Kempf, Bud Close, Jessie Egan Silvers and Doc Silvers. . . . Doc Barker and Rolling Cloud were working their med units in East Prairie, Mo., to good returns. . . . Frank C. Keith's med show was getting the lure in Sikeston, Mo. . . . Drury Rhodes was ill in Knoxville, Tenn. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Houck returned to Cincinnati after a tour of Indiana and Michigan. . . . Arthur Pyle was severely burned about his arms and face when gasoline, which overflowed from a stove while he was generating the burner, caught fire. Pyle and his med show were playing Columbus, Ind., at the time. . . . Lonnie Humphries was having great success with the Dixie moving picture show down South Carolina way. . . . Dutch Lober, an oldtimer, who had been ill for some years, entered a New York hospital. . . . S. J. D. A. Med Show, under management of Doc E. Johnston, closed the season at Patriot, Ind. . . . That's all.

END-OF-SEASON accounts usually reveal whether the pitchman who started fast kept up a hot pace all thru the year.

**MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GAY** . . . of woodcraft fame, were in Houston last week to work the exposition, which opened at the Coliseum there October 20.

"COTTON IS NOT GOOD" in this section," writes Bob Posey from Batesville, Miss. "It seems that everything is getting a good working, with about three to every little spot. There are plenty of sheetics. Would like to read a pipe from Jack Curran, A. L. Richards, George Barry and Al Rice."

**WHO'S WORKING the rodeos in New York and Chicago?**

**FROM PRECOTT, ARK.** . . . Hot Spot Austin pencils this: "I made the 'Battle of Hamburger,' closing here October 13 to one of the worst blanks in many years. Lots of boys were on hand, but nobody was able to get anything except scraps and speeches. Plenty of people on hand, with about everything but money. Crops are burned up and natives are seen peddling muscadines and hickory nuts. Some of the boys left on the thumb, while others went out by the John O'Brien route. I will trek southward with the rest of the boys. All who are coming to Arkansas bring it along. I will work the fair at Center, Tex., then will see the boys in Corpus Christi, Tex., for the holidays."

## "Pitchmen's Rights as Citizens"

Seventh Installment To Appear in November 11 Issue of The Billboard

What is the lawful and real nature of Pitchmen's taxation? Do "foot-loose" itinerant merchants pay taxes? Can a Pitchman be convicted and sent to jail unless he pays an exorbitant reader rate? Who has the priority right on the street, the Pitchman or the automobile?

These and many other questions of paramount importance to all who sell are answered in a series of articles by E. L. Kiehl, who is well known in demonstrating pitch circuits throught the nation.

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## Events for 2 Weeks

October 30-28.

- CALIF.**—San Francisco, Annual Portals Festival, 21-28.  
**CONN.**—Norwich, Frank Wirth Circus, 23-28.  
**D. C.**—Washington, Auto Show, 21-28.  
**MD.**—Baltimore, Auto Show, 21-28.  
**MICH.**—Detroit, Auto Show, 21-28.  
**IRON MOUNTAIN**, Potato Show, 24-25.  
**MO.**—Payette, Fall Festival, 23-28.  
**MONT.**—Billings, Junior Fair, Stock Show, 23-25.  
**NEH.**—Alliance, Fall Festival, 23.  
**N. J.**—Newark, Auto Show, 21-27.  
**PLAINFIELD**, Fall Festival & Halloween Celebration, 23-30.  
**Q.**—Linos, Fall Festival, 23-28.  
**R.**—East Liverpool, Fall Festival, 25-28.  
**PA.**—Philadelphia, Auto Show, 26-Nov. 1.  
**PITTSBURGH**, Auto Show, 21-28.  
**TENN.**—Carricks, Middle Tenn. Tobacco Festival, 23.  
**TEX.**—Gilmer, Yamboree, 26-28.  
**ROBARTS**, King Cotton Festival, 25-28.  
**WIS.**—Milwaukee, Auto Show, 21-28.  
**MADISON**, Univ. of Wis. 27, Live-Stock Expo, 24-28.

**CAN.**—Toronto, Ont., Hamid-Morton Shrine Circus, 23-28.

October 30-November 4

- CALIF.**—Anaheim, Halloween Festival & Horse Show, 31.  
**LOS ANGELES**, Auto Show, 26-Nov. 4.  
**PASADENA**, Flower Show, 2-5.  
**SANJOSE**, Turkey Day Celebration, 4.  
**COLO.**—Center, Potato Show & Fair, 2-4.  
**ILL.**—Galesna, Halloween Mardi Gras, 21.  
**DANB.**—Lawrence, Fall Corn Husking Contest, 1-3.  
**KY.**—Lexington, Tobacco Carnival, 1-4.  
**MAS.**—Boston, Dog Show, 2-5.  
**BOSTON**, Boston Garden, Radio, 1-11.  
**MICH.**—Traverse City, Potato & Apple Show, 1-3.  
**IND.**—Benton, Dog Show, 5.  
**MO.**—St. Louis, Southeast Hobby & Antique Expo, 4-8.  
**BURBON**, Dog Show, 4.

**"When Eviction Is Lawful"**  
See Carnival Department of This Issue.

N. Y.—Schenectady, Elks' Indoor Circus, 29-Nov. 4.  
 W. Va.—Higgins, Dog Show, 5.  
 O.—Ashland, Halloween Celebration & Parade, 31.  
 ONE—Chestnut, Auto Show, 29-Nov. 5.  
 W. VA.—Chester, Halloween Celebration, 31.  
 CAN.—Virginia, Sisk, Sheep & Swine Show, 31-Nov. 2.

(Events for five weeks in advance appear in the B column of each month. This week they will be found on page 31.)

**POPULAR ITEMS**

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 opportunity to make some cash, the firm reports.

**Kitchenware Ensembles**

Bingo operators and concessioners who cater to housewives are welcoming kitchenware ensembles, Owen-Illinois Can Co. reports. Items have plenty of fish and kitchenware sets off any price sheaf. The glossy red finish is sure to catch the eye of passersby. The ensembles are sturdily constructed, finely lithographed in rich red with ivory banding. Pattern is open stock, allowing prize users to buy the items they need. New price lists are available, the firm reports.

**Fortune Teller**

Novelty, souve and horoscope writers are finding a ready market for the Mystic Oracle, Chicago Devices Co. reports. The item appeals to everyone. It will answer questions in an intelligent manner and is safe to use when used individually or in a crowd. By following directions given on the 8 1/2 by 10 1/2-inch card, answers to questions of love, home, business, children and the like may be obtained. With the Christmas trade just a claim in prospect, the item is one that offers an opportunity for the boys to make money, the firm reports.

**Anti-Window Rattler**

Novelty men and pitchmen will be interested to know that the new anti-rattler and safety lock for windows is making rapid strides on the market, Buscareo Co. reports. The item when attached to windows is a precaution against burglars and prevents rattling of the windows. It also eliminates drafts.

**BINGO BUSINESS**

(Continued on page 56)  
 every angle to fill halls and then every angle to see that players are entertained. When games are handled in this manner the chances are good for a big haul.

CHURCHES and charitable organizations are not the only groups benefiting from bingo. A report from Bridgeport, Conn., shows that City Treasurer John Benton has indicated that the city has been awarded by \$2,622 since September 1. Permits issued were for activities from one night to one year. Bingo permits were issued to about 25 organizations, lowest fee being \$2.  
 PENNSYLVANIA—bingo players are looking forward to the opening of games in the vicinity of Portage. The first of a series of games opened in St. Joseph School hall for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church recently. It was a matinee and the policy of serving luncheon and straws and merchandise prizes is adhered to there. The matinee policy will not continue, for the next game is to be held at night.  
 BOB SAUPEE, Reading, Pa., has hit on the idea of giving women's dresses and men's suits at his games. This is in keeping with the idea many ops have of giving fur coats, jackets, boteros and chubbies. There is a possibility that Saupee will substitute furs for dresses as winter approaches. Every woman welcomes the chance to get a fur as a bingo prize and the plan is packing them in throughout the nation. Saupee uses paper matches to advertise his games.

DANIEL J. WILLIAMS, East Woodstock, Conn., an operator for the local department, and as county fairs, is a firm believer in prize merchandise. He is firm in the belief that success of the games he directs may be directly attributed to careful selection of prize merchandise.

**EUREKA SHOWS WANT**

Cook Moore, privilege in most cities: Legitimate Concessions of all kinds. Can place. Loop-Plane, Fair Rides, West Ferris Wheel, Fireman, Fairs and Christmas Shows. Write to Moore, 1000 Smithfield, Va., this week. P.S.: Nimble Cooper, who.



Universal Merchandise Co. issued an extra on the occasion of moving into its new location. The extra, of regular eight-column newspaper style, told the story of the firm's growth and future plans in easy and readable style. The Evening Transcript, in addition to putting across a forceful story about Universal, took humorous pot-shots at its president, Bill Gottsegen. Humorous paragraphs were also devoted to members of the organization. The issue of The Transcript in purple ink is sure to attract attention.

H. M. J. Pur Co. announces plans for removal into larger quarters soon. The firm reports its success is due to a policy of working on a small margin of profit to bring in volume. The war has caused a price rise in the field, but H. M. J., it is reported, had stocked up previously and is holding its low price level. The trade is availing itself of these low prices, but stock is selling rapidly.

15 Years Ago  
 (From The Billboard Dated October 25, 1924)

William Carleton Fleming signed as general agent of Johnny J. Jones Exposition, filling the post left vacant by resignation of A. H. Barkley. Fleming resigned as general representative of Bob Morton Circus to take the position. . . . F. Percy Morency, well-known show executive, was in Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, where he underwent four operations. . . . Edwards C. Talbot resigned as general agent of Con T. Kennedy Shows after serving in that capacity 18 years. . . . William F. Floss, former press representative of C. A. Wortham's World's Greatest Shows, purchased a home and a local automobile agency in Wichita, Kan.

S. W. Brundage Shows closed the season with a successful stand in Jacksonville, Ill., under American Legion Post auspices and went into quarters there. . . . Occupying larger portion of limited space on Danville (Va.) Fair grounds, Greater Streetly Shows were playing to good results. . . . Wade & May Shows closed the season in LeGrange, Ind., and went into quarters in Detroit. . . . McKinley (Tex.) Fair proved lucrative for John Francis Shows. . . . Zeidman & Potts Shows were to winter again in Portsmouth, Va. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Will B. Morse were in Dallas, where he was connected with a motor company.

Alec Williamson, who had his concessions in a park near Richmond, Ky., for the summer, joined Macy Exposition in Burnside, Ky. . . . Fred A. Danner was in Kingston, N. C., handling an indoor promotion for Irving J. Polack. . . . American Exposition Shows went into quarters in Port-au-Spey, N. Y., after bringing the season to a satisfactory close there. . . . With favorable weather, Madison (Ga.) Fair was a winner for Billie Clark's Broadway Shows. . . . Snapp Bros. Shows were sweeping off the cents and rides in the Northwest, where they still had a number of dates to fill. . . . Queen City Shows closed the season in Oklahoma City, Okla., and were housed in a spacious building on North Douglas street.

**Ringling-Barnum Visit Brings Recollections**

Los Angeles.  
 Editor The Billboard:  
 The visit here of the Ringling-Barnum circus recalled to the writer the days of long ago in the circus business when there were no streamlined shows, tractors or trucks used in getting them on and off the lot. I remember quite well the old Dan Rice Circus came to my home town of Smithfield, Va., this week. It was in the Middle West in 1879. It was a

one-ring affair. Dan was the only clown and he had one elephant, a trick mule, bareback rider, acrobats, etc. Rice traveled then by steamboat. I also recall P. T. Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth in the early '80s. Barnum never missed being at the front door at every performance, and he watched everything in connection with his business. In my opinion he was one of the greatest showmen.

The Barnum, Bailey & Hutchinson show was an excellent one, with enormous managerie, Congress of All Nations, big horse fair, Kalfaly's spectacle, etc. Also in the early '80s came to my old home town W. W. Cole, Adm Forepaugh, B. E. Wallace, Sells Bros, Bachelor & Doris, Sells & Andrews, Lemen Bros, Campbell Bros. and Gollmar Bros. All these that I have mentioned took special pride in their horses and tried to outdo the others in this particular branch of the business. The draft horses were always large, beautiful and well groomed. Speaking of horses, R-B has done away with its draft horses but has about 150 very fine head of ring stock in a separate tent in connection with the managerie tent. JAY KAYBE.

**Waddell Gives Data On Showfolk Locations**

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—Doc Waddell, who is at the Masonic Home, Springfield, O., writes: "Quit activities on show folk may join out for brief engagements. My first such labor may be with my old friend W. J. O'Brien at Revere Beach. Tops of my recent birthday gifts was life membership in Royal Order of Moose from U. S. Senator James M. Davis. . . . "Wharabouts of well-known showfolk": Ida Liebman, operating rooming house at Portsmouth, Va. . . . DeEste Foster, retired, in Peoria, Ill. . . . Walter Klingman, former wire walking partner of late Harvey (Red) Mills, has taken over the Mill family act with wife and son will tour the country. Klingman resides at Wausau, Wis., and is assistant manager of his father-in-law's building contracting company.

"Joe B. Thebold has changed his nom de plume from 'Jobey' to 'Roby,' humorist and character artist; his residence, Ohio Masonic Home. . . . John Houchin, sound-wagon expert, operating drive-yourself autos in St. Louis. . . . Ed C. Paul has Logan Theater, Logan, O. . . . Hon. J. N. Wisner booming campaign in Toledo and writing stories with headquarters at Canyon, Tex. . . . Rob (Doc) Seyfar at 919 1/2 Peak street, Dallas, Tex. . . . W. H. Hancock in Masonic Home, Charlton, Mass. . . . Val Vio in Elks' Home, Bedford, Va. . . . Don S. Howland resides in Columbus, O., and travels for the Simmons Co., New York City. . . . H. E. Stratton has the news stand in the Park-American Hotel, Kalamazoo, Mich. . . . Mrs. Jane Pickell, widow of C. W. Pickell, director of eating emporium, Kalamazoo, Mich. . . . F. R. C. Johnson at 3627 Congress street, Chicago. . . . "Dutch" Smith, switchman in C. & O. railroad yards, Russellville, Ky., and his wife, Bonnie, running rooming house at Ironton, O.

"V. J. Yearout, clerk at Hotel Cornellius, Portland, Ore. . . . Hon. C. A. Davenport and George L. Behrens, both former crack drum majors, in Chillicothe and Columbus, O., respectively, Davenport member of Ohio House of Representatives, and Behrens prominent 33d degree Mason and high-up insurance man. . . . Prof. A. L. and Louise Morrell, away from Honolulu, to remain in the States. At present feature with their whistling, whittling, singing, glass-blowing act at the San Francisco exposition. . . . Mrs.

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 For best money spots in Alabama, including big horse fairs, Armistice Week, October, Bayouettes, Ala., Legitimate Concessions of all kinds, Peak Shows, Corn Games, American Palmsirey.  
 We play in Heart of Town; no gas. Oct. 30-31, Rocco Allen, Davis Jewell, Reed Davis, Glenn Reed, Ruth and Jay Williams, get in touch with us.  
 GREENVILLE, ALA., THIS WEEK.

**Mad Cody Fleming Shows WANT**  
 For Warrenton, Ga., Fall Festival, Oct. 30-Nov. 4, and Lexington, Armistice Week, Oct. 30-Nov. 4, need ones to follow. Clean Stock Concessions, \$12.50 a week. Clean Shows. We haven't closed since 1922.  
 COMMERCIA, GA., THIS WEEK.

Harriette Lambrigger, widow of Gus Lambrigger, trained nurse at Greenville, Pa. . . . Hon. Guy H. Phillips with money-order division of Hoodsie Falls, N. Y., post office. . . . Col. Don C. Hall and wife at their home place, Mokena, Ill., features an Old Settlers in Mokena's recent home-coming festivities and are slated to be in the political campaign in Illinois for the Republican Party for enactment of old-age pension."

# Hartmann's Broadcast

**B**UT few showfolk probably realized that October 20 marked the 50th anniversary of the sailing from New York of the Barnum & Bailey "Greatest Show on Earth" for its first appearance in England. We would not have realized it either had not H. H. Gunning, of Toledo, O., a member of the show's advertising department at the time, reminded us. The show opened at the Olympia, London, on November 11, 1889, and continued there until February 15, 1890, says Gunning, giving about 186 performances (there were no shows on Christmas and Sundays). The show returned to New York March 3, 1892.

William H. Gardner was general agent of the show and Richard (Dick) Ball contracting agent. Other members of the advertising department were Henry Hedges and Al Hiel, managers; Mart Reddy, boss billposter; Gunning; Bert Conn, Van Wert, O.; George E. Pookes and Fred LeCrone, Columbus; C. H. McLead, Circleville, O.; James D. Fay, Chillicothe, O.; Mike Larsson, Dayton, O.; James D. Lyons, Salem, Mass.; Lew Currie, Louisville; George Collier, Providence; Jack O'Connell, New York; Edward Fleming and W. H. Dumont, New York City.

"P. T. Barnum appeared the show, made a personal appearance and was given a tremendous ovation as he rode around the arena in an open carriage with two black horses," says Gunning. "He circled the arena twice to shouts of 'Good old Barnum!'"

"It was an exciting few moments for this great showman, and Mr. Ballley remarked once evening while listening to the ovation, 'They are giving the old gentleman such a grand reception he will want to stay here the rest of his life.'"

"The engagement was a great success, financially, so much so that nearly 10 years later, in 1897, the show returned and again opened at the Olympia. After touring England, Scotland and Wales, the show sailed for Germany, opening at Hamburg and then on to a three-year tour of Europe. At that time the show crossed the frontier of each country without any unnecessary fuss or trouble, as George O. Starr had made all the preliminary arrangements for the tour, which included Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and Austria-Hungary, but not Italy."

