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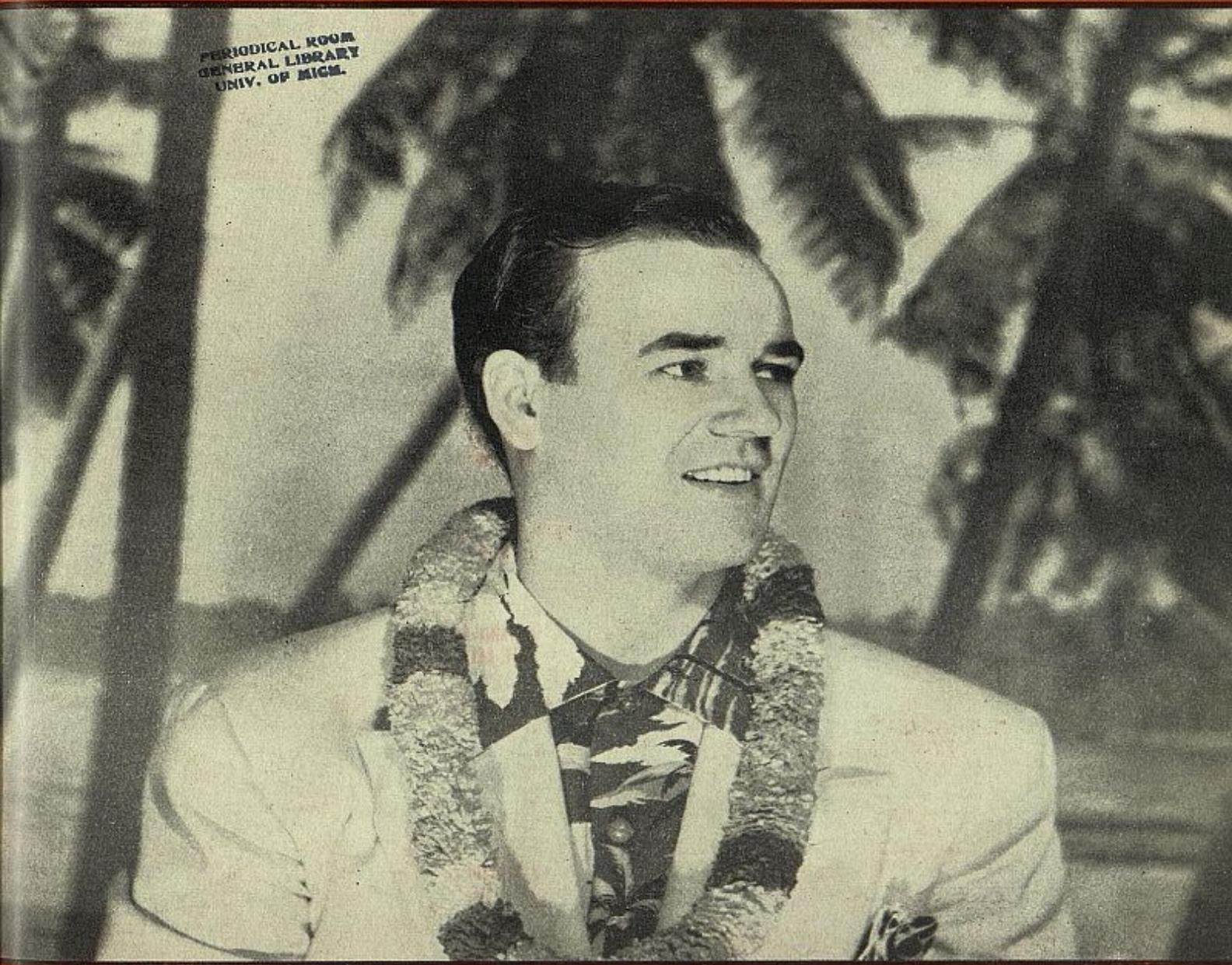
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Are there New Fields for Acts, Attractions, Shows and Orchestras?

The Billboard knows there are—and will publish a Special Talent Section to prove it!

THE swing towards more modern entertainment at Fairs, Parks, Celebrations, and on Carnivals and Circuses has created a definite demand for a more varied line of attractions, opening many new fields and markets for talent.

The results of a recent survey show the need of a directory or reference book that will enable buyers to select the acts and attractions they feel will help them to present outstanding programs and draw large crowds.

The Billboard has decided to enlarge and improve upon its

Annual Outdoor Talent Section published in the Summer Special and make it the point of contact between buyer and entertainer. Executives and program directors will then have something to draw upon for ideas, suggestions and selections. This year the Third Annual Edition will have a 2-color cover of its own—a magazine within a magazine. Don't fail to get a copy.

Acts and attractions of all kinds are invited to inquire for more details and information. Help this Talent Section to open up new and productive fields. Write The Billboard, Professional Promotion Department, Cincinnati, O.



These and Other Talent Buyers Express Their Thoughts!

Outstanding Personalities in the Outdoor Fields have contributed interesting and informative articles for the Section



"PRESENT A BALANCED SHOW"

by Frank H. Kingman
Manager
Brockton Agric. Society
Brockton, Mass.

Should name bands replace other types of attractions at the grand stand? Mr. Kingman believes name acts and girl lines are needed to balance the program.



"NAME BANDS IN DEMAND"

by Ethel Murray Simonds
Manager
Oklahoma Free State Fair
Muskogee, Okla.

Name bands popular as well as profitable in Muskogee, but each fair has its own problems, says Miss Simonds.



"ENTERTAINMENT NECESSARY"

by Samuel S. Lewis
President
York Inter-State Fair
York, Pa.

The horse and buggy days are gone—so are old fair operation methods. Entertainment is the keynote of today's fair success, according to Mr. Lewis.



"FREE ACTS AND THE PRESS"

by Harry J. Batt
President
Pontchartrain Beach
New Orleans, La.

What part does publicity play in free act presentation? Mr. Batt refers to free acts and the press as a pair of scissors hard to beat.



"GRANDSTAND ACTS VS. FREE ACTS"

by Mike Benton
President
Southeastern Fair
Atlanta, Ga.

Should admission be charged for the Grand Stand Show? Does a free grand stand help the general fair attendance? Mr. Benton gives both sides of this problem.



"JUSTIFYING THE GATE"

by Rex D. Billings
Manager, Belmont Park
Montreal, Canada

Do free acts in Parks pay? The type of act used very often answers this question, according to Mr. Billings, who reveals the fact that choice of attractions is important.



"FREE ACTS DRAW THE PEOPLE"

by E. Lawrence Phillips
Owner
Johnny J. Jones Exposition
Glittering lights, showy fronts and ballyhoo not enough to attract a public that insists upon getting its money's worth. Mr. Phillips believes in providing the much-needed extra stimulation of free attractions.



"FREE ATTRACTIONS—A GREAT ASSET"

by Mel Sober
Chairman
Volunteer Firemen's Committee

Thrilling programs of free attractions are needed to attract crowds, but, says Mr. Sober, advertise them so the public will know what is being offered.



"FREE ACTS NEEDED!"

by Max Linderman
General Manager
World of Mirth Shows

Is the added cost of free acts justified? Will art and all "Free Acts" serve as the magnetic wand to increase midway attendance? Mr. Linderman points out the various requirements.

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PROMOTION PAYING OFF

Colin Surveys Road For CBS Legit Plan; Okeh Still Needed

NEW YORK, June 1.—Possible extension of the Columbia Broadcasting System into legit via road companies has been assigned to Ralph P. Colin, general counsel for CBS, as subject of survey, Colin says. The project has not been definitely decided upon by CBS or its subsidiary, the concert bureau, and until they okeh it, it cannot be viewed as a certainty, Colin said. He added that his survey might even indicate that the whole plan is not expedient.

Before the matter will be considered for adoption, according to Colin, he will have to investigate the terms and conditions of the theatrical unions involved in road productions. He said he had yet to communicate with the American Federation of Musicians, Actors' Equity Association, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (stagehands and treasurer), scenic designers and press agents. Before he is thru he will also have to survey road territory to see how much traffic it will bear. It may be, he explained, that he will find the road unfavorable, adding that the venture is still so nebulous that CBS has not even made plans for administering it.

Plan for which he is making the survey is to route legit shows over the circuit built up by the concert bureau. CBS would finance the productions under the guiding eye of original producers who would be guaranteed an income based on grosses set according to the figures surveyed in the concert field. Shows would be on a six-a-week basis with box office top reaching \$2.20.

Scholibo Handling Ducats For Hollywood Pageant

HOUSTON, June 1.—Joe S. Scholibo, former carnival general agent and press representative, has been engaged by Menard & Tubery, Inc., to take charge of admissions for the one-night engagement of the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Rice Institute Stadium June 22 under auspices of the Elks' 1940 Convention Corp.

The outdoor spec is being brought here from the Shrine National Ceremonial at Memphis, Tenn., and after the Houston stay will be returned to Los Angeles. Several film stars are expected to make their appearance at the Houston show. Scholibo reports a heavy advance sale.

Reis Report Seeks Lowering of Four A's \$700,000 Yearly Nut

NEW YORK, June 1.—Cost of operation of all the branches and the International body of the Associated Actors and Artists of America is approximately \$700,000 a year, with the parent body's costs being kept up by extra per capita taxes on the more solvent branches. These assessments expire in June, and as yet no provisions have been made for raising the necessary money. These revelations are included in the Reis report on plans for one big union among actors, but some of the branch unions have yet to read about it in the original text, the scarcity of copies having yet to be made up.

Anticipating objections to the plan from those unions which have fat treasuries, the plan recommends that instead of dumping their coveted money into a melting pot the groups place their balance in escrow for two years and

War Jitters Hit Clubs

NEW YORK, June 1.—Head waiters and managers of night spots have discovered that war jitters are affecting night club spenders.

Many patrons make reservations early in the day only to cancel them later and then call up again to reserve a table. Others will call for a reservation only to be informed that they have already made sure of a place.

Since the beginning of the violent stages of the war night club business has fallen off as high as 60 per cent. An important exception is the Diamond Horseshoe, which has been doing a capacity business since the new show opened.

Amusement Tax At 30 Cents Is Proposed in Wash.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Fund raising for armaments now being considered by Congress will include a broadening of taxes now posted on luxury items, including the theater. At present, however, legitimate theater will be in no way affected, nor will any amusement now collecting the federal tax on admissions be hit. Plan unfolded by Congressional and Treasury chiefs will lower present exemptions so that all amusement admissions priced 31 cents or above will face the 10 per cent levy.

Harshest hit will be the movie houses, which have been charging the minimum 40 cents for tickets. It is believed here that the average admission price to nation's movie houses is 36 cents and by lowering the exemption a tax will be collected on almost every movie ticket in the country.

The plan is expected to raise little more than \$2,000,000 above current collections. Despite this comparatively small return, it is said here that every bit helps. The bulk of the necessary money is expected to come from levies upon the income tax structures. Other items now included in the excise tax brackets which include cosmetics, radios, furs and other commodities considered as luxuries are scheduled to be hit much harder, it was said.

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It is possible, even under the proposed plan, that the current retinue of officials might even be retained during this two-year trial. Even so, it is figured still the economy would mount close to the \$100,000 mark. In provisions for a sliding scale of dues there is room for yearly adjustment, so that if an actor has a lean year he can return to the minimum class.

One appraisal of the plan declared, however, that Reis had not eliminated the possibility of politics. Success of the one big union, it was said, would depend upon good faith and thoroughgoing spirit of co-operativeness on all executives.

Acts, Units Find Plenty Theater Time If They Dig Hard Enough

Thirty weeks for units nothing unusual, if proper promotion is used—houses must be sold—Bowes units and Lewis show have opened up plenty extra territory

NEW YORK, June 1.—Vaudeville, in the form of units and attractions, is still very much alive, and producers and acts are around who can prove it. The field is active only for those who are determined to find it so, however, for no longer do bookings materialize from thin air and no longer can the average act afford to be independent. Prominent in today's flesh picture, more than anything else, is the art of promotion. Whether it be a single act of a 70-people show, the attraction must go out and sell it every minute. Houses must be found, and house managers must be shown that flesh can be operated on a paying basis. This has been done on a wholesale scale by the Major Bowes units, which reopened the doors of movie houses to vaude, and it is being done on a smaller scale by veteran unit producers and smartly agented acts determined to find a livelihood in theater dates ranging from one performance to fortnight.

The theater manager who has been doing business exclusively with Hollywood these last few years doesn't have a thing against flesh if shown how he can make some money with regular, frequent or occasional combo bills. And that is where the flesh-minded producer and agent come in. They shape units that have highly exploitative possibilities and arrange contracts which give the employer a fighting chance to come out in the black.

30 Weeks for Units

Unit producers like George Choos, Al Borde, Nick Bolla and Sam Roberts, A. B. Marcus, Antonio Scibilia, Harry Rogers and Harry Clark, among others, are still devoting most of their time to vaude units and find as many as 30 weeks of theater dates from Coast to Coast. To meet business conditions and a variety of budgets, the units are often augmented or reduced in order to play

(See THEATER TIME on page 17)

AFRA Snubs TA Benefit Control, Too

NEW YORK, June 1.—American Federation of Radio Artists joined two sister unions in the walk-out on Theater Authority, in an effort to regulate the field of benefits more rigidly than has been done by TA. Hereafter, radio performers must get the okay to appear in a benefit from AFRA even if such decision runs counter to that of TA.

In benefits on the air AFRA has complete jurisdiction, the union explained, in view of its contracts with the stations. If AFRA members are approached to appear in club or organizational benefits which are not broadcast, they still must get the approval of AFRA. AFRA will not approve any benefit which had not been cleared thru Theater Authority, but it reserves the final say-so over the appearance of its membership even at such approved benefits. The American Guild of Variety Artists and American Guild of Musical Artists have already taken similar measures.

When asked to comment on this wholesale exodus of unions from Theater Authority, Alan Corelli, TA executive secretary, said he had no comment, but that the matter would probably be taken up at the next board meeting, June 6.

Camden Airport May Be Turned Into Show Center

CAMDEN, N. J., June 1.—Closing of Central Airport July 1 gives rise to rumors that the site will be transformed into a giant amusement center. Owners of the field are reported to have invested \$3,000,000. The surrounding area has many roadside, night clubs and places catering to crowds visiting the airport.

J. William Marklein, of Marklein, Chalmers & Ludington, owners of the 212-acre tract, disclosed that among other (See CAMDEN AIRPORT on page 63)

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Name Bands Highlight Holiday Bills at Atlantic City Piers

ATLANTIC CITY, June 1.—While the weather man was out of tune for the Memorial Day inaugurals for the Steel Pier and Hamid's Million-Dollar Pier summer season, both resort centers placed emphasis on the appeal in the nationally known music-makers. And that the harmony was all wet as far as the box office was concerned must of necessity be blamed on Jupiter Pluvius.

Hamid's pier had the most ambitious band schedule for its mammoth Ballroom of States. Splitting the honors between the two band stands on Thurs-

Party for Race Horse in Nitery Tops B.O. Record

BOSTON, June 1.—The largest crowd ever seen in a local nitery jammed the Cocoanut Grove Tuesday (28) for a party in honor of Brass Monkey, New England's favorite race horse. At one time more than 650 persons were in the Grove, which under normal conditions has a capacity of 625.

The festivities were aired over WAAW Mutual, with turn announcer Ralph (Babe) Rubenstein describing the Monkey's last winning start. Just as Rubenstein recounted how the horses rounded the turn and Brass Monkey started to make his bid, the horse was led on the dance floor by two swipes. He was fed from a large platter and was presented with a blanket by the Grove. High spot of the evening came when Brass Monkey forgot where he was, inconveniencing the waiters to some extent.

Mickey Alpert, Grove maestro, thought up the stunt and no advertising was used. Party was mentioned by columnists George Clarke and George Holland, but otherwise received no publicity. Turnout far exceeded the best New Year's Eve in history, despite an additional \$2 minimum assessed for the evening.

PAUL PAGE (This Week's Cover Subject)

PAUL PAGE, known to his Alaskan listeners as the "North Star of the Air," is a six-foot-two handsome baritone, and in his short career as a band leader has won for himself a wide following in his interpretation of Hawaiian music with a modern lift.

Page, who struggled for years with a small band in Juneau, Alaska, broadcasting over Station KINY, was greatly encouraged by friends, admirers and travelers to hit the "Great Outside" (as the rest of the United States is known in Alaska) where he would be sure to make the big time. Some three years ago he made the break, and since then has been heard over NBC—only as a singer and piano player, however.

Late last summer Art Weems, of General Amusement Corp., which now manages the band, urged him to build an ark around himself and his Hawaiian style of music. The South Sea Island night clubs, becoming a popular trend in modern music, were an encouraging sign, so he followed Weems' urging.

It is odd to note that an Alaskan should favor the music of the tropics, but Page found that the island songs were complimentary to his style of singing, so he stuck to that, and from the results he has shown since last summer he has won out.

A decided aid to his success is the fact that he surrounded himself with a youthful organization (he's only 29 himself) who were willing to work just as hard as himself to build the organization into a successful entity. Featured with him are the Starr Sisters (vocal trio) and Bill Devano Osborne on the steel guitar.

He has been frequently heard over Station WLW and is now concluding an engagement at the Trocadero Club, Wichita, Kan.

day (30) were Phil Spitalny and his Hour of Charm all-girl gang of 20, a thrill to behold as well as to dance to, and Teddy Powell's swing rhythms. For Friday (31), Eddy Morgan's music held forth alone. Saturday (1) brought in Jan Savitt for another session of sparkling swing, and tomorrow (2) provides for the Clem Williams dance incentives. Bands played for both afternoon and evening dancing performances marred only by the scarcity of steppers.

At the pier's intimate Rex Theater, Dr. Irving and his Miracles of Magic provide plenty of fun and excitement six times daily. Show runs an hour, Dr. Irving pointing to please the youngsters and oldsters as well with a series of magical illusions. He also features Princess Yvonne for amazing mental telepathy excitement, and the same routine is repeated by the more amazing Baby Yvonne, nine years old.

Other Hamid attractions for the holiday week-end included Phillips' Revue, dancing school juves, at the Greek (Name Bands at A.C. Piers on page 23).

Thru Sugar's Domino

IT MIGHT continue to chug and sputter for a while, but to all practical purposes the Theater Authority is dead. The knockout blow was delivered by ACVA, AGMA and AFRA when they recently assumed control over benefits insofar as their members are concerned. Being deprived of its police arm, Theater Authority is akin to a king without an army. This is both good and bad news combined. It is good news because actors have finally decided thru three of their leading unions to do something about curbing benefits instead of depending upon a body that has failed almost since its inception to carry out the purposes for which it was organized. It is bad news because it marks another failure on the part of the actor to regulate his own affairs.

The action taken by the three unions

is a promise; the wide gap still exists between promise and performance. These organizations have yet to prove that they can do a better job than TA. That their intentions are good; that they are determined to curb benefits rather than nourish them—of these things there seems to be no doubt at this time.

It is too bad indeed that TA has failed miserably to reach its goal. The actor cannot say that he has not been warned from time to time that TA is nourishing the cancer sore known as benefits rather than taking steps to exterminate it. We are more hopeful about the future of actor unions when we consider the latest step taken by the variety, music and radio groups. It is quite evident that a progressive movement is stirring within the ranks and that this movement will not only have some effect on putting an end once and for all to benefits as a major problem but will also push thru reforms that will make the present muddled and unwholesome union situation a frightful memory—if the protagonists of the movement are given half a chance by their fickle and apathetic colleagues belonging to the rank and file.

To get back to the TA and its demise. When this benefit regulation body was formed there was no doubt at all about its objective. It was clearly understood and widely publicized that benefits were ruining employment opportunities for the large and small fry in the acting profession. It was agreed that something had to be done about it, and the formation of TA was pointed to as the answer to the harassed actor's prayers. Those of us who were closely aligned with the campaign to curb benefits before the TA was formed were given to understand that the TA would play no part whatever in promoting the cause of specific benefits, regardless of their worthiness; that it would make impossible the running of phony benefits and that it would concern itself exclusively, so far as the actor is concerned, with extracting from benefits that it would reluctantly permit to be put on a share of the proceeds for distribution among actors' charities. That's all there was to be to it. The TA's course was very clearly marked, but the years that have passed since 1938 have wrought havoc with the TA's objectives. The organization as it is today—or at least was until the three unions walked out on it—is far different than the one that was formed by men and women who were fed up with benefits and were combining forces to cut the cancer out of the body of show business.

TA has boasted that it has driven the cut-and-cut crooks out of the benefit business. It might interest our readers to know or at least be reminded that the known crooks were driven out by the crusading efforts of The Billboard linked up with the New York County District Attorney's Office and various magistrates friendly to show business and its people. And the dirtiest part of this job was done before the formation of TA. And whatever has been done since was not accomplished by the TA.

The TA has not failed entirely to justify its existence. It has on many occasions altered plans of committees bent on running benefits, switching these functions into club dates for actors who needed and still need work badly. But this constructive effort has extracted too great a toll to make it worth while. TA has dignified benefits rather than discouraged them, which we again remind our readers was and should always have remained its objective. Its officials gave far too much co-operation to benefit sponsors, going so far as to help with routining of shows, supplying addresses of actors, helping line up these actors with all varieties of horse trading and cajoling. Its officials occupied places on committees that ran benefits, this in itself being as objectionable in spirit and effect as the Police Commissioner of New York helping gunmen run a ball to rescue ball for one of their incarcerated cronies.

Now that the unions have started with a bang on their drive to put benefit regulation back into their own hands (See SUGAR'S DOMINO on page 20)

World's Fair Reviews

Additional News in World's Fair Department

Railroads On Parade

(25-55 cents)

The Eastern Railroad Presidents' Conference presents a drama of transport written and produced by Edward Hungerford; music by Kurt Weill; staged by Charles Alan; scenery and costumes by Harry Humer; orchestra and chorus directed by Dr. Isaac Van Grove; technical director, Gilbert H. Kneiss; stage director, Perrin G. Somers; stage manager, Arthur Mayberry; Ellen Love and John O'Shaughnessy, narrators; principals, Jack Gilchrist, Robert Harrison, Charles Keane, John Morley, Michael Owen, singers, Adelaide Abbot, Ray Dedeaux, Fred Kusky, William Mard, Richard Norman, Edward Ransom, Rufus Smith, William Wahler, Don Wallingford, Earl Weatherford; ensemble of 77; locomotive crew of 11; riders and drivers, Oscar Lowanda, Arthur Leonard, Jack Jordan, Theodore Galles, Joseph Falcetto. Synchronizer in sound room, Charles Gleott, Don Lechner, Robert Lynn.

The 1940 edition of this pageant of railroad progress is still the sock entertainment despite alterations that have pruned the weekly nut from \$21,600 to \$14,000 and cut personnel from 400 to 300. There'll be some who'll miss last year's ballet sequences, but the addition of three new scenes, use of folk tunes to augment the musical score, and other new pieces of business more than make up the difference. Result is a tighter knit, faster-moving 55-minute spec that does an effective job of selling the importance of the railroad industry to the public by recounting historical incidents in which the railroad played the featured role. Spec should have little trouble topping last year's gross which was second only to Aquacade.

New scenes include The Gold Rush, which depicts the bawdy days of Sacramento in the late '30s; Mr. Lincoln Returns, picturing the historic funeral train, and Twenty Years Afterward, recounting a cross-section of life at a country station in the '30s, in which tandem bicycles, early automobiles and even an old-time fire engine are brought in. Just by way of showing how roomy a roomette is on the modern Pullman, a shapely blonde peels to bra and panties before the car pulls offstage in the next-to-closing scene. A neat bit done in good taste that clicked solidly.

Show is being presented four times daily. Four thousand seats are tabbed at 25 cents with 200-odd reserves at 55. Thirty-piece orchestra and a chorus of 10 now work in the grand stand instead of under it like last year. Performers still do their bits in pantomime with actors in the sound room beneath the stands

synchronizing voice with action in a surprisingly accurate manner. Personnel numbers 300, including performers, orchestra, chorus, front door man, etc. All-Equity cast totals 70 men and 38 women. (See Railroads on Parade on page 30.)

Jack Sheridan's Living Magazine Covers

(25 cents)

Artist Sheridan resumes with this seven-minutes showing six undraped girls in cover-like poses. Titles are Vanite, Bride of Tomorrow, Hobby Horse, Buccaneer, Ski Trail and Romantic Life. While one posture is being shown other frame is dressed. It's well lighted and well produced generally and music, which is canned, gives out walzies. Ball is via a glass octagonal setting aloft in which a girl is shown at a dressing table, a good crowd-stopper for talkers Johnny Baker and Red Marcus. This is the 40-a-day circuit and figures to do well in its location opposite Gay New Orleans Village. Stanley Richards is manager and press agent. Leonard Traube.

Billy Rose's Aquacade

First time at Golden Gate International Exposition and presented in the Aquacade Building, seating about 7,000. Produced by John Murray Anderson and featuring Johnny Weissmuller, Esther Williams, Gertrude Ederle, Merton Downey, Marshall Wayne, Fred Waring's Glee Club, and Vincent Travers Orchestra. Admission scale, 40, 75 and 99 cents, with children 25 cents. Shows at 3, 7, and 9. Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 2:30, 4:30, 7 and 9.

Billy Rose's Aquacade is everything that advance notices said it would be. It is not like anything that San Francisco has ever seen. Half swimming exhibit, half Broadway revue, it is a superb and glamorous show that no visitor to Treasure Island is likely to miss.

Gertrude Ederle swims across the tank in a capsule exhibition of her English Channel feat. Esther Williams, who not only swims beautifully, but looks beautiful, and Johnny Weissmuller indulge in a water dust that is extraordinary. And to add good measure to good measure, the tenor voice of Morton Downey fills the big building. For added enjoyment the "flypaper" acrobats, Walter Dale Wahl and Johnny Traube, in their famous acrobatic imbroglio, draw rounds of applause.

But the non-aqueous features of the Aquacade are just as excellent. John Murray Anderson has staged the thing with a blithe disregard for cost. Costumes of dancers are lavish and the silver staircase for the patriotic finale is evidence of Rose's unriggedly sense of showmanship.

Apparently much like the New York set-up, the setting is in a complete huge tank surrounded by a wide runway usually full of pretty girl dancers and statu-esque showgirls. There are specialty acts (See Billy Rose's Aquacade on page 20)

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Banquet Promotion Pulls Steady Trade for Palumbo's in Philly

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—While the average big-scale niter continually keeps its hooks out for the transient spender, Frank Palumbo's Cafe has hit upon a steady source of patronage not dependent on transients. Palumbo, since taking over the operation of this Latin Quarter theater-restaurant, which has been in constant operation by the Palumbo family since 1884, has developed a highly specialized banquet department.

Running the department is Earl Corwell. An active list of 50,000 names is on file. Cards requesting the patron's birthday are always on the tables, like picture postal cards which the management mails free, both stunts adding names to the list continually. Every two weeks a new and original mailing piece is sent to the list. Birthday and wedding anniversary gift or cards are sent to all available names.

Events-of-the-day columns in the dailies are diligently scanned each day, and memos made to contact banquet chairmen for subsequent affairs. Banquet chairmen are invited to spend an evening at Palumbo's as guests of the management. Regular patrons are unusually solicited for names of banquet chairmen in their own firms, clubs, lodges, societies and evening bowling leagues.

Palumbo's extensive ads are carried

under the listings of marriage meetings, with copy selling the spot for the shower or wedding breakfast. The sports pages carry insertions plugging bowling leagues and testimonial dinner ideas. The idea of employer-employee shindigs is stressed in copy on the business and financial pages, as well as ads designed to sell sales-contest dinners.

Motion pictures (16 mm.) are made of outstanding banquets and parties held at Palumbo's. Sales representatives, when calling on prospective committees, carry portable projectors and run the films off for them. A house photographer makes group shots of every party; the original is kept in the banquet office while a blow-up is sent to the organization gratis. Likewise, a congratulatory telegram is sent to each party and a special cake donated to all available names.

A large bulletin board at the entrance welcomes each guest as well as group by name. A large electric sign over the head table carries the name of the sponsoring organization. Small table signs are also used. A sign painter is on the regular pay roll, with the shop on the premises.

Once the affair is set, publicity man Milt Shapiro contacts the dailies for listing of the affairs and story and picture angles for features.

Bowling leagues make Palumbo's a must for their parties, since Palumbo awards prizes to winners in nearly all of the industrial leagues. Ray Kohlman, formerly of the Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, is in charge of the bowling banquet department.

Palumbo has found it good business to be a joiner, belonging to about 50 local civic, social and fraternal organizations.

The merchandising for banquets is carried to the nth degree. Even the desk blotters used at the marriage license bureaus here and in Camden, N. J., are Palumbo's.

AGVA Signs White Unit; Gets More From Other Unions

NEW YORK, June 1.—The American Guild of Variety Artists, thru Vic Connors, its San Francisco representative, has signed an agreement with George White covering the condensed version of his Scandals. Agreement will be in effect so long as it is on the road as a vaude unit. Pact calls for a \$40-a-week minimum and 22 performances for chorus girls, plus \$1 for each extra performance.

Show, following its date at the Golden Gate, San Francisco, will head East. It features Ben Blue and Ella Logan.

AGVA received another loan of \$4,000 from Equity and the Screen Actors' Guild this week, representing a second installment of its request for \$12,500. Earlier, AGVA received \$5,000.

The New York local is advising its members to report all requests for public auditions prior to performance time. Union is attempting to curb the free audition practice.

B'way Association Asks X-Town Busses

NEW YORK, June 1.—Summary of activities of the Broadway Association, Inc., reveals that the organization is endorsing proposals to substitute busses for trolley cars on the Broadway and 42d street crosstown run as a means of reducing traffic congestion in the theatrical area.

Association is also behind a move to boost the Great White Way via stickers pasted on all mail going out of the district. Labels proclaim, "When you come to the Fair visit Broadway."

Gold Medal Hour Renews

NEW YORK, June 1.—General Mills Gold Medal Hour on a split NBC network of Red and Blue stations has been renewed for 52 weeks, beginning Monday (3). Shows include *Light of the World*, *Arnold Grimm's Daughter*, *Valiant Lady*, *Hymns of All Churches* and *Betty Crocker*.

Agencies are Blackett-Sample-Hummer and Knox-Reeves.

The Broadway Beat

By GEORGE SPELVIN

BELOVE it or not, Hoyt S. Haddock, executive secretary of the American Guild of Variety Artists, is tentatively planning to invade the night club business. His idea is to open an official AGVA spot in New York which would serve as a showcase for any and all union acts. . . . Veloz and Yolanda will dance again as soon as possible after their baby is born. The team has a standing name-your-own-salary offer from Johnny Jones, of the Oriental, Chicago, which is in competition with Balaban & Katz's Chicago Theater. The Chicago originally established the dances as a theater attraction, and they still hold one of its top box-office records. . . . At Tommy Dorsey's opening at the Astor a resident of the hotel (one Arturo Toscanini) was disturbed by the "noise." Bob Christenberry, manager of the hotel, thought he'd placate the maestro by introducing him to Dorsey. Upon introduction, Toscanini said, "Mr. Dorsey, you play beautifully. You play from the heart. But, Mr. Dorsey, you play too loud." . . . Candide, in *The Devil Mirror*, did a very nice column on Sharkey, the *Higher* and *Higher* seal, and Mark Huling, his trainer. But Candide persisted in referring to Sharkey's co-star as "Jack Healy." It wasn't a typo, because it occurred twice in the story. Consolidated Radio Artists is tearing its collective hair because its attractions seem to be haunted by the Cantor film, *Forty Little Mothers*; it seems that it plays every house that books a CRA band. And, since the little mothers are a package of box-office arsenic, the bands have to do double duty in pulling in the crowds.

MAN'S noble friend, the horse, is practically being featured on the Flushing Meadows. Railroads on *Parade* uses several dozen dobbies, American Jubilee accounts for 24 plus spares, and *Saxerox* in Gay New Orleans Village has a pair. The Ford ballet, *A Thousand Times Neigh*, which satirizes the noble steed, doesn't use any, but horse costumes are employed by the ballerinas. Incidentally, Al Jolson's forthcoming musical (the title changes so rapidly that you can't keep up with it) sounds as tho it might have an equine angle. A Stem tropical fish fancier recently left his aquarium with an agent while he was moving and several days later found the following phone message on his desk: "Somebody called and said that if you don't pick up that fish tank by tomorrow he's going to (1) take a bath, (2) donate it to the Aquarium, (3) book it into the Flatbush Theater." . . . The Herald-Trib is trying a new slant on night club reviewing. Bob Dana's notices now include scholarly criticisms of dance acts by The H-T's dance critic, Walter Terry. . . . Incidentally, The H-T tried to take over radio's special province, the air, in the newspaper-radio advertising war when it ran an editorial recently on a resident of New Mexico who advertised in the local paper for a very special kind of slow and steady rains—and got it. The Power of the Press extends far afield. . . . Speaking of newspapers, press agents for musicals are probably glad to notice that *The Journal-American* is running more cheesecake again. For several years it has been sticking mostly to scene photos and the more modest gal art, but 10 or 12 years ago, when it was *The Journal*, it was the happy hunting ground for torrid torsos.

KELLY AND ADLER, of the Yacht Club Boys, are now associated with the management of the Tavern on 48th street. . . . Theodore Dibble, formerly with The New York Post, has joined the Statler hotel chain as national publicity director. . . . Tom Fitzsimmons, Hotel New Yorker photographer, is getting to be a Jack-of-all-trades, having doubled as p. a. when Dick Mockler took a trip to the Midwest. Previously he'd doubled as emcee when band leader Bob Crosby was ill. . . . Erik Rhodes, film player who's preparing for a barnstorming tour of the New England shoe district, has dubbed it "the leatherbelt circuit." Danny Kaye, who has had few idle moments of late, is keeping his wife busy, too. She not only writes all of his material, but also accompanies him on the piano.



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DROP PHONY DISK NAMES

But 25 Per Cent Still Using Extra Fancy Names on Transcriptions; Fear of Sponsor Squawk Reason

NEW YORK, June 1.—Check-up of names of band leaders, vocalists and vocal and instrumental groups of all sorts appearing on the transcription library service of one of the top firms in the ET business indicates without a doubt that talent is veering away from the idea of using phony names on disks. But about 25 per cent of the names still continue to cut disks under monikers which are in many instances more interesting than their own. Outstanding fact is that of a total of some 200 bands and performers, only some forty-odd are homespun phonies, remainder bearing out the belief that use of real names is an asset owing to the buildup over radio stations.

Some of the big names, however, are among the dards using spurious handles, and in almost every case where a nom de wax is used the artist retains the initials of his real name. Thus, when natives in the sticks listen appreciatively to James Dalton's Orchestra and remark that Mr. Dalton sounds very much like Jimmy Dorsey, the natives are more correct than they know. Mr. Dalton is Mr. Dorsey's paraffin alias. Brother Tommy Dorsey, however, has even ash-canned his initials, going under the somewhat English title of Harvey Tweed, a gent who plays a nice trombone. Lud Gluskin has taken the roughage out of his name and is known to wax audiences as Lou Gladstone. But whereas many are ingenious in their selections, indicating possible wishfulfillments, others are likely to assume a more proletarian handle. Lynn Murray is one of these—becoming Larry Moore on wax.

Here They Are

Some of the better-known artists and their billing on transcriptions:

As Mama Knows Them:	Their Other Selves:
Larry Clinton	Lenny Carson
Johnny Green	Jimmy Garfield
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Enrico Madriguera	Ramon Lorenzo
Andre Kostelanetz	Alexander Karlin
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Gertrude Niesen	Oilda Nielsen
Mark Warnow	Michael Wayne
Tommy Dorsey	Harvey Tweed
Jimmy Dorsey	James Dalton
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Jack Stilkret	Jack Shaw
Kenny Sargent	Kerry Scott
Carson Robison	
Bud Birmingham and His Buckaroos	Dixie Songsters
Charlatte Quartet	Carl Darnley
Glyde Doerr	Leon Bolero
Leon Belasco	Lon Gladstone
Lud Gluskin	Claude Harris
Claude Hopkins	Shorty Harris
Pee Wee Hunt	Rose Haywood
Richard Humber	Vic Ingram
Lynn Murray Chorus	Larry Moore's Mixed Chorus
Willard Robison	Walter Remsen
Virginia Verrill	Vivian Vail
Victor Young	Val Yorke
Harry Simeone Chorus	Harry Simpson Chorus
Muriel Wilson	Muriel Taft
Irving Young's Quartet	The Balladaires
Green Brothers Trio	Chapel Chimes
Shirley Lloyd	Helen Gay
The Norsemens	Hollywood Male Quartet
Hall Johnson Choir	Hunter James Choir
Leo Kempinski	Rudy Lakesy
Ann Leaf	Audrey Lynn or Lee Winter
Charles Magnante	Carlos Magante
Ann Nadler	Alice Norton
Howard Prince	Hugh Porter

Two artists who keep their names are Thomas Thomas and Professor Kolodaw, the latter being with Johnny Messner's Band.

The National Fasces Band is known on wax as the Pan-American Brass Band.

Majority Are Genuine

By far, however, the majority of names on the wax library are genuine. Angle

leading to switch of names, of course, has been that sponsors might object to having their high-priced artists appearing on transcriptions over other stations. Artists, however, have shown an increasing tendency to use real names whenever possible, and some transcription companies, notably Associated Recorded Programs Service Library, offer a contract whereby the artist may change his name in the event that he secures a commercial after making the disk.

Among those who have waxed transcriptions under their correct names are Mitchell Ayres, Irene Beasley, Buddy Clark, Emil Coleman, Xavier Cugat, D'Artagnan, Emery Deutsch, Emeric Flitman, Al Goodman, Horace Heidt, Harriet Hilliard, Louis Katzman, Al Kavelin, Clyde Lucas, Abe Lyman, Russ Morgan, Johnny Messner, Clyde McCoy, Bill Osborne, Louis Prima, Jacques Renard, Doris Rhodes, Freddie Rich, Dick Robertson, Adrian Rollini, Al Roth, Nat Shilkret, Ray Sinatra, The Tuna Twisters, Joe Venuti, Pats Waller, Alfred Wallenstein and Oleh Yelin.

C&S First Radio Vacash

NEW YORK, June 1.—Chase & Sanborn hour will be off radio for the first time since 1931 when Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy program vacations July and August.

National Broadcasting Co. will retain time on the Red for the show when it comes back in the fall, this despite fact that the net last year ash-canned the idea of reserving time over the hiatus period.

Fourth is titled Christopher Markham's Treasure Hunt, a money game which can be played by listeners as well as studio audiences.

Advertisers, Agencies, Stations

NEW YORK:

SOCIETY of European Stage Authors and Composers (SESAC) this week secured a renewal from WOR. This brings all the 50,000 watters under the Society's license. WHAM, Rochester, having renewed last week... Emil Corwin, editor of the photo section of NBC's press department, became a producer and emcee June 7. He'll assemble and conduct a college reunion show wherein six alumni of Massachusetts State College will tell the school's president, Hugh P. Baker, "what, if anything, college has done for them..." Tell him, Emil! *Truth or Consequence*, for Ivory Soap, has been renewed for another 13 weeks... Ben Grauer now broadcasting for Manufacturers' Trust Co. on WEAF... Frank E. Chizmar, assistant manager of NBC's Radio Recording Division, goes to Chicago June 10 as Central Division Radio Recording Manager... Offices of MBS are in a shambles, the lads moving to another part of the building in order to consolidate the physical set-up.

Starting Monday (3) Krasne Brothers, Inc., for Bernice Products, sponsors a quarter-hour on WNEW's Make Believe Ballroom, three times a week. Set for 12 weeks by Peck Advertising Agency... American Cigarettes and Cigar Co., Inc., has re-signed contract with WQXN, calling for 55 half-minute announcements per week. Set thru Young & Rubicam... Those WNEW musical station breaks done by Alan Kent and Austin Croon Johnson are terrific—and causing plenty of laughs.

Beginning Wednesday (5), WENX will spray plenty of comp over the ether with Walter Thorson's new show, "The Merchant of Venus." Luscious demises will tell how they got that way and Maurice C. Dreicer will emcee, splitting the job with Thorson. Come on, Television! Adrienne Bonwick and Dave Levy, of Young & Rubicam, leave next week for three weeks' fishing in New England... Uncle Jim Hawkins show,

Maybe Dead—But They Still Listen to WDAS

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—The immortals are really not immortals, if the WDAS fan mail is any criterion. Last week station's mail department analyzed 25,000 letters received during a special free offer which was broadcast. Much to the surprise of Harold Davis, a literary member of the staff, letters were received from Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Adams, Edgar A. Poe and H. L. Mencken, all apparently local citizens since addresses were also supplied with the signatures.

One listener's card, Davis noted, was signed "A. Hitler," with a footnote that the "A" represented not Adolf—but Arbutus.

Goodman Producing Four New Programs

NEW YORK, June 1.—Harry S. Goodman, producer, is readying four new shows, both live and transcribed. One of them will be a half-hour serial with a cast said to include Charles Ruggles, Elliott Davis, Lurene Tuttle and Howard McNear. Written by John Gudel, current plans are to have it sponsored on a network, with additional coverage via transcriptions. If not sold to a national advertiser opus may be peddled on a cooperative basis.

Second opus is quarter-hour dramatized program on care of kids and expectant mothers. This has merchandising tie-ins and is to be based on actual case histories. Third program will be a sort of wax cavalcade of old-time stars, with old Edison Laboratory recordings of Nellie Melba, Weber and Fields, etc.

Fourth is titled Christopher Markham's Treasure Hunt, a money game which can be played by listeners as well as studio audiences.

"Stick Me," a musical quiz, is likely to be bought by Y&B... The *Egypt Queen* would not be made this summer... Doris Davenport Smith, for three years continuity editor at WNEW, joins the commercial continuity department of Companion Advertising, Inc., June 17... Doris Lee, of WNEW, marries Ross Sandler, nonpro, this week.

PHILADELPHIA

LATEST addition to the WIP staff is Elizabeth Tait, taking a desk as receptionist in the offices of proxy Benedict Gimbel Jr... Anthony Candelori's WPIL String Serenade won an Arts in Philadelphia award... Edna Whittington, in charge of continuity at WIP, has the distinction of purchasing the first pair of Nylon silk hosiery sold in the city... Not to be outdone by the networks, WIP has constructed a special broadcast booth to the radio Republican National Convention here this month... E. N. Deacon, former assistant to the proxy at the RCA plant in Camden, joined Charles Dallas Beach Co. of Newark, N. J., as vice-prex... Edward G. Hoeflich made account exec with Julian G. Pollock ad agency.

FROM ALL AROUND:

More than 85 NBC stations in 27 States will carry the broadcast celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society. Program will originate over WOW, Omaha, on June 6. Society's headquarters in Omaha, and studios of WOW, will have open house for visitors throughout the day... Ollie O'Toole, announcer at WWSW, Pittsburgh, and entertainer in Tri-State theaters, left this week to join the Horace Heidt stage unit on tour... Lloyd E. Yoder, general manager of KOA, Denver, has returned from the West Coast with his wife... KOA engineer Glen Glasscock left this week for an Eastern trip... WLW, (See FROM ALL AROUND on page 8)

Adam Hats Heavy Fight Schedule

NEW YORK, June 1.—Adam Hats has contracted with National Broadcasting Co. for sponsorship of a minimum of 22 prize fights over the NBC-Blue network during a one-year period. Fights will also be short-waved to Latin America via NBC's two transmitters, WRCA and WNL.

This is the first time a sponsor has bought prize fights straight across the board for a full year.

Fights already set are Billy Conn-Gus Lesnevich, June 5; Joe Louis-Arturo Godoy, June 20, and Tony Galento-Buddy Baer, July 2. The contract calls for a minimum of 22 bouts, it is likely that considerably more will be aired. Deal calls for broadcasting over at least 85 stations.

Set by the Glickman Agency.

Waxers Squawk on Union's Disk Code

NEW YORK, June 1.—Early beefs have already been registered regarding proposed transcription code of American Federation of Radio Actors. Wax men squawked chiefly on the code's clause calling for an additional payment of scale fees after a six-month period, and on scale covering singers for library service. Regarding latter, it is pointed out that Class 1 group scale for nine or more voices is \$180, whereas six voices comes to \$102. Claimed that this is contrary to business practice, but union says this is done to encourage employment of more singers.

Toward the end of the week companies were preparing to set up a committee to negotiate differences with the union.

WPRO a 5,000 Watter

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 1.—WPRO, Columbia outlet, this week began operating with 5,000 watts day and night power boost making the station the most powerful in Rhode Island.

In 1936 WPRO operated with 250 watts.

Television Review

Reviewed Tuesday, 9-10:10 p.m. Style—Variety. Reviewed on RCA Television Receiver. Station—W2XBS (New York).

Studio television program Tuesday was one the National Broadcasting Co.'s better efforts and of particular interest from an educational viewpoint. There were *Dancing Drums*, a presentation of North American Indian dances and music; an exhibition of Persian art with comment by Arthur Upham Pope; a lecture on pictorial journalism by the art editor of *Life*, and a talk on marine invertebrates by Earl B. Perkins, of Rutgers University.

Best of the lot was Perkins' period with the art presentation a close second. Perkins had some excellent film shots to illustrate his spel on marine life, and the tele screen showed these films with terrific detail.

Pope's lecture on Persian and Iranian art was illustrated by a batch of artistic objects he had collected.

The Indians gave a hoky touch to the program, appearing amid plenty of feathers, stomping drum beating and yelling. Troupe was presented by Roland Kingslows, who commented on each performance.

Talk on pictorial journalism was illustrated by both photos and drawings, with comment on problems arising in connection with war coverage. Solid stuff.

Remainder of the program was in a more orthodox show-business vein. Rasha and Milko, who sing Russian songs while strumming guitars, are known to New York cabaret patrons. They are good performers and appeared to advantage.

Cheer was a dramatic piece done by students of Centenary Junior College of Hackettstown, N. J. Cast in this amateur effort, included Betty Cooper, Louise Monex, Louise Bowne and Helen Stein.

Ray Forrest announced. Ackerman.

Program Reviews

EDST Unless Otherwise Indicated

"Cartune-O"

Reviewed Thursday, 7:30-8:15 p.m., EDST. Style—Musical quiz. Sponsor—National Tea Co. Agency—Schwimmer & Scott. Station—WGN (Chicago).

This is the show that replaced *Musico*, practically the same idea except that instead of printed song titles cartoons depicting same are used. Customers receive a bingo sheet with cartoon puzzles printed in five lines, five cartoons to the line. These they are supposed to check when they hear the song played by Harold Stokes and his orchestra. If they don't recognize the song, they are generously assisted by Bill Anson, who clowns entertainingly while he tips tunes to listeners.

Cues could be no more revealing if they were video. But this is all part of the merchandising set-up, because who would listen in if he thought he didn't stand a chance? So it is that, with 21 of the 25 cartoons played by the band, everybody's a winner—provided the acrostic submitted with his *Cartune-O* sheet wins the favor of the judges. Five thousand grocery baskets are awarded, and to the four best entries, cash prizes of from \$25 to \$100. Prizes accumulate from week to week if winner does not respond to the announcement of his name over the radio within seven minutes.

Program steps along at a lively pace. Telephone interruptions from last week's prize-winners are well spaced and provide both suspense and relief from the monotony of musical cues. Too much time allotted to numbers at the beginning of the program squeezed the producer on show caught and forced musicians to race like fiddlers at a square dance in order to include all 21 songs. Commercials were nifty and well presented by Pierre Andre. Contest angle will draw audiences but novelty of show has been milked. Model.

"Men With Batons"

Reviewed Saturday, 9:30-10 p.m., Style—Recordings and talk. Sustaining on WRC, Washington (NBC-Red network).

Even if you aren't a swing fan this can be a pretty interesting show. In a way, it's a variation of the Dr. Damrosch formula except that there isn't so much emphasis on composition. Main talent is Bill Gottlieb, conductor of a record reviewing column in *The Washington Post*, while an announcer shoots questions about current band favorites.