**I**N THE September issue of *Big Eli News* there is an editorial on safety first as regards devices. Reading this editorial reminded us of an accident on a ride in Illinois last summer. A newspaper clipping giving an account of the accident reads, in part:

"While a carnival crowd watched in fear, three small boys were rescued from a broken seat that hung at a perilous angle at the top of a stalled 30-foot Ferris Wheel in . . . (Two of the boys) were carried to the ground on the backs of carnival operators, who had climbed the side of the wheel to rescue them. . . . Twenty other passengers on the wheel marveled at their escape from injuries in a wild ride that led up to the accident. . . . The cause of the accident was that the controls to make an adjustment

on a mechanical music box when the governor on a motor driving the wheel broke. The motor picked up speed immediately and before the operator could return to the controls on the opposite side from where he was working the Ferris Wheel was whirling at a mad pace. . . .

The seat in which the three boys were riding struck the landing platform at the bottom of a turn and the impact broke a small safety catch that held the seat in place and one end came unfastened. Hanging by one support at the left end, the three boys slid into the lower portion of the seat where they clung desperately to keep from being thrown out. It was 15 minutes before the last boy was taken from the seat. When the wheel was finally stopped it was checked so suddenly some of the seats carrying passengers made complete loops on their hangers. . . .

Whether the accident was unavoidable or the blame is to be placed, we do not choose to say, but it behooves every ride operator, foreman, clutchman and helper to heed the advice of *Big Eli News*, which we quote, in part:

"A few days ago a recent purchaser of a Big Eli Wheel asked us this question: Do accidents occur on Big Eli Wheels? He further explained his question by stating he hadn't heard of accidents occurring and had wondered what the experiences of owners were in this regard. . . .

"In answering him we explained, in many years there have been very few accidents on Big Eli Wheels. The general public is generally more careful on a high ride than they are on flat rides. It is human nature when we feel safest to become careless. . . .

"During that conversation a thought came to us about the most common form of accidents in our present age. Accidents with automobiles. Why do automobile accidents occur? Our belief is, in a large majority of cases they are caused by the breaking of safety road laws by automobile operators. A few accidents happen from the fact that the machine itself is perfect for the function for which it was intended. Put this equipment in the hands of all kinds of drivers and accidents are sure to occur. . . .

"Place riding devices under the management of all kinds of people and the same thing happens. Ninety per cent of all accidents in riding devices are caused by the following reasons: 1. Failure of owners to properly check the safety devices of their rides. 2. Negligence of ride operators. 3. Carelessness of the riding public. . . .

"Ride owners are so busy locating their equipment and attempting to make money that they many times fail to check features of their rides that are intended for the safety of patrons. They leave this very important duty entirely to hired help. . . .

"The business of handling pleasure seeking people is a responsible, important task. Every safety feature placed on a riding device should be in use, in first-class condition and working properly. . . .

"Present-day young people are many times careless, over-enthusiastic and even take a devil-may-care attitude. They must be warned and sometimes even deprived of entering a riding device. Strict attention to these things will protect your equipment and may prevent serious accidents. . . .

"Failure to use all safety features sometimes causes serious results and expensive corrective actions against the ride owner."



Leonard Traube

## The Whirl of Today

**T**HIS corner's favorite show lecturer, Homer W. Sibley, whose bear stopped ticking last week, was the first to be interred in Memorial Burial Park, the National Showmen's Association plot in Ferncliff Cemetery, Ardley-on-Hudson, N. Y. For history and the records, he was laid to rest on October 18. Altho Sibley was not a member, NSA Max Schaffer, Sibley's chief in Hubert's Museum, arranged for the burial of the gentleman with the silver tongue. . . . Charlie Sasse, pioneer importer of novelty items, says he is shirt with New York Office, at least while bombs burst in European skies, and is working exclusively out of Morristown, N. J. . . . J. C. Patterson, boss of Patterson Bros. Circus, says he noticed in this column recently that his show was placed under the heading of "Believed to have folded but nothing definite." He states that the show opened the season on June 5, which is early for Michigan, and played to capacity here until August 1st. Outfit then went into quarters near Flint, and we see by the October 7 issue of the British amusement weekly, *The World's Fair*, that the circus editor and columnist, Albert Anthony, was very much interested in the 1939 completion of circuses which Patterson communicates with us about. . . .

Wager Dept.: Flo Carlson, fat girl, writes: "I just want you to know you win the bet made with Dot in the Garden this spring, inasmuch as we are together again and have been since the Big Show played Chicago. We are very happy to be together again, working our own show on Rubin & Cherry Shows, second season." Thanks for recalling the bet, Flo, but what do we win? . . . Gauder Dept.: "Our park season is over and was not a very good one," notes Danny Bauer, Acushnet Park, New Bedford, Mass.—Who remembers the day, 49 years ago, when Beth Cabell Halsey, then 14, and William Judkins Hewitt, then 12, started the four-year *Shirley* newspaper *The Independent*? The lads put out their gem in Lynchburg, Va., for a couple of issues and then went native in the usual way—running out of scratch. In fact, they couldn't even raise the ante for wrappers. . . .

Undismayed and full of ginger, they sought out Carter Glass, publisher, editor, boss of the mechanical departments and, in general, chief cook and bottle washer of *The Lynchburg News*, a daily. . . . Mr. Glass they made great requests for mailing but could not pay for the same. Mr. Glass said he would cut and furnish the wrappers and did, it being understood that *The Independent* would not compete with *The News* or attempt to put the latter out of business. . . .

*The News* is still being published, in a finely equipped plant at Church and Ninth, while the other rag passed out of the photography long since. You might know Mr. Glass, the self-styled "Only Unknown American" and is living in Norfolk, Va. The Onion, it might be said in passing, became something more positive—a keen, glib outdoor amusement editor with more than one trick on the ball. The moral of this little tale is that a famous American helped someone on the way up—before he achieved his national reputation. . . .

When is a midway magnate not a midway magnate? Answer: When he is labeled that in a public print issued in Raleigh, N. C., scene of the recent State Fair. The heading reads, "Mule Trainery Assail Midway Magnate Here." The mule trainers are given as Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Scott, of Shelby, who were freed under a \$800 bond after being heard in Superior Court on a charge of assaulting C. Hamid, "producer" of "Stacy" fair grandstand attractions." The last

label finally comes thru with accuracy, but this brings us to "midway magnate." Is there such a thing as all America?

In reading downward we note that Hamid is further identified as the owner of World of Mirth Shows, which will be new to a lot of people. The details in connection with the alleged attack are interesting but unimportant. For the records, however, it would appear that there was a misunderstanding about booking the act and, according to the plaintiff, bodily injuries of a diverse nature were inflicted. The case was held for the Wake County grand jury. . . . The whole affair is probably a typographical error. Your money will be cheerfully refunded on application. . . .

## Notes From the Crossroads

By NAT GREEN

**T**HE only clouds hanging over the Midwest this fall are the kind of clouds showmen like to see—clouds of smoke rolling from factory chimneys! They mean sunshine for the showmen; the brand of sunshine generated by the money that is being poured into the pocket of folding money. Midway factories are humming. A recent trip made by the writer thru the Northern Indiana and Central Illinois industrial districts revealed great activity. Car and locomotive shops are filled with orders. Mills are pushed to the limit to fill orders; all of the metal-working trades are busy, and in almost all lines of business there has been a decided upturn. Gary, Hammond and Michigan City, Ind., are beehives of industry. Flags are humming in Rock Island, Moline, Elgin, Peoria and other Illinois cities. The effect of this activity is felt also in the smaller towns. All of which means that the industry will have more money to spend this fall than winter than they have had in several years. And, freed from drastic economy, they will more liberally patronize entertainment of all kinds. The present outlook bodes well for entertainment purveyors. . . .

Irving Grossman, who managed River-view Park, Des Moines, in the past season, was a Chicago visitor last week. Grossman, who handled the artists' bureau of Station WHO, is considering going into the booking game on his own. . . . Harry A. Illinois, well-known ride operator, stopped off in Chi for a few days on his way to San Francisco. Harry reports that his rides in Belmont Park, Montreal, had a profitable season. All of his big rides are now stored in "Patty" Conklin's winter quarters in Brantford, Ont. . . . Harry also called on his season as special agent with Beckmann & Gerety Shows last week and is back home in Chi for the winter. . . . Ben Bemo, injured last summer in an Eastern park, has so far recovered that he is on his feet and ready to take the winter. He's visiting friends in Chicago for a week or so. . . . Jack Story, auto-race and thrill-day announcer and Montgomery-Ward good-will ambassador, flew in from New York to catch the stadium races, then planned to Kansas City for an announcing job at the American Royal Live-Stock Show. He's at Louisiana State Fair this week. . . . Shirley Lyons, whose girl show is a feature on the Conklin show, was in Chi on a shopping tour last week. Shirley operates a gift shop in Cleveland. . . . Julius Cahn, "Count of Luxemburg" (Wis.), is relaxing in the Windy City and, incidentally, looking over some acts. . . .

With ice skating seemingly increasing in popularity, many showmen are interested in the *Icollette Review* that is being presented this week at the Detroit automobile show. Skating surface is of synthetic ice that appears to have great possibilities. James Edgar and Charles Roth are sponsoring the show and expect to take the troupe on tour. . . .

Booking of bands at fairs will have a promotional place on the Program of the International Association of Fairs convention. Frank H. Kingman, secretary of the association, is now at work on the program and promises to have some very pertinent subjects up for discussion. In view of the expected high season attendance at the convention is expected to be heavy. Showmen's League Banquet and Ball will, as usual, be the social highlight of the convention. President J. C. McCaffery and Vice-President Frank J. Duffice are expected to make Dallas, Tex. this week to start active preparations for the affair. . . .

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**O. C. Buck Is Winner In Frederick Tax Case**

FREDERICK, Md., Oct. 21.—When the O. C. Buck Shows played Waynesboro, Va., recently under baseball association auspices, a clever bit of maneuvering had to be instituted in order to keep the shows from suffering a severe tax or moving from the county. When General Agent James Quinn made contracts with the committee he went to the county seat at Staunton, where a collector's office clerk told him there was no county tax pertaining to carnivals. It was on this information that terms of the contract were set.

When shows arrived in town and un-licensed they were notified a tax of \$150 per day must be paid the county. Quinn immediately contacted county officials, who would offer no relief. However, Judge Joseph A. Glasgow, of Circuit Court, granted permission to operate until a petition could be presented before him. Obtaining counsel, Quinn and the lawyer searched the tax books and discovered an error had been made in the proper passage and advertising of the law. Thereupon a petition setting forth these facts was presented to the judge and, after deliberation, he adjudged the ordinance "null and void, and of no effect." Shows continued the week's engagement un-licensed. It was hinted the show intended to contest the constitutionality of the law on grounds of "prohibitive and confiscatory" in event the judge's decision had been adverse.

**Miller's Fla. Tour Off**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 21.—Morris Miller, president of Miller Bros.' Shows, said here this week that the organization had closed its season and would not play Florida fairs in connection with its brief vacation with his family Miller plans to again hit the road with his museum.

**Sol's Liberty to Mo. Barn**

DEXTER, Mo., Oct. 21.—Following close of their season here tonight, Sol's Liberty Shows left for quarters in Osceola, Mo. Owner Sam Solomon said the season on the whole had been rather sporty. He and Mrs. Solomon plan to leave quarters next month for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will vacation.

**Cole Bros.' Circus**

ROCHESTER, Ind., Oct. 21.—Since arrival of Cole Bros.' Circus here on September 22 the weather has been ideal. Zack Terrell, apparently in better health than for years, is seen daily at quarters. Jess Atkins is out of town on a business trip. "Captain" Seymour and Equestrian Director J. H. MacFarlan are seen daily at quarters, and John Smith is busy in the exercising barn. Joe Kuta and Scotty Brown are on the winter maintenance crew. Bill, pet crow, tired of circus life and now has a good home with a near-by farmer. Mrs. Ethelra Terrell (nee Nelson) occupies her spare time doing secretarial work for her husband, Zack. Tommy Poplin left on a trailer trip for Florida, and Louis Scott has gone home to Bloomington, Ind. Mac MacDevitt, radio technician, is wintering at Coldwater, O. Charley Young is resting at Peru, Ind. Stanley Dawson, the writer, and "Yellow" Burnett paid the show a visit at quarters on October 20. Many others of the personnel are wintering in Rochester. Among them are "Fat" Pyke, "Peanuts" Hendy, Arthur Kelly and Nicholas.

All equipment is stored. Wagons and cars that need overhauling are spotted so as to be easily gotten when greater activity begins in quarters. The draft horses are presently located on beautiful grazing ground on a near-by farm, and the ring stock is at quarters. The suite of offices in the main building have been brightened. The quarters plant is as practical, handy and comfortable as the writer has ever seen. It is certainly heated. Many winter dates have been arranged for equipment and personnel of the show.

**Creed Sets Record for Bulldogging at Garden**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A new Madison Square Garden rodeo record for the 14 years of competition here in bulldogging and one of the best marks for all time, was hung up last night when Shorty Creed, of Rye, Colo., downed a steer in 4 1/2 seconds. Creed came within 4/10 of a second of the world mark made by Rube Roberts in Fort Worth in March, 1937.

Texas Ranch "Sponsor Girls" exhibition event put on thru co-operation of Amos C. Carter, widely publicized chief of *The Fort Worth Star Telegram*, is upping its effectiveness following a weak beginning during opening shows. Partly responsible for the lift is the fact that only three barrels are used now as obstacles for zigzag riding and also a change in technique of presentation. Homer Holcomb joined with his comedy mule and is drawing terrific laughs. Business continues to run sharply behind last year's, but no more behind than virtually everything else on metropolitan show shelf.

**Conklin Shows Signed Again For Quebec and Sherbrooke**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Following renewal of midway contract with the Ca-

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nadian National Exhibition, J. W. and Frank Conklin, of the Conklin Shows, announced re-engage-ments of their organization for the 1940 Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, P. Q., and Quebec Provincial Exhibition, Quebec City.

J. W. Conklin will remain here until closing of the World's Fair, which he is studying closely, while Frank will leave early next week for a fishing trip in Florida.

**HAAG BROS.' CIRCUS WANTS**

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## Truck and Trailer Legislation

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 21.—Two measures affecting trucks and busses and the other cabin trailers, have been passed by the Wisconsin Legislature. Bill No. 845-A became effective October 1. It provides for a quarterly license fee for trucks and busses operating in the state when the fee is \$60 or more per year. The measure, however, will not apply to licenses already issued until such licenses expire on June 30, 1940.

Bill No. 57-A, relating to the licensing of cabin trailers, became effective October 1. It sets an annual fee of \$5 when such trailers are under 25 feet in length and \$10 when they exceed 25 feet.

All new cabin trailers manufactured and used in Wisconsin must be equipped with brakes operated from the driver's seat of the propelling vehicle. Cabin trailers now in use may be operated until January 1, 1940, if the brakes on the propelling vehicle can bring to a stop the trailer and cabin within a distance of 50 feet when operated at a speed of 25 miles per hour. Cabin trailers are also required to be equipped with a combination tail and stop light, controlled and operated from the driver's seat of the propelling vehicle.

## Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—South Street Museum opened its season to excellent business, with Margie White's Colored Revue; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fish, colored musicians; Bob Elms, sword swallower; Hindoo Frank, tattoo artist, and Miss. Claire, mentalist. In the main hall dancing and cabaret with the new management of Lucky Mott. Museum staff includes Tom Hasson, general manager; Teddy Ward, assistant manager and lecturer; Jacob Gluck, mechanical man ballyhoo; Bill Redman and Sam Docka, dancer, ink; Mr. Fina Elms, kick caller; Dan O'Brien, ticket taker; and Luther King, watchman. House orchestra consists of Heywood Gilson, sax; Sammy Young, drums, and John Battle, sax.

Eighth Street Museum had Gravitio, novelty entertainer; Jimmy Durante, musical comedian; Headless Girl and Mystery, illusionist, and Fosse Pastique in the main hall this week. Dancing girls were in the annex. Press' World's Fair Shows closed here last Saturday after a fair season, great part of which was played in the city. Visitors this week included Jim Thompson and Jack Ormsby.

## MAGIC

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ALEXANDER, mentalist, is resting for a few weeks at Crystal Lake, Ill. after winding up a fair season with Betty Johns' "People Who Make the News" attraction. . . . TUCKER KEY posts from Fort Totten, N. Y., that he has just purchased a Bear house trailer, and that business is the best in years. . . . GRANTINI & CO., having recently wound up the season with the Hooster Comedy Co., are working Indiana barns with comedy juggling and magic.

## BURLESQUE NOTES

(Continued from page 25)  
The Globe, Boston, will go to the 606 Oriental, Chicago. . . . WILLA MAE, colored Oriental, placed by Phil Rosenberg at the Triboro October 1 week, is a new comer in Pollies houses. Recently danced in a Warner pix that was staged in the West Indies. Willa moved to the Empire Newark, October 8, and then to the Hudson. DR. J. DAVE COHN placed Art Lloyd, Sammy Smith and Gordon Clark to relieve Ben Chasen, at the Seymour and James Sherman at the Palace, October 13. Also Jerry Dean, Roseanne and Jai Lal at the Hudson. Carroll, who goes to the Republic. Irma Torgue, who returns to the Gaisty, and Gene Raps, at the Star, Brooklyn, the next day. RUDY VAN CLEVER, drummer in the pit at the Hudson, New York, was with the Ted Lewis Ork for many years before coming to burly. Leon Van Gelder, new leader this season at the Hudson, is many instrumental specialists in his crew. . . . ANNETTE opened at the Columbia, Boston, September 23, and Nora Ford, October 2. Extra attractions at the Hudson are Boston burly spot, the Globe, which replaced the Columbia. . . . ANNETTE

opened at the Star, Brooklyn, October 6 after an Ellington stay. UNO.

## CHICAGO

RED MARSHALL, who joins Harry Delmonico's show, was in town to see his wife, Dolores Dawn, at the Rialto. . . . ARTHUR CLIMAGE was in town on his way to St. Louis to attend the opening of the Grand Opera House Friday (26). . . . MIMI REED switched from the Hank Hen to the Jack Diamond show to be in company with hubby Ray Parsons. . . . MARNE closes at the 606 Club next week to join a Midwest Circuit unit. . . . JUNE ST. CLAIR returns to burlesque next Friday (27), starting at the Rialto. . . . ZUELLE and Mary Marva have finished their Midwest contracts. . . . AL SOMERBY, manager of Howard, Boston, was a recent visitor attending the Harvard-University of Chicago game.

## CLUB REVIEWS

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Miller's Orchestra from the West; Margie Knapp, a young and lively songstress, and Haskell, magician.

Miller's Orchestra is first-rate for dancing and presents several smart arrangements, while the young maestro leads from his piano. He also conducts the show, as do most of the orchestra leaders who play Manager Tom Sabrey's swank dine-and-dance spot.

Soloists with Miller's Orchestra are used with discretion and include Evelyn Jania, Bob Hunter and the comedian-trumpeter, Bob Funnell. . . . Miss Knapp is a 15-year-old, who sings in the style of Sophie Tucker and Ethel Merman. She has plenty of voice, lots of personality and a clean, incisive, exciting style.

Haskell, with his tricks, picks his stoges from among the guests and had the dinner crowd forgetting to eat so good was his act.

Returning here last Friday (16), it was Barron's third return engagement in two years. And continuing to dish out the sugary synops of yesterday and today in the fashionable singing-the-songs title setting, the band seems as permanent a fixture as Maria Kramer's lease on the hotel.

New innovation this year will be a featured "Band of the Week" on Barron's Sunday day of rest, similar to the relief program used before here at Hotel New Yorker here. Serving as an excellent showcasing for artists managed by Consolidated Radio Artists, servicing this spot exclusively. Bobby Parks is first of the show-casers Sunday (15).

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Buffalo's favorite prohibition days spot has come back to life in full modern color and atmosphere. Kaufmann's, as it was known before renamed as Hotel New Yorker, Cafe Madrid of the last few years, now offers the countryside a real place to go. With ample room for 500 and an elevated dance floor that comfortably accommodates 200 (largest in the city), the place has been completely remodeled into a Swedish red, turquoise and yellow interior. It features all up-to-the-minute ideas in lighting, amplification and comfort. Paul Streich, local decorator, was in full charge of the renovations.

Millie Wayne, who heads the floor show as a capable and hard-working emcee, does some fine numbers herself. Her dancing and singing are presented with so much rhythm that she works herself and her audience into a frenzy. Being a tall, blond, sexy-looking girl who apparently loves her work, she captured applause every time.

Carl Thorson, novelty juggler, is the outstanding act in this show. His uncommon skill is marked by smoothness and precision, and an impressive big time. His juggling of six different objects simultaneously, including a 40-pound steel ball, is the highlight of the

evening and leaves patrons with jaws dropped.

Travers Sisters (Carol and Peggy), nice-looking young lassies, are okeh with two elegant dances and a high-kick waltz and a peppy tap. Carol does a Peckin' solo, a novelty number which includes Millie Wayne's husky warbling. Little Joe Little, rubber-legged eccentric dancer, goes in for tireless and intricate acrobatics. He whips full speed all over the floor and makes one dizzy watching. Griffith and Wells get in some entertaining antics with a comedy song and dance number and a burlesque of a suave ballroom team. Betty Sharp, attractive brunette, wears the accurate, capably and plays requests between shows. A five-girl line, the Kaufmannettes, headed by Connie Garner, do winsome routines.

Jimmie Tan's colored seven-piece band is good on accompaniment and dancing. The Green Room is manager. The minimum is 75 cents week nights, raised two bits Saturdays and holidays. Crowds have been running near capacity since the opening two weeks ago. Eve M. Warner.

## Pastor's, New York

A couple of second cousins of Tony Pastor have gotten together and opened up a night club in Greenwich Village to revive the memory of the old Pastor vaudeville era. Those who are familiar with the Pastor brand of showmanship may find this effort just a left-handed attempt to do it all over again. The place that recalls any of the historic tradition that was associated with Tony Pastor.

The club itself is beautiful and modern, with murals to recall the days gone by. The show, however, is no match for the Pastor brand. There is no attempt towards any kind of co-ordination, and the talent itself is mediocre.

Ann Hudson is a cute little brunet dancer, and if she is taught a few elements of presentation and delivery she may yet wind up to be a solid performer. As it is, she goes thru standard tap stepping and a ballet routine that's so-so.

Betta Dahg does a novelty dance, if such can be called dancing, dressed in a devil costume and making some darg gestures. Singer Elaine Jarvis went thru a bad case of distortion when singing *If I Didn't Care*. Showed too tender affection for the microphone.

What talent there is comes from Pat Ross, who sings well but displays little personality. Johnny Parker, one of the owners, says he restricts the show to just but had a cold on the night caught. Joe Pastor is the other owner.

Teddy Eddy's five-piece band provides the music. Sol Zaitz.

## Chez Paree, Chicago

A new revue, one of the strongest combinations here in a long time, opened Friday night at a top heavy club. Topped by Joe E. Lewis, it also features Paul Haakon, Tamara, Wally and Verdyn Stapleton, Maria Montero, Rose Blane and the Fred Evans line. Abe Lyman and band hold over until December, when Lou Brown and the old Henry Busse outfit move in.

Lewis has never been funnier, and this room is made for him. Holds up the next-to-closing spot with talking satires of popular songs, kids with the acts and caps up introductions to his own proportions. While much of the stuff is of the double-meaning caliber, it is entertaining all the way.

The 16 Evans lovelies open the dinner revue with a saucy interpretation of erotic jitterbugging, and their brief white satin Enesco comes no hands in hand with their lively routine. The Stapletons, smart musical comedy tap team, do two numbers, one in a modern vein and another a take-off of the bicycle-built-for-two days. Personable vaudeville.

Rose Blane, Lyman's swing vocalist, takes an early singing spot, shouting out with relish *Al in Fator Say Bye and Are You Having Any Fun?* Voice is not a trained one but delivery is commercial. The 16 Evans medley of *Let's Get Married* featuring the *Merry Widow* Waltz, the line in impressive black velvet gowns and picture hats creates a moving production scene and an atmospheric overture for the classy ballet dancing of Paul Haakon. He returns a boyish prelude to a ballad medley with massive spins and turns accomplished with little apparent effort. His is a concert style but serves as welcome relief in a show of this type. Danced to George Enesco's *Rou-*

manian Rhapsody Johann Strauss' *Perpetuum Mobile*.

Tamara, charming singer, went big with her romantic interpretations of some of the pop. Makes a distinguished appearance, with enough suitable voice and personality to pitch in a Grade A performance. Her group included *Bublitchei, South of the Border, Lilacs in the Rain and Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*. In the finale, Maria Montero, striking Latin dancer, featured the *South American Way* line number. She has a native interpretation of a native routine that rates attention. The costumed girls create a colorful background, with vocal flourishes furnished by Miss Blane and Frank Parrish of the band.

Lyman's Orchestra continues to furnish strong show and dance music, fronted by the popular leader. Heardo's eight-piece outfit fill in intermissions with *Rimba and Tango Lunce*.

Revue is staged by Fred Evans, assisted by Mary Gorgas. Music by Gene Lucas and coetumes by Evans and Francis Palister. The new press chief is Harold Walker, who succeeded Ted Heber, now in New York with the Columbia network. Sam Hoberman.

## Glass Hat, Hotel Belmont, Plaza, New York

Ralph Hitz's present offering in his East Side hotel Gen is a quick, punchy three-act show headlining Ethel Shutta. It is, however, badly routined and lacks the sock finish ending that Shutta delivers with the halfpy mark instead of the closing. Lee Sullivan's singing, which is unusually good, comes as an anti-climax.

Partner is Joe and Betty Lee, youthful dance pair doing nice smooth work for a pair of 19-year-old kids. The polish that comes from years of experience. They give the appearance of a couple of youngsters who won a school contest and as such were given a pretty rough time by the club's more sedate patronage.

Miss Shutta, who headlined the first show when this room opened two years ago, was a winner with a variety of sock novelty tunes and an equally sock delivery. She fills the much-abused "sophisticated" songs with a versatility that has kept her working for a long time. Among her numbers were *Indians and Trees, Are You Having Any Fun?* and *A Woman's Best Friend is Her Bed*, which at times she fills in with the blue side but perfect for night club work.

Emcee Lee Sullivan, another youngster, has a winning smoothness, a nice personality, but above all an excellent commercial voice. Should go places. On the musical side is Joe Sully's Orchestra, giving off a smooth brand of dance music, with Sully himself doubling on the fiddle and vocals. Horatio Zito's Ork fills in with the Latin tunes with plenty of swing and rhythm.

Die Mocker and Ada Horgan on hand as the p. a. s. Sol Zaitz.

## PARIS NOTES

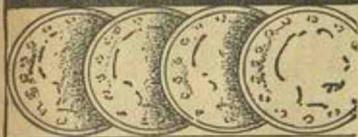
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post in the army zone. Georges Carpentier and Pierre Colombar, both sergeants in the aviation, are in Villacoublay.

Maurice Chevalier will soon introduce his new marching song, *Victoire*, which is intended to succeed *Madeleine*, famous during the last war. The words are by Marcel Travers, of the French Air Force, and the music is by Fred Astaire's partner in the Garibaldi Legion, *Victoire*, the 21-year-old daughter of "Madeleine" in the song.

Sacha Guitry has announced the formation of the first all-Paris theatrical troupe, composed of the strongest b-o names on the French stage. Playing a small number of pieces that have been past successes of Guitry's will be Gabry Mouton, the young Papposo, with Guitry and his wife, Genevieve; also Victor Boucher. The company will make a tour of principal French cities and all profits will be donated to various war charities.

The film *Les Femmes d'Alger* is expected to be placed behind the eight ball by ceasing 21m production, as was the case during the 1914-18 conflict from which the film industry has never recovered, the government has named a special committee headed by M. Chataignat, to furnish all needed aid for continued production. The industry as a whole has been hard hit by the mobilization, with the technicians suffering severely. Cable substitutes have been installed in most cases, permitting the larger studios to start turning. These include the Pathes Joinville, Eclair-Emmap, and Gaumont, and production in studios in St. Maurice, and the Buttes-Chateau. Those located in Billancourt and Neuilly are reorganizing.

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## GOOD WORK

Agents of the federal government are doing good work in concentrating on those who are popularly known as big-shots in whatever business they happen to engage in as a racket. The temptation is always there for them to go chasing after petty things, and leave the real sources of trouble untouched.

Some of the names recently appearing in the news are said to have failed to report their incomes from slot machines. In one or two papers it was implied that big incomes had been made from pinball games.

Most of the newspapers have been fair, however, in reporting that the big names now being accused are men with records in such big games as the alcohol racket during prohibition. These are men that would likely force racket tactics upon any business or industry which they happened to enter.

The coin-operated machine industry has difficulty in defending itself from the reputation which such names enforce on the business. The coin-operated machine industry is too often the victim of men and agencies who are supposed to be working for good government. A reformer is often just as much of a racketeer as those who are branded racketeers in the daily news.

An example of unfair reform agitation was heard on the radio on Sunday evening, October 15. This program purported to set forth how coin-operated phonographs have been used as a "front" for rackets. Unfortunately, the public does not always distinguish its information carefully. Those who write news, editorials, scripts, scenarios, etc., know this all too well.

The question is raised as to which is the worst racketeer, the one who professes to be nothing else but a racketeer or those who deliberately confuse the public mind.

Racketeers may use any kind of business as a "front." It may be a cosmetics business, a florist shop, or a simple cigar store. But it is always more sensational to use something that has a "coin slot" on it. Even Fortune magazine adds "sensational" to an otherwise authoritative business article by referring to automatic phonographs as "gaudy slot machines."

These incidents are referred to in order to show how easy it would be for federal agents, or anyone for that matter, to get sensational publicity by public agitation about some such things as pinball games. There are always mediums ready to blazon such cheap publicity to the sky. Such tactics are not conducive to good government nor does it reflect so well on the level of intelligence of a nation or its officials.

But it is a high mark of credit up to the present that there are officials who go after the real sore spots in racketeering as it may affect any business or industry. They are not trying to besmirch an industry as a whole but rather to ferret out those that enforce racket methods upon business. That is a hard job and in many cases it is a thankless business.

It should be kept in mind that the rank and file of the members of the amusement games industry back in 1931 and 1932 came from small business and professional groups whom the depression forced to look for other ways to make a living. The rank and file of the business has tried to maintain the same standards that would prevail in any other legitimate business since. The way has been made doubly hard because there are always so many crusaders who lack the courage and the intelligence to fight for real reforms. These are the people who keep the games industry in the shadows where it is always exposed to racket encroachments.

National experience has shown during the days of prohibition that the quickest way to turn an industry or business over to racketeers is to make it illegal.

The rank and file of the coin-operated machine industry belong to trade associations, their membership lists are open to the public, and in every way they offer co-operation to any and all government officials that honestly try to maintain good government.

Some of the so-called clean-up drives that come in various cities are very revealing as to the methods and motives that prompt such drives at intervals. They are very revealing as to how such petty things as pinball games may be made a smoke screen or a goat for bigger things.

A few years ago Chicago was swept with one of those clean-up drives which banned pinball games, and they have stayed out since. The wave of piety was so intense that even cigaret machines were banned. Then a lot of people sat back on their civic conscience feeling that a great reform had been staged to keep the city clean.

But today the facts are indicating that crusades against pinball games will not save Chicago—or any other city.

The reform business in England may also point a moral. Led by Lady Astor, there was a strong move during the last year or so to ban gambling on races and sports in England. But gambling on the races is too much a part of the lives of the people in England. So the crusade failed. Then Lady Astor started agitating a national crusade against pinball games in England. Anybody could tell that this was a face-saving move, and but for the war pinball games might have been driven out.

Such tactics are typical of most of the crusades made against coin-operated games. It is easy to stir up emotions and sensationalism by pointing at some racketeer that may have entered the business. But that does not lead to intelligent government. Perhaps the present capable men that head the important agencies of our government will be able to keep on the right road, and will help an industry keep its membership rolls as open and clean as other standard industries.

Perhaps they will be able to distinguish between cheap publicity, political smoke screens, and the efforts of a large group of citizens to earn a legitimate living.

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## Report Nippy Well Received

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Chicago Coin Machine Mfg. Co. officials Sam Wolberg and Sam Ginsburg, in speaking of their latest release, Nippy, report, "Since it would be practically impossible to personally thank coinmen for the tremendous enthusiasm with which they received our latest offering, Nippy, we are taking this way to say thanks."

"Last week we announced this new game to coinmen. Since that time we have been virtually swamped with orders from every section of the country. Guided by the reaction of coinmen to Nippy when it was on test locations, and also its earning power and mechanical dependability, as exhibited on these locations, this flood of orders is not a surprise.

"It's only natural for coinmen to be enthused over a new game when that game is so packed full of tantalizing play appeal, new action and such high earning power. Operators know a good game when they see one, and that Nippy is even better than good is evidenced by the tremendous number of orders that have been placed for it during its first week on the market."

## Service De Luxe At Atlas Novelty

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Eddie Ginsburg, Atlas Novelty Co. executive who recently installed a private dining room in his distributing establishment, states that the idea has met with success and is rapidly growing in popularity among customers and friends of the concern. "This installation was occasioned by the absence of satisfactory dining facilities in our immediate neighborhood," states Ginsburg, "and, in the rush of business, we do not have sufficient time at our disposal to drive our customers to distant restaurants."

"While this little suite is thoroughly equipped, we originally planned a rather quick and easy menu. This has gradu-

ally been expanded to a degree which now provides our guests with a wide range of selections. We have a large stock of edibles on hand—in fact, enough to stock a hustling delicatessen."

Atlas also reported that the Atlas Detroit staff is busily engaged in moving to its new and larger quarters necessitated by the increase in business of the Detroit branch.

## Seiden Reports Business Pick-Up

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Henry Seiden, head of the Seiden Distributing Co., reports a notable increase in sales this fall. States Seiden, "We've been busily filling orders from coinmen this fall than at any time I can remember. One thing in particular that I noted about the orders that have been flocking in is the fact that they are coming from operators in cities farther away from Albany."

"When we first started in business our customer list was made up of operators in Albany. As time progressed we gradually developed a following in a larger radius around this town. Today we boast of serving operators at distances of many, many miles. There must be plenty of reasons for this popularity, with operators at great distances, and a few of them are the fact that our prices are low, the quality of our machines is high, and we give immediate service on all orders. With this policy to be stressed even further in the future we believe our business will grow to even greater proportions."

## Novelty Game Hearing

SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 21.—On November 9 a hearing will be held in the 73d District Court in the interest of coin machine firms who seek a permanent injunction restraining the seizing of marble boards of the novelty class.

A temporary restraining order is now in the hands of San Antonio common law agency in the seizure of machines which are not used for gambling purposes.

## Auto. Games Has New Service Unit

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—H. P. Burt, head of Automatic Games, has introduced a sequel to the Pal container kit, he announces. The new product is known as Pal Jr.

Said Burt, "Due to the outstanding success we have had with our Pal, a four-container service kit, and in response to many requests we have brought out a two-container kit called Pal Jr. This is in demand by many operators who use only two or three kinds of nuts in their vendors. As with our Pal unit, you can also hook more containers over the side of Pal Jr. if necessary," concluded Burt.

## Coinmen Praise Daval Follow-Up

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Reports from the Daval Mfg. Co. are that Follow-Up, its latest five-ball creation, is meeting with exceptional enthusiasm from operators and distributors who have received shipments of these games.

According to E. P. Winkel, Daval comptroller, "A mounting volume of rush orders on Follow-Up has necessitated the addition of a complete night shift to our factory facilities. The news is spreading rapidly that Follow-Up is a real hit and operators are quick in seeing the unusual appeal presented by the totally different type of 'bumper wild' action on Follow-Up."

"The nine progressive values possessed by every bumper on the game is also a powerful play incentive which operators know will do wonders on their locations in the form of profits. And, of course, those big box-car scores up to 200,000 provide thrills and excitement for players which bring them back for more."

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# Distributors Greet New Keeney Game

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Comments were forthcoming from many parts of the nation, it was reported, on Keeney's latest creation, Big Six. J. H. Keeney & Co. have announced it would be on display at all distributor points.

Comments heard were all approving and according to Roy McInnis, of Baltimore, "I see the greatest possibilities for big earnings in Big Six that I've ever seen in any coin game. It's really all the features, and more, that have contributed to the amazing success of previous Keeney free play games."