Gottlieb traces the musical growth of one orchestra leader each program, illustrating his points with recordings. During the program caught he recounted the career of Benny Goodman, playing records of Benny's works even from the days that the swing virtuoso was with Harry Pollack.

A pleasing voice plus good diction makes Gottlieb register with his script. Perhaps most interesting is that Gottlieb, somewhere and somehow, found time enough to scour the four corners for old recordings. The jazz hot, swing and anything else in popular music apparently is in his albums, and these are the backbone of the show. Only three weeks have gone by since first airing, so there's a chance that a sponsor will buy it.

Programs of this type are made to this town's measure because budget is low and appeal is high. Jones.

"Invitation to Learning"

Reviewed Sunday, 4:30-5 p.m., Style—Discussion. Sustaining over WABC (New York, CBS network).

This gabfest is for adults with at least a grammar school education, idea being to discuss the political and economic philosophy of the writers of the American Constitution. Program makes its premise that the '76-ers were influenced by thinkers such as Plato, Plutarch, Locke, Paine and Rousseau.

Dr. Stringfellow Barr, president of St. John's College, Annapolis, fiduciary this group, with his regular aids being Andrew Chiappe, instructor of English at Columbia University, and Huntington Cairns, attorney and economist. Guest appearance on the initial program was by Mrs. Helen Hill Miller, economist and ad-

ministrative secretary of the National Policy Committee.

First program discussed the Constitution itself, with Barr sounding the keynote that the necessity of a written constitution was predicated by faith and fear. The various speakers went into the backgrounds of written governing codes, drawing from such backgrounds as the Magna Charta and the Code of Hammurabi (the Bible wasn't even mentioned).

Speakers shied away from any points which would lead to interesting arguments, their ideas apparently lying in similar channels. Interest in this program would be heightened by the inclusion of talkers known to differ from the concepts of the mainstays of the series.

Cohen.

Sydney Moseley

Reviewed Tuesday, 8:15-8:30. Style—Comment. Station—Sustaining on WMCA (New York).

Moseley comes to WMCA with an interesting background, including newspaper work and pioneering in television in Great Britain. His comment on this program, however, appeared too subjective, the quarter-hour period shaping up as Moseley's views rather than news. This in theory is not necessarily bad; but Moseley's subject Tuesday probed a very sore spot.

He spoke, for instance, about the capitulation of King Leopold of Belgium, terming the King's surrender of his army as "inexcusable and cowardly." Moseley may be correct, but his talk gave the impression that he was flag-waving for Great Britain rather than giving an impartial news comment.

WMCA announcer stated Moseley's views were his own. Ackerman.

"Ford Summer Hour"

Reviewed Sunday, 9:10 p.m., Style—Musical. Sponsor—Ford Motor Co. Agency—N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc. Station—WABC (New York, CBS network).

Ford summer program, originating at the Ford Rotunda, Dearborn, Mich., shapes up as 60 minutes of worth-while radio listening. Music is of the better sort and is performed by top artists.

Talent set-up is headed by Jessica Dragonette, and includes baritone James Newill, Leith Stevens Orchestra, the Mercury Chorus and Linton Wells, newscaster.

Vocal contributions were outstanding.

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 program review is inadequate for a production that varies each time it is presented.

POWERS GOURAUD, for many years Philadelphia radio's self-styled Night Owl, is now good-will ambassador for John Moroney (wines) on his mighty WCAU commentaries magnifying his meanderings about town. When caught Monday (11-30-11-45 p.m. except Sunday) it was still the same old Night Owl with the usual town trivia. He not only knows everybody, but has been there himself, in this country or any other, in this decade or two or three removed. Being a gourmet, and having a Continental style of delivery, this broadcasting boulevardier can ring in a wine plug every time the spats snap. It's an after-dinner groove Gouraud gets himself in, and in spite of the midnight hour it's still good enough for afternoon tea.

M. H. O.

With the exception of Johnny Green's Orchestra, Johnny Presents was a disappointing show Tuesday night. It seemed sorely in need of tightening up in direction and either elimination of would-be drama or institution of honest-to-goodness drama.

Dramatization of O'Henry's *The Last of the Troubadours* was a prominent dad. Cast should be grateful that air credits were omitted this time; it was a listless performance of a limp adaptation. Genevieve Howe and Ray Block's Swing Four-

and included both operatic and standard numbers. Miss Dragonette's soprano is much better known than Newill's baritone, but the latter impressed as a very solid warbler. He did *Song of the Open Road*, and, together with Miss Dragonette, a medley from Gershwin's *Folly and Bess*. This medley came on toward the close of the show at a time when the program had begun to pall a trifle, and gave a welcome pick-up.

Stevens' arrangements are smart, tho not extreme, and the Mercury group, working with the orch, is effective. Best combination effort was *Three Blind Mice*, arrangement illustrating changing song styles.

Wells, on this program, told of a visit to the Ford plant. It was all in the nature of a glorified plug. Wells larding his talk with colorful parallels gleaned from his travels. This and program's regular commercials were all in good taste, however.

Program's emcee is Budd Hulick, who makes no special attempt to be funny and does a nice straight job.

Ackerman.

"Is That Right?"

Reviewed Sunday, 5:15-5:30 p.m. Style—Interview, drama. Sustaining over KQV (Pittsburgh).

A good idea got lost here somewhere between conception and delivery. Contest is localized history. Formula begins with questions, moves into poetic description which is ineffectual because seemingly the scripter became enthralled in the beauty of his own words, weakly dramatizing a historical local event under discussion, and winds up with an interview with a current "History Headliner."

Our program reviewed drama was woven around suburban Homestead's "Depression University." Interviewee was teenage Roland Myers, mayor of Juvenile "Hill City," nationally famed as crime-prevention institution comprised of slum district boys and girls.

More finished writing, polished announcing, better timed production and keen editing could convert this program into a power.

Frank.

Winston Ross

Reviewed Wednesday, 5:15-5:30 p.m. Style—Singing. Sponsor—Michael's Department Store. Station—WNEW (New York).

Winston is Lanny Ross' brother and is definitely a capable warbler in his own right. He is a full tenor and during his quarter-hour period delivers some three or four tunes with a fine, mellow voice quality. Technique, including breathing and phrasing, is excellent.

Ross this session confined himself to formal arrangements, singing, among others, *Rosalie* and *Fif Take You Home*

others. Rossie and *Fif Take You Home*

Gov't "Realism" on Air; But Plenty Peace Programs Left

NEW YORK, June 1.—Owing to recent influx of army programs some station execs profess to see an attempt by the federal government to instill a "more realistic attitude" into the radio industry. Illustrating such a point of view are programs like *Soldiers With Wings* over WHN, presentation of army speakers from Governor's Island over WMCA, and programs devoted to defense over WBNX and WOV. In addition, it became known early this week that the war department requested advertisers and agencies to help a recruiting drive by using in radio scripts a sentence plugging national defense and enlistment in the United States Army. This is understood to be the first time the government has asked advertisers and agencies to do this.

Coincident with this, it was stated by some radio men that it had become

extremely difficult for peace organizations to buy air time. This latter viewpoint, however, has been contested by Estelle Sternberger, of World Peacecraft, org which acts as a clearing house for peace programs. Miss Sternberger, who has a series on WQXR and will speak over WOR Wednesday (5), claims there is no change in station's attitude regarding peace programs and that all such programs have been accepted thus far. Execs of WEVD and WOV concur in this belief, but other station people claim this is not so.

In addition to network time, *Peaceways*, according to Miss Sternberger, is now on 200 independent stations. Many of these stations, she says, are even anxious to obtain such programs in order to balance with war news, result being that there have been more peace programs this year than last.

Missouri Candidate Pulls an O'Daniel

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 1.—Fred J. Frankenhoef got himself a hillybilly band to promote his campaign for governor of Missouri on a platform of \$40 a month pensions for the aged.

The St. Joseph circuit judge "kicked off" his campaign the other night with a street show, mountain music and a song fest. Frankenhoef broadcast his speech between music and singing. A thousand or more people heard him thru a public address system hooked up to his headquarters three blocks from the governor's mansion.

His program calls for reduction of State auto license fees, adequate aid to dependent children, increased sales tax collections and big pensions for the aged, 85,000 of whom now draw an average of \$16 a month.

KDKA Business Up As Gregory Leaves

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—KDKA has 46 per cent more local and national spot billings than WCAB and WJAS together. Sherman D. Gregory stated before leaving the Westinghouse-owned NBC-Blue outlet for his new post as manager of all NBC owned and operated stations. KDKA has 272 of 584 hours weekly time sold, the highest percentage in the station's history.

With most of its business national due to its 50,000-watt coverage, KDKA is reported gunning for the NBC-Red franchise now held by the Hearst-owned WCAE, which rates first in most listener polls conducted here during the past couple years. Columbia outlet, WJAS, a close second in the polls that don't place it first, is booked almost solidly CBS with its sister station, KQV, filling a big bulk of the local commercial time.

Before leaving Gregory named Dale Jackson to the continuity staff, assisting chief Bill Seal.

KDKA's new manager, John A. Holman, formerly of WIBZ, Boston, arrived in Pittsburgh at the same time Westinghouse stations' headquarters moved to the new KYW building in Philadelphia under Lee Wales, formerly with NBC. Formerly programmed by NBC, KDKA will now function under Westinghouse supervision.

Sales manager Bill Jackson, of KDKA, is expected to remain.

FCC Clarifies ET And Record Status

NEW YORK, June 1.—Federal Communications Commission has revised rule 3.93, clarifying for the radio audience the distinction between an electrical transcription and a phonograph record.

Rule now states that on programs, "the identifying announcement shall accurately describe the type of mechanical record used, i.e., where an electrical transcription is used, it shall be announced as a 'transcription,' or an electrical transcription, or as transcribed or electrically transcribed; and where a phonograph record is used it shall be announced as a record."

Clarification was sought by Associated

R. G. Swing Program On 71 MBS Stations

NEW YORK, June 1.—Raymond Gram Swing's commercial for White Owl Cigars over Mutual Broadcasting System will be extended to include 71 stations, beginning June 28. Newscaster now goes over 18 outlets. Swing goes on five days a week, his sponsored nights being Monday and Friday.

Understood that National Broadcasting Co. tried to get Swing for the Blue network, but could not guarantee five days.

Coincident with the station expansion, Mutual and J. Walter Thompson, agency for White Owl, are preparing an elaborate brochure with mats, glosses, features, sample plugs and exploitation items, to be sent to station managers. This job is likely to be one of the most elaborate of its kind, approximating the extensive publicity brochures turned out by motion picture companies.

Swing-White Owl-MBS deal is the first even purchase under the network's new volume-discount plan.

Neb. Anti-ASCAP Appeal This Month

LINCOLN, Neb., June 1.—Appeal to U. S. Supreme Court for the recently ruled unconstitutional Nebraska anti-ASCAP law is slated to be made some time this month, according to the office of the attorney-general. Aim is, if not to get a reversal of the three-judge decision in the lower court here, to throw sufficient light on the subject by the high bench opinion so that future legislation can nip at the structure of the society and seek some measure of its control.

Considerable stock was taken in the recent Ethyl gas case, in which the high court proceeded to take apart some of the accepted theories of patents and copyrights, lending to belief the Nebraska case should go on up for similar illuminating review.

Arthur (I'll Get There) Simon Finally Embarks

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—Arthur Simon, head of WPEN, who has had one thing after another, labor trouble, illness and such interfere with his plans for a vacation all year, finally booked passage a few weeks ago on the Holland-American liner Amsterdam for a trip to Bermuda.

The other day he received a return check, informing that since Germany had taken over the Netherlands the cruise had been canceled. So Simon promptly booked passage on the Swedish line's Kungsholm, and again he was advised to call it all off because of the European situation.

Ever determined, Simon took leave on Friday, deciding to pick up his transportation as it comes along.

Musik Publishers and is regarded by e. t. men as a forward step in educating listeners to fact that transcriptions are made specifically for radio as against the more general function of records.

Radio Talent New York By JERRY LESSER

HELEN MENKEN, star of CBS's Second Husband, will do a turn in stock the week of June 3 in *Esmeralda* at Maplewood, N. J. The theater audience will hear her Tuesday night broadcast thru special amplifiers and will then wait while the actress hurries from New York to Maplewood for the stage show.

EILEEN PALMER, who recently became Mrs. LES TREMAYNE, now has the role of Gen Porter in the *Stepmother* serial. . . . The triplet daughters of Panama's ambassador to the United States—EDITH, ELENA and MILDRED BOYD—are assured of a singing career in radio, stage or movies if they accept the advice of W. C. Fields. The studio audience's reaction was prompt and enthusiastic. . . . DONNA READE may be the actress in her family, but her husband, STAN, a lawyer, does the entertaining for social gatherings. STAN's repertoire includes imitations of various radio stars, climaxing by a masterful take-off of his wife. DONNA is planning retaliation—an imitation of her husband making a plea to a jury.

TED STEEL'S schedule has now reached the point where to take a new show he has to drop an old one. Thus, resignation from *Strange as It Seems* made way for two new 15-minute spots, broadcast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11 over WABC. The name of the show is *Hollywood Dreams* and stars TED with PHYLLIS GRODRE. BENNY VENUTA has been signed for Abbott and Costello show.

The *Salon Players*, of Jackson Heights, a group of bankers, doctors, lawyers, salesmen, housewives, etc., last week did a grand job with "Petticoat Fever," which was di-

rected by Ruth Hill Jostyn, wife of radio's Jay Jostyn. Loss of Don Costello to "Grand Central Station" is a gain for RKO and MGM pictures. He's Hollywood bound.

WARNER BAXTER has been sold for a full show. . . . UNCLE JIM'S *Question Bee* will replace *Big Town* for the summer. . . . ASIMMED SCOTT, writer and director of the *Blondie* show, and TIG TURNER, radio and motion picture actress, eloped to Ensenada, Mex. KATHERINE SQUIRE and KATHRINE RAFT will be added to the *Light of the World* cast. . . . CARL EASTMAN will become a father at almost any minute.

FRANK LOVEJOY and JOAN BANKS will be married Friday at Norwalk, Conn. . . . BERNARD LENROW did the narration for this year's Consolidated Edison's *City of Light* at the World's Fair. . . . WENDELL HOLMES is now playing the role of Max Woodward on the *Myrt and Marge* show. According to JACK ZOLLER, NBC announcer in Hollywood, Manning's Coffee Shop is the "Lamb's" of the West Coast.

WOW ARTISTS' BUREAU, thru Sam G. Harris, last week set a flock of acts for night clubs and resorts, including Marge, Dame Reed, Ellen Farrar, Jack Keane, Joe Madden and Charles Franklin for Jack Linder's "Hollywood Doubles" show at Luna Park, Coney Island, N. Y.; also Eddie Kaplan, Al Golden, Three Charms, Gert Erdy and Cora Leed for the West Shore Club, White Lake, N. Y., last week-end, and Billy Perch and Morris Lloyd for the Monterey Hotel, South Fallsburg, N. Y.

Chicago

By NORMAN MODELL

CAST of *Sachelor's Children* plans to turn out for CHARLES FLYNN's wedding Saturday (8). . . . UNCLE EZRA is back in town, having completed work on the forthcoming Bob Burns picture. . . . BILLY IDELSOHN takes on his first role in six years outside of Rush in *Vic and Sode* in *FAYETTE KRUM's* NBC sustainer, *Thunder Over Paradise*. FERN PERSONS gets the female lead, HENRY HUNTER the male. Others in cast are Lorette Fullbrandt, Michael Romano, Hugh Roland, Sid Elstrom, Cliff Scoubier, Pat Murphy and Boris Apion. . . . TED MACMURRAY received a fat bonus from SANDRA MICHAEL for cutting short his vacation to take the job of producing *Love Journey*. . . . Recast in a role in *Stepmother* is EILEEN PALMER. SARAJANE WELLS gets the new part of Louise Sims in *Right to Happiness*.

Apparently there is an epidemic

of queening NBC radio stars. On June 11 it will be June Travis, who will be crowned *Vacation Queen* by Western Electric. Last week it was Lee Childs, elected *Lady of the Lakes* by Central Marine Chamber of Commerce. A few weeks ago Chicago Radio Engineers declared Evelyn Lynne "amph girl," and about the same time she acquired a second crown as *Queen of the Air Carnaval* at Birmingham. Who not a queen, Marceline Marshall must conform to her newly acquired title of "America's Ideal Granddaughter." And Betty Winkler, as first lieutenant of the Black Horse Troop, may be considered a princess in equestrian royalty. What we want to know is who's next and why. . . . Jack Francis Payne, former Milwaukee continuity writer, joined WBBM-CBS staff Monday (7).

FROM ALL AROUND

(Continued from page 6)
Cincinnati, will broadcast directly from the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia June 24. Staff of four men covering will include Peter Grant, chief announcer, and Fred Thomas, scripter.

Globe Grain and Milling Co. has renewed "Mary Foster, the Editor's Daughter," for 13 weeks over KXN, Hollywood. . . . KYSM, Mankato, Minn., is providing hospital patients with daily program schedules. Broder Arnold (Bud) Sugg, plant supervisor of KGO-KPO, San Francisco, has been elected president of the NBC Athletic Association. New secretary and treasurer are Joan Peterson, of the auditing department, and Stanley Smith, of guest relations. Dale Jackson has been added to the KDKA continuity staff as assistant to Bill Seal.

Horace Stovin, supervisor of station relations for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Toronto, visited Al Nelson, general manager of the NBC San Francisco Division this week. . . . KGO-KPO have an exhibit at the San Francisco Fair.

Floyd Wright, former theater organist, now NBC organist at San

Francisco.

Wayne W. Cribb, until recently manager of Station WSAU, Wausau, Wis., has been named manager of WHEB Sheboygan, Wis., succeeding Edwin J. Gunniff, who becomes manager of WKBS La Crosse, Wis. . . . New announcer at CKCK, Regina, Can., is Jim Kent, of Moose Jaw, Sask. He has had some experience on CHAB, Moose Jaw. Pittsburgh Notes: Spear & Co. furniture stores have bought the daily news-bulletin over WWSW thru Walker & Downing. Victor Brewing Co. here began sponsorship of Joe Tucker's pre-baseball-game sports roundup thru Earl W. Bothwell, agency and National Biscuit Co. has renewed Martin Block's Make Believe Ballroom daily except Sunday over the same station thru McCann-Erickson.

Dixie Dabbles: Isabel Miller, Miss New Orleans of 1937, joins George Olsen's Cox in Cleveland June 5. . . . Bonnie Bell, singer, joins staff of WWL, New Orleans. . . . Orville Anderson, news announcer at WWL. . . . Joe Ford leaves announcer staff of WSGN, Birmingham, to enter a non-pro field. Two new additions to the announcer staff are William H. Snow and Thomas Seering. Bill Terry, sports announcer for WSGN recuperating from appendectomy.

CRA-GAC MERGER COLLAPSES

MPPA, Hit Parade Agree on a More "Stable" Listing

NEW YORK, June 1.—Music Publishers' Protective Association has reached an agreement with the American Tobacco Co., sponsor of the *Lucky Strike Hit Parade*, calling for a "more stabilized" method of listing songs used on the show. According to Walter G. Douglas, MPPA chairman, American Tobacco agreed to place more emphasis on the retail and wholesale sales of sheet music and on the popularity of the songs in the nation's 300,000 music machine locations when determining the *Hit Parade* leaders.

Less prominent consideration henceforth will be given radio song plugs, effected thru the high-pressure selling methods of the publishing houses; home sales of records, and requests made of band leaders. During an MPPA board meeting Tuesday (28) it was pointed out that a list reflecting actual sheet sales and plays on phone machines will represent a truer picture of the nation's song preferences. Another meeting between Douglas and a committee of American Tobacco executives is scheduled for Tuesday (4), when the agreement will be discussed at greater length and methods of gathering the correct information will be perfected.

Phones to the Fore

Because the music machine industry has mushroomed in the last couple of years to such an extent that it can greatly prolong the lifetime of a tune, leaders in the music business are happy to see it playing a prominent position in the *Hit Parade* picture. Inclusion of this consideration has been asked by some publishers for months.

MPPA and its members feel that accenting the actual sheet sales of songs, plus the demand for tunes on music machines, will make the *Hit Parade* more "stabilized," in that a song will not be able to shoot up to the top and then fall off the next week or so, as is the case, according to music men, when a publisher has a drive week on a tune, resulting in many additional plugs that week as against many less the week before and the week after. Sheet sales fluctuate far less than song plugs, and it is felt that with steady sales the determining factor rather than the variable air performances, a tune's *Hit Parade* course will run on a smoother, steadier and therefore more equitable keel.

Rules Waived in Chi Mixed Band Concerts

CHICAGO, June 1.—School bands will appear in the same band shell with professional musicians in the Grant Park concerts which open here today (1), weather permitting. To make this possible it was necessary for James C. Petrillo, president of the Chicago Federation of Musicians, to ease the federation's strict rules against amateur competition with professionals.

Regular park concerts have been held during July and August for the past five years. This year a month of pre-season concerts was decided upon to give school bands an opportunity to appear on the same program with professionals. Kid orks will not be paid, but members of the band winning a final contest before Dr. Frederick Stock will be given full membership in the union.

Petrillo estimates that the federation will pay out \$178,000 this summer to cover cost of the concerts.

Decca in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 1.—Decca Records marks the opening of its fifth distributing branch in 1940, this week, by establishing an outlet here, it was announced by E. F. Stevens, vice-president of the waxworks.

Others opened this year include branches in Syracuse, Newark, Milwaukee and Jacksonville, bringing the total to 26 wholly owned branch distributors.

Just Call Him Enrico

NEW YORK, June 1.—Mona Montes, dancer at the Rainbow Room, confided to Ben Cutler, orch leader there, that she was a ballerina with the Metropolitan Opera, but quit to achieve success in the popular dancing field.

Which brought from Cutler the admission that it has always been his desire to become an opera singer and the closest he came to it was an appearance at the West Side Community Center where he sang an aria in costume.

Marks Claims BMI Song Infringement On Lehar Standard

NEW YORK, June 1.—Prospect of its first involvement in litigation with another music publisher looms for Broadcast Music, Inc., over its song *In the Silence of the Dawn*, music of which is by Leon De Costa, with lyrics by Samuel O. Johnson and De Costa. Edward H. Marks Music Co. this week notified BMI by letter that the number allegedly infringes in both melody and lyric idea on the Marks standard, *Frasquita Serenade*, commonly known as *My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue*, by Franz Lehár and Sigmund Spaeth. Letter sent BMI was in the nature of a "what-are-you-going-to-do-about-it" query, with legal action dependent, according to the Marks firm, upon BMI's answer.

Marks claims that the melodic theme of the two songs is markedly similar, and further that the first line of *Frasquita* is "In the silence of the night," whereas the BMI number has for its opening words, "In the silence of the dawn." Sydney M. Kaye, attorney for BMI, stated that he had replied to Marks and pointed out that he saw no reason for either a withdrawal from the BMI catalog of the *Dawn* song or a revision of its melody or lyric. Kaye was inclined to minimize the Marks threat as another in the endless chain of protests lodged by one publisher against another in the matter of allegedly stolen compos.

Jurgens' 5,000 Milk Funders

MILWAUKEE, June 1.—More than 5,000 persons turned out for the Milk Fund Ball May 24 at the Eagle's ballroom here, with Dick Jurgens' Orch doing the musical honors. Affair was sponsored by the Milwaukee Junior Chamber of Commerce, and advance tickets were 50 cents, with tariff at the gate 75 cents. Ted Bach and his Commanders appeared with the Jurgens unit.

Robbins Plans Old-Time Plug Methods If ASCAP Loses Out

NEW YORK, June 1.—Threatened radio strike which may occur if the broadcasting industry and ASCAP do not reach an agreement on royalty payments in September has galvanized music publishers into action to find other media of exploitation if the much-coveted radio plug is done away with.

First step in this direction has been instituted by Jack Robbins for his three companies, Robbins Music, Faust, Inc., and Miller Music. Robbins is going ahead with plans to revert back to the old music hall plugging days—only in streamlined fashion, when vaudeville gave the major performance plugs.

The Big Three, which collectively controls 18 per cent of American copyrighted music, are making preparations to use the studio and distributing facilities of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 20th Century-Fox and New Universal Pictures (whose music is published by the Robbins combine) to make three to five-minute motion picture shorts and plug the tunes thru the medium of the screen.

"Playmates" Case

Robbins figures that the 70,000,000 audience that is reached thru the screen

Eleventh-Hour Proposals Call Halt to Agencies' Partnership

Oft-rumored blending almost an actuality—Green, Rockwell disagree at last minute—third failure to merge in three tries

NEW YORK, June 1.—Another proposed merger between Consolidated Radio Artists and General Amusement Corp., the third in three years, collapsed last night after a settlement had been virtually agreed upon up to signature time, whereby the two agencies would have begun functioning as a single unit on Monday. Picture, however, took a sharp turn when Charles Green, CRA proxy, and Thomas Rockwell, GAC head, both submitted last-minute proposals after the final papers had been drawn up following weeks of protracted negotiations. The top men of both agencies bumped heads over "last-minute conditions" and the entire deal was called off, despite the elaborate plans that had been made for the merger.

Both Green and Rockwell were reluctant to discuss the salient points of the 11th-hour disagreement, outside of saying that "last-minute conditions" made it impractical to make a deal at the present time" (Rockwell), and "we were unable to agree as to terms" (Green).

However, interested parties who had a hand in the negotiations claim that there was a "last-minute rengege" when certain proposals were offered, after Green and Rockwell got together to sign the papers that would have made the merger an actuality, and the first in the agency field since band booking became a big business.

The big factors of the consolidation between the two offices had been worked out, and everybody involved was confident that the only detail left was to sign the necessary papers. So much so, that on Friday afternoon Rockwell was consulting with the renting agent in Rockefeller Center for larger quarters to house the increased set-up.

According to Rockwell, the idea behind the grouping of the two agencies was to make it possible for both offices to do the same gross business per year at approximately half the cost. Last year, Rockwell stated, GAC did a total gross of \$2,250,000, while CRA's total revenue was \$1,800,000, and that booking all properties thru the same office would have increased the profit margin considerably.

Under the new set-up, Rockwell would have been the head man, but CRA would still have retained its corporate title, and bands and acts under contract to them would still have operated under a CRA agreement. In brief, it was explained, CRA would have retained its identity, but would have transacted its business under the GAC roof, with the total profits cut up between both corporations, Rockwell getting a considerably larger share.

Also under the terms of the contract that was finally ash-canned, the agencies' branch offices in different sections of the country would have likewise consolidated their forces, one moving into the other that had the best renting deal. GAC's forces in Chicago were supposed to move into CRA offices; GAC would have completely taken over the Cleveland CRA office; CRA would have moved into GAC office in Los Angeles, and GAC would have moved into the CRA branch in San Francisco.

After everybody was shaking hands, however, and moves were being made to dissolve various corporate set-ups in CRA, the latter agency is understood to have made new proposals at the final peace meeting which now has them as far apart as the first negotiation meeting three years ago.

Bernard Miller was Rockwell's attorney in the deal, and Harry Berman acted legally for Green, altho he severed his full-time connection with CRA several weeks ago.

Weems Draws a Full House

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 1.—Ted Weems played to a capacity audience here May 19 at the Coliseum. With the Fall Corn Exposition in progress, Weems packed the floor with 2,600 admissions, and was forced to turn 1,500 tempos away.

Looks Like a Long, Hard Summer

NEW YORK, June 1.—Vernon Duke is already making preparations for a nervous breakdown, what with being assigned to compose special music for four shows due on Broadway next fall.

Duke has contributed numbers to *Two Weeks With Pay*, is collaborating with Ted Fetter and John La Touche on the music for *Much Ado About Nothing*, at the same time is working with Al Lewis and Milton Bender on *Little Joe*, and writing the score of the second edition of *Sirnashet Renu* with Max Liebman. On top of that he has completed the music for *Ent'rect*, for the Monte Carlo Ballet Russes.

Breakdown music will be written by all of Duke's collaborators.

Philly Traveling Band Plan Misses In Its First Test

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—Plan to permit traveling bands in local spots, upon promise to employ local musicians for 25 per cent of the playing time, has hit a snag. Apparently the local lads are insisting that their 25 per cent playing time come first, with the result that all bands are off.

Plan came to a test and missed in the selection of a band to bow at the new Club Ball, which opened a fortnight ago. The Kaliner brothers and Ben Lennisch, operating the spot, had been auditioning numerous local bands prior to the opening. Finding none to suit their tastes, they turned to Music Corp. of America, which is producing the spot's show. Ned went to Nat Brandwynne, with localite Don Renaldo getting the relief music call.

Brandwynne Out

After losing out, localites ran to the union yelling "fake" because Manie Sacks, MCA exec, was present at an audition. They charged that Brandwynne was set all the time. Sacks, however, fired back that his only interest was in trying to land the post for a local band and said he had even tipped off some of the boys about the open job. A former Philadelphian, Sacks booked bands here before joining MCA.

As a result of the squeak Brandwynne, originally intending to remain until July 3, when he jumps to Blitz-Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, must bow out next week. Spot operators meanwhile have auditioned at least a dozen local combos, but have given the nod to none as yet. If they keep an out-of-town band scale gets hiked.

Cavalier Opens Mansion, Shutters Elms, Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, O., June 1.—New Terrace Club of The Mansion, Tony Cavalier's swank dancehall here, made its summer debut Wednesday (29). Lee Dixon's Band, Key Keever doing the vocalizing, provides the dance tunes. Policy is dancing nightly, at \$1 a couple.

With the opening of The Mansion, the Elm Ballroom downtown, where name bands have been the policy for the past several months, shutters until fall. Gene Krupa was the closing-night attraction. The Elms also is operated by Cavalier.

Jamestown, N. Y., Ballroom Becomes Summer Night Club

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., June 1.—According to J. G. Campbell, owner of Celeron Park here, the Pier Ballroom will be converted into a full-week nighter this season. The policy of former years of using name bands Saturdays will be adhered to.

Improvements and redecorations are now being made, including a celotex ceiling. Policy for week nights will most likely be a local band or a no-name traveling unit, in addition to a floor show.

Ballroom, as well as the park, will open shortly.

BIRMINGHAM, June 1.—Club Forest Inn here swing open its doors May 24, featuring Oliver Mayor's Orc. Under the management of Josh Milton, spot will feature dancing seven nights a week.

Orchestra Notes

By DANIEL RICHMAN

Manhattan Murmurs

MYSTERY seems to surround the opening of the Hotel Pennsylvania Roof this season, with some quarters maintaining that the hotel will not open its upstairs bistro, but will keep the Cafe Rouge going until August 1, with Jimmie Dorsey on the stand till then, and then close down the room until Glenn Miller returns in October. . . . Other sources insist that the Roof will unshutter, as scheduled, on the 24th . . . Some credence is lent to the closing argument by the fact that WOODY HERMAN had been talked about to follow Dorsey on the Roof some time during the summer, but Tom Rockwell, General Amusement Corp. chief, is now in the process of setting Woody for the Hotel New Yorker, to follow Larry Clinton on July 9. . . . DEL COURTEY, who opened an originally booked four weeks at the Park Central's Cocoanut Grove last month, has been re-signed for an indefinite sojourn there. . . . JAMES P. JOHNSON takes over the jazz assignment at Greenwich Village's hot spot, Cafe Society, on the 4th, replacing Joe Sullivan. . . . latter is going a-touring. . . . JOE MARSDALA even things a bit with TOMMY DORSEY, who grabbed off several of Marsala's men recently, by giving the guitar seat in his small combo to GARMEN MASTRENI, ex-Dorseyite. . . . Marsala started his nightstand at the Hickory House Friday (31). . . . THE QUINTONES start six weeks at the Famous Door Tuesday (4), along with TEDDY POWELL, in for his second date there. . . . PANCHITO starts his third year at the Versailles this week.

On an Eastern Wing

EDDIE DURHAM, formerly arranger for Count Basie, takes his 16-piece band into the Chatterbox, Mountaintop, N. J., on the 3d. . . . JACK SHERR steps off at the swanky Nantucket (Mass.) Yacht Club for the summer, starting the 29th . . . he's currently at Jack White's Club 18, New York. . . . JIMMY WALSH comes East for the June 9 week at Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh. . . . BOB WHITE, former band manager and booker, takes over the drums with Hal Lanberry's Orc at the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore. . . . LEE KUHN makes it indef at Bordewick's, nee Murray's, in Tuckahoe, N. Y., beginning June 6. . . . SAMMY WATKINS, who plays the spot every summer, starts his annual stint at the 500 Club, Atlantic City, July 3. . . . Another all-summer job goes to MICHAEL PAGE, June 23, at Gateway Casino, Summers Point, N. J. . . . Danny Collins set ORANT THOMPSON into the Pegasus Club, Rockleigh, N. J. . . . PAUL ANTHONY, ex-vocalist with Murray Driscoll's Orc at the Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, this week joined Bill Lester's Band at the Homestead Hotel, New Orleans, La. . . .

Atlantic Whispers

ROLL PARKER locates at Little Ritz R. Cafe near Norristown, Pa. . . . JON

Lincoln Dance Biz Nose-Dives In May; Fewer Names Planned

LINCOLN, Neb., June 1.—Music business took an extensive beating here last month, due probably to a variety of reasons. Whether it was the fact that name bands came in too fast on the heels of one another, or that the allowances of college boys have been dwindling as school approaches the finish, or that pay checks are being husbanded for summer vacations, or that war bulletins are keeping people glued to radio sets, or a combination of everything, the fact remains that the dance biz hereabouts took a tremendous dive during the past four weeks.

Since Herbie Kay, who made a nice profit for R. H. Pauley at the Turnpike Casino, April 14, and Ossie Nelson, who did better than even on the 26th, there hasn't been a single profit turner in the list of follow-uppers. Duke Ellington barely got in the \$700 neighborhood May 19 at the Turnpike (\$5 cents-\$1.10). Tommy Tucker on the 14th, at 55-85 cents, got but \$200, very light. Russ Morgan drew in \$675, scaled at 85 cents-\$1.25, which was far under his previous appearance.

Promoters Retrenching

Henry Busse, doing a quick repeat after two months at King's Ballroom,

SEGRO sets the stand at the Lancaster Pa., Gran Shay, . . . PENNY PENDLETON, formerly with Clarence Fuhrman's house band at KYW, Philadelphia, joins JOE FRASSETTO for the song setting. . . . GEORGE BAKAY making the music at Wilson's and JOHN JOSEPH at Lido Venice both Philadelphia nighties. . . . AL ROESSCH set for the summer's ride at Village Garden Wonder Bar, Atlantic City. . . . Blue Room of the Warwick House, Littleton, Pa., gets DAVE HELLMAN for the Saturday night functions. BILL GATES, the gang doubling on 50 individual instruments, camp at Cadillac Tavern, Philadelphia. . . . The spot at Royal Hotel, Wilmington, Del., brings in JOE THOMAS. . . . Dixon's Cafe, Sharon Hill, Pa., gets the JOE SMALL syncos. . . . ABE NEFF, Philadelphia maestro, off for Summit Springs (Me.) Hotel for the 19th consecutive season. . . . LEO ZOLLO at Rainbow Gardens, Stratford, Pa., gets a Mutual wire for his music. . . .

Midwestern Melange

ANDREW KARZAS was unable to fulfill his expectations of having SHEP FIELDS play a month at the Aragon Ballroom, Chi. . . . FREDDY MARTIN goes into the dancing June 3-July 12, while BILL McCUNE starts indef at Karz's other spot, the Trianon, June 7. . . . CHUCK FOSTER gets a WBBM-CBS wire at Chi's Oh Henry Ballroom—something he didn't expect. . . . MUGGSY SPANIER gives up his small combo to tootle with Bob Crosby's outfit. . . . DEKE MOFFITT'S 13-piece crew, a local combo, takes over at Beverly Hills Country Club, Newport, Ky., when Happy Felton's boys move out this week-end. . . . SYLVIA RHODES, former WLW singer, joined Gardner Benedict's Band at the Netherland-Park Hotel, Cincinnati. . . . LEIGHTON NOBLE makes it the Hotel Cleveland in the city of that name June 5 indef. . . . BOB SIDELL, who headed the strolling trio at the Rev Hill spot, Newport, Ky., for the past several years, given up that task to become assistant to the president of the Cincinnati Musicians' Union, succeeding the late Murray Horton. . . . his place in the trio has been filled by JOHNNY FIELDEN, who with Al Weiman and Ray Kleemeyer will continue to use the Sidell trade name. . . . TED WEEMS takes in the two weeks, starting June 21, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, St. Louis. . . .

Of Maestri and Men

JOE GLASER signed EDDIE SOUTH to record for Columbia, marking Eddie's debut on wax since he returned from Europe several years ago. . . . Leonard Joy, of Victor-Bluebird, inked YVETTE, radio chanteuse, to a contract on the cheaper label, and is giving VAUGHN MONROE, Boston batonier, crack at a few Bluebird sides. . . . JOHNNY WATSON, formerly Jan Savitt's arranger, is performing in a similar capacity for the Monroe Band. . . . HENRY KING goes

into the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, July 22, indef. CLYDE LUCAS takes in the July 11-31 period at Elitch Gardens, Denver. . . . Peabody Hotel, Memphis, gets TOMMY TUCKER the June 8 week, followed by BUDDY ROGERS from the 13th to the 27th.

. . . TERRY SHAND heads for the Washington Youree, Shreveport, La., June 13 for an indef stand. . . . The 8th finds GERRY GERARD ensconced at the Battle House Hotel, Mobile, Ala. Change of orks at the Trianon Club, Santa Fe, N. M., has ZEKE BOYD moving into the spot vacated by JOHNNIE HAMILTON. . . . CHUCK BENNETT starts a summer engagement at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo., the band doing its own booking. . . . new wave waver formerly sold the vocals for Al Kavine. . . . DON REDMAN takes a band into Chicago's Grand Terrace Cafe around the middle of the month. . . . LANG THOMPSON stops off at Coney Island Park, Cincinnati, June 7-13, following that up with Jenkins' Pavilion, Point Pleasant, N. Y., June 21, for the summer.

Old-Time Dancing Clicks in Detroit

DETROIT, June 1.—Garden Center Ballroom, downtown dance spot, has been taken over by Eddie Dreyer, manager of the Campus Ballroom for the past year. Mrs. Dreyer will manage the new acquisition. Garden Center was formerly run by Whitfield F. Jackson, who continues to operate the Hollywood Ballroom.

Dreyer's acquisition of the spot marks the definite success of old-time dancing in selected spots in the Detroit area. Dreyer himself is an orch leader, conducting his own band for old-time dancing at the Campus. Paul Jones' Ork has been booked into the Garden Center, where an old-time dance policy is followed five nights a week. Campus, a neighborhood-style spot, has two nights of modern dancing and three of old-fashioned.

Chocolate Dandies Revived For One Recording Session

NEW YORK, June 1.—The Chocolate Dandies, famous pick-up recording band in the era 1928 to 1933, was revived last week for an all-star jam session by Leonard Feather, British swing savant, for the Commodore Record label. In the two-sided session four of the original Dandies participated, including Benny Carter, Coleman Hawkins, John Kirby and Sidney Catlett. Bernard Addison and Roy Eldridge completed the group.

All are former members of Fletcher Henderson's Band, and the numbers played on the all-star session, *Smack and Dedication*, were written by Feather and dedicated to Henderson.

Fitzgerald Clicks With 1,471 in Charlotte, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 1.—Despite a pouring rain, Ella Fitzgerald drew 1,471 paid admissions to a Negro dance held here Wednesday (29) at the Charlotte Armory. Admission for dancers was 85 cents each with an extra charge of 25 cents for reserved seats. Slightly over 300 white spectators paid 90 cents each to watch.

Roger Kent, who formerly promoted dances in Virginia cities, promoted the dance and said he planned to bring Negro name bands here regularly in the future.

Heidi Opens Springfield Ballroom With \$3,850

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 1.—Hornes Drew 3,600 persons to the new ballroom at Riverside Park here for the opening night, May 29. With admission prices scaled at 99 cents each in advance sale and \$1.10 at the gate the evening of dance, gross receipts were estimated to be \$3,850 by Edward Carroll, owner and manager of the park.

Heidi is the first of many name bands that will appear at the park during the season, scheduled for every Wednesday night, with "Bands of Tomorrow" scheduled for other nights during the week.

THE CASINO, dance spot in lower New Orleans, opens today (1) under management of Jerry Woods. Tony Almerico's Orc has been signed for the music making Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

CAMPUS NIXES LA CONGA

Music Items

Songs and Such

JOHN GAETT, organist on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's soap program, has titled the theme song, *Our Lady*, dedicated to the First Lady. As yet unpublished.

Wet from the pens of Albert J. Randolph and George A. Gibbs Jr. is *Roses for a Lovely Lady*. United Music publishing.

The South comes in for a few more musical dedications with a revival of *Sing Me a Song of the South*, by George Norton and James W. Casey, and *Little Cotton Dolly*, by Richard H. Buck and Adam Geibel. On the Jerry Vogel catalog.

Leeds Music has taken instrumentals from Tommy Reynolds, *Once Over Lightly*, and Will Osborne-Dick Rogers, *Dry Bones*.

Joe McDowell Music Co. is publishing *You Will Never Grow Old to Me*, by Max Ellerman.

The London song-plugging situation concerning heavy bribes to orchestra leaders to plug tune titles over British Broadcasting Corp. network took a new turn recently when the question came up in the House of Commons on whether or not BBC was remiss in allowing baton-wavers to accept bribes when its contracts with the leaders contained a clause forbidding the practice.

Sir John Reith, then Minister of Information (since replaced by Alfred Duff Cooper), admitted the "evil" and said that while a cure seemed impossible, BBC was doing all in its power to minimize it.

Different opinion, however, prevails in music publishing circles to the extent that BBC has shut its eyes to the practice, but in return leaders were paid less than existing value.

At the moment publishers are attempting to legalize the "bribes" by setting a scale for plugs. Price now under consideration is \$10 per song and \$20 for special orchestrations. Specially orchestrated songs, however, must be played twice for the same price.

Publishers and People

LARRY POTIN, maestro at Willow Grove Amusement Park, Philadelphia, penned *Doing the Socoos*, which promises to be a long-distance song, having 124 measures to the chorus.

Joe Frassetto, music master at WIP, Philadelphia, introducing *From the Moment We Met*, fashioned by Bob Russell, emcees at Jack Lynch's in the same city. Russell is also set to have Bing Crosby do the introducing on his *Tired of Everything Without You*.

Aiming to get it sanctioned as the official song of the Republican National Convention, Otto W. Kulling, Meadowbrook, Pa., publishes *Yes, Yes, Tomorrow*.

Akron Dog Tracks Now in Ork Market

AKRON, June 1.—Two competing dog tracks in this district will battle it out for patronage this summer thru the medium of nationally known orks. Bands will replace circus, vaudeville and thrill acts used in former years, operators revealed.

John Paul Flanagan, exploitation chief at near-by Brimfield track, brought in George Duffy as an attraction for his opening recently, and promised a parade of name bands to continue Monday nights throughout the season. Early future attractions include Little Jack Little, Don Bester and Russ Morgan.

Altho Brimfield jumped the gun on the opposition Lake Milton track, the latter went Flanagan one better and booked Ted Lewis for four consecutive nights, starting May 29, the most pretentious dog track entertainment offering on record in these parts.

Use of bands by the two major tracks opens up a new field for orks playing this territory, and bidding between the two track operators is reported to be keen, each striving to obtain the biggest and best names available.

A RECORDED program presented by a local soft-drink concern over Station CJRW, Regina, Sask., gives credit to The Billboard for information as to the 10 top tunes of the week. Broadcast in aired every Saturday.

Latin American Music Far From Popular With Collegiate Youth

66 schools out of 108 definitely against it—some like it for listening, not for dancing—only 8 fave bands—Cugat most liked

NEW YORK, June 1.—With Latin American music looming large on the dance horizon as the next universally popular tempo craze, *The Billboard* this year extended its annual survey of the musical tastes of collegiate America to include two questions concerning campus reactions to rumbas, congas and tangos and to the orchestras that interpret them. The results prove that anyone in the music business who is convinced that the South American way is as solidly entrenched all over the country as it is in a number of metropolitan centers is being slightly premature in his figuring. The college kids—who form so large a part of dancing America, and who are so largely responsible for the creation or destruction of existing dance styles—have not thus far followed the lead of their elders in large cities in the matter of taking the one-two-three-kick rhythms to their bosom. In short, the prom-trotters are almost overwhelmingly anti-Latin music.

To the editors of 108 college newspapers, humor magazines and campus mags *The Billboard*, in its third year poll of collegiate preferences in bands and music, put the following queries: "What is your student body's attitude toward Latin American dance music, such as congas, tangos and rumbas?" and "Does your campus have any particular favorite orchestra specializing in this type of music, and if so, who?" The editors (whose votes for Glenn Miller as the most popular band, Ray Eberle and Bonnie Baker the most popular vocalists, Woody Herman the most up-and-coming among the newer bands, and for sweet-swing as the successor to swing have been recorded on these pages in recent issues) prove that what may be exceedingly popular in the way of music or dancing in the hotel supper rooms and night clubs of New York and other centers of sophistication is not of necessity favored elsewhere.

OKEH FOR SOUND

On 66 campuses out of the 108 represented in this year's survey the rumba, the conga and the tango are definitely de trop. The aversion runs from mild to vehement, but as far as these 66 schools are concerned they'll stick to the good old American way without the South. In some cases the reason is a marked unfamiliarity with the type of music and dancing itself; in others the kids know what it's all about but turn thumbs down for one reason or another.

Violent

NEW YORK, June 1.—Feeling ancient Latin-American stuff at Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., runs pretty high, but in a decidedly adverse way. Says the spokesman for the school: "The students here are definitely thumbs down on the Latin-American dance music. Congas, rumbas and tangos are the most forbidden styles on the campus. The orchestra which comes here and plays such stuff is liable to assault and battery."

Fair warning, maestri.

The remaining 42 institutions of higher learning are divided to the extent that 28 of them express a liking for the south-of-the-border rhythms, a liking that varies from very strong to lukewarm, while 14 are in agreement that the stuff is all right to listen to, but that it can't be danced to. The latter point is, of course, open to debate, and there are no doubt numerous addicts of the one-two-three-kick who would rise indignantly to the defense. But the fact remains that this is the way certain campuses feel about it, and it's an important point to be considered in any prognostications as to the future of Pan-American dancemania on a national basis.

Altho the immediate success of this type of rhythm within the nation's ivy-clad walls seems doomed, judging from the approximately two-thirds vote against it, a significant point is found in the fact that more than half of the schools in favor of it are located far from metropolitan centers, and in quite a few

instances are colleges whose student bodies are drawn more from the country than from the cities. The explanation would seem to lie in the impression created by recordings, dance remote programs, and in certain cases orchestras brave enough to trot out a rumba or two while playing a prom at the particular school.

CUGAT TOPS

The lack of general collegiate interest in South American dance styles is pointed up by the nomination of only eight orchestras as the most favored purveyors of this kind of rhythmatism. Of the octet Xavier Cugat romps home the winner by the substantial margin of 18 votes, as against two for his nearest competitor, Andre Koestelanetz. One item apiece is chalked up for Carlos Molina, Eric Rodriguez, Ruby Newman, Leighton Noble, Sammy Kaye and Don Alfredo Gama. No comment as to selections was asked for.

Unpaid Advt.

NEW YORK, June 1.—A nice plug for one of Latin-America's prime ambassadors of musical good-will is inserted by the University of Missouri, Columbia, in stating its reaction to the rhythms of that territory.

The college ed speaking: "Okeh to listen when Carmen Miranda is singing, but not for dances."

Some of the comment, reasons and thoughts pro and con on the basic attitudes of the studs toward the tempest invader from the South, however, are particularly pertinent and revealing. As in previous issues of *The Billboard* wherein the college eds spoke for themselves regarding their choices of fave orchestras, singers and dance styles, they are again given the floor to express their likes and dislikes as to the Latin beats.

Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., feels that "altho there has been a slight interest brought from New York City, it remains more as a curiosity, a novelty, but it is taking hold rapidly." Give it just a bit more time." Bates College, Lewiston, Me., isn't, however, as charitable to the Pan-American interloper—"This type of music is tolerated rather than enjoyed here at Bates." Northeastern University, Boston, finds it "good for variety, but not to be played too frequently."

Boston University registers the complaint that "we favor it but don't get enough of it," while Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., stays sort of on the fence and calls it "interesting, but undanceable and typed." College of the City of New York, despite its proximity to one of the strongholds of the new trend, says "there is just beginning to be a demand for

Too Ignorant

NEW YORK, June 1.—Honesty in self-analysis apparently is one of the major courses at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City. Editor of the school's paper, in denying any interest in south-of-the-border rhythms on his campus, puts the blame not upon the music but upon the students themselves.

In his own words, "We Middle Westerners are too ignorant to appreciate it. We know not how to tangle with tangos."

Is That So?

NEW YORK, June 1.—University of Washington, Seattle, reports its attitude on congas, rumbas, etc., in a picturesquely if perhaps a slightly vague sort of way.

"We like to listen to them occasionally," says the college's newspaper editor, "but not dance them. They are a little too too."

them (congas, rumbas, etc.), but it is still very slight, with the conga in the lead." "Provide novel entertainment" is the way Baltimore (Md.) City College dismisses the subject.

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University of Florida, Gainesville, sums up the situation with a significant "we have not paid much attention to congas and rumbas—yet." That last word, indicating possibly the shape of Latin American things to come, may well be the key to the whole thing. Brooklyn College, New York, also makes a point of the time element by declaring that its reaction is "favorable, but of course a sufficient period of time must elapse before this type of music and dancing can really assume a top position."

The apparently glamour-struck gals of Texas State College for Women, Denton, think that "the conga, as seen in the movies, has possibilities of becoming popular here." Rice Institute, Houston, Tex., advises, a little ambiguously, "treat it as novelty and still stick to the old style. A decided interest has been shown recently to try these steps." Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, puts this music on a high plane by stating that "it seems to be taking over the place formerly held by swing, only it is played slow or semi-slow instead of fast like swing."

University of Louisville, Kentucky, is "receptive" to the new style, while "about 30 per cent" of the University of California at Los Angeles are "in favor of partial Latin music." "Nice to listen to, but terrible for dancing" is the way the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, looks at the situation, with the "good-listening-hard-to-dance-to" viewpoint echoed in many schools from Maine to California.

Next week *The Billboard* winds up its third annual college poll with the results of one of the most vital questions of the survey—that having to do with phonograph records and their importance in popularizing orchestras as well as the part they play in the actual selection of a band to play a college prom.

To appreciate fully the tremendous collegiate interest in recordings, and the extent to which platters influence prom committees in picking bands, be sure to read next week's issue of *The Billboard*.

Hostile

NEW YORK, June 1.—Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., seems to be plunged into a dangerous mood when the strains of a conga, rumba, tango, son, samba or what have you drifts thru the sacrosanct educational walls.

The student body's attitude is one of "hostility," says its spokesman.

Hudson Drops Decision To Local Salem Combo

SALEM, Mass., June 1.—A local Polish combo outdrew Will Hudson here on Decoration Day eve (29).

Hudson, playing at the North Shore Gardens, drew about \$325 when close to 500 turned out despite cold weather. Lou Gonet's Krakowaki Orchestra, playing at Falcon's Hall, garnered close to \$325 with over 300 persons.

Besides the cold weather both bands had to contend with a high school prom and two club dances.

Templeton on Columbia

CAMDEN, N. J., June 1.—Alec Templeton, Victor recording artist, transfers his wax affiliation, going over to Columbia Recording Corp. for cuttings on Columbia's new Green label, devoted to the lighter side of the classics. The blind pianist-performer has also been set to share the guest podium with Oscar Levant in an all-Gershwin program on July 1 at Robin Hood Dell in Philadelphia.

Paul Gordon

(Reviewed at Pick's Club, Madrid, Milwaukee)

WHAT this aggregation lacks in showmanship, it more than compensates for in well-timed dance music on the sweet side. Combo consists of three violins, drums, bass viol, piano and cornet-sax double.

Dance lovers here are great fans of the Wayne King style of music, and Gordon emulates King's presentation to some degree. Selections are nicely variegated, running from waltzes to Latin-American numbers. Skippy, only female member of the crew, plays the violin in an entrancing manner and handles the vocals. Her voice is a distinct contribution to the orchestra's performance.

Band plays without director during dance numbers, but Gordon, who plays violin, handles the baton during the floor show. Crew could exhibit a bit more color and dash, but its music is far from flat.

This engagement is the first major night club appearance for Gordon in the Northwest. On the strength of his performance here, he should build quite a following in the territory.

Branner.

Herby Woods

(Reviewed at Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pa.)

ONE of the territorial faves with enough on the ball to warrant widening the territory, Woods has a brand of music satisfying for all terpsching tastes coupled with a showmanship that makes it all the more inviting. Woods, a drummer, takes to the baton out front, mostly woofing the dancers, radiating his personality to reach beyond the limitations of the band shell.

Stand seats four: axes, two trumpets, trombone and the conventional rhythm four. Song selling strong in sharper Marion Mayson, a dainty miss giving the rhythm ditties the lift, and guitarist Dick Wharton, formerly with Jan Savitt, whose ballad stories brush against form earn the right way. Song selection runs from sweet to swing, with a generous sprinkling of Viennese and South American tempos. Instrumental highlights

The Reviewing Stand

are in the hot horns of trumpeter Joe Woods and saxes Frank Hopwood and the sweet sliding of trombonist Sol Julian.

Equally important is Woods' emceeing, his work reminding of Horace Heidt. Has the dancers form a ring to take a lesson as he teaches them the Coki-Coki, a Boston backbay creation à la Lambeth Walk. Also turns terp prof for a community Bump-a-Daisy dance. Before coming out to this campus merrymaking had the girls select their favorite ditties. As a result, came prepared with massive cardboard song sheets for a community sing on the popular pops.

Grodenker.

Glenn Garr

(Reviewed at Rustic Cabin, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.)

GARR band combines several established musical styles, notably that of Kay Kyser, and blends them into a straightforward music-making performance that is clean and satisfactorily danceable and listenable. It's not sensational music, but it has smoothness and a certain finesse in a subdued well-managed groove ideally suited for the hotel supper-room market.

Four reeds, two trumpets, trombone and four rhythm are disciples of the school of sweet, combination rarely getting off on anything faster or hotter than novelties of the Playmates or He's a Tough Hombre genre. Crew shows it knows the value of showmanship by selling the latter stuff well and fairly often. Leader, fronting with only the stick, adds to that quotient by announcing each title over the tune's intro and letting the crowd know who's doing the vocals when they occur.

Band handles the rhythm output with enough bounce and does a capable enough job on the ballads to forego the electric guitar glissé which make it sound like a score of similarly styled orks, and the brass breaks and occasional stylings which make it sound variously like Kyser and Carl Lorch. Boys all look clean and play that way, with Glenn cementing the good appearance and per-

sonality impressions created.

Vocal department carries Bill Kayor (trumpet), Maurie Prawley (sax), Joe Farnian (trumpet) and also Garr. First three combine to form the Three Stylists, better-than-average harmony trio. Kayor is featured on most of the ballads and carries the burden adequately.

Richman.

Ted Weems

(Reviewed at Aragon Ballroom, Chicago)

WEEMS rates high as an entertaining band mainly because he lays stress on novelty. Favorite seller in the band is Elmo Tanner, who does one of the best whistling jobs in the biz. His guitar serves as a sort of prop when he isn't pursing his lips up front. He does little real strumming on it, there being no need for two git-men in the aggregation.

Red Ingle is next in line for popular salvos, absorbing the limelight on the comedy numbers, particularly the hillbilly ditties, of which The Martins and McCoye is one of the most notable. Orn Dows swings a mean drumstick.

Instrumentation consists of four reed, four rhythm and three brass. Band is versatile, running the gamut from raw swing to the more danceable sweet tempo. Rumba numbers, with Perry Como shaking the maracas, are handled wisely, being just faintly latinized and hence more acceptable to the mixed crowd of a ballroom.

Como offers the romantic appeal to the fems, in appearance, crooning ability and selection of moody numbers. Marvel Maxwell, nice-looking gal vocalist, puts herself across, mainly with swing tunes. Weems' fronting is calm, unaffected, dignified and yet friendly. Model.

George Hall

(Reviewed at Turnpike Casino, Lincoln, Neb.)

MOST interest in Hall's Ork lies in the chubby person of Dolly Dawn, who sings so well her lack of attention to calories goes unnoticed. Dolly is an easy,

soothing thrush, who comes to the mike only two or three times in an evening because once she gets up to it the audience won't let her go. Her vocal packages are lumped in half-hour sessions as a result.

The Hall of New York hotels and the Hall of the road are as different as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. His library on one-nighters is loaded with stingers arranged for him by Jimmy Mundy, who came off Benny Goodman's live train to hock the Hall scores, while a few of the sweets of George Paxton's pen remain to recall the air-time Hall. His crew is blasted by a siege-gun brass section (two trombones and three trumpets, all unmuted), flanked by four rhythm and four saxes.

When he resorts to the sweet stuff, tenor sax of Joe Agiora and the sweet alto of George Purman are important to the smooth result. In the ring bracket are drummer Phil (Screwy) Silliman and trumpeter Vincent Badali. That Hall can now do whatever is demanded of him is proven by his previous radio style as contrasted to this jammer.

Oldfield.

Ruby Newman

(Reviewed at Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Boston)

LONG an established favorite with society, Newman's versatile outfit dishes out dancemanship calculated to please every type of listener. Utilizing five brass, four sax and four rhythm, ork plays either sweet or hot.

The waltzes for which it has become famous are included in each set, with other numbers well spotted to provide a balanced program. Hot arrangements by Sparky Tomasetti, who also plays trombone, and extremely smooth arrangements of pops and waltzes make this band rate high with dancers. A smooth blending of trumpets and trombones, especially in arrangements of oldies, is a standout. Two pianos carry the brunt of the rhythm section. Hot numbers, like Newman's own Back Bay Station, are cannily arranged and capably handled.

Lovely Marion Shaw, appealing titan-haird songstress, and George McFarland handle the vocals. Miss Shaw has a very pleasing soprano and handles pops nicely. McFarland does a sock job with ballads.

Kaplan.

Review of Records

By M. H. GRODENKER

The Trombone Aces

THREE'S no question but that the trombone has displaced the clarinet as the leader man's symbol in the dance whirl. As a result there's always a bumper crop of tromboning bandmen for the platter performances. GLENN MILLER, who leads the parade, is a most prolific recorder, brightening the Bluebird corner with balled beauties for the most part as with Starlight and Music and Hear My Song, Violets from Tin Pan Alley's current outpourings, and from the immortal files, My Melancholy Baby and Stardust. Mixing the tempos, Miller jumps it lightly for The Ramble Jumps, I'll Never See You Again the matinée ballad music, and digging a bit deeper, Boog It, with Shake Down the Stairs for the slower and smoother pace. Giving further evidence of the band's high degree of flexibility, equally proficient in all musical departments, Miller makes it a three-quarters beat for the Wonderful One and Alice Blue Gown waltzes.

TOMMY DORSEY, who has never experienced any trouble holding his own, has six swell sweet-sing sides on Victor. Paced by his velvety trombone sliding,

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T. NORMAN TEMPLE Chicago, Ill.

it's Devil May Care with Fools Rush In, Imagination with Charming Little Faker, the Pied Pipers adding vocal harmonies to the latter, and The Table of the Ross with This Is the Beginning of the End.

Of the newer crop, WILL BRADLEY, on Columbia, swings in modulated manner for O Sole Mio with After I Say I'm Sorry, and more solid for Fletcher Henderson's arrangement of Flyin' Home, mated with the So Far, So Good pop ditty. JACK JENNEY, whose tromboning spells instrumental magic and the band shaped for the sweet style, takes it in the dreamy tempo for I'll Get By and After I Say I'm Sorry on Vocalion.

JACK TEAGARDEN, side-stepping the swing extremes with his new band, gives Varsity a nicely in Fafina's Drummer Boy, a jazz novelty, mated with the I Hear Bluebirds ballad. Columbia issues a pair of Mr. T. sides originally cut with his first band. It's the righteous jazz, and good, for Red Wing and Somewhere a Voice Is Calling. And on Decca BOBBY BYRNE, coming along slowly and little to distinguish the band from the other trombone aces, makes little else than the mill-rum brand of ballroom music for If I Could Be the Dummy on Your Knee and in the railroad tradition started by Tuxedo Junction, a slow freight that never really gets going.

The Trumpet Kings

LOU BREKEE, making his disk debut on Varsity, offers a tight, tight band (See REVIEW OF RECORDS on page 27).

Music in the Air

By SOL ZATT

Fields in Form

SHEP FIELDS (St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, NBC Blue Network) in his 15-minute Sunday night (26) stint from 12:15 to 12:30 packed a hefty wallop musically and presented a program that was very commercial. Besides being easy to listen to, it was one of those shows that were really worth the time.

The "ripping rhythm" maestro, apparently selling himself as a sweet band, is all of that but without the saccharine taste that straight sweet leaves. Without any distinctive features of showmanship outside of those used in selling a musical style, but thru good programming and careful song selecting the maestro sells extremely well within the limitations of a 15-minute sustainer.

Fields' tune selection, running the gamut of all sorts of pop songs, from ballads to novelties, is of a variety to fit in with his particular band style and creates the commercial effect that he seems to be striving for. The bubbling business isn't overdone now either—time was when the band sounded like Niagara Falls—the trade-mark only spotted in and around the right places. Hal Durwin's vocals are ace high. Fields deftly serves the purpose for which the remote is intended, in appeal, presentation and style.

Malneck—A Comer

ONE of the newer crop of bands that's deserving of special mention because of good accomplishment in so short a space of time is MATTY MALNECK (Bevery Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, NBC Blue Network), who managed to cut in on the war bulletins every now and then with a rendition during his half-hour remote on Sunday (26) from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Malneck, formerly in the fiddle section of Paul Whiteman's Orchestra, but on his own for some months now, has developed a musical organization that's worth any listener's time.

For one thing, Malneck sells himself. For another, he and his band play music not in the ordinary realm of dance orchestra. His ork is full of extra features that keep the appeal at a high pitch, both with music and novelties. He himself is more than proficient with the violin, soloing with a sense of salesmanship and giving the rest of the boys in his band a break in presenting their individual talents.

For the vocals Malneck has a choral group called the Young Gentlemen and also Jean Arlen, female chirper, who belches off a neat tune. Then the Swing Octette is one of the best jitter combos heard around in a long time—and to cap the climax the ruff crew plays many types of music and all with the same effect—good solid musicianship with well-rounded and full-balanced rhythm. It was hard to gauge the variety of tunes because of the constant war news breaks, but there were pops, novelties, oldies and musical comedy ditties—a fine selection from a fine musical group.

Something To Learn

EDDIE BUSH (The Hurricane, New York City, CBS) and what he calls his "Society Islanders" had a remote session during the very wee hours of 1:30 to 2 a.m. May 26, doing pretty much of an innocuous job when the entire half hour is summed up. Musically, it's a Hawaiian session that isn't.

When he plays the dreamy songs of the Islands he somehow justifies his reason for being on a network, but when he wanders into the field of pops his selections are so similar to the Tahitian stuff that it doesn't make much of a difference. The cutting in of this type of tune somewhat nullified the program's good points, which included Mel Peters and groups of mixed voices, trios and quartets. But why flow from syrup into sugar when a little salt is all that's needed to give the program some flavoring?

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Bands on Tour**Advance Dates**

HORACE HEIDT: Panhandle Lake, Salem, N. H., June 7; Pier Ballroom, Old Orchard, Me., 8; Lake Compound, Bristol, Mass., 9.

BOB CROSBY: Lyric Theater, Indianapolis, June 7 (week); Strand Theater, New York, 28 (2 weeks).

ORRIN TUCKER: Palace Theater, Cleveland, June 7 (week); Stanley Theater, Pittsburgh, 14 (week); Capitol Theater, Washington, 21 (week).

DICK BARRIE: Chippewa Ballroom, Chippewa Lake, O., June 7-13; Graystone Ballroom, Detroit, 10, 21, 22, 23.

GUY LOMBARDO: Univ. of Virginia, Lexington, Va., June 7-8; Totem Pole, Auburndale, Mass., 11-15.

EDDY DUCHIN: Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 8; Plaza Theater, Asheville, N. C., 9; Joyland Park, Lexington, Ky., 10; Dreamland, Kenova, W. Va., 12; Sunnyside Ballroom, Pottstown, Pa., 15; Roten Point Park, South Norwalk, Conn., 16; Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass., 17; State Armory, Hartford, Conn., 20.

DICK JURGENS: White City Park, Herlin, Ill., June 8; Hollywood Park, St. Cloud, Wis., 10; Bluff View Park, Broadhurst, Wis., 11; Crystal Ballroom, Dubuque, Ia., 12; Eastwood Park, Detroit, 14-20; Shaw Oak Ballroom, Clinton, Ia., 21; Val-Air Ballroom, Des Moines, 22; Turnpike Casino, Lincoln, Neb., 23; Lakeside Pavilion, Denver, 25.

EVERETT HOAGLAND: Crystal Beach Park, Vermilion, O., June 9.

HENRY BUSSE: Paramount Theater, Hammond, Ind., June 9.

WILL BRADLEY: Auditorium, Ashville, N. C., June 11; Hershey (Pa.) Park, July 20.

MITCHELL AYRES: Roten Point Park, South Norwalk, Conn., June 9; The Commons, Andover, Mass., 12; Fordham Club,

Des Moines Spots Set for Big Season

DES MOINES: June 1—Opening of outdoor dance season in this territory finds operators expecting heavy business after renovating and new construction in many spots.

Newest spot is \$35,000 Riviera at the New Riverview Park here, with Manager Irving H. Grossman planning on booking traveling bands for one-week engagements as well as one-nighters. Louis Panico opened park on Friday (24), with Don Beston to follow.

Grossman plans popular prices to overcome week-long stops of bands. Riviera will seat 1,000, with ballroom facing lagoon on three sides.

Tom Archer opened his Val-Air in Des Moines last Saturday (25), with two dance floors, one in the open, as the features. He opened his Shore Acres at Sioux City on May 18.

Larry Geer has renovated his Expo Park at Fort Dodge and Cobblestone at Storm Lake in preparation for the summer.

Chi Savoy Ballroom Mgr. To Operate Wis. Dansant

CHICAGO: June 1.—Edward J. Gilmarin, for the past two years manager of the Savoy Ballroom, sepia amusement center here, left to take over direction of Lake Lawn summer resort ballroom at Delavan, Wis.

Robert W. Mackie, prez of the company operating the Savoy, says full program of activities will continue throughout the summer, altho no one as yet has been selected to take Gilmarin's place.

BUDDE LAKE, N. J.: June 14; Totem Pole, Auburndale, Mass., 17-22; Hershey (Pa.) Park, 26.

**Selling the Band****Exploitation, Promotion and Showmanship Ideas**

By M. H. ORODENKER

Record Tie-Ups

In much the same manner, tho the scale is smaller, as the deal engineered by Music Corp. of America with the Wurlitzer music machines, Columbia Recording Corp. has worked out an exclusive deal with the Arthur Murray dance studios spotted throughout the country. The terp tutor will use, at his 100-odd dance studios, Columbia, Vocalion and Brunswick records exclusively. Special promotional material is being ready by Columbia to plug this tie-up. Murray has also co-operated with diagrams and dance steps for the booklet in the Desi Arnaz conga album and a forthcoming tango album.

Of a single nature is the three-way tie-up between Columbia, the Davega music stores in Jersey City, N. J., and C. J. Ingram, of The Jersey Journal and master of ceremonies on the WAAT Stardust interview program. Ingram features Columbia recording artists on interviews, with Davega running window displays of pictures, records and streamers for a full week before the program.

Personal appearances at a Hollywood-type opening always pay off in newspaper and pictorial space. A new field for such openings, in the East at least, presents itself in the super food market field. David O. Alber had Bea Wain, the past week, cutting the ribbon marking the official opening of a new food market in New York. The supermarket on the West Coast has real Hollywood openings. The field is wide open here.

Alber also chalked up a neat stunt for Mother's Day in a tie-up for Sammy Kaye with Postal Telegraph. Sammy wrote a special song for the occasion which Postal featured as part of its singing greeting service on that day. To exploit the tie-up, Postal made up large posters displayed in all Postal station windows.

Envelope Stuffers

TWO new and clever band exploitation direct mail folders have been devised by Art Talmadge, of the Music Corp. of America art department in Chicago. The front of one has the drawing of a swami looking into a small crystal ball which is made out of actual glass, an inexpensive embellishment. Said swami looks into the crystal and predicts great things for the band depicted on the inside covers—in this case, it's Dick Jurgens.

The other piece makes most of the jigsaw puzzle gag, with a cut-up picture of the band leader reproduced. The only discernible part is the maestro's face. The copy reads: "It's no puzzle if you want a money-maker for your ballroom. Your problem can easily be solved by choosing one of America's outstanding dance bands." Name of the leader (Griff Williams) and current engagement follows.

For the opening of the summer season at Crystal Ballroom, Coronado Park, Reading, Pa., a standard stand for the traveling names, interest in the initial dance was heightened by a prize drawing among the ticket holders. Lady holding the lucky number was the winner of a diamond ring.

**NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SHEET MUSIC BEST SELLERS**

NATIONAL	
POSITION LAST WK.	THIS WK.
1. THE WOODPECKER SONG	4.
2. PLAYMATES	2.
3. THE SINGING HILLS	3.
4. WIND AND THE RAIN IN YOUR HAIR	4.
5. IMAGINATION	5.
6. SAY IT	6.
7. WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR	7.
8. MAKE BELIEVE ISLAND	8.
9. LITTLE CURLY HAIR IN A HIGH CHAIR	9.
10. A LOVER'S LULLABY	10.
11. ALICE BLUE GOWN	11.
12. ANGEL IN DISGUISE	12.
13. TOO ROMANTIC	13.
14. TUXTEDO JUNCTION	14.
15. WHERE WAS I?	15.

Acknowledgment is made to Music Doctors' Service, Inc., and Ashley Music Supply Co., of New York; Lyon & Healy; Carl Fischer, Enc.; Gamble Musical Mfg. Co. and A. G. Odeon, of New York; Louis Music Supply Co., of St. Louis; Jenkins Music Co., of Kansas City, Mo.; Grinnell Brothers, of Detroit; M. Witmark & Sons, Inc., of Pittsburgh; Southern Music Co., of San Antonio; Auto Music Co., of Fort Worth, Tex.; Deane Music Co., of Philadelphia; G. Schirmer, of New Orleans; New Orleans Cable Piano Co., of Atlanta; Pacific Coast Music Jobbers; Sherman, May & Co., of San Francisco; M. P. Precious, Inc., of Los Angeles; Capitol Music Co., of Seattle; Salone Music Co., of Portland, Ore.

EAST

EAST	
POSITION LAST WK.	THIS WK.
1. Imagination	1.
2. Playmates	2.
3. The Woodpecker Song	3.
4. Shake Down the Stars	4.
5. Say It	5.
6. Make Believe Island	6.
7. Wind and the Rain in Your Hair	7.
8. The Singing Hills	8.
9. Little Curly Hair in a High Chair	9.
10. Alice Blue Gown	10.
11. I Can't Love You Any More Than I Do	11.
12. When You Wish Upon a Star	12.
13. Angel in Disguise	13.
14. God Bless America	14.
15. Too Romantic	15.

MIDWEST

MIDWEST	
POSITION LAST WK.	THIS WK.
1. The Woodpecker Song	1.
2. Playmates	2.
3. The Singing Hills	3.
4. When You Wish Upon a Star	4.
5. Wind and the Rain in Your Hair	5.
6. Imagination	6.
7. Say It	7.
8. Make Believe Island	8.
9. Shake Down the Stars	9.
10. Little Curly Hair in a High Chair	10.
11. A Lover's Lullaby	11.
12. Alice Blue Gown	12.
13. God Bless America	13.
14. I Can't Love You Any More Than I Do	14.
15. Tuxedo Junction	15.

SOUTH

SOUTH	
POSITION LAST WK.	THIS WK.
1. Playmates	1.
2. The Woodpecker Song	2.
3. The Singing Hills	3.
4. Wind and the Rain in Your Hair	4.
5. Imagination	5.
6. Say It	6.
7. A Lover's Lullaby	7.
8. Say It Si	8.
9. Angel in Disguise	9.
10. When You Wish Upon a Star	10.
11. Little Curly Hair in a High Chair	11.
12. I Love You Much Too Much	12.
13. Tuxedo Junction	13.
14. Too Romantic	14.
15. Where Was I?	15.

WEST COAST

WEST COAST	
POSITION LAST WK.	THIS WK.
1. The Woodpecker Song	1.
2. Playmates	2.
3. Imagination	3.
4. Wind and the Rain in Your Hair	4.
5. Say It	5.
6. Make Believe Island	6.
7. When You Wish Upon a Star	7.
8. Little Curly Hair in a High Chair	8.
9. Alice Blue Gown	9.
10. I Can't Love You Any More Than I Do	10.
11. Tuxedo Junction	11.
12. Where Was I?	12.
13. God Bless America	13.
14. Too Romantic	14.
15. Playmates	15.

SONGS WITH MOST RADIO PLUGS

INCLUDING INDEPENDENT NEW YORK STATIONS

POSITION LAST WK.	Title	Publisher	Plugs Net Indie
1. IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD	Robbins	36	7
2. BELIEVING	Spier	30	21
3. SHAKE DOWN THE STARS	Bregman, V. & C.	25	15
4. WOODPECKER SONG	Robbins	23	17
5. MAKE BELIEVE ISLAND	Miller	22	21
6. YOURS IS MY HEART ALONE (M)	Karms	22	14
7. SAY IT (F)	Famous	21	34
8. MY, MY (F)	Famous	21	5
9. IMAGINATION	ABC	18	27
10. WHERE WAS I? (F)	Remick	17	11
11. WHERE DO I GO FROM YOU?	Merger	17	1
12. WIND AND RAIN IN YOUR HAIR	Paramount	16	9
13. PLAYMATES	Santy, J. & S.	15	20
14. I CAN'T LOVE YOU ANY MORE	Olman	15	17
15. THE BREEZE AND I	Marks	15	11
16. SIERRA SUE	Shapiro, Bernstein	15	7
17. TOO ROMANTIC (F)	Paramount	15	6
18. LITTLE CURLY HAIR IN A HIGH CHAIR (F)	Felst	14	22
19. DANNY BOY	American	13	2
20. ANGEL IN DISGUISE (F)	Witmark	12	4
21. OLD NICKEL MAN	Robbins	12	0
22. I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH	Leeds	11	8
23. BLUE LOVEBIRD (F)	Felst	11	4
24. FOOLS RUSH IN	Bregman, V. & C.	10	20

Songs listed are those receiving 10 or more network plugs (WJZ, WEAF, WADC) between 5 p.m.-1 a.m. week days and 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Sundays, for the week ending Friday, May 31. Independent plugs are those recorded on WOR, WNEW, WMCA and WHN. Film tunes are designated as "F," musical production numbers as "M." Based on data supplied by Accurate Reporting Service.

Routes are for current week when no dates are given.

A

Abs, Vic: (Storybook) Buffalo, N.Y.
Allen, Bill: (Imbroy Club) Denver, Colo.
Alexander, Van: (Evergreen Club) Moonfield, N.J., no.
Allen, Shorty: (Pleasure) NYC, re.
Allen, Al: (Spread Eagle Inn) Northfield, N.J., no.
Allen, Stuart: (Grosinger's) Franklin, N.Y., no.
Allen, Eddie: (Don) (Child's Spanish Gardens) NYC, re.
Albert, Mickey: (Cosmopolitan) Boston, no.
Anguiano, Ed: (East Carroll) Los Angeles, no.
Apollon, Al: (Hillcrest) Toledo, Ohio.
Aristocratic Four: (Shawnee) Springfield, O.H.
Arthur, Artie: (Ken) Boston, no.
Arthur, Leonard: (The Place) NYC, no.
B

Bauer, Billy: (Bear Mountain Inn) Bear Mountain, N.Y., re.
Barber, Charlie: (Paramount) NYC, t.
Barrie, Dick: (Canyonland) Cincinnati, no.
Barry, Eddie: (Blackjack) Chi., no.
Barry, Jerry: (Piccadilly) NYC, no.
Bass, Paul: (Chateau Modern) NYC, no.
Baum, Charles: (Palmer House) Chi., no.
Becker, Sam: (Top Hat) Phila, re.
Bechter, Otto: (Commodore Perry) Toledo, Ohio.
Becker, Howard: (James) Perryville, Pa., no.
Belmont, Jack: (Brown) Louisville, Ky., no.
Benes, Charles: (Summerland) Hungarian, NYC, re.
Benedict, Gardner: (Netherland Plaza) Cincinnati, no.
Benson, Ray: (London Chop House) Detroit, no.
Berne, Ben: (Taft) NYC, b.
Bester, Don: (Sheehan) Kansas City, Mo., b.
Biles, Otto: (Savoy) Tulsa, Okla., no.
Bliven, Guy: (Post Lodge) Larchmont, N.Y., no.
Blanco, Pedro: (Embassy Club) Phila, no.
Bonner, Carl: (Club Royale) Detroit, no.
Boone, Richard: (Statler) Cleveland, no.
Booris, Al: (Tremont-Piazza) Boston, re.
Boone, Jerry: (Royal Hawaiian) San Francisco, no.
Brooks, Will: (School) McDonough, Md., b.
Bush, Woodberry Forest, Va., t. (And.)
Atherville, N.C., II.

Bragg, Vincent: (Beachcomber) Boston, no.
Brandwynne Nat: (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, b.
Breeze, Lou: (Chez Paree) Chi., no.
Briggs, Joseph: (Babette's) Atlantic City, N.J., no.
Birch, Art: (New Casino) Waller Lake, Mich., no.
Brown, Leo: (Arcadia) NYC, b.
Bruno, Anthony: (Latin Quarter) Boston, no.
Burkhardt, Johnny: (Southern Mansion) Kansas City, Mo., no.
Burke, Morty: (Purple Derby) Phila, no.
Burton, Benny: (Kennywood) Pittsburgh, Pa., no.
Bush, Henry: (Lyric) Indianapolis, Ind., no.
Burns, Bobby: (Glen Island Casino) New Rochelle, N.Y., re.

C

Candino, Eddie: (Red's Lake) Niles, Mich.
Candino, Joe: (Kitty Brando's) Boston, no.
Cabel, Tony: (Villa Modern) Chi., no.
Carson, Bill: (Elitch Gardens) Denver, no.
Carlyle, Leo: (Statler) Buffalo, N.Y., no.
Carroll, Tommy: (Buckeye Lake) Buckeye Lake, Ohio, no.

Carpenter, Bob: (Gables Inn) Atlantic City, no.
Castro, Armando: (Hurricane) NYC, no.
Caron, Johnny: (Catalina) Los Angeles, no.
Charmette: (Frontenac) Detroit, no.
Chavez, (Beachcomber) NYC, no.

Chester, Bob: (Essex House) NYC, no.
Chesnut, Eddie: (Catalina) Atlantic City, no.
Clark, Lawrence: (Book-Cadillac) Detroit, no.
Clinton, Larry: (New Yorker) NYC, b.

Cobina, Carlos: (Millennium) NYC, b.
Coffey, Jack: (Olympic) Cincinnati, no.
Cole, Marvin: (Harry's New Yorker) Chi., no.
Coleman, Eddie: (Hill-Carton) Boston, no.
Collins, Jimmie: (Capitol) Chi., no.

Concepcion, Manuel: (Capitol) Chi., no.
Couture, Romulo: (Cuban Casino) NYC, no.
Coxter, Flores: (Debler-Wallack) Columbus, O.H., no.

Courtney, Del: (Park Central) NYC, no.
Coyle, Sheik: (Leisureville Lake) Hamilton, O.H., no.

Craig, Billy: (Washington Square Inn) Norwalk, Conn., no.
Crocker, Mel: (Hi-Hat Club) Steubenville, O.H., no.

Cromwell, Chauncey: (Gulf-Carleton) Atlantic City, no.
Crosby, Bob: (Orpheum) Chi., t.

Crusaders, The: (Courage) Chi., no.
Cugat, Xavier: (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, b.
Cunningham, Berlie: (Silverwater Beach) Chi., no.
Cutler, Ben: (Rainbow Room) NYC, no.

D

Davenport, Eddie: (Murray's Inn) Haddonfield, N.J., no.
Davey, Arthur: (Villeplage's) Sheephead Bay, N.Y., no.

David, Jimmy: (Lake Merritt) Oakland, Calif., no.
David, Johnny: (Miami) Milwaukee, no.

De Huarte, Julian: (Casa Maria) NYC, no.
De La Rosa, Oscar: (El Rancho Madrid) NYC, no.
Delano, Harold: (Cuba) Cypress, N.Y., no.

Delano, Eddie: (Savoy) Syracuse, N.Y., no.

Dennis, Dave: (Jack Dempsey's) NYC, re.

Denny, Jack: (Village Barn) NYC, no.

Dibert, Sammy: (Pawtuxet Club) Detroit, no.
Donahue, Al: (Univ. Me., Orono, Me., & Mass State College) Boston, no.

Dorsey, Jimmy: (Pennsylvania) NYC, b.
Dowdy, Nick: (Sir Francis Drake) San Fran-

Duffy, George: (Terrace Beach Club) Virginia Beach, Va., no.

Duke, Julie: (Turner) Birmingham, Ala., no.
Dunsmore, Eddie: (The Nat) Amarillo, Tex., b.

Dunsmore, Eddie: (Black & Tan) Reading, Pa., no.

E

Eagle, Charles: (Silo) Club, Chi., no.
Eaton, Dick: (Red Hill) Pennsylvania, N.J., no.

Eby, Jack: (Royal Palm) Miami, no.
Edredge, Roy: (Kelly Stables) NYC, no.

Elliott, Joe: (Queen Mary) NYC, no.

Eloom, Joe: (Club Moderne) Tacoma, Wash., no.
Evans, Bobby: (Cotton Club) Phila, no.

F

Farmer, Willie: (New Goblet Inn) Albany, N.Y., re.

Fay, Lou: (Pista Danzettaria) NYC, re.

Feltz, Happy: (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., no.

Fisher, Lew: (Pastor) Omaha, Neb.

G

Fisher, Johnny: (Plaza) San Antonio, no.

Fleids, Shep: (St. Francis) San Francisco, no.

Florence, Fredie: (Jack Ladd) Phila, no.

Frost, Dwight: (Savoy Plaza) NYC, no.

Fletcher, Sammy: (Hammon Gardens) Grand Rapids, Mich., no.

Floyd, Emil: (Paradise) Chi., b.

Fodor, Jerry: (Fisher's Casino) Detroit, no.

Fontaine, Neil: "Bonny" (Jack Lynch) Phila, no.

Foster, Chuck: (Oh Henry) Chi., b.

Friedman, Frank: (Palmer House) Chi., no.

Friedman, Samuels: (Club 47) NYC, no.

Friedman, Rudolph: (Providence-Baltimore) Providence, no.

Frohner, The: (Glarry's) Decatur, Ill., no.

Fulcher, Charles: (Bon Air) Augusta, Ga., no.

Orchestra Routes



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

ABBREVIATIONS: a—auditorium; b—ballroom; c—cafe; cb—cabaret; cc—country club; h—hotel; mh—music hall; m—night club; p—amusement park; ro—road house; re—restaurant; s—showboat; t—theater.

Parker, Bill: (Little Miss) Norristown, Pa., no.
Patrick, Henry: (Star Club) Phila, no.
Patterson, Pat: (Willow Grove) Willow Grove, Pa., no.
Paul, Toasty: (Chicago Tower) Chi., b.
Paul, Eddie: (Indiana Lake) Russells Point, O., no.
Perry, Rose: (Belvedere) NYC, b.
Petri, Eddie: (Savoy-Plaza) NYC, b.
Picard, New: (Rosalie) Chi., no.
Pierce, Eddie: (Alpha) Albany, N.J., no.
Powell, Walter: (Greyhounds) Mansfield, O., no.
Powell, Teddy: (Famous Door) NYC, no.
Prima, Louis: (Casa Manana) Boston, no.
Prospero, Fritz: (Rainbow Room) NYC, no.
Julio, Ben: (Joyland) Boston, no.

Q

Quintana, Don: (El Chico) Miami Beach, Fla., no.
Quarrel, Frank: (Colosimo's) Chi., no.

R

Rapp, Barney: (Sign of the Drum) Cincinnati, no.
Rasmussen, Don: (Metz) Wausau, Wis., no.
Ray, Al: (Colonial Inn) Bridgeport, Pa., no.
Ray, Alvin: (Jefferson) Detroit, no.
Ray, Eddie: (Lido) Long Beach, N.Y., no.
Ray, Eddie: (Stevens) Stamford, N.J., no.
Reichman, Joe: (Ambassador) Los Angeles, no.
Reitman, Leo: (Ben Mardon's Riviera) Port Lee, N.J., no.

S

Reish, Benny: (Brewery) Detroit, no.
Reynolds, Howard: (Palmbo's) Phila, no.
Reynolds, Eddie: (Cafe Royal) Dallas, no.
Reynolds, Dick: (Monte Carlo) Atlantic City, no.
Reynolds, Eddie: (Cafe Royal) Atlantic City, no.

T

Riddle, Leo: (El Mardi) Chi., no.
Rizzo, Vincent: (Jack Lynch's) Phila, no.
Roberts, Red: (Madura's) Danceland, Hammond, Ind., no.

U

Rodriguez, John: (El Conquistador) NYC, no.
Rogers, Eddie: (Henry Glad) Atlanta, no.
Rohlin, Adrian: (Piccadilly) NYC, no.
Rudolph, Jack: (Jungle) Youngstown, O., no.
Rudy's: (Gypsy Camp) NYC, no.

V

Sabin, Paul: (St. Paul) St. Paul, no.
Sanabria, Jasino: (Barona-Madrid) NYC, no.
Sanders, Roy: (Gateway Casino) Somers Point, N.J., no.

W

Sanders, Red: (Club Delta) Chi., no.
Sanderson, Eddie: (El Regal) NYC, no.
Savitt, Jack: (Sherman) Chi., no.

X

Schreiber, Carl: (Baker) St. Charles, Ill., no.
Schroeder, Gene: (The Pirates Den) NYC, no.
Shatzky, Bill: (Tropic) NYC, no.
Shearer, Jack: (4 o'Clock Club) NYC, no.
Shearin, Jack: (El Capitan) Milwaukee, no.
Lied, Lewis: (Cafe Cole) Norristown, Pa., no.
Lowe, Bert: (Lanes) Boston, no.
Lucas, Clyde: (Bon Air) Chi., no.

Y

Lundford, Jimmie: (Fiesta Danceland) NYC, no.
Lyman, Abe: (Park Central) NYC, no.
Lynn, Bert: (La Cigale) Hollywood, no.

Z

McCreary, Howard: (Antler) Colorado Springs, Colo., no.
McCune, Bill: (Trianon) Chi., b.
McDowell, Roy: (Cawthon) Mobile, Ala., no.
McGee, Johnny: (Syracuse) Syracuse, no.
McGinnis, Doc: (Diamond Horsetail) NYC, no.
McGreer, Eddie: (Rock Springs) Chester, W. Va., no.

A

McGroarty, Howard: (Antler) Colorado Springs, Colo., no.
McGuire, Bill: (Tropicana) Chi., b.
McKee, Eddie: (El Dorado) Phila, no.
McKinney, William: (Plantation) Detroit, no.
McMurry, Enrie: (Lido Club) Long Beach, N.Y., no.

B

Mallak, Oeno: (Galaxy Inn) Cicero, Mich., no.
Manzanares, Jose: (Silverwater Beach) Chi., no.
Marinelli, Joe: (El Dorado) NYC, no.
Marinelli, Joe: (Park Lane) NYC, no.
Martell, Paul: (Arcadia) Chi., b.
Martin, Freddie: (Aragon) Chi., b.
Martin, Lou: (Leeds & Eddie) NYC, no.
Martin, Mel: (Bartlett's Beach) Jackson, Mich., no.

C

Masters, Franklin: (Roosevelt) NYC, no.
Master, Nicholas: (Casino Russ) NYC, no.
Mauri, Stewart: (Capitol) Capitol, Calif., no.
Meadows, Franklin: (Wheat Club) NYC, no.
Meekin, Jack: (Van Cleve) Dayton, O., no.
Meekin, Fran: (Wisconsin Roof) Milwaukee, no.
Meissner, Johnny: (McAlpin) NYC, no.
Meier, Jack: (El Dorado) Detroit, no.
Miller, Russ: (Gaucho) NYC, no.
Miller, Russ: (Ritz-Carlton) Atlantic City, no.
Miller, Russ: (Jack & Bob's) Trenton, N.J., no.
Miller, Floyd: (Indian Beach Club) Ithaca Beach, Del., no.

D

Mills, Dick: (Ideal Beach Resort) Monticello, Ind., no.

E

Monkhouse, Stork Club, NYC, no.
Morgan, Paul: (Crystal Beach) Vermilion, O., no. (VMI) Lexington, Va., 10-11.

F

Morris, George: (Whirling Top) NYC, no.
Morton, Ray: (Warwick) NYC, b.
Muñoz, Hilo: (Grauman's) Chi., no.

G

Murphy, Larry: (DuPont) Wilmington, Del., no.
Murray, Charlie: (9 o'clock) NYC, no.

H

Nasr, Jimmy: (Viking) Phila, no.
Nichols, Eddie: (Famous Door) NYC, no.
Nielsen, Paul: (Gay '90s) Indianapolis, no.
Noite, Leighton: (Cleveland) Cleveland, no.
Noelle, Ray: (Palace) San Francisco, no.
Norris, Bob: (Beigent Pavilion) World's Fair, N.Y., no.

I

Nottingham, Gerry: (El Tabarin) San Francisco, no.

J

Ohman, Phil: (Trocadero) Hollywood, Calif., no.

K

Olmanson, Val: (La Martiniere) NYC, no.
Orlando, Carlos: (Norbridge) Phila, no.
Ortiz, Al: (Deer Hunt) Drummond, Mich., no.
Ortiz, Luis: (Niagara Univ.) Niagara, N.Y., no.

L

Orvaldo, Emanuel: (Babette's) Atlantic City, no.
Owens, Harry: (Roosevelt) Hollywood, no.

M

Page, Paul: (Colonial Gardens) Lake Manitou, Ind., no.

N

Pelorus, William: (La Marquise) NYC, no.
Panchito, Vincenzo: (Vincenzo) NYC, no.

O

Parker, Bill: (Little Miss) Norristown, Pa., no.
Patrick, Henry: (Star Club) Phila, no.
Patterson, Pat: (Willow Grove) Willow Grove, Pa., no.

P

Paul, Toasty: (Chicago Tower) Chi., b.
Paul, Eddie: (Indiana Lake) Russells Point, O., no.
Perry, Rose: (Belvedere) NYC, b.
Petri, Eddie: (New Orleans) Detroit, no.
Petri, Eddie: (El Dorado) Chicago, no.

Q

Prima, Louis: (Casa Manana) Boston, no.
Primo, Louis: (Casa Manana) Boston, no.
Pronto, Louis: (Covered Wagon Inn) Stratford, Conn., no.

R

Zuker, Bob: (Sunnybrook Ballroom) Pittsfield, Pa., no.
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S

Zuker, Al: (Lox Cabin) Trenton, N.J., no.
Zarin, Michael: (Cavern on the Green) NYC, no.
Zikes, Leslie: (Chez Ami) Buffalo, no.
Zinder, Max: (Del Rio) Peach Creek, Bladensburg, Md.

T

Zito, Horatio: (Belmont Plaza) NYC, no.
Zimmer, Eddie: (Snow Box) Seattle, no.
Zorn, Leo: (Covered Wagon Inn) Stratford, Conn., no.

U

Zurke, Bob: (Sunnybrook Ballroom) Pittsfield, Pa., no.
Zurke, Bob: (Sunnybrook Ballroom) Pittsfield, Pa., no.

V

Zweig, Sandy: (Lamia's Merry-Go-Round) Dayton, O., no.

W

Tan, Jimmie: (Kaufman's) Buffalo, no.
Taylor, Sandy: (Lamia's Merry-Go-Round) Dayton, O., no.

X

Terry, Frank: (McVans) Buffalo, no.
Thomas, Hank: (Commodore) Detroit, no.
Thompson, Lang: (Wm. Penn) Phila, no.
Tipton, Vaughn: (Stone's Grill) Springfield, O., no.

Y

Tian, Paul: (Commodore) NYC, no.
Tovaro, Pedro: (Henry) Pittsburgh, no.
Trace, Al: (Vivian) Chi., no.

Z

Travis, Ted: (Coral Gables) Lansing, Mich., no.
Travato, Salvatore: (New Yorker) NYC, no.
Tucker, Orrin: (Michigan) Detroit, no.
Turk, Al: (Oriental Gardens) Chi., re.

U

Ulmer, Ernest: (Nicky's Shadowland) Houston, no.

V

Van, Billy: (Music Bar) Atlantic City, no.
Varallo, Johnny: (President) Atlantic City, no.
Varrell, Tommy: (Barrel of Fun) NYC, no.

W

Vasquez, Walter: (Rainbow Room) Astoria Park, N.Y., no.

X

Vela, Angel: (New Hollywood) Bridgeport, Conn., no.

Y

Velasco, Eddie: (El Rancho) El Paso, no.

Z

Vernon, Joe: (Viking) Phila, no.

W

Wald, George: (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., no.

S

Walker, Johnny: (Riverine) Phoenix, Ariz., no.

A

Wallace, Roy: (Pavilion Square) Nip & Sip Indianapolis, no.

B

Walker, Lee: (Elise Lantern) Detroit, no.

C

Walker, Lee: (Monte Carlo) NYC, no.

D

Walker, Johnny: (Gingham Club) Wildwood, N.J., no.

E

Watson, Lee: (Cocaine) Philadelphia, no.

F

Weeks, Ramzy: (Rice) Houston, no.

G

Weiss, Curt: (Embassy) Phila, no.

H

Wendell, Connie: (Ace of Clubs) Odessa, Tex., no.

I

Whitman, Dick: (Bellevue-Stratford) Phila, no.

J

Williams, Eddie: (Astor) NYC, no.

K

Williams, Glen: (Hi-Lo Gardens) Bay City, Mich., no.

L

Williams, Griff: (Stevens) Chi., no.

M

Williams, Eddie: (Glen Hills) Shreveport, La., no.

N

Wilson, Ted: (Golden Gate) NYC, no.

O

Winter, Barry: (Rainbow Grill) NYC, no.

P

Woods, Howard: (Tantilla Gardens) Richmond, Va., no.

Q

Young, Roland: (Lombard's) Bridgeport, no.

R

Zabala, Al: (Lox Cabin) Trenton, N.J., no.

S

Zarin, Michael: (Cavern on the Green) NYC, no.

T

Zikes, Leslie: (Chez Ami) Buffalo, no.

U

Zorn, Leo: (Covered Wagon Inn) Stratford, Conn., no.

V

Zurke, Bob: (Sunnybrook Ballroom) Pittsfield, Pa., no.

W

Zurke, Bob: (Sunnybrook Ballroom) Pittsfield, Pa., no.

X

Zitz, Eddie: (Belmont Plaza) NYC, no.