George Ponsler declared, "I've seen a lot of games, but I don't think I've ever seen one that will equal Keeney's newest creation. I predict that the new Keeney game called Big Six will be one of the best earning free games ever put on the market."

H. Holstein, head of Banner Specialty Co. announced, "We'll have Big Six here to show all comers in this section next week. We sincerely advise operators who want to get in on the year's biggest profit climb to make every effort to see Big Six at the earliest possible moment."

Officials of the Cleveland Coin Machine Co. said, "When one has seen Big Six, one can't possibly remain neutral in one's opinion. It's all a one-sided argument and I needn't mention that it's in favor of Big Six."

# Recording Talent At Phono Banquets

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Annual banquets of the music machine operator associations both here and in New Jersey will find a galaxy of big name recording stars in attendance. Appearance of these leaders and recording stars is by way of showing their appreciation to the operators for using their records.

Automatic Music Association of New Jersey, Inc., is staging its affair tomorrow at the Essex House, Newark. On October 3 the Automatic Music Operators' Association, Inc., New York, is holding its second annual dinner and dance at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

# Metals Exposition On in Windy City

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Many coin machine men will be in attendance when the National Metals Exposition and Exposition opens in Chicago October 23. Coin machine firms are large users of metal.

More than 250 exhibitors will show products resulting from improved methods of metal manufacture and fabrication. It is in this field that the American Society for Metals is constantly at work. Stainless steel, carbonyl, the refining process—these are among the phases of metallurgy which have attracted the exhaustive attention of society members.

**Attracts 25,000 Technical Men**

William H. Eisenman, of Cleveland, managing director of the Metal Congress which will bring 25,000 technical men to Chicago. Technical sessions of the exposition will be held at the Palmer House in collaboration with the Chicago Congress, as well as technical sessions of the following sections, which are participating in sponsorship of the exposition: The Wire Association, the American Welding Society and the Iron and Steel Institute of Metals division of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

# New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—Trade conditions continue to favor a good late fall and winter season in Louisiana with the important lumber and oil industries benefitting from price advance and the recent war boom helping to bring in good prices for cotton, rice and sugar, three important staple agricultural "money-makers" for the native planters.

C. R. Adelberg, sales manager of the Boscovitz Mfg. Co., Chicago, spent several days in New Orleans recently conferring with the Dixie Coin Machine Co. and New Orleans Co. officials. Adelberg, well known in these parts, looks forward to a big fall distribution of the firm's new-



H. F. MOSELEY, head of the Moseley Vending Machine Co., Richmond, Va., recently announced the opening of a branch office in Charlotte, N. C. The Charlotte branch, a branch in name only, will occupy a five-story and basement building on one of the main thoroughfares.

est creations. He is particularly interested now in distribution of Davy Jones, Stoner's big promise for a good operation for the present.

Charles Snyder, of the Chicago office of Mills Novelty Co., stopped over long enough to tell the distributors and operators about the fine results being received by operations of Mills Chrome Bell and Cherry Bell machines. Of course, he didn't have to do much arguing in these parts, for the Louisiana and Mississippi operators have already had grand results with these two big Mills Bells. Snyder left here for the Windy City.

Apologies are in order to Pete Nastasi, of the Automatic Coin Machine Co., of this city for our recent erroneous remark that his firm was discontinuing operations of music machines. Nastasi denies that he had such plans under consideration and to the contrary finds photograph operations best in many months.

Three big favorites of the Bally Mfg. Co. plant are creating hits in this area this fall. The Dixie Coin Machine Co., Bally's great distributor, reports White Balls, Gold Cup and Scoopy a trio that will be hard to beat for making real money this year. The Dixie Co. also reports heavy interest in Keeney's Thriller and Exhibit's 1940 Golden Gate.

Frank De Barros, manager of the J. H. Peres Amusement Co., left recently for an extensive business trip thru Central and Southwest Louisiana in the interest of the firm's distribution of Wurlitzer phonographs.

It was a real grand opening when Andy Monte, head of the A. M. Amusement Co., formally opened his new headquarters at Poydras and Drynes streets. Monte now has more than double the space at his late quarters and has expanded his force to take care of expected bigger business at this downtown corner. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Putrowsky, formerly of the Great Southern Novelty Co., join the staff as service department head and secretary, respectively.

It was self-defense, not bold larceny, when a soft-drink coin vending machine disappeared from police headquarters of a large Southern city recently. Operators of the machine said they were forced to remove it because a persistently heavy crop of slugs, pennies, buttons, etc., made it a money loser in that location.

A good job of distributing Rock-Ola phonographs is credited to the Louisiana Amusement Co., since Boss Melvin Mallory has taken the added responsibility of being a papa. Mallory has recently returned from a trip in Southeast Louisiana and found operators of Rock-Olas giving out only the highest of praise for the new Rock-Ola features.

R. N. McCormick, Southern sales manager of Decca Distributing Corp., was away on a two weeks' trip to the Memphis and Atlanta branches of the company. Mac looks for new peaks for

Decca record sales this fall and credits catchy selections this past summer for the best season in several years. Outstanding as money-makers for Decca this year have been Bing Crosby and Woody Herman and ork.

Incorporated at Houston was Houston Cigarette Service, Inc., with capital stock \$500. Incorporators were J. P. Carver, F. F. Beadle and Charles A. Keilin.

F. W. King, of the C. & N. Sales Co., finds the first two weeks of October very slow for distribution of coin machines in general but says that he expects this lull until cold weather sets in. King believes that despite the poor start, it will be a good fall and winter season for operators in this section and credits higher cotton and rice and improved credit conditions for his optimism.

Ed Rodriguez, of the American Coin Machine Co., reports that he finds operations improving since the first of the month and credits splendid new ideas by the big Chicago factories for the betterment.

# Detroit

DETROIT, Oct. 21.—James Duart, who operates several routes of music machines on the west side of Detroit, reports a considerable pick-up in business recently in his beer garden and buffet locations, due to the coming of cooler weather. He is expanding his routes for the coming season.

Gus T. Gustafson, east side operator of an extensive line of phonographs, is expanding his business into new locations. He places his machines in restaurants and drive-ins, and has recently been concentrating on drug store locations which he reports he has found pretty successful.

He is an enthusiastic booster of coin-controlled weighing machines and has a large number of Watling's around town which bring in many pennies and require practically no servicing for repairs, etc.

Puritan Sales has been established by Charles C. Huff, operator of pin games in this territory for several years. Headquarters are located at 1009 Crawford street, Detroit.

William Corrocan, distributor for Wurlitzer at San Francisco, was a Detroit visitor for several days recently. He has been visiting the East, seeing the factory at Tonawanda, and taking in the World's Fair and the World's Series. In Detroit, Corrocan was a guest of Harry Graham, of Marquette Music Co., and James Ashley, of the American Novelty Co.

Charles Crowley, Ecorse operator, finds business good in this west side suburb of Detroit and continues to expand his routes. He has added several Mills phonographs recently.

Arnold C. Rosen, formerly with the Chicago office, has been made assistant to Manager William Glaceman at the Decca Distributing Co. here.

Gold Star Mfg. Co., Dearborn, Mich., salesboard manufacturer, has expanded business recently into several States with the appointment of resident representatives.

Matt Kling is again expanding his route with the purchase of several new Wurlitzers. He has also moved his headquarters to 3493 Robins avenue, Detroit.

Sol Nathan, proprietor of the B and N Sales Co., which handles concession supplies, etc., for coin machines, was in a Chicago hospital with an attack of appendicitis recently.

Central Coin Machine Exchange has been busy recently getting its quarters in readiness for fall and winter business, according to Maurice J. Feldman, manager.

Frederick E. Turner, president of the Automatic Merchandisers' Association of Michigan, was away on another business trip out of the State again recently.

Manfred M. Linick, veteran coin machine operator, who heads the Detroit Automatic Exhibit Corp. is dropping out of all machine activities to concentrate exclusively upon scales, he reports.

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Products Corp., spent some time recently in taking a business trip thru the East, leaving his brother, A. Schermack, in charge of the plant here.

The Coin-Meter Detroit Co., specializing in the operation of coin-controlled washing machines, has moved headquarters, formerly out in the northwest section of Washington avenue, to a central location at 5850 Forsythe avenue.

W. R. Polechek, manager of the company, reports very good business in this department, with a recent pick-up, "because people seem to be spending more now." Polechek, incidentally, always finds a good market for his used machines by merely removing the coin attachment and selling the used washers for use as normal washing machines.

Frank Michaels, who was Detroit manager for Confection Cabinet Corp., operating a large number of candy vendors in theater lobbies, has left the organization. His post is being divided between Joseph Tallman and George Bernstein. Tallman was formerly local service manager and has been with the company here for three years. Bernstein came here, over a year ago, from the Newark headquarters of the company. Syd Taube, representative of the Confection Cabinet Corp., was in town not long ago in a visit from Toronto, Ont., where he has headquarters.

Saul E. Gordon, manager of the Peerless Products Co., announces the company is bringing out an addition to its line for operators, in the form of a patented filler for cellophane bags. The new filler will operate on either candy or nuts and allow the operator to buy his supplies in bulk and fill the bags himself, resulting in a marked operating economy.

Minst-Pop National Distributing Co. is completing final improvements in its new type of pop-corn vender, and plans for manufacturing are to be made shortly.

William Bolton, who has a corner of Southwestern Michigan, making headquarters at Romulus, was out buying Seeburgs for his routes.

Alice Roberts, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was another steady Seeburg customer back for another order.

Home Music and Novelty Co., organized about three months ago by Joseph Clingo and Herman Dudek, reports very satisfactory business from its music and pin game machines. 52 machines have been placed on good paying locations, according to Dudek, in that time.



# Cigarette Merchandisers' Associations

The interstate meeting held recently in the Hotel Garden in New Haven, Conn., was successful and the representatives of the CMA of New York, New Jersey, New England and Pennsylvania had the opportunity to discuss some important matters.

Morris Zimmerman, vice-president of the Connecticut organization, opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates to the session. Anthony J. Mason, secretary of the Conn. CMA and president of the interstate group, presided.

Matters of interest to operators discussed at the meeting included summaries of the tax situation in New York by Matthew Forbes, manager of the N. Y. CMA; the tax situation in East-ern Pennsylvania by W. L. King, of the Quaker Vending Co., and Norman H. Fuhrman, secretary of the Automatic Cigarette Vendors' Association. Walter Guild, manager of the New England group, outlined tax matters in his report. The reports of these men indicated that tax situations throughout the areas served by them were being straightened out.

The interstate group went on record as seeking the manufacturers' co-opera-

tion against introducing new models with gadgets—such as radios. Bob Hawthorne, president of the New York CMA, also addressed the group. In the course of his talk he recommended that manufacturers introduce new models at the same time with an agreement to let these stay on the market for a certain length of time. Al Sharnow, of the New England group, praised manufacturers for their far-sightedness in designing new models and stated that the operators owed their success to the fact that the models were so smartly made, which accounted for their being in many locations from which old machines had been barred.

James Cherry, manager of the New Jersey CMA, was named recorder. He succeeded Sol Kesselman, counsel for the N. J. group, who had been serving as temporary recorder.

King and Fuhrman invited the group to hold its next meeting at Philadelphia. However, the group was forced to decline the bid, as the next session will be held in Chicago in January in connection with the annual Coin Machine Show.

Following the footing of the sale Bowl, the delegates were guests of the Connecticut CMA at dinner.

Attending were: From New York, Forbes, Sam Yolen, Hawthorne; from Pennsylvania, King and Fuhrman; from New England, Guild, Louis Riegan, Al Sharnow; from New Jersey, Cherry, Kesselman, John Sharenow, Golub, and from Connecticut, Mason, Ed Bereth, Nathan Davidoff, Zimmerman and Sam Allienor.

### Trophy in New York

The New York CMA is now in possession of the softball trophy which it won from New Jersey in a game held at the estate in June at the Berkshire Country Club, Windgate, N. Y. Mason delivered the award to Forbes in person this week after a cancellation of the Conn. CMA outing prevented Conn. and N. Y. meeting on the diamond to settle the matter. While in the States, Mason availed himself of the opportunity of visiting the World's Fair. Forbes has the trophy on his desk and it is being admired by the operators of his organization.

New York CMA will pay \$50 rewards to two location owners who played important parts in the drive against slug users. These men are Nicholas Juriano, of the West River Lunch Room, and George Katsubala, of the Sheffield Lunch. In one case a man was arrested and held under \$100 bond. When his trial came up, he failed to appear, forfeiting the bond. In the other case police took into custody an abandoned automobile in which were found \$200 in slugs and 100 packages of cigarettes taken from machines; they were packed with the 3 cents in the side.

A by-laws meeting was held by the New York group recently. Vendors Service in New York have filed application for membership in the organization. Action on these application at the general meeting October 25.

New Jersey is all set to go with its annual banquet. The date has been set for February 10 in the Hotel Douglas in Newark. A special executive meeting was held recently for further discussion of banquet plans to approve the committee's work to the present time. John Sharnow is chairman of the banquet committee.

## Cig Industry on Upgrade Declares Cig Manufacturer

By C. PALMER PARKER  
President, Axton-Fisher Tobacco Co.

The aggregate cigaret production, after virtually standing still in 1938 as compared with 1937, is turning upward again. And that is good news to us here in Louisville.

It is heartening in these times of economic insecurity to know that the tobacco industry, altho burdened by taxes, has invariably moved forward consistently despite recessions and depressions. It has afforded an unflinching source of livelihood to all connected with it.

An endless stream of dollars has been poured into the life-stream of business for wages, raw materials and supplies of various types. The sale and ship-

ment of tobacco products from here corresponds with the activity nationally. At the outset it should be noted that the production and sale of cigarettes over a shadow by a wide margin any other phases of the industry. This will probably continue to hold true, since the cigaret furnishes the easiest way of using tobacco. National cigaret production in 1937, exhibiting normal growth, exceeded 1936 by 6 per cent, roughly. However, production in 1938 was less than 1 per cent ahead of 1937, which indicates the industry practically marked time last year.

### General Business Slack is Cause

It was the first year since 1932 that production for one year was not better than a previous one. Such a condition may be attributed in a measure to the slack in general business which existed from October, 1937, thru the first half of 1938. It was encouraging to note, however, the unmistakable improvement in industrial production during the latter half of 1938, which has reflected in the greater demand for cigarettes in the first half of this year.

It may appear since the public consumed no more cigarettes in 1938 as compared with 1937, that the use of all tobacco products declined. Such was not the case. The smoker seemingly switched from the cigaret to the pipe, or else rolled his own. The per cent of gain in 1937 over 1936 of 6 per cent for cigarettes, but lost in 1938 over 1937 was picked up by smoking tobacco. This statement is sustained by the fact that pipe and roll-your-own tobaccos finished 6 per cent ahead in 1938 as compared with 1937.

Here in these two classifications, cigaret and pipe tobaccos may be found criteria of business conditions in the nation as a whole. In 1932 (compared with 1931) for the first time in a dozen years, cigaret production dropped off. Smoking tobacco increased. In 1930 another business slump occurred and cigaret demand topped again sharply from the peak of 1919.

### Cigaret Smoking Still Increasing

Smoking and cigaret trends have been heading in opposite directions for many years. Cigaret production rose from a paltry 6,000,000,000 in 1920 to the incredible total of 163,000,000,000 in 1938—gaining 1,900 per cent in less than three decades. Few products have experienced such popularity. Smoking tobacco has dropped with depressing regularity since 1925. Other than the occasional spurts already mentioned, there is only slight hope for complete resuscitation of the product. Scrap, plug and twist have also felt the consumer preference for cigarettes. Snuff for less than one-third of the total production, but they have stimulated the tobacco activities all along the line from the selling of the plant to the finished product. Their progress has not been made at the expense of other brands already on the market. Moreover, any thought that the 10-cent cigaret has lowered manufacturing standards and depressed tobacco prices

The introduction and success of the 10-cent cigaret in the market has increased employment. These brands account for less than one-third of the total production, but they have stimulated the tobacco activities all along the line from the selling of the plant to the finished product. Their progress has not been made at the expense of other brands already on the market. Moreover, any thought that the 10-cent cigaret has lowered manufacturing standards and depressed tobacco prices

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### 1939 Shows Increase

Although the increase is not large for the five months of 1939, cigaret production figures show a greater gain for this period as compared with 1938 than the grand total for 1938 exceeded 1937. Besides, May totals topped May of last year by 7 per cent. Smoking tobacco for the first quarter of 1939 still retain a slight lead (less than 2 per cent) over the corresponding period of last year.

If the current trend in cigaret production is indicative in the slightest measure of general business activity, it is our opinion that a gradual improvement in business can be expected for the remainder of 1939. An overnight return to the kind of prosperity existing prior to September, 1929, is not anticipated, and certainly not wanted. Recovery may seem slow to many, but in the end it is the soundness of any recovery that counts, and not the speed with which it has been effected.

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# MUSIC MERCHANDISE

## Milwaukee Firm Boosts Popular Records in Big Promotion Plan

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 21.—An outstanding example of fine promotion took place here recently when the Lawrence Welk Band, playing at a local theater, tied up with the Kemo Novelty Co., Wisconsin distributing and operating firm, in plugging Lawrence Welk records in Kemo phonographs.

Increased revenue in phonograph cash boxes and increased attendance at the show during the Welk engagement were the results—and therein lies the story, Kemo's general head, William Montrose, and Dick Courtenay, publicity agent for Welk, co-operated in placing on approximately 350 phonographs backboards plugging the Welk records and the band's appearance at the local theater.

On phonographs not carrying the equipment necessary to mount the backboard, Welk's agent furnished a card which went inside the phonograph and was attached to the glass front. It contained similar wording to that on the backboards. Montrose, of Kemo, reported that he has used similar promotions in the past and has found that it increased the play of his phonographs every time.

"In a town like Milwaukee where we don't have the transient trade or summer guests as do larger towns, we have to hump to keep our business at a high peak," Montrose declared. "Therefore we co-operate with other business and we receive its aid at times and above all, its good will. Take, for instance, when we plug the band that's coming to our local theater. It boosts its attendance. It gives the orchestra leader a better showing. We get more nickels in the cash box. It boosts record sales. And, in general, every business in Milwaukee receives a bit of added stimulus—all as a result of the signs we use on the phonographs."

Courtenay, representing Welk, was very enthusiastic and declared, "I can't begin to express my excitement at the realization of the possibilities of advertising our appearance by having the band plugged by the backboard signs and by having our records on all these phonographs. All over the backboards and other advertising specialties we used in connection with the phonographs have been secured by the Welk Band and you may be sure that our future engagements will find us utilizing automatic phonographs to help us, to help the operator. It's really a swell deal."

Looking at the Kemo organization reveals a well-developed firm which covers every angle in the development of possible business. William Montrose, head of the organization, is Wurlitzer distributor for the State of Wisconsin and as such is active in keeping the public "phonograph conscious." Whenever a name band comes to town Montrose sends flowers to the orchestra with a card on which is written, "With the compliments of the phonograph operators of Milwaukee." Naturally, this results in reciprocation by the orchestra leaders who may publicly thank the group—and, incidentally, the public learns that automatic phonographs are appreciated by the band. Naturally this adds to their prestige and helps to build phonograph patrons.

Kemo offers all bands the advertising prestige of its phonograph backboards. This co-operation is extended thru the theater or ballroom in which the band is appearing.

When the backboards are not in use to plug bands, Kemo features on the backboards certain records or artists whose disks are currently popular. Occasionally the backboard carries an ad of the Kemo Novelty Co. explaining and extolling automatic phonographs.

Montrose, the aggressive head of Kemo, has founded his business on service of this kind and service to locations. He first learned the meaning of service as the head of the Allis-Chalmers experimental laboratories in the manufacture of farm machinery. System and uniformity are his motto and he follows every detail to the last iota.

## Rock-Ola Approved By Ops—Merchant

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Enjoying his new connection with the Rock-Ola Mfg. Corp., as one of the firm's district managers is W. F. Merchant, pioneer phonograph man, who declares he is happy to be back in the phonograph field.

"It's really amazing," exclaimed Merchant, "on the way operators are thoroughly sold on Rock-Ola Luxury Lightup phonograph, altho it's understandable, for its money-making features are almost unbelievable."

"It puts life into a location and the tone—that's something to rave about. I don't know when I've heard better and I've listened to plenty of phonographs. Front-door accessibility is one feature that all operators and service men rave about for the reason that it is not necessary to pull the machine away from the wall to get in it from the back. Everything is done from the front: changing records, servicing and collection."

Merchant reports that business conditions are good in the Indiana territory and further states, "The acceptance of the Luxury Lightup phonographs is the welcome news I hear wherever I go."

THE HY-G GAMES CO., Minneapolis, recently sponsored in co-operation with Amusement Games, Inc., St. Paul, a two-day service school for phonograph mechanics and operators. Many music men drove hundred of miles to attend. Above picture shows many who attended the sessions, which ran from 9 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. A banquet followed the close of the session. Speakers on the program were, from the Seeburg Corp., Pete Otis, Al Koch and assistant Kamys; from the Hy-G Games Co., Hy Greenstein and Cora Fagan; and from Amusement Games, Inc., Jonas Bessler and Clyde Newell. Entertainment at the banquet was furnished by Sam Blat and Erwin Zellmer.

## August Exports

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The total dollar value of automatic phonographs exported during the month of August exceeded the total value of all other types of coin machines exported during that month, according to a report by the Department of Commerce.

This is an indication of the important proportions which automatic phonographs were beginning to attain in world trade, when the outbreak of a European war suddenly put obstacles in the way of shipments overseas.

The war probably will not put so severe a damper on the widespread use of phonographs, however, since Mexico led the list by purchasing phonographs to the value of \$28,024; Canada was second with \$26,044 worth. The United Kingdom led in taking shipments overseas, using \$6,361 worth of phonographs. The prospects of war were already showing up there.

But Britain led all other countries by far in the purchase of amusement games during August, the total shipments amounting to \$42,292. A total of 155 vending machines were shipped to other countries during August.

## Shay Tells Why Mills Phonos Sell

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Sales Manager Vince Shay, of the Mills Novelty Co., reports "the best way to judge the dependability of any machine is to examine how the buyers buy it. What the Throne of Music has achieved in the music field is now apparent to everybody. The biggest news is the complete confidence operators and distributors have in the Throne of Music, confidence that has been engendered by its standardized dependability and freedom from service."

"Operators order this phonograph by 5s, 10s and 20s. Distributors are doing even better. In the past few weeks we have received three carload orders from Posner, two from Calcutt, two from Mayflower, two from Gordon Mills, a carload each from Sam May and Jim Baker."

"Once Throne of Music gets into a location it stays there. Its beautiful appearance is more and more appreciated by the location as time goes by. Its marvelous tone is so musically perfect that the location owner and his employees find it more and more attractive. It never annoys, irritates or interferes with the business of the location. The music is always pleasing, always musical."

## Wurlitzer Names Arkansas Distrib

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Announcement of the appointment of the Commercial Music Co. as Arkansas distributor for Wurlitzer automatic phonographs was made here this week by M. G. Hammergren, sales manager of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Co.'s phonograph division.

Wurlitzer's selection of the Commercial Music Co. is said to have met with the outspoken approval of officers in both organizations. Mike Hammergren stated that Joe Williams, general manager and owner of the Little Rock concern, has recently leased modern office and storage space for the purpose of displaying the machines and providing facilities for the storage of parts and records. The maintenance of large supplies of stock in both the parts and record departments was emphasized by Hammergren as one of the most impressive features of the company's set-up. Service to operators, he said, would be complete in every detail.

The appointment of the Commercial Music Co. as Wurlitzer distributor was signaled by a group meeting between Wurlitzer executives and officers of the distributing organization. It is reported, "Wurlitzer policies were discussed, particular emphasis being placed on the steady and increasing coverage inaugurated nearly a year ago to boost the profits of Wurlitzer operators," said Hammergren. Officers of the Commercial Music Co., Hammergren concluded, indicated their hearty approval of the program.

## Calcutt Speeds Tri-State Coverage

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 21.—Joe Calcutt, of the Vending Machine Co., one of the largest coin machine distributing firms, reports that his firm has speeded coverage of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia on Mills phonographs.

He reports, "Due to the demand, which has been growing hourly, we have just instituted a new speedy coverage inaugurated in the three States we cover for Mills so that the operators in any of these States can figure on 24-hour delivery as long as machines are in our warehouse."

"We are starting a system whereby operators who want to get started with Mills Throne of Music in these three States will be given a special arrangement of delivery schedules which will allow them the time necessary to cover the best spots and finance thru with locations as machines arrive."

"This new delivery schedule is the fastest we ever attempted for such close-to-home coverage. It will necessitate a fleet of trucks which will be in operation constantly to meet the needs of all of the operators."

## Peak Sales on Phono Changeovers

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Officials Paul Gerber and Max Glass, of Gerber & Glass, state that the past weeks have been the busiest they've had this year. "And this past year has been one of the busiest we've ever known. Largely responsible for this increase in sales and lengthening of our customer list has been our new changeover grille for phonographs, and lately, our new 1940 Domes for phonographs."

"Going on the premise that 'there's life in the old phonograph yet,' we developed our changeover equipment. Operators all over the country declared this revolutionary step in music one of the greatest merchandising factors in music operation. This equipment has aided operators everywhere to convert old looking phonographs into sparkling, bright new looking machines with better earning power."

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WURLITZER GETS THE ORDER! Mike Hammergren, left, Wurlitzer general sales manager, and William Montrose, right, of the Kemo Novelty Co., Milwaukee, look on as Mr. Brady, also of Kemo, displays the order he has just signed for a new shipment of phonographs. Wurlitzer District Manager W. C. Mosberger, second from left, examines the contract with interest. The scene was snapped at Wurlitzer's Open House Meeting held recently at Milwaukee's Hotel Schroeder.

# What the Records Are Doing for Me---

In this, the operators' own column, the music merchants of the entire nation help one another to select the biggest money-making records. It is a service by the operators and for the operators. When contributing to this column be sure to include the name of the recording, the name of the artist and the type of location the recording set best in.

Address communications to WHAT THE RECORDS ARE DOING FOR ME, THE BILLBOARD PUBLISHING CO., 54 W. Randolph, Chicago, Ill.

## Cambridge, Ohio

To the Editor:

In this territory records are being played very much the same as they are in the rest of the country. However, I have noticed several releases that I have never found mentioned in *The Billboard* that are really going to town here.

Russ Morgan's *Does Your Heart Beat for Me* is in great demand and is getting much more play than *Moon Love* did when it was in its prime.

Any recording of *An Angel in a Fur-lined Room* gets a good play and looks most promising here. However, *Biscuits* is without doubt headed for the top of the hit parade and we have Glenn Miller's recording on every machine. Henry Russell has a platter of the above two making the disc a very good combination.

Going strong: *An Apple for the Teacher*, *Day It—Day Out*, *The Jumpin' New Comes Love*, *Over the Rainbow*.

Fading: *Beer Barrel Polka*, *Sunrise Serenade*, *Baby Me*, *I'll Remember*.

Where dancing is not permitted the Little Brothers' recordings get a good lay and all of them keep up with any of those mentioned.

PAUL C. KACKLEY,  
P. K. Sales Co.

## Buffalo

To the Editor:

This gives me a welcome opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy reading your columns in *The Billboard* and how much help I have already derived from your record departments. Your candid check-ups on the popularity of disks are a real boon to the hustling operator who has no time to read lengthy stuff.

Glenn Miller is tops right now on my machines, and any of his numbers are sure to draw coin. His versions of *Moon Love*, *Stairway to the Stars*, *The Lamp Is Low*, *Cinderella* and *To You* are still good money-makers, tho they are gradually being replaced by his new disks. Miller's *Men With the Mandolin*, *Over the Rainbow* and *Blue Orchids* are my best sellers right now, with *The Little Man Who Wasn't* there coming up fast.

Artie Shaw is pretty much in demand, especially in the jitterbug hangouts of the school kids. His *Melancholy Mood* is still okay, but is rapidly being pushed out of the picture by the newer *Day It—Day Out*, which is right up at the top of my list. Bob Crosby has gained a lot of pulling power in the last few weeks, and I have had very fine success with his *Oh, You Crazy Moon*. Benny Goodman is holding his own with his *Blue Orchids* version, which garners plenty of nickels for me. The *Blue* is in the season. *Beer Barrel Polka*, is still on practically every one of my machines and for reasons unknown gets as good a play as most of the newer tunes. Dick Jurgens, I think, is making some fine records lately. His *Lilacs in the Rain* is an up-and-coming number, which has proved to be a success wherever I've used it. Barry Woods' version of the same disk is not bad either.

In the vocal department Bing Crosby is at the head of the class without a doubt. Practically all numbers from his latest picture, *The Star Maker*, were money-makers for me, with *An Apple for the Teacher* most popular. Right at present he gets the nickels with *A Man and His Dream* and *What's New?* Both

numbers are rising rapidly to the top. Connie Boswell's *The Lamp Is Low* had a short-lived success and is now on the downgrade. The same can be said of the Andrew Sisters' platters.

Business here isn't all it should be. I blame this mostly on the in-between season right now. Most of my locations are no problem, excepting the phonos in the school districts where the younger kids give the machines tough wear by trying to extract music without the aid of coin. I suppose this is a common complaint, tho. The jitterbug gang, I found, are just about my fustiest customers when it comes to new selections. They demand the best in swing and I have to keep changing new numbers around several times a week to keep them contented. In most other locations record changes once or twice a week are plenty sufficient.

I hope this letter is going to be of some help to you and the trade in general, and I am happy to be able to voice some of my ideas and experiences in this worth-while column.

BERNARD BLACHER,  
Amplified Music Co.,  
Buffalo.

## Spokane

To the Editor:

Right now the public hereabouts is going for most any of the old-time pieces that have been revised by a modern swing band as well as the newer recordings. Certain revivals also are bringing me in a good share of nickels, among them Glenn Miller's *Isle of Golden Dreams*, Bing Crosby's *In My Merry Oldsmobile* and Clyde McCooy's *Sugar Blues*.

Count Basie deserves special mention. In the last six weeks I have had more requests for him than in the past two years. He is a favorite with the younger crowd, along with Artie Shaw and Glenn Miller. The older folks prefer Kay Kyser, Horace Heidt and Eddy Duchin. Among the favored vocalists Dick Todd and Barry Wood are giving Bing Crosby his first serious competition.

Averaging the take from all our machines, *Beer Barrel Polka* and *It Makes No Difference Now* are about tied for money-making honors. It doesn't make much difference with the latter whether the recording is that of Jimmy Davis or of Dick Robinson. The Judy Garland platter of *Over the Rainbow* is running third. Next comes *The Man With the Mandolin*, Chick Bullock having the edge over Wayne King and Glenn Miller. Kenny Baker's *Cinderella*, Artie Shaw's *Comes Love*, Benny Goodman's *Blue*

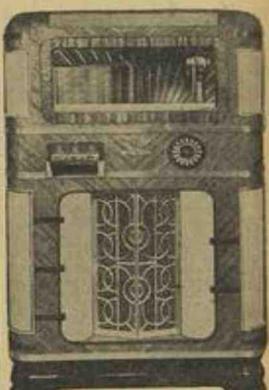
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*Orchids* and Crosby's *Rancho Grande* also are up there.

Coming up are *What's New?* (Hal Kemp), *Day In, Day Out* (Kay Kyser), *In the Mood* (Glenn Miller) and *Baby Me* (most any). I find it's a good idea to have a good variation of artists where practicable, and that worn-out records can do more harm than anything else to hurt one's business.

J. H. LYNCH,  
Standard Sales Co.

## REVIEW OF RECORDS

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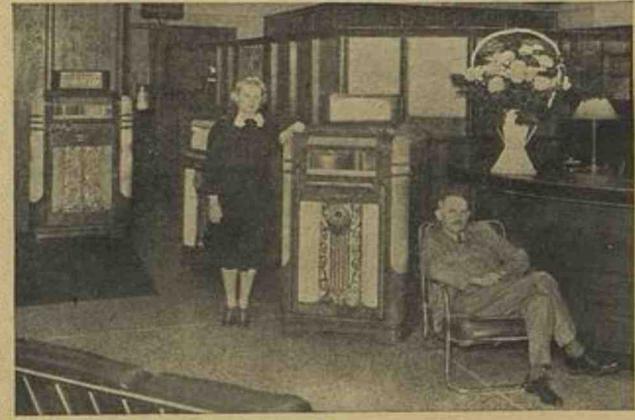
Nonetheless, there is some commercial quality in double-talk if prescribed expertly, and the growing popularity of

*Vol Vistu Gally Star* proves the point. This double-talk ditty is catching on and it's a catching interpretation that the harmonizing Merry Maes dish out on Decca, tho the doubling novelty, *My Cat Fell in the Well*, is strictly an oh-well song.

In the same syllabic groove, same label, the Andrews Sisters perform with their customary zeal for *Chico's Love Song*—this Chico double-talking his love song to his chick. *Flirtatious* is *The Jumpin' Jive* and it jumps.

Maynaps all this talk about double-talk is just an offshoot of "scat," which is what happens when you can't sing the words. In any event Decca labels a disk by Leo Watson, that scaterer supreme, giving steam-roller treatment to the wordage in *Uti De Zay* and *The Man With the Mandolin*. But it's all as easy to leave alone as it is to take.

If the de-emphasis is on the words the best of the batch is found on the Columbia shelf in the throat-whistling of Fred Lowry, blind mocking bird featured with Horace Heidt. All the world loves a whistler, or so it is said. In any event there's universal appeal in the virtuosity of Lowry's whistling for *William Tell Overture* and *Listen to the Mocking Bird*. Oro.



KEMO NOVELTY CO.'S OFFICES and top officials are shown. They are Marge Wafer manager, and William Montrose, owner. Kemo, located in Milwaukee, features a program of keeping the public "phonograph conscious" and in this direction co-operates with name bands appearing in Milwaukee as well as tying up with local merchants to boost business.

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## Record Buying Guide

An Analysis of Current Songs and Recordings From the Standpoint of Their Value to Phonograph Operators

### GOING STRONG

Recordings listed below are currently the biggest money-makers in automatic phonographs. Selections are the consensus of reports gathered each week by representatives of The Billboard from at least four leading phonograph operators in each of the 10 most important phonograph operating centers in the country. Recordings listed without an explanation are those that have appeared under this heading for one week or more and have thus become such established successes that they require no further explanation.

**South of the Border.** This has come up as quickly as any song within recent months and now it is definitely established as a very successful automatic machine number. It has had but two previous listings in these columns, once as a "Possibility" and last week under "Coming Up." Its jump up here this week would seem to set a record (absolutely no pun intended!) for speed. The only disk that means anything is Shep Fields' excellent version, unanimously popular in every section of the country.

**Day In—Day Out.** Bob Crosby, Kay Kyser, Artie Shaw.

**Over the Rainbow.** Glenn Miller, Bob Crosby, Judy Garland.

**An Apple for the Teacher.** Bing Crosby.

### COMING UP

Recordings listed below are those which operators report are not yet top-notch money-makers but which are growing in popularity on automatic phonographs. Selections are the consensus of reports gathered each week by representatives of The Billboard from at least four leading phonograph operators in each of the 30 most important phonograph operating centers in the country.

**Address Unknown.** Another week ought to see this hitting the high spots of phono popularity. Some reports nominate it as a prime favorite in their particular locality right now, but there isn't enough unanimity of opinion to shoot it up to the head of the class this week anyway. But it's a pretty powerful item right now as is, and it gives every indication of becoming better. The Ink Spots, of course.

**It's a Hundred to One.** It's much better than 100 to 1 that this will repeat its Chicago success in other parts of the country, ample evidence of which is found in the reports coming in this week. Dick Jurgens' recording is challenged in popularity only by Dick Todd's vocal disk.

**What's New?** Each succeeding week brings something new in the development of this lovely ballad and this week is no exception. It's climbing higher and higher all the time in public esteem and it's only because there are so many good ballads already popular or getting there that this has been a little lost in the shuffle. Bing Crosby and Hal Kemp are sharing phono honors, with a nod or two in the direction of Benny Goodman.