Y

PHILADELPHIA'S 860G SEASON

New Plays on Broadway

Reviewed by Eugene Burr

ST. JAMES

Beginning Friday Evening, May 24, 1940

RUSSIAN BANK

A play by Theodore Komisarjevsky and Stuart Mims. Directed by Theodore Komisarjevsky. Settings and costumes by Louis Broderberg, with scenery uncredited. Incidental music by Irving Caesar. Folk music arrangements by Zinny Kogan and Theodore Komisarjevsky. Press agents, Charles Washburn and Frank Goodman. Stage manager, Roger Ploover. Presented by Theodore Komisarjevsky.

Masha . . . Natasha Boleslavsky
Sonya . . . Mikhail Rassumny
Natalia . . . Natalie Harris
Bulchenko . . . Josephine Houston
Patterson . . . Ralph Morehouse
Madame la Générale Denisova . . . Jeanne Palmer
Valeria . . . Ernestine Stodelle
Lisa . . . Jay Morrison
Beron . . . Roger Plymmer
Greta Mihon . . . John Laird
Grand Duke Nikita . . . Tenio Schwart
Shubina . . . Elena Karem
Koulnits . . . George Andre
Cameron . . . John Adair
Shezef . . . Mikhail Rassumny
Petrowa . . . Ceena Goodwin
Revolutionaries: Alexis Bolan, Michel Michon, Michel Greben, Arcady Steyanovsky, Ivan Triletsky, Boris Belotsky
Gypsy Man . . . Michel Michon
Gypsy Girl . . . Marjorie Tas
Cycles: Ara Shvedova, Elena Acafelova, Natasha Boleslavsky, Celia Petry, Evelyn Marsh, Arcady Steyanovsky, Boris Belotsky, Alexis Bolan, Michel Greben, Feodor Zaretsky
Colette . . . Marjorie Tas
Mrs. Cameron . . . Elsie Shannon
Katie . . . Natalie Harris
Poughoff . . . Arcady Steyanovsky
Tiffot . . . Alexis Bolan

ACT I—Scene 1: Natasha's Dressing Room; Imperial Opera House, St. Petersburg, January, 1917. Scene 2: A Private Waiting Room, and the Manager's Office at the National Security Bank, Petersburg, November, 1917. ACT II—Scene 1: Madame la Générale's Sitting Room, December, 1918. Scene 2: Same as ACT I, Scene 2, Next Morning. ACT III—Mrs. Cameron's Sitting Room, Long Island, Summer, 1933.

Added one more to the list of bank crashes since the depression—Russian

Bank, the play by Theodore Komisarjevsky and Stuart Mims that opened last Friday night at the St. James and closed Saturday, only to reopen Tuesday. Russian Bank was a play with music concerned with the Russian revolution—only there wasn't enough music. With a bit more, it might have seemed like a comic opera of the 1900s as it was, it seemed like nothing that you can possibly imagine. The fantastic plotting, the appalling dialog and the astounding overacting combined with Mr. Komisarjevsky's florid and antique direction to create a whole that was (See NEW PLAYS on page 16)

Only 27 Shows Seen; Early Hope Fizzles Out; Three Houses Open

Forrest most consistent, with 16 shows, 29 weeks and 601G gross — "DuBarry" registers highest week — Loew's gets seven shows for 17 weeks and 188G total

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—The season of 1939-40 was a far cry from 1929, when the town supported 10 legit houses (most of them now parking lots) to the extent of 125 productions. Curtain called down this week on the current semester found four houses still in the swim, the one never took off, with the ignoble total of 27 productions. Unpredictable vagaries featured the season. Holy Week, notoriously the emptiest week of the year, found three theaters running, while Easter week had a Folies Bergère vaude show selling at legit prices and a hold-over which had fallen in the flop category the previous week.

There's no question that Philadelphia got off right at the start of the season, considering the impressive list of coming attractions announced. At this date most of them are still coming.

Forrest Theater, Shubert house, provided the bulk of the season, playing 16 of the 27 shows for 29 weeks. Half were musicals, which pulled best. Started September 18 with *Ladies and Gentlemen*, and despite the lukewarm reaction of local critics, stars Helen Hayes and Philip Merivale were enough to give the tryout a strong \$11,000 for a fortnight. Maurice Evans followed with the uncut *Hawthorne*, cutting himself a neat \$22,000 for a single week.

Leave It to Me, first musical, hit a \$56,100 mark for its two successful weeks. Not so successful was *Very Warm for May*, which had a feeble \$18,500 week. Postponed twice previously, *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* satisfied with \$51,000 for its two weeks.

Forrest's Low

Mornings of Seven, following for the house low, could only corner a slim \$8,500 for its tryout week. The season's high was registered for the following Thanksgiving week that also found the Army-Navy game in town. *DuBarry Was a Lady* clicking handsomely with \$35,000 for the week. Same couldn't be said for *George White's Scandals* with only \$29,000 for its two early December weeks. But while gross was below expectations, it did not run into the red.

Christmas holiday brought *Three After Three*. It was liked, but \$34,000 for two weeks was uninspiring. New year brought in *Mama's Daughters*, which was liked better by the critics than the townsmen, who gave it a fairish \$21,200 for its two weeks. On the other hand, critical pannings of Hemingway's *The Fifth Column* didn't stop the customers from supporting *Franchot Tone* and Frances Farmer with \$32,500 for the fortnight. For *Streets of Paris* there was unanimity of opinion, \$68,400 for three weeks on the profitable side.

Katharine Cornell was fair from the b.o. viewpoint, with \$44,500 for two No Time for Comedy weeks; nor were there many huzzas for *A Night at the Folies Bergère*, at a \$285 top, turning in only \$39,200 for its two weeks plus an ad. (See PHILLY'S 860G SEASON on page 27)

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" votes 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 rather than zero. 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 returns and how closely the critics agree with the decision of their readers.)

"Louisiana Purchase"—100%

YES: Brown (*Post*), Watts (*Herald-Tribune*), Winchell (*Mirror*), Mantle (*News*), Lockridge (*Sun*), Anderson (*Journal-American*), Whipple (*World-Telegram*), Atkinson (*Times*).

NO: None.

NO OPINION: None.

"Keep Off the Grass"—56%

YES: Watts (*Herald-Tribune*), NO: None.

NO OPINION: Lockridge (*Sun*), Whipple (*World-Telegram*), Anderson (*Journal-American*), Brown (*Post*), Atkinson (*Times*), Winchell (*Mirror*), Mantle (*News*).

"Russian Bank"—6%

YES: None.

NO: Whipple (*World-Telegram*), Lockridge (*Sun*), Anderson (*Journal-American*), Atkinson (*Times*), Watts (*Herald-Tribune*), Coleman (*Mirror*), Waldorf (*Post*).

NO OPINION: Mantle (*News*).

Lines and Business:

Once again the theater has a chance to re-establish itself in the good graces of an entertainment-hungry public. Hundreds of thousands of potential customers are again coming to the Fair. Exhibitors at the Fair are spending millions to create good will for their products. The guides, lecturers and personal contact men at these exhibits are courtesy itself. No politeness is too extreme for them, even when the entertainment they offer is free. But the theater, with this vast box-office potentiality milling on its doorstep, continues its crude and callous, take-it-and-like-it attitude. This attitude was summed up the other day by a press agent when he said, "If a show is a hit, people will stand for anything and still beg for seats."

The play not necessarily in the hit class but described by the critics as pleasant and likable (such as *Morning Star*) is the play that suffers because of this arrogant attitude of Broadway showmen. Such plays are the backbone of the theater. And until these shortsighted alleged business men of the theater realize that theater-going must be made a pleasant experience, grosses and runs will continue to be cut short by a public which never has and never will relish being rudely shoved around. We suggest these "showmen" take a trip to the Fair and absorb a few lessons in salesmanship.

Prompts and Cues:

Grab your hat and go a-runnin' to see a film called *The Biscuit Eater*. It's terrific. Even the critics raves won't find you prepared for the experience this simple tale offers you. You'll laugh and cry, giggle andgulp and leave with the conviction that movies may be an art after all. STUART HEISLER, the director, runs the gamut on your emotions—and not from A to B. The two little "men," one black, one white, played by BILLY LEE and CORDELLE HICKMAN, are offered stiff competition by Tiverton Invader, one of the most beautiful bird dogs we've ever seen work a covey. (In case it interests you, it's all strictly the McCoy too. We grew up in the bird dog country, and we know.)

Bits and Pieces:

Margin for Error has found a new lease on life at reduced prices. This week finds it the third longest run in town and likely to stay thru the summer.

SHIRLEY WARDE has temporarily forsaken radio scripting on the Coast, and turns up soon in a good part in the new *LANA TURNER* film. . . . The Male Animal cast members are in a heated ping-pong championship battle backstage. IVAN SIMPSON, aged 70, is now leading. . . . Four press agents around town are trying to sell each other aliases. LEO FRIEDMAN works for MICHAEL TODD, and LEO FREEDMAN pushes Leo's Old Sweet Song. And there are two GOLDSMITHS. TED assists DICK MANLEY, and AL beats it up for the Barter Theater. . . . GYPSY ROSE LEE will park her auto-trailer alongside MICHAEL TODD'S Streets of Paris at the Fair and live in it. It's a \$25,000 affair of three rooms, decorated

by Sloane's. When LOU COSTELLO heard this he announced himself as running for "Mayor of the Midway."

LORELLA VAL MERY will press agent the Players Theater at Great Neck this summer. . . . WINSTON O'KEEFE and STEPHEN COLE are considering a summer session at Harvey's Lake Theater, Alderson, Pa. . . . New Plays and Players has acquired two new comedies, *Cosmic Urge* and *Corny Fox*, by PAUL BYRON.

FRANK CARRINGTON has established a junior acting company at his Paper Mill Playhouse (one of the most beautiful suburban theaters in the East) and plans a permanent repertory in which they will tour. They will first appear June 8, supported by 15 puppets. . . . JULIA MARLOWE has closed her houses in Switzerland and Egypt and returned to America. . . . The theater suffered regrettable losses last week.

GLADYS UNGER died in New York and WALTER CONNOLY dropped dead in his Hollywood home. FRANK LAWTON is reported as having been killed at the front, but confirmation is lacking.

The musicians' union seized a chance to brush up on Home Defense last week. Conductor EUGENE ORMANDY said he wanted a cannon fired as part of *1812 Overture* by TSCHAIKOWSKY at Philadelphia's Robin Hood Dell. The union insisted it be done on scale and selected CHARLES LEMASCH, 64-year-old French horn player, as cannonner. . . . WALTER SLEZAK plays Topaze at Mt. Kisco, and MILDRED NATICK planes in from Hollywood for *Bunny Tales*.

JERRY ROSEN announces himself as producer of *Who's Your Tailor?*, by DOROTHY STEINMAN, and will try it out at the Community Playhouse, Portsmouth, N. H. . . . THEODORE MAUNZY, formerly with MFP, will handle press work for the Chekhov Theater Studio at Ridgefield, Conn. . . . First bill at the Woodstock Student Theater will be *Lady Precious Stream*. . . . The Blackfriars Guild at New Haven plans to go professional this summer. . . . *No Time for Comedy* seems to be the preferred opening bill among the summer companies that can afford the stiff royalty.

CARL DON, co-author of *Reunion* in New York, is preparing a play on Haym Salomon for summer tryout. Signed for the Pine Brook Theater at Nichols, Conn., are BILL JOHNSON, ANNA KAREN, JACKIE MICHAELS, BERNARD THALL, EDA REIS and ARTHUR ROSS.

KATHLEEN BURNETT will manage the Lakeside Theater at Lake Placid, opening early in July. . . . Chapel Playhouse, Guilford, Conn., opens July 1 with PAULINE LORD in *The Late Christopher Bear*. Other stars will be CONSTANCE COLLIER in *Key Fever* August 12 and GLORIA STUART in *Accents on Youth*. CHARLES HOPKINS will direct. . . . TOM KNIGHT will do leads at the Plymouth Drama Festival, Plymouth, Mass., opening July 2 with *What a Life!* . . . PEONY COUDRAY is leaving the *Living Magazine* show at the Fair to direct at the Whalom Park Theater, Fitchburg, Mass., which opens its seventh season June 24. Actors signed are

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BROADWAY RUNS

Performances to June 1. Indirective Dramatic Opened Perf.

Grey Farm (Ibiden) . . . May 3 . . . 38

Ladies in Retirement (M.H.A.) . . . May 3 . . . 10

Lady in Waiting (Stock) . . . May 22 . . . 79

Life With Father (Ibsen) Nov. 8 . . . 228

Love! . . . Old Sweet Song . . . May 2 . . . 238

Male Animal (The) (Cont.) Jan. 2 . . . 56

Men Who Came to Dinner . . . May 2 . . . 167

The (Music Box) . . . Oct. 16 . . . 264

Music for Love (Milestone) Nov. 3 . . . 243

Reunion (Ibiden) . . . Aug. 15 . . . 22

Separate Rooms (Milestone) Mar. 23 . . . 61

There Shall Be No Night (Allied) . . . Apr. 29 . . . 14

Tobacco Road (Forsell) . . . Dec. 4 . . . 217

Musical Comedy

Dancing Queen . . . a Lady . . . May 6 . . . 204

Rhythm and Bluster (Shubert) Apr. 4 . . . 204

Keep Off the Grass (Broadhurst) . . . May 22 . . . 12

Love, Marriage and Murder (Ibiden) May 28 . . . 7

New Heliosphere (Winter Garden) . . . Dec. 13 . . . 200

Fins and Needles (Windsor) Nov. 27, 28, 1940

Woman Bank (St. James) May 24 . . . 11

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actually so bad that it managed to be amusing.

The first scene, in the prima donna's dressing room at the Imperial Opera House just before the revolution, showed Josephine Houston receiving flower compliments on her voice (thereby proving that the voice was good). Enter James Rennie, padded with pillows, as a disguised revolutionist who reminisced with her about their childhood on the steppes. Enter later Tomio Selwart, with his arm in a splint, as a grand duke willing to give up his all to marry her.

The second scene was in an American bank in Russia, as the bank was taken over by the revolutionists—an amazing a band as ever boosted the market price of crepe hair—and as Miss Houston was taken over by Mr. Rennie. Mr. Selwart was locked up in a vault.

The third scene was in a former noble home, become a combined speakeasy and gypsy encampment, and in it Miss Houston concocted a great scheme for Mr. Selwart's escape and wangled a pass out of Mr. Rennie, to the strains of gypsy music. The fourth scene—but why go on? The grand duke did escape, and 15 years later Miss Houston, accompanying a diplomatic mission to America, saw him again but decided to stick with Mr. Rennie.

The Komisarjevsky direction, of which much has been heard over here but nothing ever seen before, was frankly astounding. It allowed some of the hammiest acting ever seen this side of an American Music Hall burlesque; it was as heavy-handed as an iron automaton and as obviously phony as five aces in a poker game. It must have been acutely embarrassing to such an actor as Mr. Rennie, who looked somewhat harassed under its weight plus the added burden of the lines. Mr. Selwart was as charming as possible under the circumstances, and Miss Houston offered some playing that not even the circumstances could excuse. Effie Shannon gave a flash of beautiful professional pretending in a brief bit as an American matron in the last scene, and the rest ranged from bad to worse. In the latter category put Jeanne Palmer and Elena Karam, whose overacting stood out even in a company of stupendous overactors.

Two things in the play remain persistently and hilariously in mind: the entrance of the revolutionists, who seemed to have stepped into Bolshevism direct from Gilbert and Sullivan, complete with false hair, false whiskers, false noses and false emotions, and the entrance of the band of sad, large, singing gypsies, as romantic as a brewers' picnic and as gay as a funeral cortège. They were moments to cherish.

The American debut of Mr. Komisarjevsky as author and director, combined with appearances and direction of other famous Europeans, gives rise to the suspicion that the European theater in 1935 reached about the same stage of advancement that the British and American theater reached around 1885. That would explain the ill effects that occur when groups attempt to put European theories into practice in the American theater.

IMPERIAL

Beginning Tuesday Evening, May 28, 1940

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

A musical comedy with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin. Book by Morris Rykkind based on a story by B. G. De Sylva. Book staged by Edgar MacGregor. Ballets staged by George Balanchine. Dances staged by Carl Randall. Costumes and scenery designed by Tom Lee. Scenery constructed by Vail Scene Construction Co. and painted by Triangle Scenic Studios. Costumes executed by Helene Pons and Eaves Costume Co. Musical direction by Robert Emmett Dolan. Orchestral arrangements by Russell Bennett. Vocal arrangements by Hugh Martin. Production by Nat Dorfman. Stage manager, Paul Porter. Assistant stage manager, Ned Coupland. Presented by B. G. De Sylva.

Georgia Carroll

John Elliot

Robert Pitskin

Nicodemus

Ray Mayr

Ralph Rigg

Police Captain Whitfield	Edward H. Robins
Jim Taylor	William Gaxton
Beatrice	Carol Bruce
Lee Davis	New London
Funny-Lou	April Ames
Melina Van Linden	Vera Zorina
Madeline Bordelaise	Irene Bordoni
Senator Oliver P. Loganberry	Victor Moore
Alphonse	Charles La Torre
The Martins	Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane
The Buccaneers	Jo Jean Rogers, Phyllis Rogers
	John Panter, John Eliot
Premier Danseur	Don Cortez, James Phillips
LOUISIANA BELLES	Charles Larkay
Reasmond, Judy Ford, Patricia Lee, Veva	Edith Luce

Reasmond and Edith Luce.

DANCING GIRLS: Helen Vincent, Dorothy Hall, Petra Gray, Rosemary Sankey, Anita Upton, Betty Luster, Nancy Knott, Aileen Stewart, Athene Elder, Grace Gillern, Jean Scott, Zynade Spencer, Doris York, Mary Ganley, Leona Olsen, Dorothy Jeffers, Dorothy Barrett, May Hartwig, Virginia Morris.

DANCING BOYS: Harvey Mack, Charlie Curran, Clark Eggleston, James Leland, Douglas Dean, George Hunter, Jack McClendon, Kenneth Whelan, Henry Lahee, Richard Reed, Nicolai Popov, Dwight Godwin, Harold Haskins, Howard Eland, Ned Coupland.

ACT I—Scene 1: Lawyer's Office, Scene 2: Library of Jefferson Davis Club, Scene 3: Street Scene, Scene 4: Madame Bordelaise's Cafe, Scene 5: A Park, Scene 6: Private Room—Bordelaise's Cafe, Scene 7: Street Scene, Scene 8: Mardi Gras Ball, ACT II—Scene 1: Mardi Gras Ball, Scene 2: A Park, Scene 3: A Wood, Scene 4: Street Scene, Scene 5: Senator Loganberry's Hotel Apartment, Scene 6: Near the Capitol, Scene 7: The State Capitol—Baton Rouge.

During the first half hour of *Louisiana Purchase*, the musical with Irving Berlin tunes and Morris Rykkind book that B. G. De Sylva brought to the Imperial Tuesday night, you get a suspicion that it's going to be the best book show since *Of Thee I Sing*. The suspicion, however, is unfounded. Along toward the middle of its first act *Louisiana Purchase* gives up all hope of being the hard-hitting, hilarious, witty, satirical and topical burlesque that it starts out to be, and settles down to an acute case of book trouble. During its last three quarters the chief assets are the Berlin tunes, which are in sober truth terrific, and the performers—the that, fortunately, is quite a bit. The score, taken as a whole, is one of the best that this reporter has ever heard in a Broadway tunefest, and the performers include William Gaxton, Irene Bordoni, a swell new chanteuse named Carol Bruce, Vera Zorina and above all—Victor Moore. Thanks to the score and to them, the show remains entertaining to the end; but it never fulfills its promise.

It starts with an immensely clever piece announcing that all names and places—including Louisiana—are entirely fictitious; and then launches into an amusing and pointed discussion of peculation by the levee. The boys are threatened by an investigation conducted by a Republican senator, and they're trying to get out from under. The senator comes and begins to outsmart the lads right and left—and at this point it looks as tho the show were going to turn out to be a bore. But also at this point the show breaks down. The senator is compromised by a glamour gal hired for the occasion, and the gal double-crosses her employers for the senator's sake by announcing that she's going to marry him. And then, for a full act, other plans of a very similar sort are undertaken, none of them either amusing or clever, until the senator is finally licked by a picket line that surrounds the State capital where he is to make his expose. As everyone knows, no senator with Presidential aspirations could possibly cross a picket line.

All of the promising satire of the start Peters away to a few scattered gibes at American politics—cracks that are some of them excellent in themselves but quite incapable of carrying the absurdities of a boring book.

The music, however, is something else again. It, together with most of the lyrics, is about as good as you could possibly pray for—satirical tunes and sad tunes, comedy songs and romantic songs, sweet stuff and hot stuff and Latin stuff, and all of it out of the top drawer. Among this corner's favorites list the amusing opening, a hilarious take-off on drinking songs called *See Marches On*, the hauntingly lovely *Tomorrow Is a Lonely Day*, the show's hard-hitting title song, the intriguing *Latin Know How*, a rousing, terrific pseudo-spiritual called *The Lord Done Fixed Up My Soul*—and, in fact, almost everything else in the rich, full score.

And, of course, the familiar team of Moore and Gaxton is practically assurance of a hit. Mr. Moore, as the senator, has never been better; he is probably one of the three greatest men in the world

(I can't think of the other two at the moment) and he amply demonstrates it at the Imperial. As for Mr. Gaxton, he is still the most dependable straight man, song salesman and gag-timer in the business. Zorina, as the girl in the case, is remarkable chiefly for her excellent dancing (the, contrary to popular opinion, she's by no means the best ballerina around town) and for her willingness to wear a cheaply and needlessly revealing gown. She is at her best switching from ballet to rousing hotcha boofing in a Mardi Gras scene and in a ballet accompanied by dialog that gets most of its effect from the canny staging of her husband, George Balanchine.

The chief singing assignment falls to Carol Bruce, a flashingly attractive ex-band singer making her Broadway debut, who handles the numbers with showmanship, verve and great ability. And also singing, of course, is Irene Bordoni, who manages to show even Miss Bruce a couple of tricks. A mixed quartet called The Martins appears incessantly to fray

the nerves with painfully nasal harmonies; and the singing line-up is completed by another quartet called the Buccaneers (all male), which is excellent. It should have been used much more.

A bevy of assorted comedians, including Nicodemus, Ralph Rigg, Robert Pitskin and other dependables, helps out as members of the political gang; and Nick Long Jr., one of the finest dancers of our day, is inexplicably wasted in a single tap number, in which he is ably aided by April Ames, a topnotch tapster who, if memory serves, used to bill herself as April.

Tom Lee's costumes and settings are for the most part surprisingly ineffective. Carl Randall's hooding routines have a couple of high spots, but the chorus kids who perform them are neither extraordinarily lovely nor extraordinarily enthusiastic.

Without doubt, *Louisiana Purchase* will be a smash hit. But it's still not the show it started out to be.

From Out Front

By EUGENE BURR

SOMETIMES habits can become terrible things—for example, the habit of picking the 10 best plays of the season. Marijuana, they say, is bad, and so are opium and hashish and various others; but for sheer unadulterated misery give me picking the 10 best plays—particularly for a season like the one just ending. If this column had any strength of will it would let the season shatter upon the heat of June with nary a 10-best list, but the picking has gone on for so long hereabouts that it holds your reporter like a vice (pun intended).

You don't realize how bad the season really was until you begin picking plays for the list. And then you come to the startling conclusion that there are five at the most that rightly belong on an honor roll—and even one of the those would merely make the tail-end of the list in an ordinary season. If you insist on picking others you can merely pick the most promising—or, in other words, the best of a pretty bad lot.

WITH that discouraging prelude dutifully tucked away, then the list of the 10 best shows of the season of 1939-40, in the opinion of this sometimes limb-sitting corner, is as follows:

(1) Sidney Kingsley's *The World We Make* (dramatized from a Millen Brand novel); (2) Ellis St. Joseph's *A Passenger to Bell* (dramatized from his own short story); (3) Paul Osborne's *Morning's at Seven*; (4) Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse's *Life With Father* (dramatized from the Clarence Day stories); (5) Elliott Nugent and James Thurber's *The Male Animal*; (6) Albert Einstein's *Heavenly Express*; (7) Paul Vincent Carroll's *Kindred*; (8) Elmer Rice's *Two on an Island*; (9) Robert Ardrey's *Thunder Rock*, and (10) Sylvia Began's *Morning Star*.

IT'S not, I'm afraid, a very conventional list, and some of the items on it are open to honest argument. You can wryly savor the quality of the season by tasting the quality of the list, and the sad state of the theater is further brought home by the fact that three items in the first five are dramatizations of stories that originally appeared in other forms.

Concerning the pre-eminence of *The World We Make* there can be in this corner no possible doubt whatever. It was a beautiful, tender, deeply significant study, told in delicate and yet powerful stage terms. What it had to say was important, and its manner of saying it was powerfully affecting. Only three or four other plays in the last five years brought so profound an emotional glow, or continued to make themselves deeply felt so long after the final curtain fell. It was a play that could rate at the top of even the best of seasons.

Enough has been said here about *A Passenger to Bell*, both in play and in book form, to make further discussion needless. It was brutally manhandled by the critics and died quickly, but it remains a strong and excellent play. *Morning's at Seven* was a tender, delicate, charming and highly humorous study, filled with insight and hilarity, whose important fundamental viewpoint was entirely missed by most of those reporting on it. *Life With Father*, one of the smashes of the current season, certainly needs no introduction, nor does *The Male Animal*, a hilarious compendium of 1915 hokum beautifully welded together and with the added filip of a strongly presented and altogether excellent editorial thesis.

Heavenly Express was an imaginative and lovely fantasy that seemed somewhat muddled in the abominably self-conscious production that was given it. *Kindred*, a play so badly constructed that it failed to do anything like justice to its own fine attributes, contained some of the most magnificent dramatic poetry of recent years and presented a thesis so true, so strong and so important that even its shortcomings as a play cannot batter it entirely off the list. *Two on an Island* was a pleasant, workmanlike, tolerant comedy that was probably especially appealing to anyone in the show business. *Thunder Rock*, despite the fact that its splendid thesis was never thought thru, despite the fact that both its plotting and its philosophy were fuzzy, still stands as a promising and commendable effort. And *Morning Star*, a sprawling, badly put together play that failed to include the kitchen sink only because the kitchen happened to be offstage, still showed insight and tenderness toward its characters and a heart-warming ability to carry those attributes across the footlights.

IN CERTAIN respects, as you may have noticed, the list is more remarkable for its omissions than for its inclusions. Certain of the sacred cows of current criticism are conspicuously absent, and so are several plays that managed to attract a large section of the general public. But weak as the list may be in certain of its selections, it's not, I insist, as weak as the plays it omits.

The Man Who Came to Dinner, that highly touted bit of skullduggery, pulled its real punches rather faint-heartedly, and based all of its humor on invective; it was funny at first, but a whole evening of invective is apt to grow boring. *The Time of Your Life*, along with that other Saroyan what-is-it, *Love's Old Sweet Song*, have been discussed hereabouts until you and I are both sick of them—a state that I had already reached long before I left their respective theaters. *Margin for Error* is a dull, long-winded, unimaginative and unexciting whodunit that reached a certain amount of popularity by sticking its cheap wisecracks into the thick hides of the Nazis. *Key Largo* represented Maxwell Anderson at his underdone worst, being hopelessly muddled as to thought, entirely undistinguished as to poetry, and a complete blight as to dramatic action.

Night Music merely proved that Clifford Odets, after all these years, is still trying to *Find Himself*—the, Judging from his latest effort, he isn't trying very hard. *Ladies in Retirement* was an unexciting horror yarn as ever trickled unevenly across a placid stage. As for Robert E. Sherwood's *There Shall Be No Night*, it hysterically seeks to betray our country into the clutches of the horrible shambles of Europe, it takes unfair and disgraceful potshots at the United States, it is utterly inept and boring as a play, and it presents a childishly ridiculous attempt at self-conscious philosophizing. It should be deeply resented by anyone who loves either the theater, the United States or the survival of democracy in a world gone mad.

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Ft. Worth Casa Season Definitely Off; MCA Deal Off

PORT WORTH, Tex., June 1.—There will be no Casa Manana revues at the open-air cafe-theater this summer for the first time since Billy Rose had the structure built in 1936 as part of the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial.

Directors of the Casa Manana Association decided to call off the show for this year when Music Corp. of America, producer, turned down the latest proposition of the show directors. MCA wanted the local sponsors to raise the guarantees from \$16,000 to \$23,000. The directors were willing to raise the guarantee to \$20,000, but balked at the other \$3,000. The local sponsors signed their part of the contract over a month ago and had been waiting for MCA to sign too. The war and the subsequent drop in theater attendance caused MCA to ask for the additional guarantee and later to call off its part in the deal.

The directors intend to get an early start toward a 1941 show, with a permanent improvement plan designed to make Casa Manana a permanent civic fixture.

Names Battle It Out in Detroit

DETROIT, June 1.—This town will get its first day and date big-time vaudeville rivalry in two years June 7 when shows open at both the Fox and the Michigan.

The Michigan opens with Bob Hope's unit, doubling with the world premiere of the film, *The Ghost Breakers*, starring Hope. The Fox has Betty Grable and Rochester opening the same day.

Tendency in local vaudeville is toward name bands, following success of Ted Lewis last week at the Fox. Michigan currently has Orrin Tucker, and the Fox follows June 21 with Glenn Miller in his first Detroit booking since the band became a name.

Deighton Units Every Six Weeks

NEW YORK, June 1.—The Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro has effected an agreement with Howard Deighton, local producer, which calls for him to produce a new show every six weeks. Deighton will set the revue here, using standard night club and vaude turns. The first, featuring Gail Galli and Vic Hyde, will June 14.

Bert Lown's Ork will be the opening musical attraction at the Copacabana and if it registers will be held over for the entire winter. According to Lown, other available spots following Rio de Janeiro are in Buenos Aires and in Chile.

Carman, Philly, Holds On to Vaude

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—Altho the original intention was to go straight film for the summer, Frank O. Ackley, manager of the Carman Theater, has decided against cutting stage shows.

In addition to his usual promotions Ackley has leased 300 outdoor billboards to bally "the only stage shows in town." House is sure to run into July, Ackley booking acts that far ahead.

Outdoor amusement parks continue to offer week-end dates to vaude acts in this area. Latest to adopt the policy being Forest Park, Chalfont, Pa., which opened Saturday (25) with Kelsee Brothers, comics; Richards and Richards, jugglers, and H. Hamilton and Co., slack-wire troupe.

Trying Names at Sharon, Pa., Club

NEW YORK, June 1.—A name experiment is being made at the Gray Wolf Tavern, Sharon, Pa., with Bell Baker currently there as the initial attraction. If Miss Baker clicks names will be a regular feature of this 800-seat spot.

According to Eddie Smith, local booker, an arrangement has been made with Frank Benes, Cleveland agent, to have the name policy extended to the Ohio Villa, Cleveland, if the Sharon experiment is successful.

Even Louie Does It

NEW YORK, June 1.—Loew here is cashing in on the "guest star" gag by using visiting and local celebrities during the Tuesday amateur nights at the Pittkin Theater, Brooklyn. Usually the celebs appear gratis, figuring it good business.

Recent "added attraction" features included Gene Autry, Benny Fields, J. C. Flippin, Dave Vine and Paul Mall. Mall was on last week and the showing served as an audition for the Wayne (Pa.) Country Club, booked by WIN Artists Bureau.

Some of the "guest stars" are given a gold watch by Loew as appreciation for their cuff appearance.

Richman Breaks Holtz Record at Bowery, Detroit

DETROIT, June 1.—Business at the Bowery Cafe, using bands, reached an all-time high last week of 15,000 admissions with Harry Richman, whose date was heavily plugged in advance with newspaper, radio, special wires and street advertising.

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Club Talent

New York:

DUANO AND DOREEN, new ballroom combination, opened an engagement at the Monte Carlo. . . . FREDDIE WERNER is set for his first television date over NBC tonight (1). . . . ROSITA CORTEZ opened at the Brick Club Thursday.

HUMOARD AND ALLAN, dancers, marked their 100th performance at the Hotel White Wednesday (28). . . . LOLITA MOYA AND ALBERTO LOBRES are included in the cast of the Havana-Madrid's new show. . . . ENRICO AND NOVELLA were the dance team at the opening of the Sands Point Country Club, Long Island, N. Y., Wednesday (29). Herb Hagenor, on the podium, will remain there until September 9.

THE GOLDEN PAIR (True and Trudy Wilkins) sail for Rio de Janeiro July 26 to open a six-week engagement at the Copacabana.

JOHN VANCE, contortionist, opened at Leon and Eddie's, New York, May 31 for four weeks. . . . BETTY STONE, singer, returned to the 1523 Club, Philadelphia, Monday (27). . . . ESTELLE AND LEROY, dancers, go into the Hollywood Club, Galveston, June 8 for one month, set thru Jack Bertell. . . . CARMEN MIRANDA, now at the Versailles here, goes into the Chicago Theater, Chicago, June 7.

DWIGHT FISKE is set to play the Victor Hugo, Los Angeles, soon. . . . ROY BENSON goes to the Walton Roof, Philadelphia, June 27. . . . NAN BLACKSTONE precedes him there, beginning at that spot June 10. Both set by Paul Small, of William Morris agency.

GERTRUDE NIESSSEN, beginning May 31, will be at the Chase Hotel, St. Louis. . . . BARNEY RAPP'S Sign of the Drum, Cincinnati, heretofore on a six-night-a-week basis, has gone into a full-weeker.

LOIS HARPER AND FREDA SULLIVAN will be at the Latin Quarter, Boston, beginning May 27.

VALLEY AND LYNNE opened at the Vienna Grill, Montreal, May 24, after closing at the Casino Theater, Toronto, the previous day. . . . TUBBY RIVES opens at the Club Petite, Pittsburgh, May 27, after a season in Miami, Fla. . . . BERNHARDT, AND GRAHAM, dance team, have returned to New York from a South American trip.

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Theater Time Is There, But Promotion Is Needed for It

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theaters both in key cities and in small towns. Today's progressive producer would rather keep the show working, even at a slight profit, than permit long layoffs which cause frequent line-up changes.

Borde, in association with Benny Meroff, is still making the rounds with *Funsize* unit, which started out from Chicago in November of last year. It cashed in originally under the *Hellsopoppin* title, but switched labels when Olsen and Johnson claimed too much copycatting of their *Hellsopoppin* idea. Clark produces shows for T. D. Kemp Circuit in the South and the Gus Sun dates, and emerges with an average of three units per season. His recent *South American Nights* also picked up dates in the East in addition to its circuit tours.

Among other shows that have picked up 30 weeks and more during each of the last couple of seasons are Blackstone's magic unit, the *Hollywood Doubles* unit which has been going strong for three years, the Bernal-Vici Spices label, a standard for years, and the annual Ted Lewis and Dave Apollon review.

Also, there are nearly 100 acts deriving most of their revenue from vaudeville. Most of them in a period of a year manage to work almost as many weeks as was possible during vaude's heyday, apparently doing a type of act which is acceptable in almost any house and which can play frequent repeat dates.

Acts Keep Busy

Among some of the more familiar acts keeping busy today in vaude are Jack

Durant, who played Loew's State twice in five weeks and the Roxy twice within a span of six weeks; Senor Wences, Joe and Jane McKenna, Senator Murphy, Willie West and McGinty, who have been getting many of their dates in Europe; Nick Lucas, who also picks up time in Australia; Manning and Class, Gauthier's Bricklayers, Clifford and Marion, Cookie Bowers, Jack Powell, The Rinas, Titan Trio, The Nonchalants, Whiteman Roberts, Gil Lamb, Gil and Bernice Maisons, Frank Gaby, Bob Hall, Johnny Burke, Frank Conville, Peggy Taylor, Sybil Bowen, Will and Gladys Ahern, Peg Leg Bates, Paul Gerrits, Rooney and Timberly Jr., Cardinal, Jack Gwynne, Five Elwins, Tony Martin, Five Janies, McConnel and Moore, Stan Kavanaugh, Billy Wells and Four Pals, Paul Remos and Midgets, Paul Sydel and Spotty, Buster Shaver and Olive and George, Minevitch's Harmonica Rascals, Dean Murphy, Ben Yost acts, Hudson Wonders, Walter Dare Wahl, Joe Jackson Sr. and Jr., Carroll and Howe and Stepin Fetchit.

Remarkable fact is that some suitable vaude acts have yet to play a night club or hotel room because of their distaste for this type of work.

The Ted Lewis unit has reopened scores of film houses to vaude, just as the Bowes units have. In some instances Lewis' manager, Milton Pickman, who has since left him, helped straighten out union disputes in order to clear the way for a trial for vaude. Houses that had not had vaude for years opened up for Lewis and then continued vaude.

Chi Spot Using Many Circus Spots

CHICAGO, June 1.—Frank Hutchins, operator of the Villa Moderne, suburban night spot, is the "answer to the novelty acts' prayer." Hutchins is partial to acrobatic and novelty acts of the circus type and has found that his patrons mainly people of the middle class, like them too.

With the opening of his outdoor garden, he has already lined up a number of circus acts for the next five weeks.

Opening June 5 for two weeks are Maysay and Brach, unicycle act which recently played the Stadium Circus. On June 14 the Jim Wong Troupe of Chinese acrobats and gymnasts opens, and the bill for week of June 21 will include The Canestrels and La Tosca, bounding rope artist, all booked by the John Benson office.

Rosey Booking 2 Lake Tahoe Spots

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Cal-Neva Lodge and the State Line, both on the California-Nevada border near Lake Tahoe, will open June 22 and 27, respectively, with Archie Loveland's Orchestra set for Cal-Neva.

Sam Rosey is booking shows into both spots. This will be his fifth year in handling Cal-Neva. MCA had previously booked the State Line. Shows have not been set for the openers.

Season at both spots extends thru Labor Day.

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Chicago:

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JOE HOUGH is beginning to think he has a permanent job as emcee at Wilson's Cafe. He completed a year there Wednesday (23). . . . CLIFF HALL, Embassy Club entertainer, finishing his first tune, *I'm Learning Fast*, and it's going to a New York publisher. . . . BOB RUSSELL emcee at Jack Lynch's, noticed that he has been selected for the second Metropolitan Opera audition air program next fall. Russell is also quite a hand at songwriting. Joe Prasetto, WIP maestro, introducing his *From the Moment We Met* and Bing Crosby being interested in his *Tired of Everything But You*. . . . JIMMY COSTELLO leaves Evergreen Park for Chicago and an air audition this week.

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Atlantic City:

TOM ENDICOTT getting his Duke Ranch in shape. Will emcee the show himself. . . . MARY GLEASON, fan dancer, first in at Lillian-on-the-Lake, White Horse pile spot, unshuttered by English & Oliver. . . . EL MOROCO Cafe, still another spot crowding the week's openings. EDDIE KRAVIS' Pad-

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Lido Country Club, Long Beach, L. I., N. Y.

Talent policy: Dance and show band; floor shows at 9 and 12. Management: Frank Seiden, operator; Charles Seiden, manager; Jim Horowitz, host; David E. Green, press agent; Abner Greshler, director of entertainment; food department under management of W. E. Palmer. Prices: Dinner from \$1.75; drinks from 50 cents. Interiors by Joe Lessman. W. Albert Swasey, architect.

Long an exclusive summer resort catering to the wealth of New York and environs, it has been opened this season to the public for the first time after it was secured by the Frank Seiden management. Located some 25 miles from Manhattan, this layout, luxurious to the nth degree, has everything in its favor to draw the money people; a palatial hotel, a wide and well-kept beach on the Atlantic Ocean and a country club

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Bon Air Country Club, Wheeling, Ill.

Talent policy: Band for show and dancing, and relief band; floor shows at 8:45 and 11:45; Saturdays 8:30, 11:30 and 2. Management: Sam Rose, producer; Chuck Durst, publicity. Prices: Dinner from \$2.50; drinks from 50 cents; minimum, week days, \$2.50; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, \$3.50.

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The entertainment is concentrated in the club's dining room, which has been completely and seasonally redecorated. It is a gay and beautiful room with a seating capacity of 600 to 700, in addition to a bar and cocktail lounge adjoining the main spot.

The country club opened Decoration Day and entertainment policy opening night was still rather vague. As an opening finale the management brought in Eric Madriguera's Band, Benny Fields, Jane Pickens, George Tappa and Ramon and Renita. Fields and Miss Pickens were in for one night only and Cross and Dunn came in Saturday for a brief run. From all appearances management will play up personalities on its floor, particularly those who are favorites with the Florida wintering crowds.

Usual opening-night mishaps were on hand, but they are of little consequence. Once the policy is set, there is no reason why the spot will not continue to draw its share of the higher bracket trade. The initial crowd was a heavy and classy one.

Ramon, of Ramon and Renita, emcees at the opening but was not on with his partner at the first show. That left the entire show in the hands of three singers. Jane Pickens, highly commercial prima donna, opened with a series of strong songs sold in a novel way. She works in a very intimate style, strolling about the floor while singing. She is a lovely personality on the floor: sophisticated, but in an agreeable way. Her set included *Let There Be Love*, *Summertime*, a funny opera singer's version of pop tunes and finally a straight operatic bit.

George Tappa followed with his smooth ball-and-tap specialties, selling his fare in a smart manner. There still remains some distraction in his facial mannerisms which smack of affectation, but fortunately they are gradually being reduced to a minimum. His closing bit, a hooper of the old vaude days, is a highlight of the lighter variety.

Benny Fields, with high hat and cane and minstrel gab, closes. Benny's merchandise is well known to his friends and he had many of them opening night to buy it. He stayed on a bit long, but the customers kept applauding for more. Opened with a ditty in rumba tempo, then turned to *I'm Too Romantic*, *Minstrel Men* to *Washington, Melancholy Baby*, *It's Delocely* and *Shadrack*. His wife, Blossom Seeley, who is referred to in his act, was on the side line as a visitor.

Eric Madriguera's American and Latin band could have been used to swell advantage in the show with a couple of novelties, but apparently lack of time prevented that. The outfit plays American music capably and excels in Latin rhythms dished out in true native style. Rumbas, tangos and congo chain dances had the dance floor swarmed with customers. Vocals are ably furnished by Patricia Gilmore, who delivers impressive versions of current American hits, and by Sarita Herrera, Spanish warbler who lends authentic vocal color to the Latin numbers. During the rumba sets Ricardo Lamar in a native costume assists Miss Herrera at the bongos. For further vocal embellishment the Star Tunesters, harmony trio, background Miss Gilmore in special arrangements.

Sam Honigberg.

West and among the finest in the country, Bon Air opened its third season Tuesday (28) with a scintillating show presented to a capacity crowd of nearly 1,200. Located 30 miles north of Chicago's Loop but drawing most of its patronage from the city, the club is set amid beautifully landscaped grounds. The interior is a veritable show place. Main dining room seats close to 1,000, adjoining room 150, and off the main entrance is a large oval bar.

Initial show, staged by Sammy Rose, is lavishly dressed and features Tony and Renee De Marco, top dance team. Opening stanza is an elaborate production number with the 16 Belles of Bon Air doing a modern strut with acro interludes to music of *Rush Me Off*, on the elevated stage, and finishing with the Four Ambassadorettes in whirlwind acrobatics featuring a clever rope-jumping stunt.

Gracie Barrie, petite eyeful, won plaudits with a song session that included *My, My; Say It*, *Woodpecker Serenade* and *God's Country*. She has a full, rich voice and, altho hampered by an inadequate p.a. system, delivered her numbers splendidly.

The 16 Belles are on for a gorgeous Indian Summer number in which the rising circular stage in center of main stage is used for some beautiful posing effects.

Al Bernie, mimic, pleased with excellent comedy impersonations of Charles Laughton, W. C. Fields, Charles Boyer, Mussolini and others and also was a competent emcee.

The DeMarcos, outstanding in their field, won repeated applause for their magnificent routines. Instead of the usual long evening gown, Renee wore a near knee-length dress of brilliant red that set off her figure to perfection, and the innovation was sensational. Team has an easy grace that is charming and their repertoire included a Chopin waltz, a *Volga Boatmen* arrangement, *Sparks*, with special arrangement by Emil Coleman, and *Hello, Darling* from the picture *Zaia*. Show closed with the DeMarcos and the 16 Belles giving a beautiful interpretation of the *La Conga* to *El Rancho Grande*.

Clyde Lucas and his California Dous play highly danceable music, offering a pleasing variety that includes current pops and an abundance of tango, rumba and congas. Lucas has a well-balanced orchestra of 12 versatile men and his arrangements are exceptionally good.

Sam Rose has put together a very fine show, gorgeously costumed and admirably presented.

Excellent intermission music is furnished by the Dukes (7) and their Duchess.

Nat Greene.

Bowery Cafe, Detroit

Talent policy: Dance and show band; floor shows at 9:15 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Management: Frank Barbaro, manager; Peter J. Jodice, booker. Prices: Dinner from 85 cents; drinks from 35 cents; 25-cent admission charge.

Mickey Colbertson, exotic veil dancer, opens in a darkened stage number, marking the slowly deliberate rhythm of her dance with Oriental bells. Julio and Jean Tudell, in a South American dance, exhibit more balanced teamwork than common in this style, with Julio doing a good assist to his partner's more spectacular poses, especially on whirling.

Marcia Wayne does sophisticated tap on the Eleanor Powell style. Alexander Sedoff, first winner in the Bowery's talent contest over 1,000 entrants, is a dramatic baritone with volume, expression and control. Effective in *Old Man River* and *Wagon Wheels*. His technical resources are okeh; needs to relax and get away from effect of his conventional stage gestures.

The Hackers, despite a heavily dance-conscious Bill, wowed the crowd, opening in a very graceful control-ballroom routine that casually dissolves into ludicrous errors. They have good comic sense, the girl graciously playing straight and obviously surprised at and apologetic for his errors. Hacker does a solo Cleopatra and Caesar number for a comedy smash finale.

Sophie Tucker, opening to an ovation, has her own thoroughly individual zest and fire in a balanced mixture of recitations and ballads delivered in that deep-voiced style that adds to the quality of sincerity. Does a rumba number in happy-go-lucky style that gets a grand hand and had the crowd singing choruses with

her. Only closing time stopped her. Typical numbers were *After You're Gone*, *Robert E. Lee*, *Harvest Moon*, *You've Got To Be Loved To Be Healthy*.

Larry Sinclair Jitterbugs provide a wild sock finish for the show.

Benny Rose and his band also do specialties. Charlie Carlisle, emcee, is developing a new Chaplin-esque side of his style. Johnny King, dramatic tenor, and the 12 Eve Ross Boweryettes in colorful cane and flag production numbers round out the show.

H. F. Reves.

Lookout House, Covington, Kentucky

Talent policy: Floor shows at 9:30, 12:30; dance and show band. Management: Jimmy Brink, owner; George Rabe, press agent. Drinks from 35 cents; dinners from \$1.50. Minimum \$1.50 week days and Sundays; \$2 Saturdays.

Along with the Beverly Hills Country Club this spot continues to share the bulk of the business from the sporty spending element in the Cincinnati area. With the dropping of the cash bingo features, Manager Brink plans an even more ambitious talent parade, beginning June 11 with Sophie Tucker and following with Lani McIntire's Hawaiians, Harry Richman and others.

Current offering, which opened Tuesday (28), measures up to standard. Don Arden's talented Artists' Models (8) give the layout a flying start with a novel bouncing-ball routine. Ernest Jackie Marshall introduces first Alma and Roland, nicely garbed, youthful and lively ballroomers, who set themselves in solidly with a sprightly bit of double toe work.

Al Ody injects a bit of comedy into his juggling of wand, balls and Indian clubs and the twirling of the parasol and ring. His juggle isn't overexacting, altho it registers okeh. Comedy attempts and accompanying chatter could stand renovating, however.

Don Arden, who has built himself an enviable reputation here with his original production ideas, leads his lookers with an effective and graceful soft-shoe routine to *Moonlight Serenade*, with George Wald's orchids giving the number a backing with glee club warbling of the dirty from the floor stage.