**In the Mood.** Glenn Miller's great recording in both a swing and humorous vein is getting the attention it properly deserves. There is a relaxed, free rhythm to this that is highly infectious and appealing, undoubtedly the reason for its being singled out of all Miller's recordings of non-pop tunes for special distinction.

**The Little Man Who Wasn't There.** Not getting much further up the ladder than when it started several weeks ago, this nevertheless has enough nickel-pulling power to make it an item that operators oughtn't to overlook. Glenn Miller and Larry Clinton both have records of it that are meeting with pretty fair success in spots using them, and again, it's probably only a case of so many other superior numbers currently on the market that's holding this one back.

**Chico's Love Song.** Just barely starting, there is still enough smoke here to indicate a popularity flame of ample proportions. Only a few reports mention it this week but they are enough (and they say it vehemently enough) to list it under this heading. The Andrews Sisters have a way of making every disk they turn out count with operators, and this seems to be no exception. Your patrons will like this one when they hear it.

**Scatterbrain.** Another one of last week's "Possibilities" to leap out of that classification and embark on a definite phono career is this likable novelty. Frankie Masters and Freddy Martin are prominently mentioned in the reports on it.

### POSSIBILITIES

Recordings listed below have not as yet shown any strength in automatic phonographs but are the most likely prospects for music machine success among new record releases. These suggestions are based upon radio performances, sheet music sales, reports from music publishers as to the relative importance of certain songs in their catalogs as well as on the judgment of The Billboard's music department.

**My Prayer.** This is constantly coming closer to the time when it will not be a mere suggestion but a definite must for the machines. Good sheet music sales, good radio plugs and, quite as important, good word-of-mouth among the public will very soon have this in a position where the boxes can't possibly overlook it. Don't be caught napping.

**Shadows.** You, of course, remember what *Sunrise Serenade* meant to the machines. Here is a natural follow-up to that hit, by the same writer and recorded by the same band that started the *Sunrise* ballad, Glen Gray. It's worth looking into.

**March of the Toys.** Paramount Pictures soon will release a picture based on the character of the beloved composer, Victor Herbert. Interest is certain to be revived, thru it, in his works, of which this is one of the best liked. Tommy Dorsey gives it to you in a way that will please jitterbugs and Herbert lovers alike, since he plays it with a swingy lift but simply and without desecrating the melody.

**Lilacs in the Rain.** This department well knows the dangers involved in climbing out on any limb, but in the face of that knowledge it unhesitatingly predicts a great future for this melodic ballad. Everything—writers, publisher, type of tune, title, lyric—points to hitdom. Remember, we warned you.

**My Wubba Dolly.** A cute idea and lyric, recorded by Ella Fitzgerald, that may duplicate the success of her other "kid" song, A-Tisket A-Tasket. It's true that sequels always have a tough time reaching the mark set by their ancestors but this might accomplish the trick.

(Double-meaning records are purposely omitted from this column)



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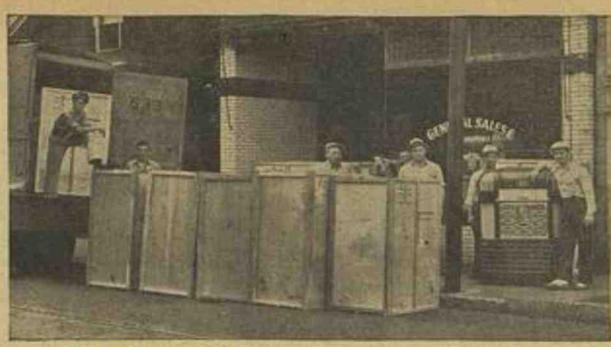
BROOKLYN, Oct. 21.—Sam Sachs, of Acme Sales Co., has contracted for "the largest phono remodeling plant," a few blocks from its present showroom, it is reported.

Sachs says, "Due to the large amount of business which we are doing we have found that we do not now have enough space to handle the remodeling of machines. We have therefore contracted for over 10,000 square feet of space at 177-177 Coney Island avenue, where we will have the largest plant of this kind in the country. Our quality remodeling has won the acclaim of all operators."

"We have arranged for a New York City showroom and depot at 625 10th avenue, where New York City, Westchester and Upstate operators can bring their phonos and call for them. From there they will be transported to our plant where trained experts will accompany each type of phonograph to the market, will remodel them as ordered."

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T. M. HAWK, GENERAL SALES CO. OFFICIAL and distributor for Rock-Ola Luxury Lightbulb phonographs in Fort Wayne, Ind., supervises the unloading of another shipment of Rock-Olas. Jack Wilkinson, at far right is sales manager.

ber's brother, Myron, is married to a Ferriday resident, the former Rose Pasternack. Garber's band made a big hit and played to a full house on October 5.

Beverage machines continue to do well in area in spite of coming of cooler weather. Machines are located at all industries. Natchez has several new enterprises and all have installed machines.

Bruce Swayze Jr., Ferriday, La., op, says he wants to thank Jimmy Doreay for use of his (Swayze's) name in a recent ad in *The Billboard*, which quoted Bruce as saying Jimmy's records were all money-makers for him. "I might add," says Bruce, "that the same goes for brother Tommy." Those Doreay brothers seem to be tops with ops around here.

## London

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Increase of tax on tobacco in British war budget introduced yesterday deals a blow to automatic machine vending of cigarettes. This is second tax jump in the year and there seems no possibility of adjusting packings with fewer smokes as served in first instance. Many tobaccoists in London have already withdrawn night-service vendors outside shops owing to space being taken up by sandbag aircraft precautions.

One American machine has made a first appearance here in war days, namely, Bally's Headliner. This is not thru relaxation of import restrictions. Western Novelty Co. had a shipment in port just before war broke out and held games in bond until now.

Cables sent en route show that Percy Goddard is well on his way to New Zealand.

Operators with scattered routes are experiencing service and collection difficulties thru rationing of petrol supplies. Several dealers have had vehicles taken over for government purposes. Nevertheless the business is far from taking the count.

## Boston

BOSTON, Oct. 21.—Dave Bond, of the Trimount Coin Machine Co., manufacturer of Snacks, says that within two months he will introduce a new and exclusive product. He says that it has been in the process of development for the past 18 months and is now nearly ready for manufacture and sale. He expects to make formal announcement some time in November.

Rock-Ola in Boston announces a change in the local set-up. George Young, former factory representative, has been promoted to district manager for New England and part of New York. Ben Palustrant becomes exclusive distributor in New England for the Rock-Ola forces. Ben has added a new truck to his retinue for more rapid servicing and also has two mechanics on call all day for any balky phono. Ben also says that the fall business has been great.

The many friends of Dave Myers are

sympathizing with the popular and veteran service man on his recent stock loss. The storehouse in which Dave was keeping some 100 assorted machines which he could not keep in his overcrowded offices burned to the ground. Dave had no insurance on the stock, as it had been rapidly moving stuff and there is nothing left of the machines. He is still smiling, however, and says that he still has enough stock to supply the needs of his many customers.

Ed Raverby, of the Owl Mint Machine Co., New England distributor for Mills Novelty Co., reports that business is well ahead of previous years. He has locations from Fort Kent, Mo., to New Haven, Conn., which is covering New England from top to bottom. Ed, who with his brothers, Al and J. S., was one of the pioneers in the machine-operating biz, is planning to enlarge his quarters. Ed adds that he remembers the time when the national manufacturers did not think much of New England as a section for machine locations. However, right now, he says, they know that

## Hillbilly and Foreign Record Hits of the Month

(Note: Here are the most popular hillbilly and foreign recordings of the past month. Similar lists will be published in this section once every month.)

**HILLBILLY RECORDINGS:** She Gave Me the Bird, Light Crust Dough Boys; They Go Wild, Simply Wild; Over Me, Freddy Schnickelwitz; Fisher; Truck Driver's Blues, Cliff Bruner; I Only Want a Buddy, Not a Sweetheart, Sally Foster and the Travelers; It Makes No Difference Now, Cliff Bruner's Texas Wanderers; The Answer to It Makes No Difference Now, High Flyers

**INTERNATIONAL RECORDINGS:** Let's Have a Drink; Ta-Ta-ha, Polka; Hala-Hula, Polka; Humbugger

**FOREIGN RECORDINGS:** German, Kornblumenblau, Reichshofen Marsch; Bohemian, Pjridi K. Nam, Moje Mary! Polish; Oj-Oj-Cos Minie Lechce, Jozia Polka; Swedish, Very, Very Welcoms, Mr. Swanson; Italian, Emma Polka, Valser Dell'Organino; Greek, Fevga Zehra; Yiddish, Abi Er Ken Tantzon.

this section is one of the best in the country and has not yet been developed to the fullest of its possibilities.

The Automatic Music Co., of Brighton, thru Proprietor Klapper, harmonizes with other local ops in saying that play has increased noticeably this summer and fall. He says that keeping up with the new records and placing them all around accounts for part of his success. Fellows like Glenn Miller and records like *Blue Orchids* and *Jumpin' Jive* are also partly responsible for the increased volume, he feels.

## Natchez, Miss.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Oct. 21.—October brought more and better business to all ops in this section of Southwest Mississippi and Northeast Louisiana. Cigarette machines continue to lead the field for business in this locality, but the phono biz is picking up plenty and all ops are stocking up with new tunes.

Louie Phillips, formerly of the J. & J. Co., has taken over management of the Park Inn on U. S. Highway 61, near Natchez. Machines in place including new Wurlitzer phono owned by the Serama Novelty Co.

Sam Serio and Sam McCabe, of the Serama Co., are real football fans. Sam Serio is sponsoring a local 90-pound team of orphan boys from D'Evereux Hall Catholic Orphanage. He calls his team the "Red Raiders," while McCabe is pulling for the University of Mississippi Rebels. He graduated from Ole Miss, and on September 30 at Baton Rouge, La., when Ole Miss beat Louisiana State University 14-7 in the season opener Sam was a loud rooker. He also has the p. a. system announcing at local high-school games. Some fans these Sams, but they still manage to attend to their growing biz.

George W. Healy Jr., of New Orleans, La., managing editor of *The Times-Picayune* and *Daily States* newspapers, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCabe on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3 and 4. Healy is a former Natchez sports writer. He made good in the Crescent City and has many friends among local ops.

Friends of Everett Osterberg, Ferriday, La., op, regret to learn of the death of his father, O. S. Osterberg, 71, former Ferriday postmaster, who died on October 3. Funeral was held on October 5 at Natchez, Miss., with many ops attending.

Operators in this section are going in for hunting on a large scale. Biggest hunter among the local ops is big Bill Hildt, who is an expert shot. Bill always returns with plenty of game. At present he is bagging squirrel, but he hunts all game in season and is as good with a rifle or gun as he used to be with golf clubs before going into the machine biz. He was pro at the Milwaukee Country Club, the Tripoli in Milwaukee, Wis.

Appearance on a one-nighter at the newly completed \$75,000 high-school gymnasium and auditorium at near-by Ferriday, La., has created a heavy demand for J. B. Garber, "Doc of the Air-razes," and his band recordings. Gar-

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# Public Programs

## Los Angeles Operators Try Public Relations

Newspapers more considerate in publicity—officials and the public meet operators face to face at table—merchants' benefits from pinball games are stressed

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—The Daily News, a Los Angeles tabloid newspaper, gave practically a full page of publicity to the recent public programs given by the CAMOA (California Amusement Operators' Association) in order to acquaint the public with the spirit and purpose of this nationally known organization of operators of pinball games. In keeping with tabloid style ample "sensational" was introduced into the story at various points, but evidences of an effort to present all angles of the pin-

ball situation were evident. The page was illustrated by five very attractive pictures of personages at a public dinner given by CAMOA. Among those present were Clifford Clinton, well-known reform leader in Los Angeles and also a figure in the "\$25 pinball bribery case" that dragged into eight weeks recently in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles newspapers have been much more courteous to the pinball games industry since the \$25 bribery trial that promised to be a pinball sensation petered out by the jury voting 10 to 2 for dropping the affair. The eight-week trial also turned out to be everything else but a trial of pinball games, including testimony of the wide ramifications of city politics, general conditions, etc.

The recent news story in The Daily News gave full credit to the importance of pinball games to small merchants. In Los Angeles pinball games have operated under a city license of \$3 per year almost since the introduction of pinball games to the modern amusement world in 1931.

The Newspaper Story (Reprinted from The Daily News, Los Angeles, October 11, 1939.) The marble game problem in Los Angeles is under consideration.

In the police commission the word has been spoken that marble games should be "regulated."

In the churches, women's clubs, reformers' forums, the "evil" has been explored, the verdict reached, the decision—marble games must go.

In drug stores, cocktail bars, the neighborhood grocery and at Earl

Carroll's theater-restaurant the problem has been attacked from a different angle—the angle that marble games are trade stimulators, payers of the rent, games of skill and just as good for the public as the stock market, bowling, bets and a lot less a public bleeder than the horse races.

Last night, tonight and tomorrow night, five nights in all this week you can see the marble-game problem dealt with lavishly, what with showgirls, chicken dinners, speeches at Carroll's.

All this as Charles W. Cradick, attorney for the California Amusement Machine Operators' Association (CAMOA) presents his case to the tune of \$17,000 or \$2.50 a head to the little merchants and important people that he is entertaining and "educating."

Cradick, bald, boyish and a smart politician who learned his trade in Louisville as a protege of the late Col. Jim Whalen, takes this view of the problem:

### No Back-Door Antics

"Those who believe the worst of us might suspect us of trying to go in back doors to bribe councilmen. There's no necessity for us to bribe councilmen, policemen or other public officials. That's bad business and we're in a legitimate business."

"Why, a smart politician can make a lot of friends in a crowd like this."

"If our members (CAMOA) were put out of business tomorrow many of them would continue on. Still it is my conservative and honest estimate that many hundreds of small



INTERIOR VIEW of Avon Novelty Sales Co.'s salesroom in Cleveland. Art Nagel, manager, is shown second from right, and also Mrs. Nagel. Nagel has been successful in selling Rock-Ola Luxury Lightbulb Phonographs, according to reports.

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2 Contacts \$ 42.50	Lot of 5c. \$ 99.50	Cash Pay \$ 110.00	4 Lucky Pack \$ 5 8.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00
1 Genco Fair \$ 30.00	4 Lucky Pack \$ 5 8.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	3 Deluxe Grip Tether \$ 9.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00
28 Bally Spotman \$ 34.50	3 Deluxe Grip Tether \$ 9.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	2 Dracos Wild \$ 8.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00
1 Genco Rink \$ 35.00	6 Jeno. Se Grandstand \$ 10.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	2 Panchita \$ 8.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00
1 Bally Fifth Inning \$ 37.50	4 Mills Vast Pocket \$ 27.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 Panchita \$ 8.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00
5 Major \$ 37.50	5 Davel Comet, 1c. \$ 22.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 Panchita \$ 8.50	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00	1 1938 Domino \$ 110.00
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Torr declares that with the patronage of many operators of thousands of machines, all of whom buy ball gum from him, he has been able to buy such a volume of ball gum that he is able to secure it at a very reasonable price—the savings to be passed on to his operator-

customers. "Money-making possibilities with the improved Ball Gum Target Machine are practically assured," concluded Torr.

### Standard in New Location

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 21.—Vending machines, novelties and premium items have been added to the line handled by the Standard Sales Corp., according to Manager H. D. Severson. Moving from 8177 to 8171-173 Post street has given company five times as much floor space, and has increased business. Record stock has been greatly increased. Company formerly handled mostly pinball and music machines.

merchants would have to close their doors in less than three months."

There is nothing of the "peanut politician" about Cradick. Even Clifford Clinton, the "white night" of clean and wholesome forces in our town, tasted the chicken, enjoyed the show and spoke his mind last night at the affair dealing with the marble machine problem sponsored by CAMOA.

Full of fowl, opined Clinton from the platform following the Carroll cult:

"It's always good, on a jolly occasion like this, to have a few reformers around.

"I'm speaking for the civic committee and not as a representative of any public official. Our only interest is honest and pure government.

"The CAMOA organization and the marble machines present a distinct problem.

"Some of the administration are asking for abolition of marble machines.

"I am told there are 3,300 such machines in Los Angeles. Merchants in some cases need the revenue—about \$40 a month.

**Face Facts Openly**

"We know they are most profitable when there is some reward for skill. If there are payoffs, however,

**Coming Events**

Indiana State Operators' Assn., Hotel Vendome, Evansville, Ind., October 29, at 2:30 p.m.

International Assn. of Ice Cream Mfrs., 39th annual convention, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, October 23 to 25.

Annual Coin Machine Convention, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, January 15 to 18, 1940.

Annual Parks, Beaches and Pools Convention, Hotel New Yorker, New York, December 4 to 8, 1939.

Refrigeration Show and Convention, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, January 15 to 18, 1940.

National Tobacco Distributors' Convention, Palmer House, Chicago, January 17 to 20, 1940.

International Assn. of Fairs and Expositions, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, December 5-6, 1939.

Second Annual Regional Show for Northwestern Operators, sponsored by the Minneapolis Amusement Games Association, Inc., Twin Cities, Minn., last week in January, 1940.

it becomes a public problem because the people believe the administration is corrupt.

"Civic believes the facts should be faced openly—that the city council, police commission, board of supervisors and such public bodies should appoint a committee to investigate and study the situation and make recommendations.

"Then it should be brought to public attention by a vote.

"If you want honest government, I believe you're able to face the situation. It must be faced unless there is to be recurring corruption and friction.

"We all know that the machines are paying off.

"We know the storekeepers want them to pay off. Otherwise their cut is about \$20 instead of \$40 a month.

"CIVIC and I have an open mind on this question and we want it settled honestly and justly."

Thusly, the marble machine problem is under consideration in Los Angeles.

**Service Builds Monarch Business**

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Monarch Coin Machine Co.'s sales manager, Al Stern, reports that many operators have complimented Monarch on the excellent service rendered in filling orders. Stated Stern, "Operators lately have been telling us how fine they think it is that we are able to fill their orders and ship their equipment to them in such a short space of time after their orders have been placed.