While Marshall, a holdover, needs a bit more polish and better material for the emcee duties, he's a riot in his own spot. As a singer of character songs and comedy impersonator he ranks with the best. He did *Laugh! I Thought I'd Die*, a drunk version of *Pixies on Parade*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Night and Day* as a radio announcer might do it and his familiar hat routine. A master of facial contortion, Marshall works like a Trojan and sells smoothly. He had difficulty getting away.

Alma and Roland return to contribute an original version of the New Orleans strut, which, altho crabbed by the spotlight man, registered solidly. A Boogie Woogie encore sent them away to a solid mitting.

Peter Higgins, Irish tenor and a favorite here, bowled them over with his excellent song weaving. His easy style, sly humor and intimate manner caught the customers from the go. *Sang Did Your Mother Come From Ireland?*, *All the Things You Are*, *Woodpecker Song*, *Too Romantic*, *Balalaika*, *Irish Eyes*, *I Told Every Little Star* and *Vieni Vieni* and was forced to beg off.

Arden Girls closed with a *Dresden Doll* (See NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS on page 20)



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number, with all out for the bowoff. George Wald's oak lads made a creditable showing with their dance and show music.

Suzi Sachs.

Chez Paree, Chicago

Talent policy: Band for show and dancing, and relief band; floor shows at 8:45, 11:45 and 2 a.m. Management: Joe Jacobson and Mike Fritzel, operators; Fred Evans, producer; Bob Curley, publicity. Prices: Dinner from \$2.50; drinks from 50 cents; minimum \$2.50 on week days, \$3.50 Saturday.

A lavish and sprightly show, headed by Harry Richman, ushers in the early summer season with a five-act bill of well-balanced variety and three beautiful Fred Evans production numbers. Cobina Wright Jr., New York society deb, is making her first Chicago appearance and scored nicely in the opening stanza. Richman, who has played many engagements here, is a solid favorite.

The Chez Paree Adorables, 16 beauties in gorgeous costumes designed by Fred Evans and Francis Pallister, give the show a lively start with a routine titled *Let's Dance*. Appear later in a Spanish number, *Make Love With a Guita*, with vocal by Don Huston, and in the finale a picturesque version of the *Florodora Sextet*, with vocal by Harry Richman, who emcees throughout the bill.

A new note of novelty is injected into the show by Carole and Sherod, lovely blondes who have an original style of rhythmic stepping. Their graceful swing tap routines are out of the ordinary.

Dean Murphy, talented young satirist, is making his first Chez Paree appearance and made a favorable impression with his comedy studies of notables. Best are his satires of President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt, done with a keen sense of humor.

Cobina Wright Jr. is a lovely and well-poised young woman who has an excellent singing voice. A bit nervous on her first appearance, she nevertheless did a fine job with *Rumba Jump, Imagination, My Heart Still Beats for You* and *Vous Qui Passes Sons Me Voir*, winning a generous hand.

Lucienne and Ashour, dance duo, are among the topnotchers in apache, and their strenuous and colorful routines made a big hit, as did their comedy numbers.

Richman is still a great entertainer. He was given a big reception and his songs brought demands for more. Accom-

panied by Jack Golden at the piano, Richman offered *Cecilia*, a medley with *Wind and the Rain in Your Hair*, *Too Romantic* and *Let There Be Love* and topped the show with *That Old Gang of Mine*. Encored with several old favorites and could have gone on indefinitely.

In producing and staging the show Evans is assisted by Mary Gorgas. Very fine musical arrangements by Gene Lucas. Lou Breeze and his orchestra continue to give out excellent music for both show and dancing.

Nat Green.

La Martinique, New York

Talent policy: Floor shows at 9, 12:30 and 2:15; dance and show band, Latin relief band. Management: Dario, operator; Ed Dukoff, press agent. Prices: Dinner from \$3.50. Minimum after 10:30 p.m., \$2. Week nights and Sundays, \$3. Saturdays and holidays.

A very pleasant hideaway to while away a few after-dark hours. Spot attracts a good class of trade with its French atmosphere and service and Latin and American music and floor shows. Current show has three acts, topped by Yvette (Elise Harris), a charming blond with a French accent, who warbles in a cool and refreshing manner. There is a silkiness to her voice that adds a definite kick to her popular American and French tunes. Concentrates on romantic stuff, delivered with meaning. Her French novelties are unaffected and the language is never forced.

Jerry Lester, nut comic, emcees and proceeds to destroy himself all for the sake of a few laughs. It is mostly low comedy, which registers because of his hard-working rapid style. He had the imbibers responding with high laughter.

Carol King, beautiful Brunette, too dance, opens the bill with a couple of graceful routines that are exceedingly well executed. Her turns are fast and smartly patterned, as is her entire style.

Vel Olman, youthful chap, conducts his nine-piece outfit during shows and furnishes music for the American dance sets. Nice enough combination. Intermissions are played by Fausto Curbelo's rumba combination, drawing many customers on the floor with its authentic Latin rhythms. Sam Homberg.

Club Edgewood, East Greenbush, N. Y.

Talent policy: Dance and show band, continuous entertainment. Management: Harold A. Van Oostenbrugge. Prices: Dinner from \$1; drinks from 40 cents; 50 cents minimum week nights, \$1. Saturdays and holidays.

A beautiful night club just outside Albany which has been operated by the same people for 25 years. It is a credit to this business, for not only is Van Oostenbrugge one of the leading citizens in this area but also has been on the alert all these years to make the spot as inviting to the family trade as possible and bring in all modern improvements. The entire two-floor building, a beautiful architectural consolidation of the Presidential homes of Jefferson and Washington, is available to patrons. The first floor has a bar and cocktail lounge and the upper floor has a beautiful supper room where the late evening dance sessions are held. Combined seating capacity is 1,300.

The way the spot is operated is most interesting. The Van Oostenbrugge family is personally acquainted with the majority of the customers, has watched them grow, marry and rear children old enough to join the Edgewood patron list. Personal attention is given them and when the youngsters misbehave they are either put "on probation" or told to stay out until management is ready to permit them in again.

Spot draws from Albany, Troy, Schenectady and Hudson and attracts many students from neighborhood colleges. It is a good market for unknown and semi-name bands which can furnish good dance music and floor entertainment. Many name bands played here as very small money in their early days and new outfits find it a good place to polish them up.

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The customers are good dancers and know danceable music when they hear it.

As a change of diet, management brought in the Korn Kobblers, a six-piece comedy band, to follow the Bob Meskin-Patricia Norman full-size orchestra. The outfit has five of the original Schnickelfritz Band members, including Stan Frite, trumpeter and general comedy man. The boys dish out entertaining corn. And the corner the more commercial it is. They use novelty instruments, knickknacks and wigs to highlight the pleasant nonsense of their offerings.

Thanks to the great p-a system here, the boys also show up well in straight dance sets. During the novelties the patrons bunch around the band stand and take them in with enthusiasm. Basic instrumentation includes trumpet, sax, trombone, piano, drums and bass. The drummer, Howard McElroy, is a funny dead-pan entertainer who comes in prominently in many bits. In all, a good, versatile, hard-working combination. Sam Homberg.

Belmont Club, Miami Beach, Florida

Talent policy: Floor show, including girl line; dance and show band.

This is the best show the club has presented since its inception two years ago.

On the bill are Harry Rose, Carolyn March, Deane and Del Campo and a line of girls—seemingly an ordinary presentation, but it isn't.

Harry Rose is still as funny and distinctive as ever. Harry's delivery is entirely Harry's, his slight British accent is charming, his slyly risque stuff is lovable and his voice is as good as ever. Too he mugs well with the orchestra leader and turns on a most pleasant personality when he ad lib, thru the boomp-a-daisy routine which has the chorus enticing ringers male guests for an unrehearsed piroette. Incidentally, that type of entertainment never fails to miss. Bring the customers into the show and you're assured of its success.

Carolyn Marsh is the singer here. Miss Marsh's voice has a distinctive timbre and is full and pleasant. She is one of the few girl singers to appear in Miami who has not had to rely on personality to cover a fair to middlin' voice. Only one thing tho: she did South of the Border and South American West. She did them in grand style—but the numbers are dated.

Deane and Del Campo please with an odd dance arrangement on *Prelude*, the only ballroom team, as far as we know, to work to this famous classic. They also offer a colorful and sexy rumba, with Del Campo playing bongo during the first chorus. The pair also do an interesting take-off on *The Blacksmith*. He pretends to shoe and ride her which, of course, is another great spot for Harry Rose's comedy.

Six girls do a gypsy, conga and boomp-a-daisy routine. All okeh.

Johnny Silvers' Band alternates with Alberto's rumba crew.

Lee Simmonds.

Travelers' Club, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Talent policy: Dance and show band. Two shows nightly. Price, 50-cent minimum week days; \$1 Saturday.

This Northeast Pennsylvania club has been finding new life the past month, possibly because of its 30-minute nightie tie-up with local radio station, but more likely because it has instituted a weekly change of shows.

Topping the current show is Jack Strouse, who does a good emcee job but really hits his peak with the rendition of *Stay Where You Are*, a patriotic song which he wrote. The song caught on immediately here. Encored with a special on President Roosevelt, which shows excellent promise as a campaign song for the Democrats. Strouse's rendition of *7 or 11* also made a hit. His gags were acceptable.

A young trio, The Continentals, was refreshing in dance routines and attractive costumes. One of the trio, Lucille Harris, stepped out with acro dance solos. Her initial appearance featuring back-bends while holding two glasses of water in her hands. Her drunk take-off was acceptable, but needs more polish. Another of the trio, Evelyn Day, presented an eccentric dance attired in farm girl dress.

Swingstress Honey Greene hit the hot notes with her specialties on *Everybody Loves My Baby*, *Rosetta*, *Stay on the Right Side* and *Goody Good Bye*. Young

performer, Dorothy LaRue, presented a military toe tap.

Lee Cummings and his seven-piece orchestra furnished the dance and show music.

Club Bali, Philadelphia

Talent policy: Dance and show band, rumba relief band, acts, native and Latin American lines of girls; floor show at 7:30 and 12:15 p.m. Management: Kaliner brothers (Max, Joe, Si), proprietors; Ben Lemisch, manager. Prices: Dinner from \$1; drinks from 50 cents; \$1 minimum supper week days, \$1.50 Fridays, Saturdays and holidays; no cover.

The three Kaliner wonder boys first gave local nitry lanes the right medicine with their Little Rathskeller, an outgrowth of their center city drug store. Still holding on to that click, the boys took over the next-door darkened Benny the Bum's and, hopping on the Beachcomber band-wagon, brought the South Seas to South Broad street.

The boys brought in Paul Berner to reproduce the romantic splendor of the Dutch spice islands, replete with a volcano flanked by purring fountains, at a cost of \$10,000. Total investment hits \$35,000.

For the front door duties, Ben Lemisch, coming in from the Tavern in New York, is a gracious host. Manic Sachs, of Music Corp. of America, produces the divertissement, making it most attractive throughout.

Save for the line of Paul Fiorenza girls, eight lookers whose three routines only give the specialists a chance to get their bearings on the movable stage three feet above the dance floor, show consists of four sock acts. All but one are showstoppers.

Annie Lester, buxom blues shouter, is adequate enough for a swingy *Annie Laurie, Say It and Say It St. St.* For the rest, it's strictly a tie between Henry Youngman, Dr. Giovanni and Maurice and Cordova.

Youngman, emcee, is a master at all times. Starts slow, quips falling too fast for the crowds. But once they catch up with him they don't let him go. A solid smash.

Maurice and Cordova are among the smartest ballyhooologists seen here and for the first time in this town impressed no end with their South American routines. Sweet on the spins, team had to turn in six dances before they could get off.

Dr. Giovanni, also for the first time here, brought up six ringers for his uncanny capacity of picking pocket, wrist watches and maybe gold fillings, too.

Nat Brandwynne's Cork (8), his pianoty scintillating throughout, makes dancing all the more desirable with his smooth and smart rhythms. For the rumba relief, Don Bernardo's Cork (5) inspires 'em to sway the south-of-the-border way. In addition, the La Comparsa dancers, three mixed teams, the gals a tropical delight, add the authentic routines when not enticing ringers to the polished floor for the conga chain.

M. H. Ovodenker.

Hurricane, New York

Talent policy: Production floor show at 8, 12 and 2: show and dance band, Latin relief band. Management: Mario Tosatti, operator; Hy Gardner, promotion man; Joel Rose, press agent. Prices: Dinner from \$1.50.

After discovering his all-native show was not what the customers want, Mario has revamped the show entirely and Friday (31) opened a half Hawaiian-Latin, full American show that is just about right.

It's a queer mixture that gets over, though mostly to the punchy comedy style of Romo Vincent, a 275-pound sizzling comedian and emcee, who is playing his first Broadway night club date here. (See Night Club Roster on opp. page)

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Vaudefilm Grosses

Broadway Better; Hope Terrific 45G; Kaye Surprise 35G; MH, Roxy Good

NEW YORK.—The Broadway b-o picture looks immeasurably brighter, some excellent recoveries being made despite poor weather earlier in the week. Grosses in most cases were more than expected, with the long holiday week-end, and with the sun making a return appearance, theaters look forward to hefty increases.

The Paramount is the only house that did slightly less than anticipated. The first week of Charlie Barnett's Band, Tony Martin and Danny Kaye, ending Tuesday (20), produced a fair \$36,000. Pic is *Typhoon*. For week ending June 4 the same layout is expected to draw approximately \$20,000. Previous to the current bill, four weeks of *Buck Benny Rides Again* and Gene Krupa did a not bad \$14,000.

Loew's State did quite well for week ended Wednesday (20) with \$25,000. The bill had Clyde McCoy's Ork, Block and Sally on stage with Deanna Durbin's pic, *It's a Date*. New bill, the Bob Hope comedy, looks like a record breaker. For this show, the Loew press department put on a very big campaign and, together with the pulling power of Hope, it looks like a \$45,000 week. First day (Decoration Day) accounted for nearly \$3,000, with six shows. With the good week-end weather, Hope continued the same number of shows. For this engagement, Hope gets \$12,500 for the unit, with 50 per cent of the gross over \$42,000. Pic is *Broadway Melody of 1940*. Prior to McCoy, Eddie Le Baron and Ruth Terry, along with the film, *Slightly Distractable*, did \$18,000.

An okish \$70,000 was registered at the Music Hall for week ended Wednesday (20). Stage had Jan Pearce, Frank Condon, Hilda Eckler and Nicholas Daka, along with Irene on the screen. Current bill with no names on stage and film *My Favorite Wife* looks like a \$64,000 session. Decoration Day had standees waiting an hour for seats. Previous to Irene, the second week of *My Son, My Son* knocked off a sad \$54,000.

Strange as it seems, Sammy Kaye's second week ended Thursday (30) at the Strand did better than the first stanza with a hefty \$35,000 compared to \$32,000 for the initial week. Film is *Terrific Zone*. This item is the best instance of an improved b-o tone on Broadway. Before Kaye, Guy Lombardo's second week registered a poor \$19,000, along with Saturday's Children, the first week having brought \$37,000. Kaye holds for a third week and will be followed by Jimmy Dorsey.

The Roxy is going along nicely with

the current bill. The second week of Lillian Russell and stage bill with the Shyrettes, Jeanne Lanier and Ben Yost's New Yorkers pulled \$41,000, compared to a week \$32,000 for the first week. Third week of this layout is expected to gross around \$34,000. Bill may go for a fourth week. On previous bill, Dick Command, with the Merry Macs, Bill Bailey and Avis Andrews on stage, collected \$28,000.

"Sunkist Vanities" Do Fair in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash.—Vaudefilm houses continued to hold their own last weekend altho business was below average. Theatrical business is off generally.

Harry Barry's *Sunkist Vanities* unit did fair at the Orpheum May 23 to 25, according to Manager Jim Ewing. *Shooting High* shared the bill.

Post Street was slightly under house average of \$1,750 May 24 to 26 with a show including Lou Ashe, Three Olympic Girls, Happy, Tom and Jerry, Jamison and Karlow and U. S. Thompson, plus pix, *Framed* and *Yukon Flight*.

Howard Bros. Poor 16G's; Hal Kemp 27G's; Blackstone, Britton Big at S-L

CHICAGO.—Two of the Loop's three vaudefilmers took it on the chin for week ended Thursday (20). Both the Chicago and Oriental were hard hit and fell far below their average grosses.

Hal Kemp was expected to hold up his at the Chicago, even tho in a touch spot following Hope's terrific week, but customers didn't come in paying numbers and house wound up with a poor \$28,000. Willie and Eugene Howard failed to draw at the Oriental, which also had a weak picture. Gross dipped to an unsatisfactory 16 G's. State-Lake, with Blackstone the Magician and Milt Britton's Band, came thru with an excellent week, hitting around \$17,000.

An excellent week in prospect for all

Colonial, Detroit, Vaude Season Ends; Ellington Was Top

DETROIT.—Stage shows dropped out this week at the Colonial Theater after proving the salvation of the house during the past year, but will definitely be back in the fall, owner Raymond E. Schreiber says.

Outstanding reason for the blackout of flesh currently, besides the usual summer slump, is the competition from outdoor ballrooms, summer stands of all types and night clubs. Major difficulty, Schreiber said, was an approaching famine of attractions. At the same time local night spots are offering direct competition for vaudeville patronage.

Average talent budget at the Colonial has been \$2,500 to \$3,000 a week for a season of around 40 weeks. The house did poor business generally before the stage-show policy went into effect. It built up attendance to as high as 9,000 a day in a 1,455-seat house by putting in vaudeville.

High of the season was run up by Duke Ellington, who drew a gross of \$14,000. Average for the house was around \$6,000, with attendance dropping whenever no name attractions were on the bill. Admission top has been a quarter, indicating an average weekly attendance of about 35,000.

The Colonial will use attractions again in the fall despite the new competition offered by four neighborhood houses of the Wisper & Wetman Circuit and the big stage shows booked by the Michigan and Fox theaters.

three houses with current bills. State-Lake has a natural with Sally Rand and her revue and Para picture *The Farmer's Daughter*. Off to a head start Friday and Saturday and should wind up with a big 16 G's. Chicago also started big, and Connie Boswell in person and the picture *Lillian Russell* should do at least a satisfactory \$34,000. At the Oriental Bob Crosby's unit coupled with Anna Neagle's two-day personal appearance and her picture *Irene* are expected to hit 22 G's.

B. & K. nabe houses have had excellent business the past week. *Pic Gone With the Wind* is now in three of their houses—Riviera, Tower and State, at same prices as prevail in the Loop, \$1.10 and \$1.50.

Tucker, Baker Do \$18,300 in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE.—Orlin Tucker and Bonnie Baker connected for an \$18,800 take at the Riverside Theater for the week ended May 30. The combo was responsible for the house's biggest day's business, May 26, in the seven years that E. J. Weisfeldt has managed the theater. Show included Paul Remos, the Bodyguards, the Stapletons and Gil Mershon. A 30, 40, and 55-cent admission policy prevailed. Average business is \$7,000 at 25, 30, and 35-cent admissions. Pic, *Island of Doomed Men* (Col.).

Dahl Show Okeh

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Edith Rogers Dahl headlined the Vaudeville Varieties bill which played three days at the Court Square Theater, closing Saturday (25). The show, fairly good in quality, drew good attendance and the house was well pleased.

Others on the bill were Billy Steele, Siegfried and Company, Joe Kerns, eight Abdulla Girls and Ben Hamilton. Picture, *Women Without Names*.

Wilkes-Barre Big

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Probably one of the most talked of three-day stage shows at the Irving Theater was the May 23 to 25 bill, which kept the S. R. O. sign out evenings, despite the fine weather.

Ralph Fielder, emcee, and Vic Hyde shared top honors. Also well received were Ward and King, Earl and Frances, Four Sensational Macks and Fielder, when he teamed with Harriett. Pic was *Opened by Mistake*, which helped.

Colonial, Detroit, Vaude Season Ends; Ellington Was Top

NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

(Continued from opposite page)
Vincent is introduced as a tourist in Hawaii, coming off the revolving stage, and, after the finale, is whirled away. This gives the show a semblance of unity, but it is Vincent's soft-spoken emceeing and shrewd special material songs that give the show its main strength. He did a parody on *It Ain't Necessarily So*, also *If I Only Had a Brain*, followed by a swell special on a cab driver, a swell Charles Laughton impersonation and a rambling but nifty burlesque on The Lone Ranger. He's a swell comedian who even uses his jelly-like bay window for comedy effect. Went over big.

Show opens with the Hawaiian boy-girl acrobatic duo, The Manoshines. They display swell figures and their acrobatic and adagio tricks are attention holding. Alma Ross, a brunet eyeful, does an undulating Tahitian dance in authentic fashion, and returned later, backed by three brownskin gals, for a neat production number highlighted by their bodies and costumes being illuminated in the dark. Miss Ross made a swell impression.

Lolita Cordoba, tall, dark and striking, does a brief conga bit with Vincent, also working between shows with the Latin six-piece band when she plays the piano. Shakes the maracas, sings and toses her hips around.

Pancho and Dolores, a handsome Latin couple, started strong with their graceful dance to *Are Maria*, with Eddie Bush's Band adding a weak violinist for the musical background. A fox-trot and paso doble, highlighted by spins, lifts and the usual stunts, got them off to a good hand.

Apparently out of the place in an essentially exotic show is Mary Jane Walsh, recently in *Too Many Girls*. She has a low, vigorous voice good for the rhythm numbers and is of course aided by a sleek appearance. Sang *Latinas Are Lousy Lovers, It Never Entered My Mind* and a medley of songs she "helped introduce." Encored with a hotcha version of *Struttin' to Sutton Place* and a lively *Begin the Beguine*. She has poise and singing ability that covers up an ordinary voice.

Bush's Band, now airing over CBS from here, is a good, typical Americanized Hawaiian outfit making concessions to danceability but still retaining that Hawaiian style.

Paul Dennis.

Blue Crystal Tavern, Girard, O.

Talent policy—Dance and show band; floor shows of 9, 11 and 13. Management: Sam Perlitz. Prices: Food from 15 cents, with most drinks a quarter, no cover, no minimum.

Shandor and His Violin are back at this club, just outside Youngstown. He was unusually popular when he was here several months ago.

He breaks away from the too classical numbers and has the ability to add a bit of comedy, plus good showmanship, that makes him a hit. Also on the current floor revue are Drake and Morton, who do a nice study in black and white and also comedy bolets, conga, Russian and acrobatic numbers. Jess Sides, European novelty, is one of the cleverest bike riders seen here in a long time. The Hollywood hobby horses are here, too, an innovation the past two weeks. The fad is catching on fast with the regular customers.

Rez McConnell.

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Vaudeville Reviews

Loew's State, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, May 21)

Crowds, for six shows a day, are jamming this house to see Bob Hope and his radio toothpaste-selling gang. Few personalities today can claim such drawing power.

Show is kept down to some 45 minutes, using only one outside act (the team of Gomez and Minor was let out after the first show to meet a tight schedule). The outsider is Trixie, pert juggler who, incidentally, also appears in a bit in the current picture, *The Broadway Melody of 1940*. She juggles balls and plates, working hard and fast.

Hope is the same comedian known to vaude followers for years. He knows how to hold the attention of an audience and milk a laugh from a gag which, at the hands of others, would fall flatter than a pancake. The customers couldn't get enough of him and the response was the kind that would warm any entertainer's heart.

He brings on Brenda and Cobina, a couple of girls who, in dress and talk, debunk the debutantes, and, in song send out an order for a male companion. Their radio fans liked them. Jerry Colonna, of the long mustache and pop-eye fame, went big with his elongated vocal notes particularly when applied to *The Road to Mandalay*. Next he assists Hope in the familiar hotel skit.

Dolores Reade, attractive brunet with a friendly voice, pleases with *Imagination* and then permits Hope to break up her act while trying to concentrate on *Too Romantic*. Bill Goodwin, radio announcer on the Hope program, appears in a couple of bits, the best being an unusual impression of a nervous speller.

House full up. Sam Hoenberg.

Chicago, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, May 31)

A good four-act bill headed by Connie Boswell, together with the 20th Century-Fox picture, *Lillian Russell*, promises an excellent week. Picture's three stars, Alice Faye, Don Ameche and Henry Fonda, should attract the younger element, while the veterans Weber and Fields will appeal to the oldsters. Business good on opening day.

Opening line number to Frank Lantz's Second Hungarian Rhapsody lacked the usual sprightliness of the Chicago ballet. First act is the Five Heroines, girl trapeze artists. Using three single traps, four of the girls do the usual routine, and two work gracefully on the web. Fifth girl, working as an audience plant, came on for some clever comedy as well as expert acrobatics on the trapeze, finishing with a knee catch. Act received a nice hand.

Connie Boswell came on to a reception and proceeded to make a solid hit with her sweet singing. Offered *Tuxedo Junction*, *When You Wish Upon a Star*, *Woodpecker Song* and *Stormy Weather* to thunderous applause.

Fred Sanborn and Co. have a clever comedy act that includes bits of magic by Sanborn, and xylophone playing, straight and comedy, by a stooge who is very good.

Beautiful closing number features Ninka, butterfly dancer. Preceded by the ballet in diaphanous costumes, Ninka, on a circular stage, executed her kaleidoscopic routines gracefully. A spectacular and colorful number.

Net Green.

Palomar, Seattle

(Reviewed Monday Afternoon, May 27)

Headlining this layout are Ross and LaPierre, radio clowns, who received a hearty welcome from Seattle air fans. Nita LaPierre, with her French vivacity and accent, and Ross, with his imitation of a hot cornet, excellent vocalizing, songs and mimicry, brought down the house.

Emceeing and pacing the show, in addition to providing excellent tap dancing, is Johnny Mack. He did many difficult steps, which brought machine-gun bursts of applause from those in the audience who knew how difficult the maneuvers were.

Show opened with young Jad Paul, who triumphed with a combination of Second Hungarian Rhapsody and *Pooh and Puss* excellently done on his golden-mounted banjo. He drew match appreciative applause.

Ray and Harrison, in *A Pair in the Ballet*, offered material somewhat off

color and performed a comic ballet, the short but muscular male supporting his fleshly red-haired partner in surprising fashion. They pulled a good hand.

Closing were Happy, Tom and Jerry, two men in white and a girl in blue, performing a whirlwind adagio roller-skating act. Their fast-paced finisher was splendidly received.

Torrid Zone led film fare. C. M. Littlejohn.

Music Hall, New York

(Reviewed Thursday Evening, May 30)

Top-notch production gets the current program across. The Music Hall staff has used many obvious tricks and has thrown in most of its reserves to impress the holiday crowd. Stripped of embellishments, there remains, however, essentially the same belt-line product.

Show opens in the summer concert motif. Erno Rapee's pit band being on stage while the pit is decorated with shrubbery and spectators. Opens with a medley of Victor Herbert pops for a good hand and encores with St. Louis Blues. The latter piece is necessary to bring the band back to its usual position. The pit sinks so that the decorations can be removed and then rises to stage level and the band platform moves forward and finds itself in position for pit duty. This bit of business gets a nice hand.

The park concert idea continues with opera. Georgia Orava, making her debut here, displays a nice mezzo soprano. With William Horne, tenor, she does *My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice* from *Sensem and Della*. Good response.

The Corps de Ballet come on next to interpret the *Bacchus* in the usual bacchanalian tradition, with one group of coryphes writhing sensually on a set of stairs while others writhe in a vertical position. Helen Leitch, aided by six male dancers, solos, doing modified coochies and adagio. Costumes are appropriately slimy and colorful.

Park benches on Riverside drive, with sailors and their gals sparkling, provide the setting for the next number. Group does a special material number by Albert Stillman. Walter Cassel fronts to

end the number with a good rendition of *Begin the Beguine*.

Closing number by the Rockettes is a generous plug for the World's Fair. On a set depicting the Court of Peace, the girls do an intricate and tricky tap precision routine that gives the show a sock ending.

Pic, *My Favorite Wife*, will aid the b. o. and will probably provide a hold-over. An hour's waiting for seats when caught. Joe Cohen.

RKO-Boston, Boston

(Reviewed Thursday Afternoon, May 30)

Horace Heidt's Band presenting a full-hour show, also introduces two newcomers picked up en route.

Show opens with a soldier number during which the members of the troupe are introduced. Seemingly just another opening, it picks up during a drill aided by subtle commentary by Red Parington.

High spot is Oley O'Toole, a youngster whom Heidt acquired in Pittsburgh. O'Toole is a mimic, one of the best seen here in some time. In addition to clever impersonations of news commentators and celebrities, he gives a fine imitation of Bill Robinson, the tapping being made with the mouth. Another newcomer, Ruth Davies, sings in a bell-like soprano. Her appearance was marred, however, by Heidt's attempt to push a piano offstage, the resulting laughter drowning out and disconcerting the singer.

Larry Cotton and the Le Ahn Sisters provide tuneful versions of pop numbers with the ensemble aiding. Bobby Hackett, Heidt's first trumpet, and Frankie Karle, pianist, are spotlighted thru the show, as are Farrington and Henry Russell at the Novachord.

A demonstration of how the Pot of Gold contest is worked, even to the awarding cash prizes, creates great interest. At show caught, the call was unanswered and a messenger boy was dispatched with a check. Heidt indulging in some inane persiflage with the messenger.

Show is one of best of season here. Business at show caught good.

Pic, *Saint Takes Over*.

M. N. Kaplan.

Reviews Of Units

Carl (Deacon) Moore

(Reviewed at Tuxer Theater, Kansas City, Mo., Friday Evening, May 24)

This veteran maestro still dishes out corn, but has proved popular in the Middle West over a period of years and still carries plenty of audience appeal. His newest unit, presented as part of the stage show, contains plenty of zoot.

Moore opens the show, decked out in his deacon's costume, singing French *That Devil Away*, *Deacon*, his theme song. Introduces Lorna Wolfe, attractive terpsichorean, followed by the house's 8-girl chorus in a *Loch Lomond* routine.

Moore's patter has improved over his last appearance here, and he goes thru a neat comedy routine, burlesquing professional magicians. He also solos *Wild Irish Rose* on an alto sax.

Drummer Lou Flanner plays blues on the vibes with guitar accompaniment, following which Marge "Grandma" Hudson chirps *When It's Sleepy Time Down South*, and then *Summertime*, which she turns into a hot, scat version on the reed chorus. Enriched with *Imagination* and *Old Men* Moore.

The band then offers a medley of *With the Wind* and *It's Rain in Your Hair*, with a neat duet solo and clarinet obbligato, fading into *Webs Blue*, highlighted with a siphon solo. Bobby Wertz croons *Ocelia*, and then *Tuxedo Junction* is warmed up for the j-bugs. Lester Harding comes on with a medley of Stephen Foster songs, and does the vocal for the chorus' number, *An Old-Fashioned Girl*.

Deacon Moore returns with his old stand-by, *I'm a Ding-Dong Daddy From Denmark*, followed with slightly risque lyrics to *Isle of Capri*. Russell Sessions' third trumpet, offers some comic vocals in falsetto voice, imitating Bonnie Baker on *Oh, Johnny and Stop, It's Wonderful*. Show closes with *Johnson's Key*. Band's present set-up numbers three rhythm, four brass and four reeds.

Audience reception was good on opening night. Bob Locke.

Sally Rand

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, May 31, at State-Lake Theater, Chicago)

Sally's World's Fair Girl Show is a sparkling revue interspersed with lavish production numbers and a liberal sprinkling of comedy. Opens with *A Day at the Dog Show*, with girls parading poohs ranging all the way from a huge St. Bernard to a tiny Pekinese, followed by Mabel Nelson, who put her troupe of trained Scotties thru a series of cleverly done tricks.

A production number in tropical setting ushered on Harger and Maye, dance team, who offered a classy routine of graceful stepping. Elizabeth McKee, blonde singer, on next for a comedy session with William and Joe Mandel, whose antics as stagehands kept the house in laughter.

Dora Maughan, handsome gray-haired matronly comedienne, was one of the highlights of the show. Has a keen sense of comedy values and her impressions won hearty hands.

William and Joe Mandel are not only funny, but expert acrobats as well, and their session of head, hand and foot-balancing and knockabout comedy drew rounds of applause.

Prelude to Sally Rand's appearance is a production number with the girls simulating a waterfall, beautifully done. La Rand offers her familiar fan dance and bubble dance amid gorgeous settings. Presented with consummate grace, her offerings are generously received.

Mickey King did not appear at early shows, her rigging having failed to arrive.

Picure is Paramount's *The Farmer's Daughter*. Net Green.

Barn Dance in Swinging

(Reviewed Saturday Evening at the Nebraska Theater, Lincoln, Neb.)

William (Bill) Arms, long-time specialist in the booking and producing of the \$150-a-day units of the Wilbur Cushman era, comes up with a misnomer

In *Barn Dance in Swinging*, because it's mostly an ordinary vaude bill that possesses very little barn dance motif. Because it's a misnomer doesn't mean it hasn't enough entertainment to get away with smaller dates and short stands, however.

Usually headed by Carl Mollison and his daughter, billed as Uncle Ed and Emmy, the show was without him here, due to illness. With Mollison, who did emcee and kept up the barn dance idea, out, Harry Payne, whose humor is more on the night club ramble side rather than rustic, subbed as emcee.

Best of the array of personalities are Theo Pennington, who takes off in three operate arias in good style; the St. Dennis Sisters, who have two neat dance routines, a radium chore and a waltz, the latter very well managed; and Murray and Payne, the emcee and his femme partner, in an exchange of gags. Miss Murray's dog, a toy sized pooch who yaps in unison with the band, is a novelty. Others are Frank Rondas, opening, and ordinary uncyclist; the Pioneers and Hillbillies, Don Freeland, George Evans, Gerry Knox and Una Neal, mountain musicians; Dick Parker, youthful singer, and the Palmer Twins, a corny duo for this type patronage. Pioneer Freeland and Evans don't do so badly with the upland tony.

Barn Dance in Swinging sneaks up on the prospective patron, who expects mostly corn for his money, of which less than half the show consists. For spots this size, however, it will be the regular vaude side which will do the job. If the show is to be saved, runs 49 minutes. *Free, Blond and 2¢* (20th-Fox) was slight help. Business was fair. Barney Oldfield.

52d St. To Get Hula Spot; Club Biz Off

NEW YORK. June 1.—Polynesian atmosphere spreads to 52d street when the Club Samoa opens on the site of the Onyx Club about July 1. Operating the new venture will be Eddie Hutchinson, a former performer and Gene Jacques. According to Jacques, between 10 and 15 G will be spent to refurbish the spot with Hawaiian and Polynesian decor. The spot will also have an outdoor garden. Native talent and a nine-piece Hawaiian band will be augmented by other talent. Tentative plans call for no cover or minimum and a moderate price policy. Nicholas West, who designed the Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington, is the architect.

Jack Waldron switched from the Brown Derby to the Torch Club. Last week Waldron took his *Crazy Show* with him to his new institution. The Brown Derby has substituted another show of the same variety.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by the Sherman Catering Corp., operator of the Club Little, Monday (27). Assets were \$2,254 against \$39,545 liabilities.

Business in New York clubs has fallen off as high as 60 per cent since the beginning of the European war.

Detroit Oasis To Be Bowling Alley

DETROIT. June 1.—Oasis Night Club, leading local night spot on the west side for several years, has been permanently closed, and will be converted to a bowling alley, says M. B. Lloyd, owner.

The Oasis opened in 1932. With development of more local night clubs, the better class patronage dropped and Lloyd said, altho it always remained profitable in operation, business the past season indicated there was not enough patronage to spread among existing clubs.

Other local niteries that have succeeded have established an individual atmosphere, such as the big show policy of the Corktown Tavern, big names at the Bowery, or a special Italian atmosphere as at Nebbia's.

Ultimate closing of the Oasis may be laid to its failure to establish a definite character and atmosphere.

Chi Theater's New Seats

CHICAGO. June 1.—John Balaban, vice-president of Balaban & Katz, announces that 4,000 new-type theater chairs will be installed in the Chicago Theater. Seats will have 11 per cent more actual seating area than those now in use. Improvement will cost \$60,000.

Another Death in Vaude Car Crash; AGVA Studies Case

NEW YORK, June 1.—Max Maurice, member of the vaude show making an automobile jump to Loew's Globe Theatre, Bridgeport, Conn., Saturday (25), died last night at the Stamford (Conn.) General Hospital. Maurice (born Feinstein), 38, was a partner of Abraham Horowitz, known professionally as Vincent, who is not expected to live.

J. B. Schriftman, 17, known professionally as Jay Bee, died on his way to the hospital immediately after the tragedy.

The accident occurred near New Canaan, Conn., because of a blowout of the left rear tire. Horowitz was driving. The car belonged to Maurice.

Maurice will be buried tomorrow (2) from the Riverside Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the National Showmen's Association plot in the Fernwood Cemetery.

Others injured include Paul Gerson, a dislocated shoulder, and Natalie Borie, dancer, spinal injuries. Estelle Sherry was shaken up and was released from the hospital. Horowitz is in the Norwalk (Conn.) General Hospital.

The booking was by the WHN Artists' Bureau, a Loew subsidiary. The Saturday night shows at the Bridgeport house were usually booked at a \$45 budget. One performer scheduled to make the jump in the car (a 1931 model) canceled at the last minute. His contract called for \$8.

In many cases, performers are booked on dates of this kind simply because they have a car and can transport the others. For this they are usually paid an extra fee for expenses.

An interesting sidelight on the accident is that this was the first time Jay Bee, in show business since he was four, went on a date without either of his parents accompanying him. He was the sole support of his family, his father being an invalid.

The American Guild of Variety Artists, then its attorney, Henry Jaffe, is studying the case to determine where the guilt lies.

The WHN Artists' Bureau referred all inquiries on the tragedy to Loew's legal department. Spokesmen there disclaimed that Loew's, Inc., has any legal or moral responsibility, describing the tragedy as "an act of God" and saying that acts are free to travel by any method they choose.

Barney Gillman, local booker, wrote AGVA Monday asking it to insure safe means of travel for acts.

D. C. Rockets Celebrate

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Celebrating the first birthday of the Rhythm Rockets here, Loew's Capitol Theater threw party at ultra-swanky Carlton Hotel Saturday night. Shar-Zad Room was reserved for the chorines to welcome in their second star at town's biggest vaude-film house. Guests included executives of the theater and families plus the critics on local sheets.

Local papers made note of the event, devoting space to description of the 17-girl unit. Group, which is the second permanent dance group to be connected with local houses (Roxettes are at the Marlo), includes Lenore Marano, Dorothy and Gay Gallo, Jane Zenzis, Doris Isabell, Evelyn Chandler, Evelyn Smith, Martha Faye, Christine Glaser, Virginia Howe, Dorothy Sherman, Edith Lamb, Ruby Lane, Mary Toy, Muriel Gussow, June Ray and Sandy Grant as captain.

Vaudeville Notes

GEORGE B. GREENWOOD, who operated the Greenwood Theatrical Agency, Atlanta, years ago, is now residing on his ranch at Granby, Colo. Four years ago Greenwood suffered a stroke which left him unable to speak. He is eager to hear from old theatrical friends. Box 88, Granby, Colo., will reach him.

JAY CODY (Marvo) is working his mechanical man stunt under merchant auspices in Alabama, assisted by his wife, Sally Maynard.

EVELYN WATLING, wife and assistant to Prof. H. L. Watling, graphologist, was stricken with appendicitis while playing the Lillard Circuit in Union Springs, Ala., and was operated upon at St. Margaret's Hospital, Montgomery, Ala., May 22. Her condition is reported as critical and friends are urged to write to her.

JERRY BERGAN and BUDDY GRAY are splitting.

Kenny Tune Rising

NEW YORK, June 1.—Nick and Charles Kenny's latest song, with music by the late Dr. Will Green, *Make Believe Island*, is starting to carve out a nice career for itself on the nation's automatic phonograph network. Several records of the number are beginning to achieve widespread popularity in the music machines.

Further details on this song, and other current phone hits, will be found in the Record Buying Guide on page 76 of this issue of *The Billboard*.

More Big Units For St. Louis

NEW YORK, June 1.—A last-minute booking by Fanchon & Marco had a unit going into the St. Louis Theater, St. Louis, Decoration Day. The outfit also contains Betty Hutton, Bobby May and Stump and Stumpy. The unit is on a percentage basis.

Other bookings for the St. Louis has the Fanchon & Marco unit in for week of June 13 and a condensed version of George White's *Scandals* week of June 20. The latter outfit will have virtually the same cast as that of its legit run, with the exception of Willie and Eugene Howard.

Talent Agencies

BILL SMITH, Philadelphia, has reorganized The Toppers, who formerly vocalized with Jan Savitt's Band, but as a quartet instead of a trio. Also handling Carlotta Dale, formerly with Jan Savitt and Will Bradley, and making her bow as a singing single at the 210 Club, Harrisburg, Pa. . . . MCA adds Hotel Adelphi Roof Garden, Philadelphia, to its books, starting June 8, with Mamie Sacks servicing the account. . . . BILL BURNHAM, of Consolidated Radio Artists, gets the exclusive on Spread Eagle Inn, Strafford, Pa., starting June 5.

WALTER J. GLUCK, Buffalo, is again booking the Showboat Canadians for Saturday and Sunday eight-people door-shows, changed weekly. Season is June 8 to Labor Day. Gluck has also just signed Myra Jean, acro-dancer, under exclusive contract. . . . RAY S. KNEELAND, Buffalo, has signed a new contract with the Palace Theater, Lockport, N. Y., to continue vaude shows thru the summer. He is handling club dates, see as far in advance as July 17. Elmira Masonic Club Outing, 10 acts and August 17 Erie Railroad Co. Outing, 10 acts. . . . FRANK "RAGE" MURPHY, Buffalo, is laid up in the General Hospital here.

HILL LEIGHT, Baltimore agent, has moved his Paramount Attractions to new quarters.

JIM BENNETT, formerly producer at Cocoanut Palms, Detroit, has joined the Amusement Booking Service.

L. A. FREDRICK, head of the Chicago office of Frederick Bros. Inc., band-booking agency, has been very ill for 10 days with an abscessed tonsil and may not be able to return to his office for another week.

MIKE LEVY, artists' representative, and Max Landau have formed a Chicago partnership and will handle theatrical and radio talent. Landau is a veteran agent and Levy is a well-known manager.

MILES INGALLS, of Music Corp. of America, New York, has been served a summons for jury duty beginning June 3.

RAY LYTHE, of the David P. O'Malley office, Chicago, and George Pronath, producer at Colosimo's, are back from a week's tour of New York City night spots.

Chi Gay 90s To Reopen

CHICAGO, June 1.—Billy Stearns' Gay 90s closed Sunday (26) and will reopen July 15 under a new name and with a new policy. Growing popularity of the tangos, rumbas and congas has led Stearns to decide upon a Latin motif.

Mrs. Sadie Stearns is making a trip to South America to gather ideas for furnishings and costumes.

CHARLES (THINK-A-DRINK) HOFFMANN, after closing in Chicago with Streets of Paris, is on a vaude tour. Played the Hippodrome, Baltimore, and the State, Hartford, and opens at Loew's State, New York, June 6.

Nick Lucas Clicks In Denver Nitery; More Names Mulled

DENVER, June 1.—Nick Lucas, first name to play the new Chez Paree nitery here, is packing them in. Lucas, together with Willie Hartzell and orchestra, is carrying the entertainment load at this spot for two weeks.

Previous to his local stay, Lucas headed a 36-people unit organized by Frank Tracy, of Kansas City. The unit included Bob Pope Orchestra, Sue Page and a line of girls. Unit played the Bankers' convention banquet in Kansas City May 7, and the new Civic Auditorium, Emporia, Kan., which cost \$600,000 and seats 5,000 people, May 8, drawing 9,000 in a two-show one-night stand at a 40-cent admission. An auditorium in Beatrice, Neb., was dedicated May 9, the unit drawing 6,000 at a general admission of 40 cents, reserved seats 65 cents. The unit played the Orpheum in Wichita, Kan., May 10 and 11, and Lucas states the draw was so good that the Orpheum was rumored as returning to a flesh policy. The unit closed after a two-day stand, May 12 to 13, at St. Joseph, Mo., where it played the Auditorium. At the Beatrice, Neb., engagement Henry Busse and orchestra played for dancing after the show.

Lucas' draw at the Chez Paree will probably result in the booking of other names.

New 600-Seat Club

CHICAGO, June 1.—Newest suburban spot is Libby's Club Era, which opened Thursday. Located some 15 miles from the Loop, it is entirely new and has been elaborately furnished. The Clover Leaf bar is 110 feet long, and there is a raised stage and dance floor. There are seats for 600.

Opening show features Edna V. Gay and her Gayettes, 16-piece all-girl swing orchestra; also Al Fast and Margie Stuart, comedy dance team; Jean Moore, vocalist; Maxine, exotic dancer; Kathleen Morris, accordionist; "Babs" Barry, dancer; Marlene Marrow, tapstress; the Hart Sisters, Hazel Williams and a four-girl line.

SUGAR'S DOMINO

(Continued from page 4) stead of leasing out this right to an organization that fell off its course, it is hoped that they will justify their action by deeds rather than words.

The unions will do a better job than TA if they set up something more vital than a casual benefit supervision machinery. They will have to do at least as good a job as Local 802 of the APM, which has pursued our very own policy on benefits since the Jack Rosenberg administration came into being. Local 802 holds that the economic welfare of its members and their employment situation is more important than all the orphans in China, Tuscaloosa and St. Paul, and more important, in fact, than any cause or need in the world. That's exactly how we feel about the actor. We say perhaps for the 20th time in 10 years that the actor should not play any benefits for anybody, but if it is unavoidable that he play benefits there should be an absolute minimum of them and that only the financially independent stars should contribute their services a limited number of times a year; that the rank and file should be paid for any performance given anywhere and for any cause except those fostered by legitimate theatrical groups. The actor has helped others as far back as the birth of the benefit idea. Very few individuals or groups ever think of helping him—and many of those who do, specialize in thinking rather than action.

The unions that have reclaimed authority to regulate the benefit activities of their members should work together and effectively; should check with each other on shows to be checked or mixed; should work in very closely with the District Attorneys' offices in the various cities they cover; should work in also with departments of welfare or whatever other municipal departments are intrusted with the regulation of benefit performances—and they should keep before them always the motto, "Our job is to curb benefits; not to nourish them."

NAME BANDS AT AC PIERS

(Continued from page 4) Temple Theater, and the screen showing of *The Crooked Road* (Top). In the Hippodrome Theater, along with the numerous pier amusement rides, exhibits

and deep sea hauls.

At Steel Pier, Memorial Day's top billing went to Johnny Green and his Philip Morris orchestra, playing during the day for dancers in the Marine Ballroom, and many more dances than found at Hamid's. Alex Bartha and his resident musicians played the relief sessions, carrying it alone on Saturday (1) and Sunday (2), while Bob Zurke came in on Friday (3).

In the Music Hall, where vaude shares the spotlight with a feature picture (*Sandy Is a Lady*), a five-act run topped by Cass Daley head forth for five daily shows. Played to capacity house when caught Thursday (7:30 p.m. show) and entire bill well received. Curtains split for the Sidneys, three girls and single male, in cowboy costumes, making for a flashy bicycle riding act. Top the solo stunting with the femmes blowing bugles while parading on unicycles, and for the get-off male member supports the remaining company swinging from a tree prop.

Arnaut Brothers (2), in the duce spot, are a dandy with their comical Continental varieties, still clicking with their standard fiddling and whistling routines. Boys are show-stoppers.

DeVal, Merle and Lee, two men and a girl, get grand response to their adagio waltz dance travesty. Funniest bit is when their arms get knotted on the dance turns.

Cass Daley, next-to-shut, is all that a resort merry-maker desires for the divarissement, the slap-happy songstress wowing 'em no end with *Yeah Men* and her song title parody. Returned with *I Can't Dance* before she could get off.

Uyneno and Co., six males and a single female, make for the finale clicker with ace tumbling, balancing and teeterboard flashes. Standout is male member walking up a set of cushioned stairs on his head. Close with male tossed from the teeter to a chair balanced by a pair in the two-all position.