"In answer all we can say is that fast service is one of the bases of the business enjoyed by Monarch. From the very first day that the Monarch Coin Machine Co. entered this business it has made a point of giving service.

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To the Editor: "Just a line to thank you for the copies of your bulletin, 'Much Ado About Pinball.' We contemplate printing several thousand of these out here for general distribution.

I want to again compliment you on your foresight and ability to analyze this business. If only more men were inclined to study the business as you are, it would have the same stability as any other business."—A. L. A. C. Inc., Los Angeles, October 4, 1939.

The above organization has reprinted for distribution in its area an editorial entitled "MINORS," no less than six times. It is reported that the distribution of this editorial helps to prevent agitation about minors playing the game and to encourage locations to prevent the play of minors.

**To Councilmen**

To the Editor: "The writer will be pleased to present to our nine city councilmen, the city manager and three local newspapers each with a copy of your special bulletin, 'Much Ado About Pinball,' if you will forward the copies. Thank you many times for your favor in this matter and hope you will keep up the good work."—S. G. W., Texas, September 23, 1939.

**Indiana Meeting**

The next district meeting of the Indiana State Operators' Association, Inc., will be held at the Hotel Vendome, Evansville, Ind., October 29, at 2:30 p.m.

This is an important meeting in completing the State organization program. A director will be chosen from the membership at Evansville at this meeting. Among the speakers will be Leo Weinberger, Southern Automatic Music Co., of Indianapolis and Louisville, and Walter W. Hard, Coin Machine editor of The Billboard.

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## Open Two New Ponsor Offices

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—During the party and celebration of the opening of Albany offices of the George Ponsor organization by John Geel Jr., to distribute phonographs in the Albany territory, it was announced that the firm had also opened offices in Syracuse at 1001 E. Fayette street, with Mac Cohen in charge.

George Ponsor reported, "Mac Cohen has been engaged in the coin machine field many years, having actively been engaged in operating on an extensive scale. His experience will prove invaluable to every operator with whom he comes in contact. He will be in a position to start any operator right and keep him going right with the Throne of Music.

Cohen is known as one of the men who pointed to the success of the Cranelands which were seen all over Broadway for some time. He was also president of the digger operators' association during the time of its existence.

Cohen, the new office head, stated, "we will specialize in the sale of the Mills Throne of Music phonograph. This great phonograph is getting operators out of the red and putting them in a solid, substantial lifetime business. We are going to make our headquarters in Syracuse headquarters for all the operators. We want the boys to call around and get acquainted and we want them to learn more about the kind of service they can expect from our organization."

## Bally Scoop Output Increased

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Preparing for the "stampede to Scoop," Bally Mfg. Co. has enlarged production facilities and arranged for extra shifts, according to Jim Buckley, Bally general sales manager.

"Anyone seeing the stack of Scoop orders waiting for us each morning," Buckley said, "not to mention the wire and phone calls, would understand why we are clearing the decks for action as far as Scoop production is concerned. Operators, jobbers, distributors—north, south, east and west—are stampeding to Scoop, scrambling for delivery as they haven't scrambled since Bally Reserve."

"Scoop collections fully justify this enthusiasm—but even operators who haven't seen the sensational Scoop earning reports are grabbing Scoop as quick as they can. They know Scoop has everything.

"For example, Scoop has the famous futurity awards with look-what-I-get-if-I-win suspense—plus high-score awards. Players can win either way or he can win the total awards piled up by both scoring systems. Then, too, Scoop has the mystery spottem feature, which is a proven play stimulator, and the ever-popular out-ball return.

"One of the most important features of Scoop is the fact that it is changeable from free play to novelty operation—insuring operating flexibility and highest resale value."

## Moseley Branch In Charlotte, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 21.—A large five-story and basement building at 423-425 South Tryon street has been leased for a long term by the Moseley Vending Machine Exchange, Inc., of Richmond, Va., according to an announcement made by H. F. Moseley, president of the concern.

Moseley received newspaper publicity on the opening of his Charlotte branch and, according to the newspaper, "Moseley is a manufacturer's distributing concern for coin-operated phonographs and legal novelty and amusement games. He is an exclusive distributor and national selling agent for numerous manufacturing concerns in the United States.

"Moseley said in his announcement that heavy demands in this section have made it necessary to open a branch in Charlotte, which will employ a number of skilled service men as well as salesmen."

The new location has approximately 55,000 square feet of floor space and is equipped with freight and passenger elevators. A sprinkler system for fire protection has also been installed in the building. According to reports, the building is located on one of the best business streets in Charlotte.

## Correction

Attention has been called to an error in the rate of the pinball tax in New Orleans which appeared in our editorial, "HIGH FEELS," page 62, The Billboard, October 14.

From sources which we consider to be reliable, the special taxes on pinball games in New Orleans are as follows: City permit, \$25 per year; welfare tax, \$5 per year; hospital tax, \$2.50; police pension tax, 25 cents. This makes a total annual tax of \$32.75 per year.

Due to local conditions, newspaper publicity about Louisiana politics, variations in types of machines permitted, etc., it is fair to say that New Orleans cannot be represented as a model city in the licensing of modern pinball games.

## Arkansas Reader Warns of Fraud

The following letter of warning has been sent to the trade publications, manufacturers' associations and various manufacturers by an Arkansas operator. The letter is published for the information of the trade:

"A man giving his name as R. A. Armstrong called on us last week selling marble tables and, in fact, any kind of coin machines. He gave his address as 2610 Ravenswood avenue, Chicago, and 212 Watson Building, San Francisco. He claimed he was representing the North American Acceptance Corp., which finances coin machines of all kinds. He offered to sell us a Rock-Ola or Wurlitzer machine—in fact, any kind we wanted—on a cash payment and balance on terms to suit. We bought some marble tables. Useless to say, we lost our money, as we have not heard of him. We wired his address in Chicago, and there was no such address.

"We now have a letter from the Chicago Better Business Bureau stating that there is a North American Acceptance Co. at 86 E. South Water street, Chicago, but that Mr. Armstrong does not represent them and that they are having similar complaints from other people. It seems that he takes an order, collects the down payment, and skips out. We broadcast his activities thru the police department here but no results so far.

"He had a bunch of Bally Mfg. Co. stuff he claimed he was selling and had pictures of the different machines sold by Bally.

"He is nice looking fellow—has a nice billfold for his stuff—dark hair—about 40—weighs about 180—has new Pontiac car with California license. Said he had just come into the State and had a telegram from Reno that the company was sending him a check for \$1,000 dividend from the company."—D. D. J. Arkansas, October 9, 1939.



J. P. RYAN, MILLS Pacific Coast manager, on a visit to Chicago, points out his candidate in a four department sales contest at Mills. "Vince Shay is a leader, he always was, and I can't imagine the time when he won't be," he declared.

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# Oklahoma Petition

## People Sign Petitions To Get State License

Points out success of Arkansas law—proposes \$5 annual fee on skill games—operators have until November 30 to complete signatures

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 21.—The coin machine trade in Oklahoma is making good progress in getting signatures for its popular petition to get a State license system for pinball games. Operators have been at work for some time already and reports from all parts of the State indicate good results. The workers have until November 30 to get the petitions filed according to law. The nearness of Arkansas and the fact that the 1939 State license of \$5 per game in Arkansas is working out well is also helping create favorable license sentiment here. The petition is for a proposed State law which would license and regulate coin-operated pinball games for amusement. It suggests the basis of such a tax, and also offers suggestions on the details of collecting the tax, penalties, delinquencies, etc. It will be an education in the facts and ideals of licensing amusement games to all who read the petitions, whether people who sign it or legislators who may finally vote on the issue.

### Initiative Petition

The petition is to initiate legislation and is reprinted herewith in full for general information to the trade and as a matter of record:

To the Honorable Leon C. Phillips, Governor of Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Oklahoma respectfully order that the following proposed law be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at the next special or regular General Election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1940 A. D., and each for himself says: I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma; my residence and post office address correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires 90 days from August 30, 1939. The question we herewith submit to all fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed law be adopted:

**AN ACT to License and Regulate the Operation of Coin-Operated Marble Machines for Amusement described in this Act; setting out the basis of such tax; providing said tax shall be in addition to other taxes, and licenses levied or collected; setting out the time and manner of payment of such tax, penalty for delinquency and separate license for each machine providing for the apportionment of the proceeds of such tax and penalty for violation of the provisions of said Act; and laws or parts of laws which are contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.**

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Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to permit and license the operation of coin-operated marble machines for amusement and regulate the same and fix a penalty for the violation of this Act; and repeal all laws or parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this Act.

Section 2. Coin-operated marble machines for amusement where the charge for playing is collected by a mechanical device, the operation of said machine shall not be construed to be in violation of any of the laws of this State when operated in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to legalize, authorize, license or permit any machine commonly known as slot machines, Roscoes, Jackpots or any machines equipped with any automatic money pay-off mechanism.

Section 4. Every person, firm, partnership, corporation or association of persons engaged in the business described in this Act and doing business in this State shall: On each coin-operated marble machine shall be imposed an annual license tax of five dollars, from the passage of this Act. Upon the payment of the tax the State Tax Commission will issue a license tag which shall state the period of time said coin-operated marble machine may be operated; and said tag must be attached to the coin-operated marble machine before being placed in operation.

Section 5. That every coin-operated marble machine as defined in this Act upon which the individual licensed tax of five dollars has not been paid, it is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be seized by any authorized agent of the State Tax Commission and sold by the State Tax Commission on an order of any court of competent jurisdiction, provided further that the owner thereof shall have the privilege of redeeming said marble machine within ten (10) days by paying the tax due and costs.

Section 6. The license herein prescribed shall be in addition to ad valorem taxes, corporation license taxes and any other tax or licenses now provided by law.

Section 7. The license taxes under this act shall be payable before the first day of August of each year to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, which is hereby charged with the duty of collecting the said taxes, and if delinquent shall bear interest at the rate of 2 per cent per month.

Section 8. Three per cent (3%) of the license taxes and penalties shall be credited to the Oklahoma Tax Commission Fund to be used for the enforcement and administration of this Act; ninety-seven per cent (97%) of all the license taxes and penalties collected under this Act shall be paid over by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the State

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1938 Track Times	Big Race . . . . . 25.00	Stop & Go, F.P. . . . . 26.80
Kentucky Club, like new	Golden Wheel . . . . . 11.00	Gun Club, F.P. . . . . 32.00
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Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma to be placed to the credit of the State Assistance Fund.  
Section 9. The State Tax Commission shall have the authority to fix rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of this Act.  
Section 10. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional, it shall not be construed to invalidate any of the other provisions thereof.  
Section 11. All laws or parts of laws which are contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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## Baltimore Jury Finds Free Game Awards Okeh

Games not ones of chance in that they do not give awards of value

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—A jury has found that pinball games offering free game awards are not gambling devices in Baltimore. The machine involved in the case was of a baseball type in which the player inserts a nickel and then has five balls to strike with the plunger. The higher the score above a certain figure, the more free plays the player gets.

Defense attorneys argued that the machine could not be classed as a gambling device because it is not a game of chance and because no reward of value is offered to the winner. They held that under the law a gambling device must include these two features.

The attorneys compared the machine to a game of baseball, golf or bowling, which are games of skill, and contended that even in these amusements there is a certain amount of chance regardless of how much skill the player has.

The fact was presented in argument against the prosecuting attorney's contention that after the player releases the plunger he has no control over the ball and the game becomes one of chance.

The defense pointed out that a professional golfer may strike the ball with complete accuracy and yet the ball may strike a stone and be deflected from its course. He said that the most skillful players do

not always win because chance always plays a part. Jury in rendering a decision decided that the games were not as charged by the prosecutor and that free plays and the games themselves were not illegal.

## Maryland Adopts Legislative Idea

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—The new Maryland Legislative Council started to work on October 11 with a mountain of work already piled up. It was stated. The meetings are being held in Annapolis. The council is, according to the new legislative committee ideas, being tried in a number of States. It is a kind of research committee to receive suggestions for proposed new laws, or repeal or modification of old ones, from various sources. The committee considers various proposals between legislative sessions, and when the Legislature meets again the council will have reports ready of a lot of recommended legislation.

The Maryland council has 14 members and 30 proposals were ready for the first meeting. In some States such legislative committees consist of only five members, while in other States there are as many as 35 members. Legislative questions left over from the last session were being given priority by the council.

The council, as it considers proposals, may pass over them, put them into the form of bills for submission when the Legislature meets or advise their sponsors as to the best steps to take.

Among the big list of proposals before the council are a survey of gambling laws. In fact, two members of the Legislature had suggested a survey of this subject.



ST. LOUIS PHONOGRAPH operators with Wurlitzer representatives. Left to right: Wilbur A. Bye, Wurlitzer manager of St. Louis district; Fred Polinos, of Automatic Phonograph Co., large St. Louis operator, Martin Balanestier, Wurlitzer distributor in St. Louis, and Jack Beckman, of the Automatic Phonograph Co.

## New Sales Plan on Western Baseball

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Western Product's sales manager, Don Anderson, reports that since his firm offered de luxe Baseball on a time-payment plan sales have been rising consistently.

"Our Baseball will probably go down in coin machine annals as the greatest all-time money-earning machine ever built. For two years now we've been offering this great game to coinmen everywhere, and they've snapped up machines as fast as we could turn them out. Naturally, we've made improvements as time went on, and today our new de luxe Baseball is the pinnacle of achievement in this type of game. Many operators say that for consistent location winning, profit-building operation, the most dependable game is Western's Baseball. That this statement is true may be evidenced by the tremendous number of these machines on locations all over the United States and in foreign countries as well."

"Our newest merchandising plan of making this big-earning game available to responsible operators on a time-payment plan is a progressive step in helping operators earn more money from these games by placing more machines on locations and paying for them from their earnings."

### Theft of Cig Machine in Indiana Is Solved

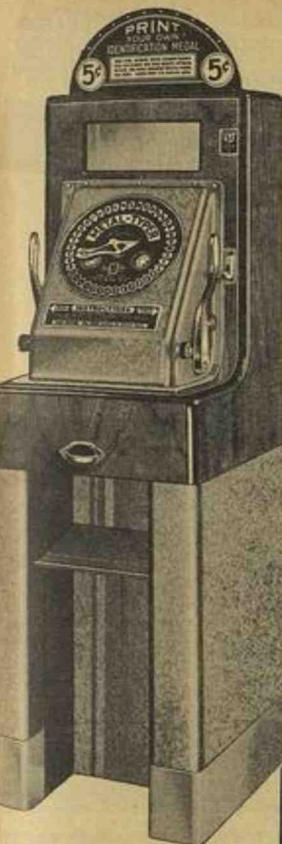
WABASH, Ind., Oct. 21.—Indiana State Operators' Association reports that the theft of a member's cigaret vending machine from the Zingo Service Station was solved by the arrest of Charles Ramer, 19, and Marland (Montie) Way, 21, both of Wabash.

The pair confessed to the theft and each was given a two-year sentence at the Indiana State Reformatory.

According to the confession, the youths took the vending machine to a point east of the city along the Wabash railway right-of-way, where they smashed the machine and removed \$8.00 and 72 packages of cigarets.

### Wedding Bells

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Wedding bells rang yesterday for a member of the staff of the Atlas Novelty Co., Chicago. The bride was Rochelle Berkson, who marched down the center aisle with Nat Klein. Atlas officials and friends extended their best wishes and declared Klein to be "a very fortunate young man."



Amazing earnings are reported daily from Metal Typer Name Plate Machines.

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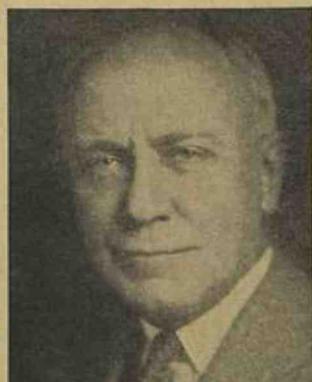
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**JAMES A. GILMORE**, secretary-manager of Coin Machine Industries, Inc., has the job of handling the day-to-day affairs of the organization. His biggest job from now until January 15 is to keep all plans rolling along toward the "biggest and best" annual convention the industry has ever held. Gilmore has had a long career in trade association work and the CMMMA convention in January, 1939, was his first job of managing a coin machine convention. Confronted with a divided industry, he made an excellent record.

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## "Have a Heart," Asks Baker Novelty

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—"Please be patient, members of the industry, we're doing everything we can to speed up delivery on Twinkle," is the plea of Harold L. Baker, president of Baker Novelty Co., Inc., Chicago.

"Distributors, jobbers and operators are besieging the company from all quarters of the country for rush delivery on their new game. Our factory is working three shifts to capacity and we're making every effort to keep up."

"I know you want rush delivery on Twinkle, but please remember that everybody else does too. We're doing all we can to give everybody a break."