Jimmy Jones (9) furnishes the show's musical setting from the pit position.

Casino Theater offered a double-featured movie bill, *Fire Fights Fire* and *I Was an Adventuress*. Show in the Aquadrum was rained out, having ready the famed Steel Pier diving horses, a water carnival featuring Rex, wonder dog that rides an aquaplane, and Olga Petroff's aerial thrill act atop a 215-foot pole.

In addition to the many amusement rides and exhibits, including a bathing beauty parade, Hawaiian concerts, band and singers, were offered in the lobby.

All attractions at both piers offered at a single admission, 75 cents at Steel Pier and 60 cents at Hamid's, and it virtually means coming early and leaving late to get everything in at one time. Steel Pier is operating on a daily schedule, while Hamid's lights up for weekends only until June 22, when it goes on daily operation. M. H. Grodenker.

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Ames, Bill (White) NYC, no.
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B

Baker, Muriel (Chateau Moderne) NYC, no.
Baker, Bebe (Michigan) Detroit, t.
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Barber, Bill (Old Romanian) NYC, no.
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Bastista, Enrique (La Concha) NYC, no.
Bauer, Karol (Algonquin) NYC, no.
Beauchamp, Pierre (Futura) NYC, no.
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Bernie, Al (Bon Air) Chi. no.
Baur, Dick (Keller's) Cincinnati, no.
Beckwith, Baba (Pierre) NYC, h.
Behan, Arthur (Gay '93) NYC, no.
Bell, New Yorker (New Yorker) NYC, no.
Bennett, Julian (Casa) Opera House, Lebanon, N. H., t.
Bennetts, Eddie (Smalley's) Walton, N. Y., t.
Sidney 12 (Smalley's) Cooperstown, 13-14, t.
Belmont, Bobby (Colombia's) Chi. no.
Bennett, Eddie (Old Romanian) NYC, no.
Berger & Pancholi (Versailles) NYC, no.
Bernard, Ben (Gay '93) NYC, no.
Bernard, Ben (Gay '93) NYC, no.
Bernard, Eddie (Aladdin) Chi. no.
Berry, Eddie (Lobby's Club Era) Chi. no.
Berry & Margie (Villepique) Sheephead Bay, N. Y., t.
Blake, Margaret (Edmund) NYC, h.
Blanchard, Jerry (G8) NYC, no.
Bob & Twins (Sandpit Trail) NYC, no.
Bore, Eddie (St. Moritz) NYC, h.
Borg, Inga (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, no.
Boswell, Connie (Cobras) Chi. t.
Bourne, Charley (Paramount) NYC, h.
Boyle, Eddie (Paramount) NYC, h.
Brock & Cohen (States) NYC, no.
Brent, Harriet (Brown Derby) NYC, no.
Brittan, Paty (Show Box) Seattle, no.
Brogan Dolls, Eight (Brogan's) Buffalo, no.
Brown, Ned (Tourist Club) San Antonio, no.
Brown, Mary Jane (Hercules) NYC, no.
Bryant, Eddie (Cobras) NYC, no.
Burke & Butler (Cotton) NYC, no.
Burke, John (Algonquin) NYC, h.
Burke, Martha (Cocoanut Grove) Boston, no.
Burke, Larry (St. George) NYC, h.
Burns, Eddie (G8) Chi. no.
Byrnes, Jimmy (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., t.

C

Cahalan, Elsie (Actor) NYC, h.
Calypso Singers (Vanguard) NYC, no.
Carina of Shanghai (Coq Rouge) NYC, no.
Carlo & Sherod (Chez Paree) Chi. no.
Card & Howe (Capitol) Washington, D. C., t.
Carylle Sisters (Tobacco) Phila. no.
Carpenter, Imogene (Wayne) NYC, h.
Carr, Billy (G8) Chi. no.
Carroll, Helene (Lexington) NYC, h.
Carol Sisters (Mother Kelly's) Miami, Fla., no.
Carrier & Bowe (Gallant's) NYC, no.
Carver, Zeb (White) NYC, h.
Cascade, Billy (Bertoldi's) NYC, no.
Ceri, Alyse (St. Club) Chi. no.
Cesar & Macario (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Challin, Ruth (123) Phila. no.
Chappell, Carol (G8) Chi. no.
Chase & Barbara (Tampa Terrace) Tampa, Fla., no.
Chase, Chaz (Villa Moderne) Chi. no.
Chocolateurs (Southlands) Boston, no.
Chair, Marcelline (Whirling Tops) NYC, no.
Charbon, Crystal (Cinderella) NYC, no.
Chaudet, Marguerite (McCurdy) Evansville, Ind., no.
Child, George (Emboss) Phila. no.
Cohen, Mary (La Marquise) NYC, no.
Collette & Harry (Bismarck) Chi. h.
Colonna, Jerry (State) NYC, t.
Conchita (L'Aiglon) Chi. no.
Condor Bros (Palladium) London, m.h.
Condor, Frank (Mile High) NYC, no.
Country, Frances (Cobras) NYC, no.
General Bob (Grace) Colorado, Chi. no.
Gordon Sisters (Hi Hat) Chi. no.
Conway & Parks (Villepique) Sheephead Bay, N. Y., t.
Cook, Ralph (Harry's New Yorker) Chi. no.
Cook, Alice (Babette's) Atlantic City, no.
Cook (Westminster) Boston, h.
Cooper, Una (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Cord & Lorraine (Harry's New Yorker) Chi. no.
Cordoba, Lolita (Hurricane) NYC, no.
Cornelia, Kay (St. George) NYC, h.
Cortes, Arturo (Havanas-Madrid) NYC, no.
Costello, Diana (La Conga) NYC, no.
Covarras, Nico (Edison) NYC, h.
Craig, Reginald (Earl Carroll's) Hollywood, no.
Crawford & Chaskey (Phaza) NYC, no.
Cronly, Carolyn (St. Regis) NYC, h.

D

D'Amore, Franklin (Paramount) NYC, t.
Dagmar (Show Box) Seattle, no.
Dale, Judith Rogers (Chez Paree) Buffalo, no.
Dale, Dorothy (Palmer House) Chi. h.
Daley, Cass (Capitol) Washington, D. C., t.
Dare, Yvette (Leeds & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Davis, Eddie (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Dawn, Lynn (G8) Chi. no.
Day, Harry (Guanche) NYC, no.
Day, Doris (Orionial) Chi. t.
Decker, Don (Hi-Lo Garden) Bay City, Mich., no.
De Goueffec, Nicholas (Casino Russie) NYC, no.
DelMarco, Isobel (L'Aiglon) Chi. no.
DelMarco, The (Bon Air) Chi. no.
Del Carmen, Maria (Club Gaucha) NYC, no.
Denison, Helene (Capitol) Washington, D. C., t.
Dennis & Bayers (Olyns) McKeesport, Pa., no.
Denby, Doris & Russ (Anderson) Anderson, Ind., no.

(For Orchestra Routes, Turn to Music Department)



Acts-Units-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.

Dephon, Maxine (G8) Chi. no.
Diamond Bros, Three (Strand) NYC, t.
Diorah (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, no.
Dixon, Harlan (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Dooley, Joe (White Way Casino) World's Fair NYC.
Dorothy, Harry (Bill's Gay '93) NYC, no.
Doozy, Mary (Village Barn) NYC, no.
Dorothy, Dorothy, Girls (Edgewater Beach) Chi. h.
Doris & Valere (El Chic) NYC, no.
Dow, Elizabeth (St. Regis) NYC, h.
Drew, Charley (Taft) NYC, h.
Drew, Allen (Cotton) NYC, no.
Durov, Herb (Vinton) Phila. h.
Eddies (Edgar, Louis & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Dunbar, Marie (Ortis) NYC, no.
Dunbar, Dixie (Oriental) Chi. t.
Duncan Sisters (Music Box) San Francisco, no.
Dunne, Louise (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., no.
DuPont, Bob (Palmer House) Chi. h.
Durant, Diana (Club 15) Phila. no.
Daval, Abe & Co. (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., t.

E

Eames, Wally (Gay '93) NYC, no.
Earl & Josephine (Lexington Castle) Phila. no.
Easterbrook & Parrat (Queen Mary) NYC, no.
Easter, Hilda & Nicholas Dako (Music Hall) NYC, t.
Easter, Marion (Plandora) Phila. no.
Edward, Jack (Elaine's) Boston, no.
Eisted, Jack (Hi Hat) Chi. h.
Eisberg, Julian (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Eikerson, Hope (Lombardy) NYC, no.
Eises, Del (Minuet) Chi. no.
Eiffelita (Times Square) Rochester, N. Y., h.
Evans, Fred (Girls' Chez Paree) Chi. no.
Evans, Dale (Stockton) Chi. h.

F

Fahian & Ehren (Commanders) Detroit, no.
Fantasia & her Rhumbalors (Colony) Chi. no.
Fay, Olive (Colombio's) Chi. no.
Fay, Frances (Little Rascals) Phila. no.
Feitner, Lillian (Montparnasse) NYC, no.
Fernandez, Jose (Rainbow Room) NYC, no.

Fishman & Alvarez (La Conga) NYC, no.
Flowerette, Constance (Queen Mary) NYC, no.
Fonte & St. Cl. (Arcadia) Phila. no.
Fox, Otto (El Chic) NYC, no.
Foster, Gail (Girls' Sixteen) (Elise) Washington, D. C., t.
Forest, Helen (Gibson) Cincinnati, h.
Frances, Beverly (Studio) Detroit, no.
Frances, Ann (Versailles) NYC, no.
Francis, Hypnotized (Avon) Weehawken, N.J., 11-12, t.
Franklin, Joe, & Pals (Carter) Timmons Oval, no.
Frazer, Jane (Paramount) NYC, t.
Funfadore (Stanley) Pittsburgh, t.

G

Galbraith, Billy (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., no.
Gale Sextet (Colosimo's) Chi. no.
Galente & Leonard (Roosevelt) New Orleans, h.
Garcia, Lucie (Bismarck) Chi. h.
Gardner, Helen (Little Rascals) Phila. no.
Gardner, Marcella, & Willa Runyan (Minuet) Chi. no.
Geraldine & Joe (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Gershwin, Paul (Hayes) Detroit, no.
Gert, Valda (Chez Paree) NYC, no.
Gibson, Mildred (Gangplank) NYC, no.
Gibson, Virginia (Bertoldi's) NYC, no.
Gilbert, Ethel (Gay '93) NYC, no.
Giesen, Jack (G8) NYC, no.
Giesen, Louise (Colombio's) Chi. no.
Glover, Ralph (Show Box) Philadelphia, no.
Golden Gates Girls (Yacht Club) NYC, no.
Gordon, Dorothy (Elise) NYC, no.
Gossard, Christine (Jimmy Kelly's) NYC, no.
Goodner, Jeanne (Bimbi's) NYC, no.
Gould, Carol (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Grant, Mary (El Hat) Chi. no.
Gray, Gilda (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
Green, Bennett (Mother Kelly's) Miami, Fla., no.
Green, Donald (Primrose) Kentucky, Ky., no.
Grey, Winnie (Chateau Moderne) NYC, no.
Grey, Jean (Brogan's) Buffalo, no.

H

Hadley, Jane, Dancers (Bismarck) Chi. h.
Hedren, Jimmy (Palladium) London, m.h.
Hill, Charley "Red" (Federal Gardens) Buffalo, no.
Hamilton, Ruth (Holland) NYC, no.
Hamilton, Jean (Brogan's) Buffalo, no.
Hammon, Oliver (Elise) Washington, D. C., t.
Harrison, Silv (G8) (Elise) NYC, no.
Hart, Eddie (Paramount) NYC, no.
Hartells, The (Colosimo's) Chi. no.
Hawburgh, Bahama (Radio City) NYC, m.h.
Hawkins, Bee (Blue Lantern) Detroit, no.
Hawkins, The (La Carre) NYC, no.
Hawkins, Bobby (Sandpit Trail) NYC, no.
Heffman, Robert & Bertie (Wiener Piker) NYC, no.
Henderson, Charles (Mother Kelly's) Miami, Fla., no.
Herridge, Five (Chicago) Chi. t.

Jentaina, Patsy (G8) Chi. no.
Jewell & Stratton (Paramount) NYC, no.
Lyons, Don & Betty (G8) Chi. no.
Lyons, Royce & Vanya (Royale) Detroit, no.
M

McGinnis, Mary (Old Heidelberg) Chi. no.
McGinnis, Frankie (Gallant's) NYC, no.
McGee, Truly, Girls (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., no.

McGinnis, Helen (Barney Gallant's) NYC, no.
McHugh, Lila (Gangplank) NYC, no.
McMahon, Larry (Caravan) NYC, no.
Madoux, Frances (Berkreique) NYC, no.
Madera, Nedra (Quince) NYC, no.
Mason, Rudy (El Gay '93) NYC, no.
Massey, Pearl, Girls (Primrose) Newport, Ky., no.
Magic in the Air Revue (Riverside) Milwaukee, t.

Malone, Luba (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
Mallery, Mickey (Cinderella) NYC, no.
Mama, Jerry (Club Royale) Detroit, no.
Mann, Eddie (El Chic) NYC, no.
Mares & McElroy (Park Central) NYC, h.
Marcus, Dr. Arthur (G8) Chi. no.
Maria, Chiquita (La Conga) NYC, no.
Marines, Singing (Palmer House) Chi. h.
Marlowe, Donald (Murphy's) Cleveland, no.
Marvin, Michael (Rainbow Grill) NYC, no.
Marvin (G8) Chi. no.
Marvin, Margaret (Silver Cloud) Chi. no.
Marvin, Margaret (Capital) Hancock, N. Y., 6-16, t.
Marston, Jackie (Mt. Morris, N. Y., 11-12, t.
Marrow, Marlene (Libby's Club Era) Chi. no.
Marshall, Jackie (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., no.
Martin, Tony (Paramount) NYC, t.
Maurice & Cordova (Hall) Phila. no.
Mavis, Joan & Connie (G8) Chi. no.
Mazzoni & Abbott (Palumbo's) Phila. no.
Mel-Ody (Lookout House) Covington, Ky., no.
Minton & Marlyn (Caravan) NYC, no.
Minton, Joanie (Queen Mary) NYC, no.
Minty, Paul (Puddin' Head) Miami Beach, Fla., no.
Mirth & Mack (Blossom) New Orleans, h.
Moana (Lexington) NYC, h.
Monte, Monica (Rainbow Room) NYC, no.
Moore, Diana (Colombio's) Chi. no.
Moore, Jean (Elise's Club Era) Chi. no.
Moore, Monica (White) NYC, h.
Mooney & Dell (Weber's Hofbrau) Camden, N. J., no.
Morris, Will, Jr. (Olympic) Irvington, N. J., no.
Mountaineers, The (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., no.
Muñoz, Jim & Mildred (Earle) Washington, D. C., no.
Mura, Corinna (Billmore) NYC, h.
Murphy, Arthur, Dancers (Elise House) NYC, h.
Murray, Jan (Elaine's) NYC, no.

N

Morette, George (La Conga) NYC, no.
Morgan, George (Pop-Eye) Weymouth, Mass., no.
Moller, Bob (Mt. Royal) Montreal, Que., h.
Nelson, June & Kay (Ambassador West) Chi. h.

Newell & Steger (Warwick) NYC, h.

Nirkas (Chicago) Chi. t.

Wilson & Andre (Village Bar) NYC, no.
Norval, Karyl (Frontenac) Detroit, no.
Norval & Faye (Tower) Kansas City, Mo., t.
Novelties, Four (Venice) Phila. no.
Numm, Claire (St. Francis) San Francisco, h.

O

O'Connell, Helen (Pennsylvania) NYC, h.
O'Bryan, Rita & Ed (Strand) NYC, t.
Old New York Quartette (Hunter's) NYC, no.
Ortega, Helen (El Chic) NYC, no.
Osborne, Phil (Gay '93) NYC, no.
Overman, Valley (Jivelli) Buffalo, t.
Owen Sisters (Bacchus) Detroit, h.
Owens & Parker (Colony) Chi. h.

P

Page, Lucille (Roxy) NYC, t.
Palace At Parke (Weymouth) Boston, no.
Palmer, Nedra (Gallant's) NYC, no.
Parsons & Dolores (Harrigan's) NYC, no.
Papette, Jacqueline (Villa Moderne) Chi. no.
Parker, Eddie (St. Club) Chi. no.
Parker, Eddie (Brown Derby) NYC, no.
Parker, Eddie (Streamlined Figurines (Martin's Tavern) Lima, O., no.
Parsons, James (Elise House) Chi. no.
Parsons, Jim (Elaine's) NYC, t.
Frank, Bobby (G8) San Francisco, no.
Pfleider, Joseph (Brown Derby) NYC, no.
Ponti, Frank (Lexington Casino) Phila. no.
Powell, "Seat" (Park Central) NYC, h.

R

Rabiner, Charlie (Cafe Society) NYC, no.
Ralph, Leonard (Barney Gallant's) NYC, no.
Rand, Sally & Co. (State) Chi. t.

Raschka & Mirka (Le Ruben Bleu) NYC, no.

Ray, Iris (Cinderella) NYC, no.

Ray & Naldi (Elise's) Fort Lee, N. J., no.

Reade, Delores (Elise) NYC, no.

Reed, Eddie (Elise) NYC, no.

Reed, Eddie (Brown Derby) NYC, no.

Reed, Eddie (Streamlined Figurines (Martin's Tavern) Lima, O., no.

Parsons, James (Elise House) Chi. no.

Parsons, Jim (Elaine's) NYC, t.

Parsons, Jim (Elaine's) Chi. no.

Philly Smoker Shows Pinched; G-Strings Gone

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—Anthony C. Sharkey, in charge of booking licenses for the State Department of Labor, is waging a drive against strip-tease smoker shows, warning that the booking of "indecent" entertainment is in violation of the license law.

This week round two smokers raided by Captain Murphy's vice squad. At a business men's annual dinner in the ballroom of the Rittenhouse Hotel, the squad pinched girls performing before 300 men. The dancers said they were Sandra Lynde, Marie Mario and Dottie Krouse. Four men were held on charges of conducting an indecent show, including the brother of an prominent vaudeville booker. Sharkey said the booker has been warned in advance about putting on the show.

The following day at Odd Fellows Hall Capt. John Murphy stopped a strip-tease for the Roelig Social Club. Performers identified themselves as Jean Shirley, Lydia Bertram, Helene Sylvester, Teddy Weber and Jean Bennett. The two bookers also warned in advance, were held.

Sharkey said it was necessary to call a halt to the private strip-tease shows because they were getting out of hand. "Even the G-string wasn't sacred any more," he added.

Open Air Burly House in Revere

REVERE, Mass., June 1.—An open air burlesque house on Revere Beach opened to packed houses this week. Uses traveling show and will operate all summer. New York headlines opening show, which drew 1,200 persons Wednesday night despite cold weather.

Idea originated with Paul Bromley, who conceived the Marionette Room at the Hotel Brunswick, Boston. Since the room closed for the summer Bromley has operated Sunday vaude at Providence, R. I.

Shows are booked by Ben Ford agency of Boston.

MCA Ups Asking Price on Bergen

NEW YORK, June 1.—Submitting price for the forthcoming Edgar Bergen unit has been upped by the Music Corp of America to a sum reported to be between \$20,000 to \$22,500. So far there have been no takers for the outfit, altho interest has been evidenced by Dave Ideal, manager of the Fox, Detroit.

Local houses and several out-of-town theaters have indicated that the price is much too high.

Goldstein New AAA Agent Head

NEW YORK, June 1.—Hymie Goldstein was named president of the Associated Agents of America, moving up from the Vice-presidency to succeed Barney Gillman, recently resigned.

Syd Leipzig, of the WOV Artists' Bureau, was named vice-president, and Oscar Lloyd will be secretary.

Samuel O. Harris, assistant to Leipzig at WOV, was made publicity director.

Waterbury To Reopen

NEW YORK, June 1.—The Max Bray Co. local producers have taken over the Jacques Theater, Waterbury, Conn. Arrangements are being made for an immediate reopening of the house.

Empire, Newark, Burly Out

NEWARK, N. J., June 1.—Empire Theater ends its burly season tonight. Last show has Honey Bee Keller, Ann Smith, Vickie Welles, Harry Levine, Paddy Cliff and Foster and Jacobs.

Oakland Burly House Ad Goes to Town

OAKLAND, Calif., June 1.—The Moulin Rouge on a recent booking of Adalters ran this modest ad in the local papers:

"Adultery, Slaves of Passion—Playthings of Desire—Victims of Lust. Do not break the seventh commandment. This feature picture not recommended for minors."

Magic

By BILL SACHS

Communications to Cincinnati Office

DR. ARTHUR MARCUS, the "mad magician," is currently regaling the patrons of the 885 Club, Chicago, with his tricks, double-talk and gags. He's set there indefinitely... MARQUIS THE MAGICIAN typewritten from New Bern, N. C., that many magi have played that territory in the past decade, but the natives still fondly remember Richards the Wizard, who showed that sector 10 years ago to lucrative results. . . . HARRY CECIL, "world's worst magician," of Detroit, made a cruise to Cuba last week to entertain for the International Rotary. He's slated for another Cuba jaunt in July for the Lions' Club International.

. . . THE WAND WAVERS, Detroid group, staged a show Sunday, May 26, for 80 members and guests. Those who entertained were Al Ramm, Stewart James, Harry Cecil, Harold Sterling, Del Raymond, Howard Strickler and Milton Kort. Bob Ungewitter emceed. . . . FRANK R. WARE, mentalist, is working Southern theaters. He was at the Princess, Haleyville, Ala., last week. . . . KEMPS MYSTERY SHOW is reported getting a fair play under canvas in Northern Mississippi. . . . THAT'S A CORKING press book Kroger Babb has prepared for Calvert the Magician's Egyptian Follies, mystery and girl unit, currently playing Midwestern picture houses, before beginning a West Coast jaunt under Babb's direction. . . . BRANDINO has just concluded a fortnight's stand at Mac and Mel Perlberg's Primrose Club, Newport, Ky. . . . SAM MAYER, long active in Cincinnati magic circles, has quit his wholesale millinery business and is disposing of all his magic equipment and collection pieces. Mayer has been in ill health for some time. . . . LOUIS COLLINS (Roba the Magician) is touring the Missouri country with Gene Knights' new opy. . . . LESTER LAKE (Marvelo) is doing essence and presenting his King Kong novelty with Calvert's Egyptian Follies. . . . CHARLES A. LEPPLEY, associated with the Rialto Theater, Lewistown, Pa., recently, showed his wares at the May department store auditorium, Lewistown, for the Albright Brotherhood of the Evangelical Church. He has been giving shows thru Central Pennsylvania the last eight years.

DEFINITELY A COMER in magiedom is Gloria Jerome, youthful and attractive trick weaver, who last Thursday (30) closed a two-week stand at the Gibson Hotel, Rathskeller, Cincinnati. Strong on looks and a capable magic worker, Miss Jerome registered solidly with the Rathskeller patrons. She drew lavish praise from the Cincy magic lads who caught her turn. Miss Jerome was a visitor at the magic desk Wednesday of last week, accompanied by her mother, who is making the nitery tour with her. Gloria learned her magic from her dad, Arthur Jerome, of Dallas, veteran magician and former showman. . . . TUCKER KEY, after a fortnight's stand at the Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Miss., has transferred his activities to the Cafe De L' Opera, New Orleans. He had as visitors at the latter spot last week Otto Manning and George Pearce, the latter one of the Crescent City's leading magic lights. . . . J. ELDER BLACKLEDGE, magician-lecturer, has left Indianapolis for his summer home at Leeland, Lee- man County, Mich., to remain until October 1. . . . STUART CRAMER, popular Cleveland magician, leaves there June 16 for a three-month tour of the Northwest, booked by MCA and the Boberg Bureau. He carries his regular mental turn plus a full-evening show of small illusions. Cramer has been associated with Karl Germain for many years. . . . THE GREAT NICOLA, according to a cablegram received last week, is returning to the United States after months of fruitless effort in Singapore. Mr. and Mrs. Nicola are slated to arrive in Honolulu June 27, where they plan to spend several days before continuing

More Comics for Midwest Circuit; Play Down Strips

NEW YORK, June 1.—Move by the Midwest Burlesque Circuit to sign a great number of comics for the coming fall season may indicate that the burly outfit will attempt to de-emphasize strippers. The circuit, according to Eddie Smith, who will sign comics in New York for next season, will use a large number of comic teams and singles at salaries considerably more than burly comics are now getting.

Smith says the new shows will be patterned after the Folies idea, with more coin to be spent in every department. Acts will be guaranteed 14 weeks with options. Smith, who returned Tuesday (28) from Chicago where he conferred with circuit members, said that the circuit seeks "coming Abbott and Costello."

Comics, he continued, will not have to use smut. Many of the old-time burly laugh-getters will find themselves without employment on Midwest time

when the new plan goes into effect. Smith indicated that a minimum of strip talent will be used. They may even take a flyer into standard names. He mentioned Mill D'Orsay as one performer they are attempting to contract.

Empress, Detroit, Changes

DETROIT, June 1.—Joe Elul, manager of the Empress stock burlesque, has brought in Eddie Dale as comic and Tommie Reynolds as straight man. Princess Livingston is chorus producer, with Josephine Mathis, Erma Wagner, Carrie Lee and Kay Buckley as featured females.

Further changes in comics are to be made, Elul said.

More Cohen Placements

NEW YORK, June 1.—Dave Cohen's placements include Louise Rogers, Gailey, and Marian Rogers, Etting, May 31; Sherry Britton, Nina Nixon and Betty Newmar with Dorothy Henry, featured at Harold and Leonard Raymond's new Luna Park, Coney Island, girlie show May 29; Celi Von Dell, June 3, and Valda, June 17, Howard, Boston; Alabama, Arien Stewart and Lillie Kairna, Casino, Toronto, May 31; Connie Mavis, Globe, Boston, May 31.

Burlesque Notes

(Communications to New York Office)

NEW YORK:

MARLANE, current feature at the Republic, just concluded a two months' vacation at her home in San Antonio. Extra-attractioned on the first wheel most of last season. . . . ALICE STEWART and Aloha are new at the Eltinge May 31, with Jean Carroll closing. Carol Hudson, new showgirl from Chicago, opened May 24. Valerie Parko to be the feature starting June 7. Vickie Welles and Rose LaRose come in June 14. . . . STINKY FIELDS and Shorty McAlister, as the result of a bit, The Vampire, put on by them with Bert Saunders, Dorothy Dehaven and George Tuttle helping, during a Gypsy Rose Lee party at the fair May 26, were engaged by Michael Todd for his New Orleans show after they finish at the Republic. Others at the affair held at Carrie Flannell's Du-Bust Inn were Martha Raye and Abbott and Costello. . . . AMY FONG does back at the Gaiety June 21. Louise Rogers replaced Marcia Eloise May 31.

. . . JOE WEINSTOCK, Republic operator, will remove the stairway leading from stage to orchestra seats and shift the cork from the right hand lower box to a pit. Also will install new neon signs on the outside and lay fresh carpets at a cost of \$50. . . . JEAN CHADWICK, dancer, fortified with a new Lanni Russell routine, is touring the First Circuit. . . . JOHNNIE MATLICE held open house May 25 at the Gailey to celebrate his becoming a first-time daddy to Melaine, born that day in Lutheran Hospital to ma Ann Norman, of the Norman Sisters. . . . GRACIE BRYANT, from nitrites, makes her debut as a stripper June 7 at the Gailey. . . . RUSTY NELSON, formerly of the Eltinge, is featured stripper at Stanch's, Coney Island, N. Y., in a new girlie show booked by Harry Brown. Another ex-burly specialist is Lee Scotty.

. . . MIKE SACHS, comic, came near not making the opening of a four-week stay at the Gailey, May 17, due to a sudden spell of hoarseness and then a losing day with Izzy Hirst at the races. . . . SHERRY BRITTON and Nina Nixon, strippers, are part of Harold and Leonard Raymond's new girl show in Luna Park, Coney Island.

their journey to the States. Their sudden decision to start home, after having just rented a house and settled down for a prolonged stay, was not disclosed. It is believed, however, that the European War—and the threat that the conflict might spread to the Far East—may have had some influence on their departure. Nicola has been in Singapore since last November, and has spent five months attempting to arrange for salvage of his show equipment which went to the bottom of Singapore harbor when the British-Indo steamer, Sirdhana, on which he had begun a homeward journey, struck a mine. Prospects are that the Nicolas will be back at their home in Monmouth, Ill., around the middle of July.

. . . PAUL WEST, his partner, has gone to his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a vacation. Both re-signed with Midwest for next year. . . . JUNE MARSHALL and Ned Welsh are en route to California for their vacation. . . . JUNE ST. CLAIR is back in town after playing the Globe, Boston. . . . BOBBIE PEGRIM, who has been away from the Rialto because of illness, returned this week. . . . GURSTON SIDNEY ALLEN, one of the owners of the Casino, Toronto, was married to Laya Hannah Fauman Sunday (26).

. . . COLETTE opened at the Avenue, Detroit, for two weeks beginning May 24.

LAND, . . . BILLY FIELDS, comic, entered Beth Israel Hospital, May 29, for an eye operation. . . . MELAINE LEHEAU replaced Loretta Carney Cotes at the Republic, May 31. . . . FORD MASON, harmonica player, left the Eltinge for the Grand Mountain Hotel and Country Club, Fern Wild, N. Y. Booking by Ed Sterling has him featured in a company including Mickey Rose, comic. Arthur Morton, Janet Felton, Eve Saunders and Bob Kirsch and his Blue Skies Orch. . . . HONEY BEES KELLER moved into the Troc, Philadelphia, June 3.

DORIS WESTON recovering from hurts sustained in a recent taxi accident. . . . CHEAT ATLANTIC, taken ill with a cold, rushed Bernie Miller into the singer's spot at the Gailey, May 27. . . . ROLAND OKEEPE finally decided to make it the Fair after all for his spelling abilities. With I. B. McCoy, co-talker, he closed a deal with William McCloskey to officiate at later's Zoriana Gardens, which opened May 25, with Zoriana, featured, and Victoria headlining a company of 20 femmes. . . . JAN LAMONT is a new singer at the Republic. Formerly on the air. . . . LARRY (HOLLANDER) CITRON, who adopted the name of Holland last summer in a Catskill engagement, is planning to leave local burly houses for the Coast to open a tailoring establishment. . . . GINGER BRITTON'S movie contract is with the International Studio in Hollywood, not the MGM.

CHICAGO:

BILL HYDE, owner of the darkened Star and Carter, Chicago, and the Fulton, Pittsburgh, was a Chicago visitor last week. . . . JACK GREENMAN, Cell De Vine and Gloria Gale opened at the Palace, Buffalo, Friday (31). . . . ANN CARROLL, closed at the Rialto. . . . HELEN COLEBY opened there Friday (31). . . . HARRY CLEXX has been pinch-hitting for Charley Country, who has been ill. Country reopens this week. Clexx will replace Kenny Brennas June 7, when the latter embarks for Australia. . . . MEXIG LEXING is back in Chicago after 20 weeks on the Midwest.

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FROM ALL AROUND:

RUTH BAILEY celebrated the beginning of her second year in the line at the Avenue, Detroit, last week, by jumping to Cleveland to visit her mother, brother and two kiddies.

COLLETTE opened at the Avenue, Detroit, for two weeks beginning May 24.

COMICS WANTED

Write or Wire Immediately

JOE ALLEN

Empress Theatre, 540 Woodward, Detroit, Mich.

Conducted by BILL SACHS—Communications to 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati, O.

St. Paul Showboat To Do Five Plays

ST. PAUL, June 1.—A St. Paul civic group has taken the Summer Showboat, a floating theater tied up at 837 West Water street, on the Mississippi River, to do a series of five plays during the season, beginning June 1 and 2 with Mark Reed's *Petticoat Fever*. William Merle is founder and director of the civic players, and T. Arthur technical director.

Others on the executive board of the Summer Showboat are Melvin Voithaber, president; Kenneth Merv, vice-president; Vivian Newman, secretary; Hugh Grosscup, scenic artist; James Geer, electrician; Wallace Briggs, stage manager, with Ben Goldenberg, Ray Elmer, Billy McCue, Agnes Halasik, Vernon Zoff, Leroy Sotom, Marie Barnes, Ted Bassett, Grace Macaulay and Ken Olson aiding on stage work.

An original play, *Black Magic*, will be presented June 28 and 30, to be followed by *Personal Appearance* and *Three-Cornered Moon*. The fifth play has not yet been selected. The theater will be open on week-ends and holidays for recreational activities of members and their guests.

Cast for *Petticoat Fever* will include: Ken Merv, Cleo Maloy, Vivian Newman, Mel Voithaber, George Povey, Jim Geer, Claire Hornell, Violet Olson, Walter Nelson, Dan Doyle and Ed Schaal.

Louisiana Next For Naylor Opry

NATCHES, Miss., June 1.—Jack Naylor's Georgia Minstrels played a one-nighter here May 27. Show, formerly known as Alabama Minstrels, featured as comics "Picado" Langford, "Happy" Whinbush and Cook Pennington. Troupe also boasts a small line, a blues singer and street band and orchestra. Jack Lewis and wife, contortionists, joined here.

Show has been in Texas and Oklahoma and is moving into Louisiana. Top is a 60-foot affair with three 30-foot middle pieces. There are eight pieces of rolling stock.

Engagement here drew near-full house, one-third remaining for the 10-cent concert. Bill Campbell is back again as box canvasman.

Street band paraded before show and aided in getting out the crowd, as little other advertising was done.

Naylor said business has been fair in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi.

'Tom' Good Any Time, Even In Pic Form, Says Disch

Cudahy, Wis.

Editor The Billboard:

I note that some of your readers believe 1940 is the opportune time for a revival of Uncle Tom's Cabin. I know from experience that any time is good for Uncle Tom, as during recent months I have taken out the five-reel silent version and done business even in this talkie age. I have shown the "Tom" picture in South Milwaukee three different times at the same theater (Garden) and held them out each time.

Not so many months ago I was at Cedarburg, Wis., and with a Shirley Temple picture and a lot of other opposition in town, Manager Mark Morgan said the Uncle Tom picture had far greater possibilities than many so-called specials. Usually they play a feature downtown first run, but I have taken this one to the outskirts first and then downtown and back again to the first theater. This happened at Kenosha, Wis., with plenty of opposition in town during the centennial, and most of it free, and we played to capacity.

Lately I have had it on the shelf, but with spring here I feel as the I should go back out and let the natives take a peek at it again. JAKE J. DISCH.

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Vaude-Pic Combo

By E. F. HANNAN

IT HAS got so that much of the rep news in The Billboard is concerned with the so-called combination picture-vaude shows. In fact, this season finds many former operators of dramatic shows moving into this end of the business. The so-called non-commercial or non-theatrical film couples well with flesh of the type that small shows present.

Titles of these films are in line with standard movie titles and the players in most cases are name stars. The combination for small-town audiences has proved very popular and the operating cost is much lower than that of flesh rep shows. There is the added advantage of being able to switch this type show to hall, school and even to church, and it's the real type for tent shows making the deep sticks.

While the turn from rep to pictures would at first seem to be against flesh business, a talk with operators of these vaude-pic outfits proves that the reverse may be the case. Native of the open spaces have been known to drive as many as 100 miles to see a picture show and it's safe to assume that if such entertainment is brought to their own hamlet they will be easily interested. More substantial outfit will operate in this field in the near future, as during the past winter school auditoriums were used by showmen who offered keen competition to the regular movie houses.

It looks as tho the vaude-pic combination is here to stay.

Rose City Players Resume on June 18

TWIN FALLS, Id., June 1.—Rose City Players, of Portland, Ore., after a four-month trek thru California, have closed their three-act melodrama, *Relief Be Hanged*, and are currently in the throes of reorganization.

Company is slated to reopen here June 18 with a new production written by Eleanor Deinert and Don Taylor en-

titled *Downdraft*. Local engagement will be under auspices of the local Townsend Club, with Twin Falls merchants co-operating.

Show will swing thru Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Montana this summer, with intentions of moving into Wyoming for a fall and winter circle. Advance is being handled by Flint Grande, with the policy of a dance after the show still prevailing.

The company's final performance of *Relief Be Hanged* held at Mullet Island, Calif., May 18 was interrupted several times by the earthquake which hit the Imperial Valley. The players ran thru one of the acts behind candlelight when the local power plant went out. The Mullet Island date concluded an 18-month run for the show, which covered 10 States.

the Kinsey trick. The Masons will again present their country store giveaway feature with the Kinsey organization as soon as the weather gets back to normal. . . . HARRY GRAP, manager of the Madge Kinsey show, has been making frequent trips to Postors, O., to visit his mother, who is seriously ill in a hospital there with a kidney and bladder ailment. . . . KATHERINE ANN PORTNER, well known in the rep field, auditioned for the Cleveland Playhouse group Monday of last week. . . . CARL WHYTE, pianist, is back this season with the "Skippy" LaMore Tent Show. . . . F. S. WOLCOTT of Fort Gibson, Okla., owner-manager of the Rabbit Foot Minstrels, announces that his colored troupe will make its bow under canvas for the summer in a few weeks.

WILFRED KELL has a vaude-picture layout working Northern New Hampshire. . . . DAVE & DELLA Tent Show, featuring radio talent, is making Northern Alabama towns to reported good business.

J. R. W. COULS postals from Detroit: "My wife and I caught the Frank Ginnivan Show at Addison, Mich., May 25. Business was fair. It's a clean, up-to-date, fast-moving show. Canvases and rolling stock in A-1 condition." . . . TED NORTH, whose well-known Ted North Players are off the road this season and whose son, Ted Jr., is now appearing in pictures in Hollywood, stopped off in Kansas City, Mo., last week to renew old acquaintances en route from the West Coast to Topeka, Kan. . . . REX M. INGHAM, former trooper, now with the sheriff's office of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and Mrs. Ingham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Backer, owners of the Famous Minstrels, when that tent outfit played Reidsville, N. C., May 24. "Business was only fair," reports Ingham. "However, show has fine wardrobe and a good hand, and equipment is in excellent shape." . . . WHY NOT LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW what show you're with this season by dropping the column a line on a penny postcard?

BILL CURTISS, bandleader of Curtiss Shoprite, Continental, O., and Madge Kinsey and Harry Graf, of the Madge Kinsey Players, and several members of their troupe motored to Postors, O., recently to take in the midway of Dodson's World's Fair Shows. While there they encountered the veteran trooper, Doc Waddell, and took him back with them to North Baltimore, O., where the Kinsey tent was showing. . . . HAPPY RAY WARE info that a group of young folks of Haleyville, Ala., have secured a State charter under the name of the Thespian Club, whose purpose will be to popularize repertoire bills in the community and to boost any rep shows playing in the territory. . . . J. F. TELLETT will have a vaude-picture outfit under canvas in the resort section of New Hampshire this summer. He will present a "Tom" film as his feature. . . . FRANK HIGGINS, veteran performer, who had been hobnobbing with his friend Leon Harvey in Columbus, O., in recent weeks, has gone to Gloversville, N. Y., for an operation for the removal of a tumor from his spine. . . . RUDY HOFF, well-known rep ark leader, has been called to his mother's bedside in Dubuque, Ia. She is seriously ill.

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Success of 16mm. Movie Houses Depends on Attractive Fronts

KEANSBURG, N. J., June 1.—Operators of 16mm. movie shows in resort locations realize that success depends greatly upon the flash of the lobby. More than ever the ops are attempting to arrange lobby displays and decorate the fronts of the buildings attractively.

Typical of operators doing this is Abe Landow, owner and operator of a spot near the beach here. This is his second year as a 16mm. operator. When the spot opens it will seat approximately 200 people, 112 more than last year.

Landow plans to bally his coming attractions with his marquee, newspaper advertising and publicity, handbills, postcard mailings, colored lithographed pictures, black and white photos, trailers and one-sheets. Easels will be placed on the sidewalk in front of the house to attract the passing crowds, and Landow is placing frames for one-sheets along

the walls in the lobby.

During the past winter the spot has been enlarged and a new and modern projection booth installed. Front projection will be used this season.

Ohio Roadshowmen Check State Seals

CINCINNATI, June 1.—Roadshowmen who operate merchant-sponsored shows in this State are securing State seals for their films. The seals are absolutely necessary for shows within the State and are issued at Columbus. Seals bear numbers and are not transferable to other subjects or prints. Where duplicates prints are used, duplicate licenses are necessary.

Roadshowmen renting from libraries in the State report that librarians are making it a practice of showing permit issued with the license to be certain that numbers and titles check.

Roadshowmen Plan Nation-Wide Tour

BROOKLYN, June 1.—With the advent of summer, many roadshowmen have mapped extended tours. Among the operators leaving this city is Herbert Fiske, who is taking four men and equipment on a trek which will take him nearly to the Coast.

Idea for the tour came from a trip made by Fiske's partner, Dave Powell, thru Pennsylvania, Ohio and Missouri during the Lenten season. He showed religious films in churches and schools and traveled approximately 5,000 miles. Powell is remaining here this season and will be associated, Fiske said, with an old-time movie spot at Coney Island.

New and Recent Releases

GREAT GARBO, THE, released by Torch Films. Musical drama starring Eric Von Stroheim and Betty Compson. Running time, 90 minutes.

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30 World's Fair Spots Show Documentary Films

NEW YORK, June 1.—Non-theatrical documentary films are being shown in 30 buildings at the New York World's Fair exhibit area. Seating average is 300. In many instances the films are repeats from last year.

One of the latest to open is the Little Theater in the Science and Education Building. Program runs Thursday thru Sunday with weekly changes. Opening week's schedule included *Kid Gangs*, *The Children Must Learn*, *Children's School*, *Life's Summer Camp*, *Youth of a Nation* and *The Case of Charlie Gordon*. The City opens each show. Medical films, thru the co-operation of the American Museum of Health, are incorporated into each week's performance.

Future documentary films will treat housing, farming, conservation, Pan-Americanism and peoples of the earth. Majority of the films run 10 to 15 minutes, tho some feature lengths are used.

Projection is by King Cole Sound Service and Jam Handy Corp.

formula and a dull novelty ditty, *Percy Have Mercy*.

The Dance Disks

OFFERING sweet music for soft lights that makes dancing a double delight, BLUE BARRON Bluebird waxes the smooth melodies of *I Love You Much Too Much* with *Hawaiian Paradise*; *I'll Pray For You with Wait Till I Catch You in My Drums*; and as novelty needles, *Sing a Spell* with *Take Your Girlie to the Movies*. SAMMY KAYE, on Victor, carries on the *Penny Serenade* tradition with *Her Name Was Rosalie*, mating with an original lullaby, *Sweet Angelina*. For an encore it's just as sweet for the "swing and sway" with *Where Was I?* and *Make Believe Island*. And from the same school of syncopation, KAY KYSER gives Columbia couplets of *Let There Be Love* with *Fools Rush In* and *Charming Little Faker* with Alec Templeton's impressionable *Navy and Blue*.

Short Subjects for Niteries

NEW YORK, June 1.—Night clubs showing 16mm. films are mapping summer programs. At The Place in Greenwich Village, which has shown movies for the past two years, an enlarged program has been drafted. According to Bob Ossinsky and Pete Tarditini, an extra showing will be given nightly. Schedules are being built around musicals, it was said. The floor show will also be augmented.

REVIEW OF RECORDS

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that spells dancing pleasure. Still devoted to the shuffle rhythms, a throwback to the days when the band took its beat from trumpet Henry Busse, initial sides have the stylized rhythms for *Angels in Disguise* mated with the *Where Do I Go From You* ballad in the conventional rhythms, and a swingy *Stamp Fire* coupled with a shuffling *Come to the Fair*.

Columbia brings back the HARRY JAMES Band when swing was the thing for a *Back Beat Boogie* and *Night Special*. The more-to-the-minute James on Varsity, his trumpet still meaning more than the band itself, couples a pair of ballads in orthodox style, *Fools Rush In* and *Secrets in the Moonlight*. BOBBY HACKETT, considered by critics the man who most nearly approaches the immortal Bix Beiderbecke in tone and execution, brings a group of Horace Heidt bandmen together to pay a *Vocalion* tribute to *Bix*. And it's only Hackett's cornet horn that makes meaning for *Clarinet Marmalade* and *Singing the Blues*, embellishing his playing with many phrases associated with *Bix*.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG, using Jimmy Dorsey's Band for the backing, is in his element, singing and playing for a fast and furious *Swing That Music*. And in the same mood, for a companion piece, the Armstrong band has full sway for *Wolverine Blues*, Louie coming in on the tall end for the top notes. ERSKINE HAWKINS has a well-meaning Bluebird double in a sizzling *Midnight Stroll* and a *Fine and Mellow blues*. However, the latter, which is the most interesting side, is weighted down by the singing of Dolores Brown, who has little concept of singing a race blues. The composition is a carry-over from the race record listings in spite of Hawkins' authorship credits. DUKE ELLINGTON falls into this company for his Victor Concerto for *Coofie*, a Cootie Williams solo playing muted and open, pretty and dirty, displaying a large measure of his seemingly limitless trumpet ability. For the muted music the band goes thru the paces of an original Ellington pop, *Me and You*.

On Varsity, JOHNNY McGEE, his wah-wah style of blowing the horn highlighting, has eight sides devoted to the dance. All ballads, titles include *Make Believe Island*, *Where Was I?*, *They Ought to Write a Book About You*, *Moments in the Moonlight*, *White Oysters Are Building Castles*, *I Think You're Absolutely Wonderful*, *Let There Be Love*, *Sierra Sue*. For the same label LOUIS PRIMA offers two originals, an acceptable *Look Out* patterned on the *In the Mood*

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short with \$7,000 for a John Henry season, season's only world-premiere. House called it quits on March 23 with an unprofitable Tobacco Road showing, strong the first two weeks with \$20,000, but faltering to \$6,000 for the third week.

Totals

Approximate total gross for the season (all three houses) was \$860,400, not a bad figure but still far under even minimum expectations. The Forest pulled \$601,400 of the total amount, with the Locust getting around \$188,000 and the Erlanger \$71,000.

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AUSTIN—Arval (Sandy), in a Chickasha, Okla., rooming house May 14. Cause of death was undetermined. Survived by his widow. Burial in Fort Cobb, Okla.

BARTON—Mrs. Amanda S., widow of Dr. Isaac Barton, prominent pianist, organist and composer of Philadelphia, May 20 at her home in that city after a short illness. She was a member of the Matinee Musical Club, Philadelphia. Two sisters survive.

REE—Jay (J. B. Schriftman), 17, dancer, May 25 while en route to Bridgeport, Conn., for an engagement. He had been on the stage since he was three years old, but branched off into his career as a dancer during the heyday of the Charleston. He had appeared on the Panhandle and Los Angeles circuits and toured Europe for two years. On Broadway he appeared in *Babes in Arms*.

BERNSTEIN—Mrs. End, wife of Louis Bernstein, head of Shapiro, Bernstein & Co., music publishers, May 19 at her home in New York after a lingering illness. She also leaves two daughters, Lillian Kelton and Elaine Volter.

BICKNER—Andy, 55, ex-pugilist and vaudeville painter, in his sleep in the paint wagon of World of Mirth Shows, May 23 on Trenton avenue showgrounds in Elizabeth, N. J. Bickner, who had been associated with Leon Reeve, boxer painter on the shows, for the past 25 years, was well known in show circles under the name of Dougherty, which he assumed when fighting in the Middle West as a youngster. For a time he was interested in concessions. His mother is only known survivor. Burial in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

BROWN—Frank Albert, doorman at the Court Square Theater, Springfield, Mass., from 1918 to 1937, May 28 at his home in that city. No immediate relatives survive.

BURKART—William E., billposter with many leading circuses the past 30 years, in Los Angeles Hospital May 27. He was located at the Sioux City (Ia.) Poster Plant for 20 years before moving to Los Angeles in 1936.

CARTER—Albert B., 75, member of Indiana Board of Agriculture and manager of draft horse exhibits at Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, May 25 at his home in Danville, Ind. Survived by a sister. Services May 27 in Danville Friends' Church, with burial in Plainfield, Ind.

CONSELMAN—William M., 43, prominent screen scenarist, at his home in Eagle Rock, Calif., May 25 of a liver ailment. Born and educated in Brooklyn. Conelman went on the stage at an early age and was playing top vaudeville circuits when 15. After three years in the Navy he spent five years on newspapers in New York and Chicago. He went to Los Angeles in 1920 and five years later went to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios as

The Final Curtain

a publicity writer. In his 15 years in the film business he contributed successes for Will Rogers, Shirley Temple, Eddie Cantor and Bing Crosby. Conelman was the creator, with Charles Plumb, of the comic strip *Ella Cinders*. His most recent successes include *Bing Crosby's East Side of Heaven* and the Kay Kyser musical, *That's Right, You're Wrong*. Survived by his widow, Wilhelmina; a son, William Jr., a scenario writer at 20th Century-Fox, and a daughter, Dredre.

GRANDALL—Irene, 61, play and pageant writer for stage and radio, in her apartment in the Hotel Windermere, Chicago, May 29. She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, Chicago Women's Club, Cordon Club and the League of American Penwomen.

DEVINE—James P., 41, acoustical engineer, formerly with Electrical Research Products, Inc., May 20 in Detroit. His widow and two children survive. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Detroit.

DONNELLY—Edward, 69, retired actor, in Bennington, Vt., May 22. Donnelly's last appearance was in *Everything's Jake* in 1930. He had also appeared in *The Old Stock*, *Young Alexander*, *One of the Family* and *Cock o' the North*.

EISFELDT—Kurt, 67, husband of the late actress, May Irwin, and well known in the theatrical and circus world, in Watertown, N. Y., May 30. Eisfeldt came to this country from Vienna and became

heart ailment. Ill for a long time, he gave up active participation in the pool's operation last year. He leaves his wife, Grace Harris; a brother, two daughters and two sons.

HUBER—Jack, 60, vet trouper, from injuries sustained in an auto accident near Greenwood, S. C. Burial in Greenville, S. C., May 11.

HUTCHINSON—Edward R., pioneer Burlington, Vt., movie exhibitor, in that city May 27. He was manager of the Strong Theater, Burlington, at the time of death. Survived by his widow.

KARZAS—Andrew, 58, builder and managing director of the Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms, Chicago, in that city June 1 after a brief illness. His widow survives. Full details will appear in the next issue.

KELLER—William S. (Keller Mack), 70, a vaudeville comedian for 40 years and later a booking agent and radio performer, May 20 at his home in Collingswood, N. J., of a heart ailment. For 15 years he and his wife were known as Mack and Earle. He retired nine years ago and for a time conducted a vaudeville booking agency in Philadelphia. During the last few years he had appeared from time to time on various Philadelphia radio programs usually in comedy blackface roles. More recently he had been employed by Warner Bros. in Philadelphia. Survived by his widow, Hannah B.; a daughter and a sister. Burial in Harleigh Cemetery.

KELMAN—John L., 38, radio script writer and former reporter for The New York Tribune, May 25 in Hollywood of a heart ailment. In 1931 McManus entered the newspaper field and later became editor of *For Motion Picture News*. He entered radio work in 1936 with the advertising firm of J. Walter Thompson Co. He had done programs for Floyd Gibbons, Bob Burns, W. C. Fields and others, and at the time of death was in charge of a program conducted by Rudy Vallee. Survived by his widow, Mary; his father, two sisters and two brothers.

MANTON—Michael F., 65, former publicity man for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus and various road shows, May 26 at Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, N. Y., after an illness of several weeks.

MONTGOMERY—Hubert Rollin (Doc Jack), red pitcher, at a Charleston, W. Va., hospital May 17. He was born in Columbia, Ky. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Florence Montgomery; three sons by a former marriage; a brother, George, and two sisters, Mrs. Patsey Burch and Mrs. Caroline Jeter. Body was shipped to Dayton, O., for burial.

PAYNE—May Stump, 55, Hawaiian dancer in the side show with Russell Bros. Circus, in Titusville, Pa., May 24 of a heart ailment during the show's engagement there. Survived by her husband, who is also with the circus, and a daughter in Kentucky. Burial in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Titusville, May 25.

PEARSON—George William, 56, overoperator of Orange View Park, Mobile, Ala., in that city May 26 after a long illness. He gave its use free for many charitable events and was connected with a number of Mobile business enterprises. Survived by his widow, Cora Boycroft Pearson, a son and three daughters. Services and burial in Mobile May 27.

PULLEY—Louis Q., 30, thin man with the Ringling Bros. circus, known as Shadow Rogers, May 29 of a heart ailment while aboard a bus at Easton, Pa. He was en route from Newark, N. J., to his home in West Frankfort, Ill. Pulley was six feet tall and weighed 51 pounds.

RECORD—Mrs. Evelyn, 57, former musical comedy and vaudeville actress and stage manager, May 28 at her home in Puce, Ont., Can. Born in London, she came to this country in 1905 with a road-show production of *A Night in an English Music Hall*. She was stage manager of the Temple Theater, Detroit, when it was a popular vaudeville house. Her husband, Ford, survives. Burial in Windsor, Ont.

RUSSELL—James H., well known in fair and carnival circles and a member of Ripley's Believe It or Not attraction last season, in Veterans' Hospital, Milwaukee, May 16 of diphtheria.

SANFORD—Charles W., veteran motion picture roadshow operator, recently at Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit, after a long illness. He formerly operated nationally out of Chicago with his own film library in the silent days and also represented the Holmes Projector Co. He booked in the non-theatrical field in the Detroit territory in recent years. His sister survives. Burial in Chicago.

SCHWARTZ—Mrs. Katie, mother of Ray Schwartz, executive of the Affiliated Theater Circuit of Philadelphia, May 17 at her home in that city.

SMITH—Joe J., 50, veteran cookhouse operator, last season with Rogers & Powell Shows, in Veterans' Hospital, Alexandria, La., May 24. His widow, Billie, and two daughters, Betty and Patty, survive. Burial in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Miss.

UNGER—Clayda Buchanan, 55, playwright and screen writer, May 25 at the Medical Arts Center, New York, after a week's illness. Her first play, *Edmund Kean*, was a one-act drama, produced

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Mrs. George Gainer; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Stiles, Mrs. Bertha Quin and Mrs. Thomas Hosking, and two brothers, Perry and Dan Scherry. Services in Port Thomas, Ky., with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Newport, Ky.

LONG—David Elliott, 78, old-time repertory musician, in John Gaston Hospital, Memphis, May 13 of pernicious anemia. Among the many shows he had tramped with were Crawford Comedians, Horace Murphy Comedians, Darr-Gray Stock Co., Morgan & Helver Co. and the Fred Brunk Show. Born in Napoleon, O., he played with dance bands there when a youth. Long also played in theater orchestras, spending 18 years in the pit at the Davidsons Theater, Port Huron, Mich. His last engagement was with Fred Brunk, after which he went to reside with his son and daughter-in-law, Clarence and Pearle Long, Memphis. Burial in Port Scott.

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RECORD—Mrs. Evelyn, 57, former musical comedy and vaudeville actress and stage manager, May 28 at her home in Puce, Ont., Can. Born in London, she came to this country in 1905 with a road-show production of *A Night in an English Music Hall*. She was stage manager of the Temple Theater, Detroit, when it was a popular vaudeville house. Her husband, Ford, survives. Burial in Windsor, Ont.

RUSSELL—James H., well known in fair and carnival circles and a member of Ripley's Believe It or Not attraction last season, in Veterans' Hospital, Milwaukee, May 16 of diphtheria.

SANFORD—Charles W., veteran motion picture roadshow operator, recently at Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit, after a long illness. He formerly operated nationally out of Chicago with his own film library in the silent days and also represented the Holmes Projector Co. He booked in the non-theatrical field in the Detroit territory in recent years. His sister survives. Burial in Chicago.

SCHWARTZ—Mrs. Katie, mother of Ray Schwartz, executive of the Affiliated Theater Circuit of Philadelphia, May 17 at her home in that city.

SMITH—Joe J., 50, veteran cookhouse operator, last season with Rogers & Powell Shows, in Veterans' Hospital, Alexandria, La., May 24. His widow, Billie, and two daughters, Betty and Patty, survive. Burial in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Miss.

UNGER—Clayda Buchanan, 55, playwright and screen writer, May 25 at the Medical Arts Center, New York, after a week's illness. Her first play, *Edmund Kean*, was a one-act drama, produced

WALTER CONNOLY

Walter Connolly, prominent character actor of stage and screen, died at his home in Hollywood May 28 at the age of 62. His death was attributed to apoplexy. He had been ill for 10 days following several trips to New York and the Kentucky Derby.

Connolly was born in Cincinnati April 8, 1888. He attended St. Xavier College and the College of Music, Cincinnati, and later the University of Dublin, Ireland, where he got his first training in acting in Shakespearean dramas. Connolly made his professional debut in Norfolk, Va., in 1900, where he played in *Classmates*. In 1911 he joined the Soothern-Marlowe Shakespearean company, with which he toured the country until 1914. He also made summer tours with the Ben Greet Players in Shakespearean roles.

One of his first Broadway appearances was in a revival of *The Shepherd King*, starring Wright Lorimer. He remained on Broadway 22 years except for summer stock appearances. During those years he was under contract to such theatrical impresarios as Gilbert Miller, Jed Harris and George M. Cohan. Among the many successful plays he was seen in were *The Good Fairy*, *The Affairs of Anatole*, *Your Uncle Dudley, Come Out of the Kitchen and Way Down East*.

Connolly made his first picture in 1917, *The Soldier's Oath*, with William Parham, and his dislike of the outcome postponed his next appearance before the cameras for 15 years. His next film work was as the Yankee financial adviser in *The Bitter Tea of General Yen*. This was followed by Washington Merry-Go-Round and *No More Orchids*. Subsequently he returned to New York to appear in *The Late Christopher Bean*.

His only absence from the stage and screen was when he joined the 13th Division of the United States Marine Corps, where he served under Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler during the World War. After the war he went to Dublin, but returned to New York soon after to play with Margaret Anglin in *The Woman of Bronze*, followed by the role of the dull suitor in *Appleseed*.

Some of his numerous film successes were in *Fatty the Next Best Thing*, *Nothing Sacred* and *It Happened One Night*. His most recent movie role was that of Victor Herbert in *The Great Victor Herbert*.

In 1923 he married Nedda Harrigan, an actress and daughter of the Harrigan half of the Harrigan and Hart team, whom he met while they were working together in a play.

He is survived by his widow and daughter, Anne. Private funeral services were held in Beverly Hills, Calif. Burial will be made in Cincinnati.

superintendent of horses for the Ringling Bros. circus. He later went into vaudeville and managed Miss Irwin's show. They were married in 1907.

ELMAN—Sam E. '76, father of Mischa Elman, violinist, May 26 at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, after an illness of two weeks. His widow, Mrs. Yetta Fingerhut Elman, and three daughters also survive.

FELICIA—Mary Josephine, 23, sister of Luis Felicia of the team Felicia and Del Ray, in Grant Hospital, Columbus, O., recently after an operation. Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Columbus.

FIELD—Col. Lewis L., former part owner of Savin Rock Park Co., Inc., operator of Savin Rock Park, New Haven, Conn., May 25 of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was former commander of the 102d Infantry and was retired recently with rank of brigadier general.

FIELDING—Mrs. Barbara, 32, formerly Barbara McLean of the films, at her home in Van Nuys, Calif., May 26 of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Survived by her husband, Gerald, former British film actor and now a radio executive.

FREEMAN—Alex E., father of Bud Freeman, manager of the Grand Theater, Philadelphia, May 13 at his home in that city.

HARRIS—Martin M., 58, for many years owner and operator of the Hygeia Swimming Pool on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, in that city May 27 of a

terry, Collingswood, May 28.

KIRCHNER—Elizabeth, 82, sister of Edgar E. Kirchner, manager of the Family Theater, Detroit, May 24 in that city after a long illness. Interment in Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit.

LALOR—Michael, 38, trapeze performer with the Flying Sensations, in Brunswill, W. Va., May 25. He was born in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Burial in Switchback, W. Va., May 25.

LAMAZE—George, 43, executive vice-president of Hotel Warwick, Philadelphia, and former night club operator, May 27 at his home in Philadelphia of a heart ailment. For 15 years Lamaze operated Arrowhead Inn at Saratoga, N. Y., taking over the management of the Warwick six years ago. Between times he managed the well-known Clover Club in Hollywood and various supper clubs and hostesses in Florida. He leaves his wife, Helen, and a brother, Marcel, also a former night club operator.

LEWICKY—Bernard, 34, known as Barney the Accordionist, May 19 at his home in Dickson City, Pa. Survived by two sisters. Services May 21 with interment in South Scranton, Pa.

LIDINGTON—Mrs. Lydia Margaret, 63, mother of Tommy Ryan, vocalist with Sammy Kaye's Orchestra, May 26 in Booth Hospital, Covington, Ky., after a long illness. She also leaves her husband, Thomas; another son, Irwin; two daughters, Mrs. C. S. Vall and Mrs.

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NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

"For Peace and Freedom"

FLUSHING, L. I.

May 11 to Oct. 27

Expo Goes After Third Million; May 30 Sets Mark

NEW YORK, June 1.—When paid entries are tabbed for today, which blossomed out with ideal spring weather following yesterday's rainstorm, the World's Fair is almost certain to hover around the 2,000,000 mark for 22 days' operation and may even go beyond it. As of this morning the paid admissions were only 233,000 short of 2,000,000. Decoration Day accounted for a record 317,058, more than 50 per cent of the third week's sum of 623,956, the best week to date, beating the previous seven days by about 34,000. Last year's holiday drew 216,610.

During the 1939 edition the fair didn't reach a better gate until Labor Day Sunday, September 3, when 492,446 people were clocked, but that day figured to be the best one of the year anyway. There were six other days last year with superior draws, all of them Sunday except October 7, a Saturday, with 327,010. The other Sundays were September 24—362,701; October 8—347,230; October 15—363,547; October 22—360,021, and October 29, last expo Sabbath, with a second-best 421,280.

Fair officials and concessionaires were elated at the throngs and the money they turned into pay attractions. The major production shows, such as American Jubilee, Aquacade, Streets of Paris, Gay New Orleans, Railroad on Parade and Winter Wonderland, played to the best crowds of the three-week-old season, but everyone else received a share of the grosses, including the rides and restaurants on the Great White Way. At the same time it is felt that mid-week weather, which has been generally inclement, has not given the second edition a chance to prove its real fundamental drawing power, and as a result the fair is a terrible week-end draw and the Monday-to-Friday stretch an unknown quantity.

Should the middle days turn in power-house regularities and the week-ends bat par, a better than 20,000,000 total for the 120 days is not unlikely. Daily average is slightly better than \$4,000 so far, having climbed \$1,000 per day from the first two weeks' average. Right now the fair moves within grasp of 3,000,000 customers.

Deficit Is Low

Just before the holiday Board Chairman Harvey D. Gibson announced an operating loss of \$10,631 for the first 18 days, an unusually low deficit in view of weather. Indebtedness of \$650,000 as of the end of the '39 show has been paid and there is approximately \$800,000 in the bank, said Boss Gibson. Total budget for 1940 operation is \$6,700,000, which includes insurance, interest and other items. Daily net is about \$47,000, compared to last year's top of \$65,000, and a trim of about \$5,000 per day is in view. Indebtedness of bondholders remains at a healthy \$23,195,008 as of April 3, when the annual financial statement was released. Attendance of even better than last year's 26,000,000, considered highly improbable, if not impossible, won't pay the bondholders off in full. Mr. Gibson didn't say this, but it is common knowledge.

Tomorrow (Sunday) crowds are expected to be swelled by the addition of upward of 100,000 from International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, with the Frank Duffield fireworks under union

Paid Attendance

Saturday, May 25	70,600
Sunday, May 26	93,143
Monday, May 27	24,123
Tuesday, May 28	27,807
Wednesday, May 29	54,915
Thursday, May 30	317,058
Friday, May 31	36,030
Third week total	623,956
Previously reported	1,143,122
Grand total, first three weeks	1,767,075
First three weeks 1939	2,123,077
*1940 decrease	355,000
1940 daily average	84,146

sponsorship for ILGWU Day. There was a special Memorial Day display.

Rosita Joyce, star of the White Way Casino, was reported out of the show and other changes are scheduled. Jimmie Brown took over emceeing at Phil Gelb's Why Do, replacing Pinkie Mitchell. Clyde McCoy and his orch and Ann DuPont and her all-smile band started an engagement at Dancing Campus yesterday.

Following "Big Four" had the biggest crowds on the holiday: General Motors, 120,000; Ford, 110,000; Chrysler, 96,000; Bell Telephone, 85,000.

Theodore, 11-year-old son of Benny Fox, of the sky-dancing Fox free-act team on midway, was sent into the turn for a performance atop the high platform.

Because holders of souvenir books which include an admission to the expo-sponsored Jubilee, couldn't gain entry to the 40-cent seats on May 30, Harvey Gibson ruled that hereafter those should be directed to the higher-priced pews, when such are available, without extra cost.

Attendance at 5 p.m. today was 110,000.

RAILROADS ON PARADE

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Fifty horses, four oxen and 20 locomotives under steam take part in the action. Costumes are new and as authentic and eye-filling as last year.

Railroads On Parade is just as good a show as last year and in some spots better—which is just another way of saying it's still one of the biggest two-bit worth of entertainment on the grounds.

Meynard Reuter.

BILLY ROSE'S ACQUACADE

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and diving champs, both of the spectacular and comedy order, old stuff in tanks of course, but so slickly produced that they seem like brand new offerings. Rear of the stage consists of pylons that turn to form constantly new backgrounds noiselessly and effectively. Spec has been showing to capacity crowds since opening day of the fair. Edward Murphy.

On the Flushing Front

By LEONARD TRAUBE

NEW YORK, June 1.—Billy Rose's local tub-thumpers sent in two identical wires (just to make sure, no doubt) quoting him as saying that his Aquacade in San Fran played to 50,000 people the first two days, "setting an all-time record for a Pacific Coast theatrical attraction." Mrs. Carl J. (Royal American Shows) Sedunay and Fred Wilson, wife of C.I.T., were Great White Way visitors. Stinkie Fields and Shorty McAlister, of burlesque, are booked for Carrie Do Bush Inn in Gay New Orleans Village. Zorina, stellar dancer in the recently-opened show of that name, is Mrs. Frank McCloskey in private life, FM being the impressario of this girl item. Other featured dancer is Victoria. Talkers are Roland O'Keefe and L. B. McCoy. Ro-

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GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO

May 25 to Sept. 29



Spending Is Up With Gate Down; Force Is Pared

Gleanings

By WALTER K. SIBLEY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Attendance is about 67,000 behind the corresponding period of last year, according to expo figures compiled since opening day. Total attendance for the six-day run is 363,151. Same period in '39 had 430,322.

Total in 1939 for the 254-day run was 10,496,203. Of this about 5,000,000 was recorded between May 25 and September 29, the 128 days which correspond to the scheduled run of the 1940 fair. Peak days in 1939 were Sunday, October 8, 187,730; October 28, closing day, 147,674; Saturday, October 21, 142,072; Sunday, October 19, 139,086. Attendance opening day, February 18, was 128,697.

Operator's Takes Heavy

Included in the six-day period for comparison are two legal holidays. First of the major holidays last year was Washington's Birthday, when recorded attendance was 127,739. This year Decoration last Thursday fell within a similar six-day period. Attendance was 60,445. Corrected figures on opening-day attendance this year give it at 123,366. First-day crowd this year was followed on Sunday by 63,024; Monday, 40,572; Tuesday, 23,252; Wednesday, 32,330; Thursday, 60,445. General Manager W. W. Monahan declared concessioners and exhibitors are pleased with the response so far, especially first day's patronage of shows and other spots. Exclusive of the big shows, like Rose's Aquacade, smaller concessions reported takes totaling nearly \$100,000 on opening day.

Parking station handled 16,000 cars at 25 cents each. Monahan said indications were that more money was spent per person than last year. He said the fair force would be cut immediately from its peak of about 3,500 employees on hand for the opening. The cut, he said, would mostly affect guards, guides and cashiers.

Dime Ballroom Folds

Manager Monahan announced figures indicate that attendance must gain another 800,000 by July 1 in order to make the effort of putting on the 1940 show worth while. That will indicate seasonal attendance of 4,000,000. Expo is now budgeted so that 4,000,000 will mean that creditors who went along this year will drag down as much as those who withdrew—between 10 and 15 per cent. Everything above a 4,000,000 gate will make for velvet, officials said.

The public spent \$250,000 on the first three days, according to official figures, exclusive of Aquacade tickets and of fair admission coupons sold in advance of the opening. Four shows, Cavalcade of America, Folies Bergere, Aquacade and Palace of Fine Arts, drew 64,863 on the first three days. Max Schwartz's dime ballroom folded yesterday, first casualty of the midway. A girl show will take over the spot.

PAID ATTENDANCE

1940—First Week		1939—First Week	
Saturday, May 25	123,366	Saturday, February 18	128,697
Sunday, May 26	83,024	Sunday, February 19	93,912
Monday, May 27	40,572	Monday, February 20	27,372
Tuesday, May 28	23,252	Tuesday, February 21	31,348
Wednesday, May 29	32,330	Wednesday, February 22	127,739
Thursday, May 30	60,445	Thursday, February 23	21,253

Totals Daily Average

Totals Daily Average

*Decrease: 67,171.

430,322

71,720

Workers' Union on Big One Aims To Take In All Canvas Shows

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A new labor union has taken the field in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circuses and, according to its organizers, has enrolled the force of workmen connected with the Big Show.

Operating under a charter granted by Act of the United States Congress, the American Federation of Outdoor and Indoor Circus and Carnival Workers is finishing the organization steps necessary to put the union upon a working basis. So far the organization is unaffiliated with any national group, but it is understood that negotiations are going forward with the AFL.

Organized during the first days of April, this year, the new union is operating under a charter filed by John H. Dunn, the union's Washington attorney; Peter March, superintendent of the Ringling menagerie, and Ray E. Milton, the show's trainmaster. Offices of the union are given as 1381 National Press Building, Washington, D. C. The treasurer travels with the circus. He is Lloyd Morgan, ticket seller for the Ringling show.

Officers admit that their organization has been charged with being a company union and that other attempts to discredit the union have been made. However, they point out that regardless of the charges, the men on the lot know "what it's all about" and that they have signed up almost to the man. It was pointed out that in the constitution provision was made to deprive any boss or head of any Ringling department from a vote. Another clause prevents any employee from becoming chairman of the board. In fact, say officers, the by-laws guarantee the workers that its board chairman would be someone not employed by any circus, carnival, fair or rodeo.

When the organization is completed, it was explained, workers connected with other circuses or any traveling shows will be invited to join. Officers of the union are to serve without salary and dues have been set at \$12 a year, with initial payment at a minimum of \$3. There is no initiation fee.

A major objective of the organization

is to stabilize working conditions of the men with the show and to construct permanent quarters for the laborers in Sarasota, Fla.

A letter to Morgan from AFL chief William Green stated that the request for a charter was being "taken under advisement" by the Executive Council.

Names of Stewards

Stewards appointed include Ronald Watson, wardrobe; Frank Bowen, cookhouse; Mickey Molchaney, trucks and tractors; Russell Jackson, ring stock; Robert Washington, big-show canvas; Robert Buick, side-show canvas; H. C. Wright, trains; Edward Thompson, ushers; Frank Setting, menagerie; Lawrence Wilcox, elephants; Mack McLaughlin, side show; Paul Danovsky, lights, and Joseph Kamee, props.

The collection of dues is not on the check-off system, members paying directly to the stewards.

First Month's Biz Off for Cole Show; Routing Difficult

DOVER, O., June 1.—First month of the 1940 tour of Cole Bros. Circus has not only been unprofitable but discouraging, officials revealed to a representative of The Billboard here. Rains, muddy lots and cold weather have curtailed business at nearly every stand.

Playing here May 26, the last Sunday date for the show for a time at least, matinee was nearly two-thirds, while at night less than a half house turned out. Rain threatened, but the weather cleared in time for both performances. The concert is holding a large percentage of the big-show customers. Side-show take has been off at most of the stops, it was said.

Show is being routed under difficulty due to the arrangement with the Ringling-Barnum circus to avoid stands being played by the Big Show. This set-up, officials said, is taking a lot of good regular Cole towns away from the show, and some which have not been very good have been substituted. Show is headed east and likely will get into New England territory within the next three weeks. Last half of season's route will depend largely on business conditions throughout the Middle West.

The short West Virginia tour proved disastrous. Rain spoiled Parkersburg, and a heavy downpour came at noon at Clarksburg. Biz was slim at Athens, Ohio.

Truck shows, which are usually in before the rail circuses, give school students matinees at 15 cents and are hurting the larger shows, it was learned. In some towns there is a school-board ruling to dismiss schools for the first circus and usually the motorized shows in early get this advantage. It is also believed that the absence of the parade has been a contributing factor in Cole's slim take so far this season. In towns played hereabouts there was a noticeable absence of country billing, with no paper in evidence 15 miles out of here.

Fred and Bettie Leonard, formerly of the Bell-Sterling Circus, visited the show in Halstead, Kan. The night show was lost in Burton, Kan., because of rain, but there was a three-quarter matinee house.

AI G. Kelley-Miller Bros. Clicks Thru Eastern Kansas

TOWANDA, Kan., June 1.—The Al G. Kelley-Miller Bros. Circus, which opened the season at Joplin, Mo., April 22 for a two-day stand to big business, is enjoying a nice business thru Eastern Kansas, according to Homer B. Phillips, banner man.

Ted Lavello, side-show manager, has added one more cage to the menagerie. It contains a large Canadian brown bear. He has also added the Blackie Woods family band of six pieces to the kid show. John Grody, of the Griffith Amusement Co., Oklahoma City, recently joined and took over the No. 1 ticket box on the side show.

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Wagners Hold Open House For Cole, Other Showfolk

DOVER, O., June 1.—Glen Z. Wagner and wife held open house at their home Sunday, May 26, when Cole Bros. Circus appeared here, entertaining more than 100 circus officials and out-of-town guests. Among those from the circus were Joe Haworth and wife, Lou Delmore, Jack Elkins, "Butch" Burkhardt, Andy Kelley, Ken Maynard, Lester Rodgers, Jim Crawford, Jean Allen, of Wallace Bros. Circus, and from out of town, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nedrow, of Massillon; Maynard (Doc) Mast, Beatrice Lentz, Roy Wild, Paul Zimmerman and Rex McConnell, of Canton.

Wagner, vice-president of the Charles Siegrist Showmen's Club and an ardent circus fan, was largely instrumental in the Cole show's playing Dover on a Sunday.

AUTOMOBILE FACTS. May issue, had a story on show trucks in this country that helped to make its readers circumspect.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—The Ringling-Barnum show coming to town at the same time that the crisis heightened in European affairs had The Philadelphia Record deriving an editorial sermon which showered heaps of good will on the circus. In the May 22 issue's editorial page, carrying a "Laugh, Clown!" head, The Record observed:

"The first pages of yesterday's newspapers told of new and startling Nazi advances, the destruction of Louvain, the separation of Jack Dempsey and his wife, the strange illness of the volcano girl who has a fever of 112 and the reduction of the staff handling relief in Philadelphia with no reduction in number of people who need relief."

"Not until page 2 was there any real break in the pall of gloom. On page 2, in words and pictures, it said the circus was in town.

"We were suddenly glad that the circus has changed somewhat in the last 2,000



BOB MORTON, of the Hamid-Morton Circus, who announced last week that the show had leased Wallace Bros. Circus, motorized, for its string of Shrine dates this summer. Thirty performers and 50 other persons will be added to the H-M show in addition to the entire Wallace Bros. company. The show opens at Haddonfield, N. J., June 7-8.

Cold, Rainy Weather For Lewis in Ohio; Headed for Michigan

CANTON, O., June 1.—Lewis Bros. Circus, playing thru this territory week of May 20, fared much the same as other tented attractions because of continued rains and cold weather.

Show did a fair business at Lancaster to open the week and had a good day at Coshocton. Good weather greeted the show at Urichsville, where it had a tie-up with the city recreation department and used the high-school stadium. Matinee was near capacity, and a big house turned out at night. At Lisbon rain fell throughout the day and business was off. Moving on to East Palestine, rain again spoiled the day's business and it was with difficulty that the trucks got off the lot. At Barberville a light matinee and a slim night house.

The show did an about face here and headed westward to pick up Shelby and Mansfield, thence into Michigan, where it will have the territory much to itself.

At Urichsville, Jack Nedrow spent most of the day around the show renewing acquaintances with Paul M. Lewis, Harry V. Winslow and others. Other visitors there were Glen Z. Wagner and Nick Hinig, of Dover, and Clyde Mallory, of the Cole show. Fred Work spent much time on the lot at Barberville, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malloy and Jack Mullane of Canton, saw the night show there. Duke Drukenbord and Maynard Mast were visitors at Mansfield.

ERNIE SYLVESTER and wife, who have been with Mills Bros. Circus since it opened, have returned to their home in Alliance, O. Sylvester reports he will join the Hamid-Morton Circus.

Heaps of Good Will on Circus

years. The entertainments of ancient Rome were mostly contests, man against man and man against beast.

"There would be little, if any, relaxation today in going to a show to watch human beings mangled. That show, with all Northern Europe in the cast, is giving continuous performances that no gladiatorial impresario could match."

"The reason we are especially grateful to the circus this week is because of the absence of struggle or even of competition beneath the canvas. We think you will like the wild-animal act. It's nice to see human beings in control of some situation."

The same thought was expounded in The Daily News, Lee Elimaker, editor and publisher of the daily tabloid, writing in his editorial column:

"The circus is playing to good crowds as it goes around the country. The nation needs the circus or any other fun that can be dished out right now."

Whitehead Denies Basis of Picket Withdrawal in D. C.

NEW YORK, June 1.—The reasons given for withdrawal of Circus, Carnival, Fair and Rodeo union pickets during the engagement of Ringling-Barnum in Washington, D. C., were branded "entirely false" this week by the union's president, Ralph Whitehead. A news dispatch from Washington in the May 25 issue of The Billboard said that delegates from labor unions on the circus had asked the American Federation of Labor executive council to revoke the union charter given to Whitehead, that circus men had faith in the union and were willing to continue in AFL ranks but that they could not follow a leader like Whitehead because he was not a circus man, did not appreciate circus problems and was not inclined to sympathize with circus workers. The request to the council was declared to have been made on two separate visits and was said to have been instrumental in banning picketing of the show in Washington.

"To the best of my knowledge, the committee which called on the AFL requesting a charter was composed of John Dunn, Joe Boynton and other individuals who are sponsoring the company union," Whitehead stated. "They did not, I understand, receive an audience before the council. President Green refused to see them, referring them to George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer. They talked with Meany and Frank Fenton, AFL chief organizer. I am told by Fenton that they were emphatically informed that if they desired a charter they would be obliged to make application to our union."

"They are also circulating a report that they have 800 workers' names signed to a petition stating that they do not want me and insist on having their own charter. I am told by Strode Hester, our union organizer, that the only petition he has any knowledge of to which they may have referred was the blank sheets of paper which were passed around in Sarasota for signatures."

Mack's Small Fry Circus Reopens in Asbury, N. J.

ASBURY, N. J., June 1.—Capt. Mack's Small Fry Circus, after spending several weeks at quarters, finishing up several new animal acts in preparation for the outdoor season, contracted with F. Hughson, manager of the Strand Amusement Park here, and opened at the park's theater on May 27 for four days.

Hughson plastered the town with circus paper, and the seashore appears hungry for a big show, according to the enthusiasm Mack's show has received. After two weeks of shore dates, it goes to Canada for two special events.

As a special publicity stunt, free darts were placed within balloons and turned loose. The retrievers were given reserved seats.

Two in Scotland

GLASGOW, May 11.—There are two circuses in Scotland, both home products and playing this week at Kirkcaldy Links Market fair. Bigger of the two is W. Pinder's International Circus, directed by Eddie Pinder, son of the veteran proprietor. Program includes lions shown by Tom Pinder (Captain Clive); elephant, bear and liberty horses shown by Eddie; and other members of the family doing riding, wire-walking, clowning, trapeze and presenting monkeys and dogs.

Mrs. E. Pinder's No. 1 Royal Circus is in the main a family affair playing chiefly Scottish fare.

Mills for Shrine at Two Ohio Spots; Hodginis Join

ELYRIA, O., June 1.—Mills Bros. Circus has just been contracted to appear here and at Lorain week of June 17 for the benefit of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children. The engagement will be for three days at each place, beginning at Elyria.

Joe Hodgin and his family of four joined the show at Winslow, Ind., May 27 and are doing their riding and wire acts.



With the Circus Fans

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ROCHELLE, Ill., June 1.—The 16th Annual "Circus Fans" Convention will be held for Hartford, Conn., June 17-19, with the Ringling-Barnum circus the convention show, as announced in a news story in last week's issue. Convention opens morning of the 17th with the circus showing there on the 19th. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Bond. Cole Bros. Circus will be in New London, Conn., June 18, and it is understood that a part of the convention program will include a performance of that show. For the first time in the history of the association, members will be able to attend two circuses in a body.

John A. Schaeferman, of Berea, Ohio, reports that he caught Wallace Bros. at Zanesville; Russell Bros. at Ashland; Lewis Bros. at Barberston, and Cole Bros. at Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Raymond and Mr.

and Mrs. Randall W. Palmer attended the circus produced by Frank Wirth for the hospital at Holyoke, Mass., Saturday night, May 25. Raymond reports an excellent show under canvas and a turnaway business for the two-day engagement.

P. E. Lexley, of Cranston, R. I., attended Jim Eskew's rodeo at the Rhode Island Auditorium, Providence, Tuesday night, May 21.

For the first time in a number of years, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hartless, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman, of Peoria, will miss the Fans' convention. The National Linen Supply Association will hold its meeting on the same dates in Atlantic City. Bruce A. Heifrich, of Wichita, Kan., who also is in the linen supply business, will have to pass up the CFA meeting, too.

Francis C. Graham, CFA of Dixon, Ill., caught Rowe Bros. Circus at Mendota, Ill., May 20. Business in afternoon was very light and at night fair. Weather was clear for the first time since the show left quarters. Graham also saw the show at Mt. Morris, Ill. He visited with Raymond Duke, clown cap.

Dressing Room Gossip

COLE BROS.—The first ball game of the season was played at Newark, O., between the performers and Leo Langer's Trunk Wreckers. Performers won, 33 to 4. Feature of game was the pitching of Ralph Clark and the hitting of the Escalante boys, known as Murderers' Row of the Dressing Room. Tommy Adams made his debut the other day, going in ear gag and clown band. Frenchy Laird is getting plenty of laughs with his Pinocchio walk-around. Gus Sun Jr. entertained the following performers at an after-show lunch at Springfield, O.: Helen and Win Partello, Goldie and Eddie Grady, Marion Knowlton, Anna Sutton, Ralph Clark, Jo Jo O'Neill, Mrs. Freeman and the writer. Lorena Escalante, Bertha Rowland and Chata Weber have joined the prop department as ditch diggers.

Club 54 is going over with a bang with door shows mighty and no cover charge. Grover Nitchman is doing nicely with his new act. He is featuring a twisting bird's nest without a net. Frank Kenopke, member of Gulee's Vanishing Americans, was a recent visitor with his wife and family. Ray Rogers, Baron Novak, T. P. Lewis, Jean Allen and Toby Tyler of Wallace Bros. Circus, also were visitors. Blackie Escalante is out of program with a badly wracked shoulder, as is also Mary Matson with a bad cold. Mal Bates is the official trunk repairer, with Harry Holmes as assistant. George Ritter was called home to Syracuse and rejoined Vic Robbins at Wheeling. Pauline and Ernie Sylvester were recent visitors, as were Silvers Johnson and party. PREDDIE FREEMAN.

JAMES V. CHLOUPEK, circus historian, of Oakland, Calif., and his wife and niece completed their Southern California vacation on May 24. Chloupek has a list of every circus that has ever played San Francisco. He has furnished a copy of his circus history to the University of California and is constantly corresponding with Col. C. G. Sturtevant, of San Antonio, Tex. J. A. Westmoreland and wife took the Chloupeks out to Goebel's Lion Farm on May 19. Louis Goebel, Louis Roth and Eddie Tree were there. Roth is now giving his wild animal acts in the new arena. On May 23, the Chloupeks visited the Paramount studios and the Fannie Brice broadcast, as guests of the Will Hayes office. That night the Westmorelands had them at their Los Angeles home along with Stan Rogers and Hugh McGill. Westmoreland told several stories about the late Al G. Barnes at the time he was his banker. Rogers is about to start work on Marx Brothers' new Western comedy.

RED DAVIS, of Phillips, W. Va., saw the Cole show at Clarkburg, W. Va., where it had plenty of rain and only fair crowds.

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Circus Saints AND Sinners' Club

By FRED P. PITZER
(National Secretary)

NEW YORK, June 1.—The last luncheon of the season will be held at the Hotel Astor here on June 12. President Harold G. Hoffman issued an end-of-the-season letter, which follows:

"Herbert Bayard Swope will be the Fall Guy. July and August will give us time for retrospection and we can look back with much pleasure and satisfaction at the season just closed. We have had colorful Fall Guys, our luncheons have grown in attendance and our membership roster has lengthened.

"Despite the fact that we have not enjoyed as much publicity as in previous seasons, our organization has become nationally known and members bring back stories of hearing of the Saints and Sinners in many far-out-of-the-way places.

"Our luncheons are used by members for the entertainment of customers and prospective customers. It is the monthly rendezvous of social and business acquaintances; it is the one place where members can take visiting friends and relatives and be assured of a few enjoyable hours. A feeling of warmth and brotherhood always prevails.

"During the year our fund for the Old and Indigent Troupers' Home has increased considerably. We have dispensed charity in worthy cases where it was really needed. We have memorialized Dexter Fellows with a shaft of granite that contains more than stone.

"My thanks to all of those who have contributed toward making the past season such a successful one; to Tex O'Rourke for his clever monthly biographical binge, which is one of the reasons for our large luncheon attendance; to Preddy Benham for his untiring promotion of our tent and all that it stands for; to Jolly Bill Steinke, who so faithfully holds up—or down—his job as Barker; to our efficient executive committee who so loyally and willingly take time out of their busy and varied business and professional careers to attend our weekly meetings for the purpose of planning and discussing the good and welfare of our organization.

"And as to next season, I can only say that it looks now as if it will be the best yet. We will have the use of the Grand Ballroom for all but one of our luncheons. This will give us an opportunity to put on bigger and better initiations and more elaborate professional acts. It will be our ambition to make these monthly luncheons reach an attendance of one thousand. That our membership will reach that figure is another hope.

"If these things are accomplished, we will be better able to approach the objective of our organization which is to build a home for the old and indigent trouper. That is our dream—with a thousand men working for it, it might become a realization.

"So with all of these things in mind, I am urging every Saint and Sinner to do his bit in bringing about the results mentioned. Our past season has been a successful one with capital S—our coming season must be bigger and better. I possess enough of the showman spirit to believe in the slogan "The Show Must Go On" and you can depend upon it that whether I am your president or not I will do all that is in my power to help.

"I want to thank all of you for your hearty co-operation, and to wish you a healthful and restful summer."

REX M. INGHAM, former circus trooper, was the successful candidate for constable in the Democratic primary election at Reddsville, N. C., May 28. He has been a deputy sheriff in Rockingham County since leaving the road in June, 1939.

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Under the Marquee

By CIRCUS SALLY

ERNIE STUERT, with Parker & Watt's the past two seasons, is on Lewis Bros' Circus, doing contortion traps and rings.

WHEELING, W. Va., was rather good for Cole Bros., considering bad, rainy weather the day before.

THE SANTA MONICA (Calif.) Lodge of Elks, No. 96, has postponed its benefit circus from June 7 to October.

JOHN AGER has left Philadelphia with Gene Autry for Hollywood, where he will train some horses for Autry.

WALTER L. MAIN visited Lewis Bros' Circus at East Palestine, O.; Cole Bros. at Butler, Pa., and Johnny J. Jones Exposition at Pittsburgh.

GEORGE W. BRAY, contracting agent and banner man of Engerer's Circus, was a visitor to New York office of THE BILLBOARD.

THE AKRON (O.) BEACON JOURNAL in its edition of Sunday, May 26, carried a full page of photographs of Russell Bros.' Circus taken at Kent, O.

THE YANKEE - PATTERSON Circus furnished acts for a church benefit at the Santa Anita (Calif.) Race Track May 25-26.

HELEN AND BUSTER HAYES are no longer with Mills Bros' Circus. They have their Side and Pit Shows on the J. J. Page Shows.

CHARLES (KID) KOSTER is with Billy Rose's Aquacade at the Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, in charge of the floor management.

DOC MARSHALL and several members of his company, also folks from the McIntyre Vandue Show, visited Bell Bros' Circus at Haymarket, Va.

DON SMITH, of Farmington, Mich., saw the Cole show at Dover, O., and snapped over 100 photos. Other visitors were Bobby Peck, of Pittsburgh, and Minhart Brothers, Maxallion, O.

C. E. DUBBLE, musician, joined Busell Bros' Circus May 15. R. T. and Jingle Carney and Al Ludwig also are late additions to Eddie Woessener's Band on the show.

COLE BROS' CIRCUS plays Allentown, Pa., for its first time June 13. Advance car arrived May 30 and billed the town the next day. The new lot on Union Boulevard, which Ringling-Barnum broke in last year, will be used.

ROBERT D. GOOD, of Allentown, Pa., caught Ringling-Barnum at both Philadelphia and Easton, Pa. Show makes a fine appearance, he said, but he doesn't care for what he calls the new "dark-room" big top.

ALFRED AND ROSITA YACOPI, with Ringling-Barnum show, were treated at Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, May 25 for cuts and bruises sustained when a bus carrying 14 R-B performers collided with an auto.

TED DEEPISH, photographer of the Charles Siegrist Showmen's Club, Canton, O., was an all-day visitor on the Cole show at Dover, O. He shot several hundred feet of movies, including backyard scenes and clowns making up.

JOHNNY TRIGGER, acrobatic clown, is in the Massillon (O.) State Hospital, recovering from a nervous breakdown, and would be pleased to hear from

friends. Letters should be sent in care of Dr. Hyde.

TOMMY MADDEN, old circus clown of Cleon, N. Y., saw himself Bros. at Cleon, N. Y., and renewed acquaintances. He met his old pal, Ruben Ray, producing clown, and his family of five girls and two boys. Reports a very good show.

MACK McLAIN, with Cole Bros' Circus, visited with Glen Z. Wagner and wife at their home when the show appeared May 26 at Dover, O. He also was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ning the same day.

THE EAGLE of Pittsfield, Mass., issue of May 22, carried an editorial on the coming of the Ringling-Barnum show in June, the closing sentence of which read: "Good Lord, how we need the circus this year!"

JEAN ALLEN, T. P. Lewis and Toby Tyler were among the performers of Wallace Bros' Circus who visited Cole Bros' Circus May 26 at Dover, O., traveling 18 miles from Braddock, Pa., where the Wallace show was Sunday.

SILVERS JOHNSON, clown, and his wife, Myrtle, have concluded a visit with the latter's parents at Fox Lake, Wis. While there Johnson reconditioned and repainted his props in preparation for his fair and celebration season. He will be with Klein's Attractions.

DOUG MORRIS, formerly chief electrician and jokey with Richard Bros' Circus and who also worked with the Bartoni Troupe, will be with the Allan Miller Repertoire Co. as first comedian and stage manager. Show is being readied in Detroit.

MARION WALLICK and his Texas Playboys (cowboy band) visited Lewis Bros' Circus recently in Mansfield, O. Wallick reports a good matinee despite rain, which began to fall just as the doors were opened. Wallick's troupe is with the J. R. Edward Shows, playing Ohio territory.

ROBERT YACOPI and Peter Luken will remain in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, for another week or two. Austin Rivers, who also is there, is not certain just when he will be able to leave. All are with Ringling-Barnum. Yacopi thanks friends for letters and gifts.

JOE MACK, of Stockton, Calif., an employee of Rowe Bros' Circus, is at the Walworth County Hospital, Elkhorn, Wis., with injuries sustained May 23 when he was thrown against a wagon wheel by an elephant. He suffered several broken ribs and cuts and bruises about the face, arms and hands.

EDDIE ALLEN, superintendent of Wallace Bros' Circus, is in Houston, Tex., buying stock and equipment of the former Downie Bros' Circus for the Wallace show. While there he will also negotiate for some of the prize midget horses which have been with the Downie show for his wife, Jean, who will use them on the Wallace show.

CHESTER GREGORY, former ticket seller with Barnett Bros. Al G. Barnes and Wallace Bros' circuses, spent the last three weeks at the home of Albert Del Flora, in Youngstown, O., undergoing medical care, and left for York, S. C., for further treatment. Del Flora was formerly a candy butcher with the Big One and Barnett Bros.

RAYMOND H. DEAN, on press staff of Cole Bros' Circus, landed gobs of space at Wheeling, W. Va., and Dover, O. The *Wheeling Daily News*, May 25, used a four-column layout of art and a long story on the show's Sunday date May 26. At Wheeling both *The News* and *The Intelligencer* gave Dean a daily story and several art bits. Dean said the Dover paper used about 400 inches in advance of the show's appearance.

VERNON MORAN (McGowan), of Cincinnati, former trouper, brought to Solley's desk a copy of *The Cincinnati Graphic*, dated October 18, 1884, which

carried an advertisement of Buffalo Bill's Wild West, also picture of W. F. Cody and his associates. The show was at the baseball park for eight days commencing October 19. Only afternoon performances were given. The Wild West was traveling by boat. Aurora and Madison, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., followed Cincinnati.

GLEANINGS

(Continued from page 31)

guest of Eddie Brown. Harry Olmstead, president of the Dallas Fair, spent two days. Eddie Brown was his assistant part of the time during the Dallas Exposition. Elmer Hanscomb and wife, Roy Barnett and a number of others from the Crafts shows visited and put their stamp of approval on the expo. Greatest net concessions revenue of the 1939 expo came from the transportation systems and parking, amounting to about \$500,000 or 28.2 per cent of total concession net. Restaurants ran a close second, but in combination with refreshment stands which are in the category of food and drink, topping the earnings with 33.7 per cent. Shows and Villages accounted for 12.3. Al Painter will present at the expo one of the great Malayan war lords' pleasure junks. Boat, arriving from the Orient about a week ago after a tempestuous trip of 87 days, is 50 feet long with 16-foot beam, and is built entirely of teakwood. The craft will be taken out of the water and transported overland to the head of the Gayway, adjacent to the Lost World. A nominal admission will be charged.

FLUSHING FRONT

(Continued from page 30)

sanna Jimenez replaced Linda Chiquita as server of South American terps in Phil Gelb's Why Do.

Joe Rogers, who resigned as mayor of the midway some months ago, took occasion to disown that incident and is now on a 16-cylinder campaign to get back into that important and highly remunerative office. Pitted against him is Lou Costello, of *Street of Paris*; Abbott and Costello. Rogers won the first skirmish by getting up three big banners addressed to the trade and reading: "Re-elect Joe Rogers Mayor of the Midway." Lou Costello promises you laughs. I promise you 50,000 people!" Joe has also called sandwich men into service, in addition to which he is paying 23 cents per vote, "but only one vote to a customer, as I want to distribute the wealth." Previously Ex-Mayor Rogers' two-bit pieces had gone into the automatic phonograph of the Rendezvous Restaurant. Costello's chief promotion is a big button which Rogers alleges is non-union made. No one knows when the election takes place. The whole affair is said to be highly illegal.