**Who wants to sport some new blood into his operation? Read the details about Neoscope's 2 new winners in a full page ad in The Billboard, November 1939 issue. Send for advance information TODAY. INTERNATIONAL MUSESCOPE REEL CO., Inc., 24-01, 11th St., Long Island City, N. Y.**

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2 JENNINGS 25c CHIEF MYSTERY BELL	37.50
2 PACE 5c DELUXE COMET MYSTERY BELLS	42.50
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3 WAITING 5c TWIN JACKPOT MACHINES	17.50
1 WAITING 5c SINGLE JACKPOT FRONT VENDER	12.50
3 JENNINGS 1c DUCHES JACKPOT MACHINES	15.00
1 WAITING 2-PLAY-FOR-5c JACKPOT FRONT VENDER	15.00
5 MILLS 10c WAR EAGLE BELLS, TWENTY-STOP REELS	35.00
1 MILL 25c WAR EAGLE BELL	35.00

FREE PLAY GAMES	
8 Bally Bottoms	\$52.50
5 Bally Cherries	Each
5 Bally Fifth Innings	Each
10 Bally Double Features	Or
3 Exhibit Contest	Three for \$135.00
1 Gottlieb Pyramid	Each
7 Bally Headlines	\$52.50
3 Exhibit Long Champs	Each
1 Kenney Cowboy	Each
4 Chilton Majors	Each
3 Daval Box Score	Each
2 Daval High-Lite	\$45.00
1 Daval Liberty	Each
5 Genco Stop & Go	Each
4 Genco Hink	Three for
1 Genco Natural	\$110.00
5 Genco Bubbles	Each
3 Genco Fairy	Each
1 Bally Paramount	\$25.00
4 Daval Gems	Each
1 Daval Trio	Or Five For
2 Kenney Hit	\$100.00

NOVELTY GAMES	
1 Bally Suzanne	\$24.00
2 Chilton Bubbles	Each
3 Genco Bubbles	Each
4 Genco Stop and Go	Each
1 Genco Zella	Each
2 Chilton Trophy	\$19.00
1 Daval Double Treasure	Each
1 Daval Trio	Each
1 Chilton Naps	\$14.00
1 Daval Odd Ball	Each
1 Mills Red Ball	Each
6 Bally Paramounts	Each
3 Bally Reserve	\$9.00
1 Genco Recorder	Each
1 Genco Silver Flash	Each

PHONOCARDS	
11 Mills Do-De-Mit, 12 Records	\$ 44.50
13 Mills Regular Dance Masters	32.00
12 Records	32.00
3 Mills Deluxe Dance Masters, 12 Records	35.00
7 Model 24 Wurlitzers, 24 Records	157.50
3 Model 24 Wurlitzers, 18 Records	75.00

1-BALL AUTOMATICS	
2 Bally Fairgrounds	\$34.50
1 Bally Freshness	27.50
2 Bally This-Is-Now	79.50
1 Bally Kiddies	37.50
4 Mills Railroads	1.00
5 Mills Hi-Boy Tables	49.50

**NOTE:** If you are in need of machines or games other than those listed above, please write for our complete bargain sheet.

**TERMS:** 1/3 CASH, CREDIT, SHIPMENT COLLECT, O. O. D. FOR BALANCE.

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MILLS BLUE FRONTS, D.J. BELLS, 5c Plays	27.50 Ea.
MILLS BLUE FRONTS, 5c, 10c and 25c Plays, Serial Number Over 400,000	37.50 Ea.
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WAITING TWIN JACKPOTS, 1c Plays, Bells	12.50 Ea.
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MILLS WAR EAGLES BELLS, 5c, 10c and 25c Plays	15.00 Ea.
MILLS SKYSCRAPERS, D.J. BELLS, 5c Plays	15.00 Ea.
MILLS LION HEAD, D.J. BELLS, 5c Plays	15.00 Ea.
MILLS WAR EAGLES BELLS, Mystery Payoffs, 5c Plays	25.00 Ea.
JENNINGS CHIEF, 5c, 50c Plays	30.00 Ea.
WAITING ROLL-A-TOP, 25c Plays	22.50 Ea.
MILLS DIAL MACHINE, 5c Plays	10.00 Ea.
MILLS NEW 4 BELLS CONSOLÉ	345.00 Ea.

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AIRPORTS	\$45.00 Ea.	OCEAN PARKS	\$42.50 Ea.
AIRLINES	45.00 Ea.	BALLY'S PARAMOUNT	22.50 Ea.
AVIATION	45.00 Ea.	EXHIBIT'S GOLDEN GATE	69.50 Ea.
TURF CHAMPS	50.00 Ea.	EXHIBIT'S GOLDEN GATE	8.00 Ea.

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Genco Suzanne	\$25.00	Miami Major	\$32.50
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Beauty		Conquest	
Paramount		Fifth Inning Liberty	
Chief	Each	Each	Each
Rastine			

Airliner, Bang, Zenith ..... \$59.50  
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## Western's New Deluxe BASEBALL

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## Spokane Pinball Revenue Helpful, Say City Heads

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 21.—Pinball machines helped balance the 1940 Spokane city budget, officials have informed the public. The revenue received from the pinballs is more than five times the combined revenue from the city-owned race track and ball park, and nearly double the earnings received by the city from the race track, ball park and two public golf courses.

In addition, they pointed out, the pinball machines have no upkeep expense for the city while the other amusement enterprises, particularly golf, have a high upkeep cost.

Pinball operators for this year paid license fees totaling \$48,950, four times as much as in 1938, and when city commissioners last week were in final throes of budget balancing \$22,000 was added to anticipated municipal revenues expected from license fees. Source of this expected increase was from the growing revenue from pinballs.

## New Offices for Los Angeles Assn.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—The A.O.L.A.C., Inc., otherwise known as the Associated Operators of Los Angeles County, Inc., announced recently that it has moved into larger quarters in the same building and under the same address, 1331 West Washington boulevard, here.

"Citizens visiting this section of the county are cordially invited to drop in and make use of our facilities," declared "Curley" Robinson, managing director of the group. "There's always an extra desk in our office and we wish to offer their use to any factory representatives, distributors or any other citizen who

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Spotlight, 5c, \$39.00	MISCELLANEOUS
Overseas, 5c, 35.00	10 Cherry Balls, 5c and 25c
Duckaroo	100 Brand
High-Lites, 35.00	100 Brand
Princess, 25.00	5c and 25c
Obobby, 20.00	2 Million Balls, 5c play, 44.50
Snooks, 25.00	6 Mills, Vex
Shylocks, 24.00	Pockets, 24.00
Eureka, 1c, 34.50	1c and 5c
MacCo	1c and 5c
Champions, 47.50	3 Ky. Clubs 95.00

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would care to avail themselves of our services."

The A.O.L.A.C. is one of the very active associations in the country and has found it necessary several times to secure larger quarters. It had occupied the offices just vacated only about a year, which is indicative of the organization's rapid growth.

**Moloney Boosts Scoops**

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—Earl Moloney, of Lake City Novelty Co., Cleveland, reports that he has ordered a carload of Bally Mfg. Co.'s latest game, Scoop. "Scoop with two-way scoring combination will have a sensational long run as it will hold up on locations for a long time," declared Moloney.

Thank You for Mentioning The Billboard.

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*With Tantalizing New Odds Build Up Principal*

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**Book your passage now on Clipper — the standout five ball novelty game in beauty, thrills and mechanical perfection.**

## Mitnick Honored By Philly Operators

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21. — Martin Mitnick, president of the Philadelphia Amusement Machine Association, was honored this week by fellow members of the organization when he was presented with a gold ring bearing the Masonic emblem. This award followed Mitnick's elevation to the degree of Master Mason. Sen Lerner, in charge of the committee making the award, reported: "Mitnick by his energy and conscientiousness in forwarding the interests of the association and maintaining a high level of ethics in his dealings with all in and out of the industry, has earned the respect and best wishes of not only the M. A. M. association but of those in the field coin machine fields. These same qualities will no doubt be instrumental

in his attaining the highest degree that Masonry can offer."

## Lemkes Visit Chi To See New Games

CHICAGO, Oct. 21. — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lemke were in Chicago recently to purchase some of the latest machines for their Detroit field. They had completed a tour of part of Michigan and headed straight for Detroit after leaving here. Pinball games were running in the cities of Michigan, they reported, but in the smaller towns there were adverse conditions.

Mrs. Lemke is becoming more and more an expert in buying coin machines and in gauging the possibilities in the trade.

Mr. Lemke said "that Chicago didn't

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**OFFICERS OF THE NEW MISSOURI Amusement Machine Operators' Association, elected to serve temporarily, are shown above. The association was formed at Jefferson City, Mo., recently. The officers are (seated left to right) John H. Beckman, of St. Louis, secretary; Lou Morris, of St. Louis, president; Ralph Z. Young, national president, and Al Miller, of St. Louis, treasurer. Standing: G. O. Miller, of Kansas City, Mo., and J. L. Treadway, of Joplin, Mo., vice-presidents.**

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Wurlitzer 1928, Model 24's . . . . . 139.50	Wurlitzer Soco-Ball, Late Models . . . . . 69.50
Rock-Ola 1928 Winders . . . . . 129.50	Seeborg Ray-A-Lights . . . . . 69.50
Seeborg Rokers, 1937 . . . . . 109.50	Western Baseballs . . . . . 59.50
Rock-Ola Imperial 20's, Illuminated . . . . . 39.50	AST Ray-A-Light Squirters . . . . . 49.50
Wurlitzer, Model 412's . . . . . 44.50	Bally Eagle Eyes . . . . . 49.50
Mills De-Re-Nis's . . . . . 29.50	Ershoff's Motor Racers . . . . . 49.50
Mills Dance Master De Luxe . . . . . 22.50	Rock's Slow Balls . . . . . 29.50
Mills Regular Dance Masters . . . . . 16.50	Groschen's Skill Jumps . . . . . 16.50

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seem to want Detroit money" since he found most manufacturers behind in filling orders. The Lemkes would return to Chicago in about two weeks, he said, in order to get a better line-up on machines in full production at that time. They are stressing bowling games and target machines in their operations in Detroit, he said. New bowling and target machines in Chicago attracted their attention.

The industrial pickup in Detroit has boosted the public patronage of machines considerably, they reported. The patronage of games is probably 20 to 25 per cent above the summer months, it was stated.

The Lemkes are among those large operators who have stuck to pop-corn machines. They found that pop-corn consumption dropped considerably during the summer, but route earnings have shown a pick-up of close to 30 per cent in the last month.

**MULTI**

What's new? Metoscope's 3 new gold mines—details in full page ad in The Billboard, November 15th issue. Send for advance information TODAY. INTERNATIONAL METOSCOPE REEL CO., Inc., 44-01 11th St., Long Island City, N. Y.

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# Royal Flush

## BALLY POKER PAYOUT CONSOLE



Deal a hand from the deck on wheels! Bally's new ROYAL FLUSH plays official Poker. 5 spin-reels whirl to shuffle the deck, then click to a stop in left to right rotation . . . dealing one card—two cards—three—four—five . . . while the player tingles with teasing suspense! Then, as the fifth and final reel stops, the all-electric mechanism responds to the "show" with mystifying accuracy . . . immediately, automatically releases the proper payout on 3-of-a-kind or better! Six different payouts and a juicy jackpot! No wonder ROYAL FLUSH is already monopolizing the play in choice locations . . . and earning biggest profits in coin-game history!

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Duck or Chicken  
Each Has One Of  
100 Wild Cards

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A Real Flush That Readily Sells at \$1.00 Each  
100 Holes. No Numbers Over 100  
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Sample, \$1.00  
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## Western's New Deluxe BASEBALL

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Be Ahead of the Crowd

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## ATLAS VALUE PARADE

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

#### PHONOGRAPHS

Seeburg Model A	\$ 23.50	Wurlitzer P12	\$34.50
Seeburg Model B	32.50	Wurlitzer 312	49.50
Seeburg Model C	39.50	Wurlitzer 412	52.50
Seeburg K10 (15 Records)	79.50	Wurlitzer 610	89.00
Seeburg Rex (20 Records)	119.50	Rockola Rhythm King (12 Records)	57.50
Seeburg Royal (15 Records)	129.50	Rockola Lite-Up Drill	59.50
Seeburg Royal (20 Records)	174.50	Rockola Rhythm Master (16 Rec.)	69.50
Wurlitzer 51 ("Counter Model")	89.50	Rockola Regular (D. C. Units)	28.50
Wurlitzer Model 50	64.50	Writ Master 1928	59.50

#### PAYTABLES

Bally Grandstand	\$ 89.50
Bally Thrillorama	89.50
Bally Pacemaker	117.50
Bally Sport Page	54.50
Bally Fleetway	24.50

#### FREE PLAY GAMES

Side Kick	\$32.50
Paramount	21.50
Fifth Tinning	39.50
Liberty	32.50
Fair	32.50
Bounty	24.50

TERMS: 1/3 Deposit — Balance C. O. D.

**ATLAS NOVELTY CO.**  
2200 N. Western Ave., CHICAGO, ILL. (General Office)  
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### N. J. Assn. Takes Merchant-Members

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 21.—Merchants have been invited to become "Merchant Members" of the Amusement Board of Trade of New Jersey, Inc., in a move to further the operating smoothness. A mass meeting was held recently at which merchants were guests. They heard the aims and policies of the organization explained.

Merchants were impressed with the idea that thru steady operation they benefited. They were urged to throw their support to continued operation of games and learned that the association would act as a mediator in any "squabbles" that might arise between the operating firm and the merchant.

Attended by approximately 125 merchants, many of whom signified their intention to become merchant members, the meeting was expected to do much towards the furtherance of the pinball industry. At the conclusion of the meeting merchants signed a petition to have the Harrison, N. J., city council rescind its present ban on games. Present indications are that Harrison will give serious consideration to their requests.

It was pointed out to the merchants that the association "has built up a reputation in eight years for good service, honesty, customer consideration and has endeavored to keep the public interested in new games." Also that they had arranged for a fair commission agreement and had maintained favorable public opinion.

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Jennings Crack Finish	29.50
Jennings Crack Finish, 25c	26.50
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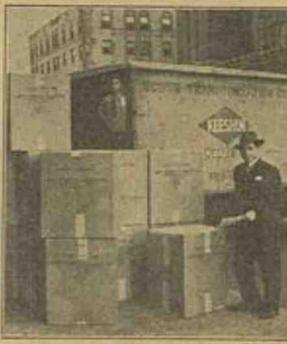
### Minnesota Assn. Hits Slug Evil

ST. PAUL, Oct. 21.—Minnesota Amusement Games Association, Inc. is currently conducting a drive against the use of slugs in coin machines operated by members of the association.

In this line of service, H. P. Hunter, secretary-treasurer of the organization, has caused to be issued to each member copies of the State and federal laws on the use of slugs in machines with intent to defraud by receiving value thru use of spurious coins.

Hunter asked the co-operation of all operators in eliminating the slugging evil. Information regarding slugging should be passed on to the association for remedying, he declared.

The association also requested operators to be on the lookout for any machines upon which serial or identifying marks have been checked off or otherwise defaced.



LEO GREENBERG, sales manager of Ari Cabinet Sales Co., Cleveland, checks a shipment of Ari cabinet stands to Eastern jobbers.

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**Keeney Big Six  
Gets Big Play**

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—J. H. Keeney, head of the J. H. Keeney Co., in giving more information about the newest Keeney release, Big Six, declares, "Last week we were unable to tell much about this new game of ours, but now we're prepared to reveal all. We told you first of all that Big Six, aside from being new from a time standpoint, is also very much new from a play and feature standpoint."

"It's really new from top to bottom. By one of these new features would tick the crowds in. There are three ways to score on Big Six. On high score by hitting yellow scoring bumpers when indicator is advanced into 'special' action on backboard dial—and by hitting the special 'Big Six' bumper when it . . ."

"In addition, Big Six has 4-way

bumpers. The yellow bumpers change progressively from 100 points to next 1,000—to 100 points—to free games if hit. Clock indicator on backrack which controls these bumpers is advanced by hitting any of the five 'special' bumpers or two of the roll-over switches. Then, too, Big Six has six special roll-overs. Two of these roll-overs advance in the clock indicator, two give 1,000 points and the other two advance the score to the next 1,000. Scoring on Big Six is adjustable and is convertible to straight novelty play."

**Laud Bowling  
Game, Ten Strike**

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—"Let the ops in on a good thing! Why be so modest when you've really got a world-beater?" demands Paul Gerber, of Gerber & Glass,



Chicago. "I mean Evans' new Ten Strike Bowling sensation. H. C. Evans & Co. say they write a new page in coin machine history with that phenomenal game. A new page? I say, Evans wrote a whole book! I had one of the first machines and ought to know."

"It's not only still going strong but it's actually going stronger every day! Every operator knows that on any game the play decreases after a little while, but not on Ten Strike. It's increasing every day and much greater today than ever."

"Of course, it's against Evans' policy to tell how much their game actually takes in, but they'd amaze you. One reason for its tremendous success is because it's a game that appeals as much to women as to men. They go for it in a big way and really enjoy playing it."

"There are a lot of women bowling fans who love bowling but for some reason never bowl. If they can only get a chance at Ten Strike you see them go to town. Ten Strike not only achieves its immense popularity without any kind of reward or payout whatever, but the usual comment from players is, 'You really get your money's worth on this!'"

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ROY MCGINNIS, OF BALTIMORE, examines the new Four Bells machine in the Mills Novelty Co. showroom. Art Cooley (right), Eastern division manager, explains that Four Bells has four coin chutes and four payout cups.

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## Werts Releases Two New Deals

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 21.—New October releases by the Werts Novelty Co. include All-American, a board deal calculated to appeal to football-minded patrons, and Fruit-O, featuring on a carded deal a beautiful illustration of well-known fruits. Both deals, according to Werts, have been well worked out and are doing their bit to enrich the operator. Announcement was made that Harold M. Shoemaker had assumed the position of sales manager of the Werts organization. For the past two years he has served in various capacities, the last of which was as advertising manager. He now commands a sales staff that covers the nation.

## Reprint Editorial In W. Va. Paper

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Oct. 21.—The Williamson News, local newspaper here, reprinted an editorial from The Billboard in full, in its issue of September 29, 1939. The editorial had the general subject heading, "Grand Fury" and was published in The Billboard, April 22, 1939. The first paragraph of the editorial said: "One of the most outstanding reports perhaps ever made on petty gambling was contained in that of a grand jury in Springfield, Sangamon County, Ill., during January, 1939, reporting to the Circuit Court of that county."

## Wis. Committee To Study Revenue

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 21.—Altho the Wisconsin Legislature adjourned sine die October 6 without enacting anything more damaging than a 3 cents per pack cigarette tax, it named an 18-man interim committee which is to draft a tax program to meet the \$20,862,064 budget deficit and report back to a special session scheduled to meet in November.

It is probable that the committee will

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Dart Quest		Hot Tip . . . . . 32.50
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		Handicapper . . . . . 35.00
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Stoner Champs ..... 25.00	Jenn. Silv. Chiefs, 5c. 39.50	Mills Blue Frs., Oriental 5c Melon Balls 25.00
Bally Babas ..... 25.00	Jenn. Crackle Frt. Chiefs, 25c ..... 35.00	Mills 2c Q.V. .... 19.00
Fairgrounds ..... 19.50	Jenn. Crackle Frt. Chiefs, 5c ..... 25.00	Mills Extraordinary ..... 25.00
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