The talker boys who are doing such a swell job at Miguel Todd's New Orleans are John Haynes, Count Louis de Napoléon, Arthur Comstock, Homer Simons, Douglas Way, Dave Rothman, Harry Adams, Bob Chiomo, Bob Lothary, Bill Roth and George Lloyd. Don Williams, Manager Nate Eagle's prize midget, is one of the "Merry Sunshine Babies" in the Loose-Wiles exhibit, Food North building. Nate and Julius Kuchel are represented in Morris Geet's Midget Village with the Tom Thumb brothers. . . . Todd's Dancing Campus is awaiting the school vacation for bigger takes. Current girls are Will Bradley and Ray McKinley. . . . Amusement co-director George P. Smith Jr., made his radio debut Tuesday on Pontiac program discussing his pet subject, safety. Frank (Fireworks) Duffield is scheduled on the same program tomorrow. Account executive for the program is Leon Loeb, of Smith's '39 staff, who later switched to Children's World.

Billy Rose has eliminated the entire show in his Barber Coast with exceptions of Abe Lyman and the relief band, Sherry Magee, plus the Ben Yost Quartet, which is concentrating around the up-front circular bar. Paul Boyd, we forgot to mention, is manager of the spot. He filled the same berth last year at this same site, then called Midway Inn. . . . Shannon O'Day is going strong as the fem talker at Phil Plante's Hawaiian Show. . . . Lou Keller, of Chicago, a visitor. . . . Manny Milne is on the front of Winter Wonderland, and a smooth job he's doing, too. . . . Arthur Bates, manager of Rendezvous for the second year, made quite a rep for himself with the Baker Hotels chain thru Texas.

The Corral

By ROWDY WADDY

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., held a rodeo May 29-June 1, with performances being held on four nights and two afternoons.

OFFICIALS for MacLeod (Alta.) Stampede, to be held this summer, include L. Cuttibert, president; F. S. Kreutzer, vice-president, and J. A. McDonald, secretary.

PHIL SPERLING, formerly with Wild West shows and rodeos, has joined the Happy Drifters Cowboy Band, which is conducted by Luke Lucas, radio and stage performer.

HELEN CAMPBELL was chosen from a field of six candidates to reign as queen of the Fourth Annual Condon (One) Spring Rodeo. Clarence Warren will provide stock.

MONTANA MEECHY'S Wild West Show is now with W. S. Cull Shows in Ohio, playing still dates and preparing for fair dates. Meechy says show will have three trucks, three trailers and seven head of stock and 10 people when it begins playing Ohio fairs.

HORSES are as good as a ticket to rodeo events of Pony Express Round-Up, which will be held in St. Joseph, Mo., this summer. John B. Stryker, round-up manager, said that any person who rode his horse into the rodeo grounds would be admitted free. American Legion Post will sponsor and Charles Enos is chairman of general committee.

RESULTS of Morley (Alta.) Stampede, which drew 2,000 were: Bareback Bronc Riding, Wally Lindstrom, Lone Bream, Doug Kootenay, Saddle Bronc Riding, Joe Fox, Art Coburn, Sykes Robinson, Wild Horse Catch, Ray Temptney, Wild Horse Race, Bud Uhlyar, Bernard Gnat, Ray Temptney, Indian Horse Race (1/2 mile), Nelson Pup, One-Hundred Yard Dash, Joe Fox, Harold Riley, Archery, John Hunter's team, Indian Horse Race (1/4 mile), Nelson Rabbit, Bert Wildman, Willie Good Stony.

SEVENTH ANNUAL American Legion Rodeo of Blackfoot, Ida., will be held again this year for the first time since 1932. J. I. Young, committee chairman, announced. Scheduled for appearance in the three-day event are Nick Knight, Burel Mulkey, Fritz Treen, Harry Knight, Sutz Jacobs, Dave Campbell and Harry Hart. Everett Coborn, who supplies the stock for Madison Square Garden Rodeo, will bring a string to Blackfoot. Joe Johnson will be arena foreman, with Walker Rich manager.

JOHN A. GUTHRIE will produce the Fifth Annual American Legion Rodeo and Home Coming in Drumright, Okla., this summer. Special events will include a parade of bands and bugle corps for cash prizes, rodeo queen contest for silver trophy, trick and fancy riding and roping, including horse catches, Australian bull whip manipulation, trained horses, two parades, including a group of early day covered wagons, Buffalo Bill Deadwood Stagecoach and a group of Oklahoma Indians.

A CONTRACT for \$1,200 to remodel Happy Canyon Stadium, where Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up holds its night show, is to be let soon. Included in improvements will be new seats and new wire fence extending from the base of the grand stand and bleachers to the roof. Roof of the stadium's center section will be raised eight feet to give spectators in the last four tiers a better view of the pageant. Happy Canyon board also is considering construction of a new maple floor in the dance pavilion at a cost of \$3,000.

VISITORS at JK Ranch Rodeo in New Haven, Conn., recently included Al and Red Pilz, Ma Pilz, Dodo Mathewson, Cels Lashy, Gerry Baker, Alice Schneider, Anne Petris, Mabel Bradley, Vic Rogers, Nell Meadows, Phil Basonic and Walter Fredrickson, all of New Britain, Conn. Also on hand was Earl Batterson, owner of E Bar B Ranch and Rodeo, of Cutchester, Conn. Folks visited with Pat Clancy, Ted Allen, Martin Hoover, Jim Eskew and Jack Kennedy. Ted Allen, Pat Clancy, Roscoe Ronk and Marvin Hoover also attended a party at the home of Ma Pilz in New Britain.

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Rinks and Skaters

By CLAUDE R. ELLIS (Cincinnati Office)

RIVERVIEW Roller Rink, Chicago, has been successful in building rink clientele thru Riverview Roller Skate Club, formed last year. Membership costs 50 cents. Several times a year a skating party is held and members are admitted free. Club's spring party will be held on June 6 and activities will include races, games and fancy skating exhibitions. Rink was remodeled in January. Since that time promotional campaigns have been conducted under direction of Harry Miller, of Louis G. Cowan publicity office. Club membership is several thousand. Party will be the fourth since the new set-up went into effect.

EARL VAN HORN'S Mineola (L. L.) Roller Rink will close its spring season with a gala celebration on June 20. Beginning on July 3 rink will operate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights until early September, when it will go on

regular schedule. No dance classes will be held during summer. Manager Van Horn plans bus rides during warm weather under combined sponsorship of rink and club. Silver dance numbers, including Mohawk waltz, were added to regular program on May 30.

VANDALS who robbed Bernesco Park Pavilion, Nescopeck, Pa., on May 26 caused damage in excess of \$400 in addition to stealing nickels from the nickelodeon. 14 pairs of roller skates, soft drinks and candy. Park Manager Warren Pifer did not discover the robbery until he opened the pavilion for a skating session on May 28.

ROLLER rink at Fernbrook Park, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., opened on May 26.

ABOUT 1,600 skated at Riverside Park Roller Rink, Agawam, Mass., from midnight to three a.m. Memorial Day. With admission of 35 cents, gross was \$551.25. Skating party was part of the park opening. Earlier that night more than 2,000 skated, gross being about \$700. Rink has been entirely done over. It opened

Dixon. Sessions are held nightly except on Monday, with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

MICHIGAN summer rinks have taken a beating so far because of cold and wet weather, a survey indicated.

ORVILLE W. GODFREY, manager of Edgewater Park Roller Rink, Detroit, has bought a recording apparatus and is making records of music played by John Lee, rink organist. They are used over a p-a system for private parties.

NATURE CLUB of Williamantic (Conn.) State Teachers' College sponsored a two-hour skating party on May 22 in Lakeside Casino Roller Rink, South Coventry, Conn., reported Harland M. French.

HEADED for Hollywood and a pro career is Mary Durkin, Camden, N. J., who with her partner, Gordon Flanagan, Mineola, N. Y., won Cleveland 1940 senior national skate dance championship.

PAIR Park Roller Rink, Dallas, has a Sunday night radio program started seven weeks ago by Managers Johnston and Bert that is taking well with radio listeners and has proven a good promotion. Set-up was Manager Sherman Johnston as emcee and Hal Smith as announcer and commentator. Racing

Rawson Reports
Opinion on Trucks
In Skate Dancing

MINEOLA, L. I., N. Y., June 1.—Contending that tight trucks were not satisfactory for dance skating and small school figures, Earl and Inez Van Horn, Mineola (L. I.) Rink, recently conferred with Perry B. Rawson, noted authority on ice and roller dance skating and dance committee chairman of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States, who took the matter under advisement and experimented with the problem at his private rink in Deal, N. J. Following is Mr. Rawson's report:

With screw driver, wrench, washers and plaster of paris I have finished several hours of experimental work in front of a mirror on our playroom floor. With trucks tightened I reproduced every detrimental phase of technique that showed up at Cleveland in the dancing. I found that for school figures on large circles the tight truck had certain merits and, naturally, for jumps it would be superior. But for dancing I found the tight truck was absolutely out of the running. The entire action of the rubber is destroyed. The manufacturer may as well send them out without rubber action. The bend to get any edge at all has to be at the ankle. The bend should occur partly between plate and wheels. There are no thin edges—only deep ones, made by strong clumsy ankle bend. The dance sway based on the rubber action is completely gone. Flats are the natural result. The skate wants to stay on them.

I did not examine a single truck in Cleveland, but from the above experiments I feel safe in stating positively that the senior dance championship was probably lost on tight trucks and won on loose trucks.

The judges most certainly could not mark down much on timing nor on unison; that left only technique to be considered, and in this column is where they were handed the faults.

What is the answer? That's not my job. It may be two pairs of skates; it may be that you will have to teach them to do their school figures on smaller circles with looser trucks; or they will have to change tension. I do not know, but you will work it out. Anyway, the dancers must be posted, and I am rushing the tip to you at once.

Of course, you know there were no turned 3's in the dancing—except occasionally by Mineola. And the book calls positively for turned 3's and goes on further to say not whipped or kicked 3's (see Continental waltz). For this reason there was no going around the partner in the waltzing. Every skater (See RAWSON REPORTS on page 40)



SAID to be an innovation in portable rinks is the new all-steel 60-by-120-foot Tri-State Roller Rink, illustrated above, which opened recently near Evansville, Ind., under proprietorship of William Barton. J. C. Boydston is floor manager. Furnished by George L. Mesker Co., framework and pressed roof sheets are of galvanized steel. Building may be erected or dismantled with ease, as parts are numbered.

on May 1. Edward Carroll, owner-managing director of the park, reported the rink has done excellent business since opening, despite cold and rainy weather. It is a semi-open one.

DAWN skating party at Babb's Beach Roller Rink, Southwick, Mass., on Decathlon Day was a big success, according to Manager Leo Doyle, who reported 1,200 attended. Party began at 11:30 p.m. and continued until 2:30.

LEASING of Weston Field Pavilion of Scranton (Pa.) Bureau of Recreation to Jess Paul for a roller rink was authorized by city council recently. It is to operate six days weekly.

FOUR Sensational Macks, roller skaters, played Irving Theater, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on May 23-25.

DAN B. DAVIS, owner of Davis' Recreation Center, Kingston, Pa., said the rink will reopen about June 15. Hard hit by the recent Susquehanna River flood, the building has been redecorated and remodeled. New maple floor has been laid and the structure widened.

FLORIENNE, former night club in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has opened as a roller rink with nightly skating and Saturday and Sunday matinees.

ROLLER rink at Harrison Park, Blakeslee, Pa., has opened for summer.

C. A. FELIX opened a portable roller rink on May 25 in Oshkosh, Wis. Rink's blue tent with red trim covers a 50 by 135-foot maple floor. Music is furnished by an electric organ operated by Fonda Henry. Daily afternoon and night sessions are held.

MADISON Gardens Rink, Detroit, has been reopened by Manager Orville W. Godfrey following a two-week close for general repairs. Spot will now be able to operate during summer.

PORTABLE roller rink under canvas opened recently in Okawachee, Wis., under management of Mr. and Mrs. C. W.

and sports program gets 30 minutes over WRR. Besides a description of races, Smith brings in well-known athletes and sportsmen for brief interviews. On May 19 U. S. Lightweight boxing champion Lew Jenkins was interviewed and introduced from the floor. Interested spectators jammed the rink. Speed race was (See RINKS AND SKATERS on page 40)

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New and Old Score in Bows

Great Agawam, Mass., Opening Ties Up Traffic

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 1.—New Riverside Park, Agawam, closed eight years, opened Decoration Day eve to an estimated 35,000. So far did the crowd surpass expectations that Owner Edward J. Carroll threw open the Drive-In Theater for parking, property owners in a radius of two miles did land-office business in parking cars and police were busy in the traffic snarl. Provision had been made for 7,000 cars in free parking space on the park grounds but this was filled soon after 7 p.m. Carroll immediately announced plans for clearing more of the 104 acres for parking.

Altho rain for two weeks (until noon of opening day) held up construction, most of the features were in operation. Rain took the heaviest toll at the Animal Kingdom which was turned into a sea of mud and construction gangs worked all opening night and on the holiday (See Agawam Traffic Snarl on page 40)

Savin Rock Outlook Increases Prepping

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 1.—With the park in new paint and with additional attractions installed, Savin Rock folk anticipate a summer of good business, having been encouraged by some good week-ends in May.

In White City there will be outdoor movies, with Ye Old Tyme Motion Pictures being shown in the Stadium on Saturdays and Sundays. Boxing in White City is due to start in June with Dick Gray again in charge. Fred Levere, head of Savin Rock Park Co., reports that a profitable summer is expected and that this is the reason for so much preparation this year.

Additional rides bring the total up to 30. Giuliano's new Flying Horse Pavilion on Beach street was constructed and equipped at an estimated \$75,000. Jack Tierman has installed a Laff in the Dark. Bakeman expects to put in some new attractions on Beach street. Snow White exhibit is now on the midway in 10 cases. Club Continental is on a full-week policy for floor show. Wilcox Pier has also been opened.

Biz Slightly Under 1939 At 36th Bow of Ore. Oaks

PORLTAND, Ore., June 1.—Oaks Park here began its 36th year of operation on May 25 and the figures on business were not immediately available. It was believed they would fall a little short of last year's mark.

Locomotive of the miniature train has been streamlined and new system of floodlighting has been installed. Loop-o-Plane, operated by Archie Holt, has been added. Free movies are shown nightly. Many picnics have already been scheduled. Vice-President Robert E. Bollinger announced with two to four outings being slated for Sundays. Park has been divided into three picnic sections with community kitchens serving each. Cars may be driven to tables. Roller rink business has been up to that of last year.

Other staff men are E. H. Bollinger, president and general manager; K. A. Holloway, secretary; Frown Arnold, treasurer, and Ira Shellenberger, publicity director.

Pontiac Development Is On

PONTIAC, Mich., June 1.—Palmer Park, new development on the Dixie Highway four miles northwest of here, reopened on Decoration Day. Plans for major expansion from a small picnic park, as it has been run in the past four years, into a large amusement park are being made under a five-year improvement plan. Owners are Ray Myers, formerly superintendent of rides on P. L. Flack's Northwester Shows, and Mrs. Leo Lipps, well known in the carnival field, who have taken over the property.

But It Got Thru

MILAN, Italy, May 18.—T. Jay Quincy, manager of Miss Quincy, the American high diver, reports that baggage and equipment shipped from Stockholm 10 weeks ago has just reached Milan. Act lost good engagements thru the delay. Other American acts in town are Short and Long, comedians, and the Rigoletto Brothers.

Detroit's Zoo Gets Outlay of \$1,224,689

DETROIT, June 1.—Detroit Zoological Park has had improvements costing nearly \$1,250,000 in the past four years, a survey by Director John T. Miller disclosed this week. Of this amount, \$974,897 was spent by the WPA, with the Zoo Commission spending \$249,792.

Major items of the WPA-Zoo co-operatively-sponsored improvements are: Sixteen acres of landscaping, building nine log houses, planting 1,200 evergreens, 7,000 square yards of walks, 1,200 trees and shrubs planted and cared for, 177,000 square yards graded and excavated, 15,000 feet of tunnel, 7,000 feet of water pipe and 1,000 feet of fence.

(See DEBUT IN DALLAS on page 38)

Fairway miniature golf course with big better than that of last season's. He has three tournaments scheduled for summer season. Lou Bovis, former soft-drink concessioner, is dismantling his English

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YASSO, THE ELEPHANT, symbol of the GOP, is "humbled" before Democratic Mayor Roger L. Putnam (right), Springfield, Mass., as Edward J. Carroll (left), owner and managing director of Riverside Park, Agawam, Mass., and Trainer Gus Tramer (next to elephant) look on. Stunt was part of publicity for opening of the park on May 29. Bull is quartered at the animal farm in the park, which will have 51 cages of other animals.

Briefs From All Around the Field

BIRMINGHAM.—Cascade Plunge, which opened here on May 18, has undergone remodeling. Besides repainting, pool facilities have been improved and new lights installed inside and out. Spring water is fed thru a filter system. Paul Spencer is a life guard and swimming instructor. Increased business is expected to result from city adoption of daylight saving time.

PORLTAND, Ore.—Scandinavian Spring Festival in Jantzen Beach Park here on May 25 and 26 drew attendance of 33,000 in exceptionally cool weather, said Park Manager Paul H. Huedepohl. There was a revue and Scandinavian Village.

HOLYOKE, Mass.—Mountain Park's latest venture is to sponsor a radio program over WMAS, Springfield, titled "Mountain Park Revue," aired once weekly on a half-hour spot.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Attractions and buildings at Sans Souci Park here were reconditioned for the opening on May 30, highlight of which was a musical program by Frank Lombardo's Orchestra.

Debut in Dallas Shows Pick-Up; Opera Plan Off

DALLAS, June 1.—Fair Park got into swing on May 18. Cool weather has given the restaurant and skating rink good crowds. Rides showed a pick-up over the week-end. Most of the concessions and attractions are operated by vets of former years. Denny Pugh has all midway concessions. Ray Stinnett is operator of Merry-Go-Round, Eli Wheel, Pony Ride, Blue Goose and Airplane rides. Paul Jungerman has the Flying Scooter. J. W. Gough is again manager of the Roller Coaster, crew as in former years including E. J. Deggs, dispatcher; C. T. Quinn, W. W. Gilbert, E. N. Benn, brakemen, and Mrs. J. W. Gough, cashier. During the off season the Coaster was given new timbers, new rails and new trains.

Charley Maxville is again manager of Fairway miniature golf course with big better than that of last season's. He has three tournaments scheduled for summer season. Lou Bovis, former soft-drink concessioner, is dismantling his English

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American Recreational Equipment Association

By R. S. UZZELL

Up to and including Sunday, May 26, cold and rain have handicapped the amusement parks and New York Party Fair. Over on the flats the nights have made cashiers suffer with cold. After a rainy week they hoped for a Saturday and Sunday break but alas it was not to be.

The Parachute Toss has had all the grip common to concessionaires over on the meadow, but their moving costs were colossal. And now instead of enjoying its share of bad-weather income it has run into litigation. It seems that Commander Strong has withdrawn from the corporation known as International Parachute Jumper and claims he can take with him his patent rights, which the company claims are its property thru assignment. The litigation is set for Newark, N. J. The ride has not yet operated in the new stand. Surely it will not remain idle pending outcome of litigation. Better compromise it, friends. That court procedure is long, devious and uncertain of outcome.

The Flying Scooter and Aerial Joy Ride are also going to the legal mat over patents. A negotiated settlement is much less costly and more satisfactory in the end. Better consult with some of us who have been thru the mill. A poor settlement beats a good lawsuit 40 ways unless you consider only the lawyers who will grow fat on your contentions.

Rehabilitated Riverside Park, Agawam, Mass., sent out invitations to a special group of friends to attend the formal opening to the public on May 28 at 8:30 p.m. They have done a he-man job in making this park live again after a hibernation of eight years. It has required real money and courage, both of which Edward J. Carroll has supplied in liberal quantity, undaunted by bad weather since March 1, a political campaign year with its attendant uncertainty and the world upheaval of what may be the greatest war and most decisive battle of all time. The writer compliments him and wishes him his well-deserved success.

Long Island

By ALFRED FRIEDMAN

Damp, chilly weather has made the mere thought of donning a bathing suit mere an adventure, whereas ordinarily at this time the census of those who have been in the surf would run high. Lido Beach Club opening was the high spot of last week with an imposing array of tame entertainers. This spot, an original \$4,000,000 investment, is in new hands.

Bus connections between the World's Fair, Flushing, and Jones Beach will do much to bolster attendance at Jones Beach. Sunnyside Pool is prepping for an opening that has been deferred due to inclement weather.

Long Beach is buying space in metropolitan dailies as part of its campaign to keep the town in the public eye, the city clerk's office handling general publicity. Rockaway Point is the remaining spot to maintain the pageant policy and announce plans for an imposing one.

Playland, Rye, N. Y.

By J. WILSON CLIFFE

It's ordinary, weather extraordinary. The writer, who has been at Playland since its beginning 13 years ago, has never before seen such a stretch of un-parklike weather to plague the big Westchester spot. Concessionaires are very optimistic, however. Arthur Abbott is boasting a frost—a new confection he brought out titled Golden Frost and going big. The Photovend Corp. is here and doing a whale of a biz, as is the Character Handwriting Co. Ditto the Cress Water Scooter. Current free attraction, Les Kinnis, went over with a bang, patrons remembering their previous visit.

Everything is moving along with clock-like precision, and with the coming of favorable weather receipts should rise considerably. Beach and pool are now open, but rain and low temperatures have kept attendance down to a minimum. Several large cuttings have already been held under Harry Summerville direction. George Staples, of booking department, is bringing in a substantial number of bookings. Catherine McDonald and Esther Harris, registered nurses of Playland's hospital, are very much on the job, as is Helen Kraft, efficient matron of Kiddie Playground. Officer Tom McVeigh is on duty at the Circle, with the "old war horse," Charles Bell, at cross-axles and Tom (Whimpy) Egan at the Arena.

New Rocket ship is becoming popular. Bob (Peach Tree) Hanson is again emceeing at the cafeteria refreshment stand. Miss Campbell continues as cutting hostess and Ted Bell as assistant chief electrician. Hasta luego.

Wildwood, N. J.

By M. H. ORODENKER

Hunt's Ocean Pier, open on week-ends, goes on daily schedule late in the month. Guy Hunt and Bill Gerst, again in command, plan to add animal acts in addition to dancing and numerous rides. Turk Duncan is again promoting wrestling in Hunt's Auditorium. Decoration Day opened a new section of the Boardwalk and practically every amusement place has been modernized.

City publicity bureau, headed by John J. Kay Jr., has an impressive line-up of cuttings and excursions, always good news to concessionaires. Prospect of an exceptionally good season is supported by many real estate sales and rentals. Showmen believe increase in employment in Philadelphia and throughout Pennsylvania and shipyards in Camden, N. J., will find this resort reaping benefit. At Wildwood Crest real estate sales and rentals continue at a brisk clip. Crest Pier has been renovated and stage enlarged for presentation of a summer series of Broadway productions. Community Nights, starting on April 20, proved such a success that they will be continued.

Stone Harbor Municipal Pier opened on Decoration Day, with Martin Jacobsen in charge for the eighth consecutive season. Municipal Pier, Avalon, with theater and Marine Room, will again be center of social life, with nightly dances and programs. Frank D. Windell, who purchased Princeton Hotel several weeks ago, will again operate the Pier Theater.

Deemer Park Incorporated

DOVER, Del., June 1.—Deemer Park, Inc., operating an amusement park near New Castle, Del., was incorporated here with capital of \$30 shares of no par value. Incorporators are David J. Reinhart Jr., Frances E. Davis and Marian B. Collings, Wilmington. Park has reopened with a stage show featuring North Carolina Ridge Runners, of WDEL; Johnny Wages and His Sunshine Revue, Marie Corelli and Company, Kellin and Miller, Judy Cummings, Lee Masters, Two Lunatics and Continental Trio. Program was under direction of Jackie Field.

Philly Pools Start Season

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—Pools in this area, members of Associated Pools, reopened on May 26, including Boulevard Pools, Woodside Amusement Park's Crystal Pool, Hi-Way Pools and Marble Hall Pool in the city, and Village Green Pools, Somerton Springs, Springfield Pool and Fischer's Pool, near Lansdale. Riverview Beach Park, Penneville, N. J., also opened the swim season, with other nearby New Jersey pools getting underway on Decoration Day. Boulevard Pools expanded its facilities for sports and cuttings by addition of 40,000 square feet. Woodside Pool added an extensive sand beach, water slide and kiddie pool.

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Asbury Park, N. J.

By GEORGE ZUCKERMAN

Season's premiere on Decoration Day was somewhat off in this section due to continuation of tricky weather which saw only handful of clear days in the past six weeks. Altho open for the most part took the letdown philosophically, most of them voiced the adage, "What you miss, you don't get back."

Resort area from Atlantic Highlands to Point Pleasant shows effects of a heavy modernization program. Notable trend has been toward upped budgets for entertainment among spots catering to the dark trade.

Proposed new amusement center here received a set-back last week when the mayor and council tabooed license for block-long set-up formerly owned by William C. Durant, auto magnate, on the ground that location was in the residential area and that devices to be installed constituted games of chance. Syndicate seeking to open new location was reported to have been headed by Florida residents operating in Hollywood, Fla. Attorney for the group threatens to take the matter into court on the ground that devices to be installed do not come in the category of gambling.

Atlantic City

By M. H. ORODENKER

Lex Carlin is back at Garden Pier managing the theater. Also returning is wrestling, with Promoter Myer Saul in command, starting on May 31. Jack Silver and Herman Master are enthused about their new litterbug parlor, also new at the pier, which opened on May 30, first of its kind on the Boardwalk. Jack Yarmov, New York, is again handing publicity and advertising for Steel Pier, which is in full swing, lining up thrill acts, water circus, modern minstrel show, feature photoplays, vaude shows, dancing, numerous exhibits, baby wild animal zoo and Steel Pier diving horses with girl riders. In addition to music of Johnny Green and Bob Zurke on Decoration Day week-end, Osga Petroff, high swaying pole, was in the stadium at end of the pier. By agreement with Boardwalk concessioners, pier is installing light lunch counters to feed customers who come early and stay late.

Roller skating is clicking at Hamid's Million-Dollar Pier. Managing Director S. W. Gumperts offered a band-fest for the holiday week-end in music of Phil Spitalny, Teddy Powell, Jan Savitt, Clem Williams and Eddie Morgan. Louis Cunningham, director of the resort's press bureau, rates credit for success of the contest on June 1 in the Hotel Traymore to select Miss Atlantic City 1940 to host beauties for the September pages.

Ocean City proposes tightened regulation of merchandise auctions in an ordinance passed on first reading by city commissioners. Altho the license fee for auction shops is kept at the same \$1,000 level provided under the existing mercantile license law, the new measure includes an additional \$5,000 bond. All Ocean City Boardwalk concessions and amusement centers are open, most of them operated by the same lessees many years.

Scandinavian Parks Open

STOCKHOLM, May 7.—Grenna Lunds Tivoli and Nojefslundt amusement parks opened here as usual, Tivoli presenting a big open-air show with Dandy Merry trapeze; Fresco and Camillo, barrel jumpers; Arwings, cyclists, and Raffinates, acrobats. Folkesta Park at Malmö is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Liseberg Amusement Park in Gothenberg has not yet opened. In Denmark amusement parks are compelled to close at nightfall. Tivoli Gardens and Dyrehavsbakken, Copenhagen's amusement parks, opened on May 1.

Features Are Set in Pa.

BARNESVILLE, Pa., June 1.—Mrs. J. Tomat, operator of Lakeside Park here, reported the park's outdoor market and food fair draws about 2,500 cars on Wednesday nights. Park is also doing well with name bands. Johnny McGee broke Saturday night records recently and is due back for another date soon. Clyde McCoy was scheduled for May 30 to be followed by Little Jack Little. JE Ranch Rodeo is to open for an eight-day stand on June 18.

Haenlein Still Enlarging New Center at Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, O., June 1.—Zoo Park opposite Columbus Zoo and only remaining amusement park in the district since passing of Olentangy Park a few years ago, reopened on May 23 with Leo Haenlein, a former Olentangy executive, again at the helm. Threatening weather on opening day curtailed attendance but Sunday crowds jammed the midway. Pavilion, former roller rink, will offer old-time dancing Saturday and Sunday nights with Charlie Freshwater's Band and occasional floor shows. Saturday night wrestling will be under direction of Al Hart.

Mickey Mouse Town and pony track have been enlarged and baseball and soft ball facilities provided. Parking has been augmented for 1,000 cars. Enlarged kitchen and refrigeration will make possible serving of full-course dinners. Blacktop walks and drives have been installed and more neon lighting and a loud-speaker system have been added.

Among tides are Ferris Wheel, Airplane Circle Swing, Merry-Go-Round, Loop-Plane and miniature train, and there are kiddieland, Penny Arcade, photo gallery and other concessions. Manager Haenlein reports picnic bookings heavy in history of the park.

PITTSBURGH.—Arnold J. Schutmann, 10 years head keeper of Highland Park Zoo here, plans to leave soon for similar work in the East. It is said, having been asked to take charge of a large private zoo at Rockland Lake, N. Y., which will be opened to the public.

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Faulty Start

Eastern pool operators are in anything but a good frame of mind, and rightly so, for the past six days ye' ol' weatherman has played havoc with outdoor swimming. It rained continuously and on Decoration Day temperature registered 50 degrees, which is hardly suitable for aquatics.

Last summer by Decoration Day most swim tanks had a couple of grand in the till and the holiday fell right in the midst of an early heat wave. Small wonder, then, that faces of pool operators are wrinkled in frowns. But just because Eastern outdoor swimming had a faulty start is no reason for natatoriums to take it out on swimmers to come.

Word reaches this department that some pools have already cut down on life guards and have canceled new equipment planned for this season in a last-minute effort to retrench. I know that when money isn't coming in it is difficult to keep shelling out and I personally don't blame pool men for cutting staffs, providing it is done only while inclement weather prevails. But when tanks plan to operate understaffed and cancel necessary equipment just to make up for money lost, that is very foolish.

When weather changes for the best and crowds start coming in, it is not fair to patrons for them to swim with two or three life guards missing. Moreover it is not fair to them to have to be without extra handball courts if they were planned and advertised. Just because it was cold and rainy early part of the season is not the fault of patrons and there's no reason why they should suffer.

High Diving Info

Reader Wyer W. Smith, Okolona, Miss., asks for certain high-diving records. As has been repeatedly mentioned in this column, only high-diving record I personally recognize is one made by Solly Solomon in open competition about four years ago. At that time, Solomon dove 122 feet into a small portable tank of water. Mr. Smith is advised that all other high-diving claims made by aquatic performers are not official. As far as this department knows—and the writer has been interested in amateur and pro swimming for a decade—no other high dive was made in competition. Many divers who claim certain feats are no doubt truthful but until they can verify these records, I, for one, will continue to take them with a grain of salt. And Mr. Smith is advised to do the same.

"Rosy" Ryan, noted pro baseball player best known for his activities as a Giant star, recently invented a device by which baseballs thrown at a net return thru the air with the same speed as they were thrown. "Rosy" created the gadget exclusively for small baseball clubs which could eliminate extra catchers needed to keep pitchers in training. Device made its debut at the Surf Club in Miami, Fla., the past winter. Six games have been installed at Charlie Keen's Parkway Baths, Coney Island, N. Y., and

arrangements are under way to install a unit in Palisades (N. J.) Amusement Park pool.

Solly Solomon, who has returned from a successful South American diving tour, raves about new amusement park facilities in Latin American countries.

E. Ballyn, Chicago, writes in reference to a recent swim editorial here on television. Must remind him not to suggest television to his New Zealand client unless he first makes certain they have television there. Walter Thornton, beauty authority, has arranged with Harry Lanzner to broadcast beauty contests direct from the latter's Park Central Indoor pool, New York City, this summer.

Among radio programs which will help commemorate National Swim-for-Health Week, starting on June 24, are: Sports Quiz over Columbia Broadcasting System; Bill Stern's program over NBC; Uncle Don on WOR and Mutual; Special Events department of WOR; WNEW, WMCA; Allie Low Miles on Inter-city Network; Dr. Shirley Wynne on WMCA's Food Forum program. Others will be announced, meaning that radio stations throughout the country will carry the message of benefits of swimming during that week.

Richards and Richards, Juggling; Kelso Brothers, comics, and H. Hamilton and Company, stock wire.

TEXAS ROUGH RIDERS and Labelle-Ray Circus Troupe were at the Decoration Day inaugural in Rocky Springs Park, Lancaster, Pa.

With the Zoos

COLUMBUS, O.—Municipal Zoo's collection will be augmented by a cow and calf. Presentation of these animals, unknown to some school children except by pictures, will be made on the Statehouse grounds on June 12. Gift is from Columbus Milk Council and one of the Ohio dairy breed associations. Earle (Circus) Sartman, publicity director of Columbus Zoo, said the cow and calf will be gratefully received as permanent residents, as Cleveland Zoo officials report their cow has proven popular with thousands of visitors.

PHILADELPHIA.—It was moving day last week for six peacocks, some pelicans, ostriches, vultures, cranes and storks, as their summer playground in Philadelphia Zoological Gardens is being ripped up for renovations.

LONDON, Eng.—Insect House at London Zoo, closed since war began, reopened on May 13. All scorpions and poisonous spiders have been destroyed and exhibits consist mainly of British insects.

JACKSON, Miss.—Under a city-financed project complete renovation and enlargement of Livingston Park Zoo here will be undertaken. A monkey island will be built and present monkey quarters will be converted into an aviary. Moats will be built around the elephant house and small animal cages. Already completed under a recent WPA project are new quarters for larger animals, fowl lake, landscaping and paving.

Park Free Acts

FREE-ACT season at Buckeye Lake (O.) Park was opened by Capt. (Smiles) O'Timmons, parachute jump, on May 26. Other acts will be offered throughout summer, said Manager A. M. Brown.

AT REOPENING of Muskego Beach Amusement Park, near Mukwonago, Wis., on May 26 Pete Kenny, "The Man on the Flying Trapeze," was presented.

HIGH-WIRE act of Dave Winnie and Evelyn Delle opened in Eastwood Park, Detroit.

BILL at reopening of Forest Park, Chalfont, Pa., on May 23 included

Coney Island, N. Y.

By SAM ABBOTT

Rain over the week-end (25-26) put a crimp in business but some of the boys did a little despite it. Friday night (24) spots along the Boardwalk were open until after 10. No time is being wasted to get Coney off to a flying start. Operators have been busy painting and fixing up for the seven-days-a-week schedule.

Al Silverman, who has been making photos at Coney for 30 years, reports that he will soon retire from the business. With his wife, Minnie, and daughter, Lucille, he plans to seek greener fields out West. Big news on the Island is that the Fascination game boys from Surf avenue have challenged the Bowery boys in a bowling tournament at Johnny Christmas' alleys. Phil Cook says there is no question that the Bowery boys will win. Needless to add what crew Fall is with. Jim and John Kavakes still operating Scooter boat ride on site of old Tunnels of Love. Nick Protetis is back on Virginia Reel. Julius Tolces has been busy flashing up his spots. Bob Garneau is back on Bowery managing skee-ball. Ben Merson, Long Beach concessioner, was spied at Coney recently. Ruby's Rabbit Game on Bowery still going strong.

Herman Beyer, one of the oldtimers, is expecting big things at his shooting gallery and Wonderland ride on Bowery. Buxbaum Brothers have redecorated the Shamrock House. Tessie Reisler is back on the Bowery with her milk bottle game and giving the boys a good run for their money. Is featuring stuffed toy merchandise prizes. Abe Klein is assisting Jack Asemacopoco has completed repairing and repainting the new Dodgem. He has Joe Asem with him this year. Neal Kyries is now a full-fledged pilot, having recently been awarded his license. Ted Stillman says his penny pitch-to-the-line is building popularity. He's a bowling star on the Bowery team. Geno Cohen has a new game on an old site. He's using the electric penny game this season. Had buckets. Reports chalk statuettes as tops. Sparta Drome is opened for its 13th season with new free-wheeling cars. Spot has installed fluorescent lighting. Paul Geaness, owner, is represented at the spot by his son, George. Christy Geaness is manager, assisted by Jack Coffey, Tom Brown and Tony Gar-

guilo, attendants. Peter Londis is in the box. Using royal blue and gold uniforms this season. Pinocchios are going strong at M. Rapaport's souve and novelty stand on the Boardwalk. He's also doing a good job with wire on a mother-of-pearl base. Steve Antone predicts a big season for postcards.

Jack Stern has returned after an absence of four years and is with Boardwalk Gift Shop, owned and operated by Louis Levine and Milton Schwartz. "Barney Google" Granick is talker. Frank Zerling is managing Raven Hall's shooting gallery and Jerry Bonano the frozen custard spot, where he's been since 1932. Hall arcade has been redecorated and had some new games installed. Pete Weissman, with his brother, Milton, is operating the spot. Riffkin & Block, Steeplechase poker game, are featuring quality merchandise prizes. Pretty Rose Fox is handling the counter at her father's Steeplechase arcade. Here also are Ira Reaster, manager, and Rosario Macaluso and Jerry Granada, penny changers. This spot is new, being rebuilt following the fire last season. Shamrocks at the Boardwalk shooting gallery are Tom McGowan, manager for 14 years, and Myles McCarty.

One of the bright spots on the Boardwalk is Nathan Faber's poker game. Morty Rabinoff is manager, his tenth year. Lester Rabinoff and John Roth are also with this game. Faber is opening a new penny arcade to be managed by Abe and Harry Rosen. Mike Fishman is at the mike at Joe's Bingo for Joe Raziano, owner. Mary Bagby, ex-sousstress at the Kit Kat club, is fronting the donkey game on Bowery. In the box at the Spook ride is Frank Ortolano. Leon Reisler is featuring stuffed toys at his milk bottle game. Says 14 years in one spot has taught him that it pays to use merchandise that has appeal. Phil Faber's electric bingo on Bowery is proving a most popular game. Oscar Buchwald has opened the Bowery Barn with Alfred Garto. The colored dancer who wows them here is Sulia (Major) Edwards, a dishwasher, who was drafted from the kitchen to put across impromptu entertainment. Buddy Riser's swing band is on the bill.

Schedule Is Set for O. Spot

BUCYRUS, O., June 1.—Seccatum Park here, owned and operated by C. W. Jolly, opened on May 30. Midway offers 12 Jolly rides and attractions. Dance pavilion will operate afternoon and night on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Floor shows will be presented on Sundays. Tuesdays will be known as Scotch Night at the pavilion, with reduced admission. Plans are to use free acts later in the season. Fireworks helped attendance at the inaugural.

Young Gooding at Puritas

CLEVELAND, June 1.—Since the recent death of his stepfather, James Visoky, James Gooding, 21, has become one of the youngest assistant park managers in the state. He left studies at Ohio State University to return home and help his mother, Pearl, manage Puritas Springs Park. He has worked at the park attractions and concessions since he was a boy. An expert roller skater, he spends considerable time at the rink, teaching and racing.

FROM ALL AROUND

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Dodgem, installed last year; improved picnic grove, Swiss Cottage and Pippin Coaster. Manager Ben Sterling has scheduled some name bands for Dance Palace.

AKRON.—Sand Beach Park here has gone on daily schedule, said Manager W. L. Wareham. Three rides, pony track, penny arcade, dance hall and several concessions are on the midway. There is also a bathing beach. Management reported heavy picnic bookings.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Victor and Marie Brancato, owners of Fairland Park here, appointed S. T. McNick as manager of Crystal Pool, which opened on May 26. Programs of water carnivals, aquacades and moonlight swim parties are planned. Beach has been enlarged and bathhouse facilities increased.

PHILADELPHIA.—John V. Gibney, West Chester, Pa., who reopened Lenape Park, near Chadd's Ford, Pa., on May 25, said many school and lodge outings have been booked. Forest Park, Chalfont, Pa., also opened on May 25 and the pool on Decoration Day. Rain marred the opening.

COLUMBUS, O.—Glengarry swimming pool, now in its 10th year, reopened on May 26 after an improvement program. Mrs. Violante Sammons is owner. Mrs. Loraine McLeod has been cashier five years, and John Barker heads life-saving and instruction staff. East Side pool reopened on Decoration Day.

BIRMINGHAM.—With opening of Queenstown Lake Park here, Manager B. O. Edwards announced purchase of a new fleet for boating and fishing. Park features bathing, picnicking and dancing in Roseland Hall Saturday nights.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Kingsclear Indian Reservation has received from Manager J. Tomat, Lakeside Park, Barnesville, Pa., a request for services of two Indians to operate a concession and make white-you-wait handwork in view of the public. Indians are offered expenses plus all revenue from sales, and invitation is under consideration by reservation executives headed by a chief.

DEBUT IN DALLAS

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Village Tavern and will build a new drive-in and dance spot on Greenville avenue. T. F. Melody has soft drinks, eat shop and drinks; Mack McCrary, sno-ice and pop corn; P. W. Kelley, African Dip and Lindy Loop, and Samuel Bert, restaurant.

Due to failure of Dallas business men to raise sufficient cash to insure operating cost, the State Fair management has abandoned its plan to build a large dance club on the old band shell location and introduce a summer season of light opera in Fair Park.



WAR CURBS CANADA GRANTS

Retention of Fairs in Dominion Is Favored To Keep Up Morale

TORONTO, June 1.—Whether fairs and exhibitions throughout Canada should be canceled because of the war appeared today to be a matter of divided opinion. A survey indicated, however, that the annual fairs would be fewer in number and less ambitious in most provinces.

J. A. Carroll, superintendent of agriculture societies in Ontario, came out strongly in favor of retaining fairs, particularly agricultural exhibitions, on two grounds: To continue encouraging the farmer in better production methods, and to keep up the morale of the farm-

ing population.

He said practically all exhibitions in Ontario will be held as usual except in cases where necessary buildings are being used by the military authorities. In Ottawa, for example, Central Canada Exhibition was canceled because Lansdowne Park now is a military camp.

Altho troops are quartered at present at Toronto's Exhibition Park, Canadian National Exhibition is scheduled to be held as usual. Military authorities are reported to have concurred in this decision.



Agricultural Situation

Condensed Data From May Summary by U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

NEWS comes of a quick change in the European political front and the yeast of commodity speculation rises. Wheat goes to highest prices in three years, feed grains follow, hog prices climb too. Once more the general index of prices of farm products is close to 100. But the index of prices that farmers pay to produce these products is 122. And so the exchange value of the farm products in terms of other goods remains in the low 80's. Meanwhile, 7,000,000 farmers and members of their families go ahead with a full program of spring work—putting in the new crops—employing some 3,000,000 hired hands at wages higher than last year's to help produce the food, the feed, the fibers needed by a domestic market slightly improved as to summer prospect and a foreign one still restricted by the exigencies of European war. All of which sums up in highlight a mercurial agricultural situation and outlook at press time. May 1, 1940.

DEMAND: IMPROVEMENT

Some improvement is expected this summer in conditions affecting the domestic demand for farm products. The rate of decline in industrial production was considerably slower in March than in either of the two preceding months, and preliminary reports indicate there was only a small decline in April.

Recent developments affecting such important individual lines of activity as steel, textiles and residential building support the belief that industrial activity in general is now rounding bottom, and there will be some improvement by summer. Reduced output of steel and textile mills together accounted for about 80 per cent of the entire decline in industrial production during the first quarter, but the contraction in new orders for products of these industries was halted in March, and some increase in incoming business has since occurred. Similarly there are signs of reviving interest in home building, following a lull of several months' duration. Applications for FHA insured home building loans have recently been larger than ever before, suggesting the probability of a spring upturn of something more than seasonal proportions.

Exports of industrial products have given increasing support to domestic economic conditions in recent months. Though the recent spread of the European war will reduce United States exports to Scandinavia, the more active character of the war and the relatively short ocean routes between the United States and Europe will favor American markets, and probably will result in still greater support for domestic industrial activity and consumer income. —F. H. BOLLINGER.

EXPORTS: CHANGE

Spread of the war in Europe to Scandinavia has altered somewhat the export outlook for United States farm products. Danish supplies of pork, dairy and poultry products are no longer available to the Allies. A larger portion of Allied purchases may now be made in American markets. The immediate effects

may not be great, however, since there are ample supplies of pork in Great Britain. Exports of evaporated milk from the United States are not of great importance, but elimination of Denmark as a source of Allied supplies may tend to increase demand for the American product.

Despite the prospect of some improvement in the export markets for some American farm products, the net over-all effects of the war on farm product exports will probably continue to be unfavorable. Tobacco, fresh fruit and lard exports have been definitely restricted by the war, and growing import controls among European belligerents.

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Allentown Plant Will Have Early Hankinson Auto Races

ALLENTEWON, Pa., June 1.—For the first time in history AAA auto races will be held on Allentown Fairgrounds on a date other than fair week, when on July 4 Ralph A. Hankinson will sponsor a card on the half-mile track. He selected Allentown because of the 10,000 capacity of the shaded stands and because "it is the focal point of the auto-racing hotbed in the East."

For 14 years he has been in charge of the Allentown Fair races, in which time the fair has assumed a prominent rank in drawing out huge race crowds.

Date will be fourth in the Hankinson 1940 circuit, which opened in Reading, moved to Langhorne, Pa., for May 12 and will return to the mile speedway on June 16 for a program, including a 100-mile feature finale. The Hankinson drivers will return to the home base after the date here, a stock-car meet having been scheduled for August 4. Seven heats, time trials and a feature race of 20 laps are carded for Allentown.

Lindsay Succeeds Rushton

DETROIT, June 1.—Harold P. Lindsay was appointed to the board of managers of Upper Peninsula State Fair, Escanaba, on Tuesday by Governor Dickinson. He is secretary of Escanaba Chamber of Commerce and succeeds Herbert J. Rushton, who resigned to take another State post.

Business Men Back Annual

HAZELHURST, Miss., June 1.—Despite the voting down by property owners here of a \$5,000 city appropriation for a new Copiah County Fair plant, arrangements have been made by business organizations to finance cost of the building program. Backers are confident of profits from the annual. New site is near Lake Hazel and will be built thru WPA help.

AFTER a serious leg injury sustained during a dynamite-explosion stunt, Jonesy McAdoo, plate-glass crasher, has recovered, reported Jean Duncan, of Jean Duncan Death Drivers. He will be with the show and Jimmie Lisk also has joined the troupe.



JOHN T. McGASLIN, Baltimore, who has been promoted to the post of general superintendent of the entire Timonium (Md.) Fairgrounds. The widely known showman has been manager of the midway of the State Fair for a number of years. For the 62d annual this year it has been decided, because of patrons' demand, to operate the midway features 12 days and nights, last four nights to be in charge of organizations' committees.

Aged St. Stephen Secretary Rescued From Death in Fire

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., June 1.—Walter S. Stevens, veteran secretary-manager of St. Stephen Fair here, narrowly escaped death in a fire which badly damaged a building owned by him. Unknown to firemen, he had gone to his quarters on the second floor to save some of his clothes. When rescued, he was almost suffocated by smoke.

The five-hour fire was fought by fire departments of Calais and Milltown, on the Maine side of the St. Croix River, and by St. Stephen and Milltown, N. B., firemen. Stevens is one of the oldest fair secretaries in the world and his lameness made exiting from the fire impossible without help.

He has been secretary of St. Stephen Fair for nearly 50 years. This Canadian exhibition is closer to U. S. soil than any other Dominion fair and depends on the States' side for at least half of its patronage.

Program Arrangements Set At Indiana Circuit Meeting

NORTH VERNON, Ind., June 1.—Final arrangements of programs were made at a meeting of members of Southern Indiana Fair Circuit in Muscatatuck State Park here on May 23, when they were guests of Jennings County Fair Association. Following the meeting guests were served luncheon in State Park Inn.

Among those attending were Earl McCarel, Dr. Quicke, Anderson; Bert Starts, O. A. Triplett, Jacob Young, Leo Wagner, Osgood; Ray Adams, William H. Clark, C. A. Barnum, Ed Hedrick, Franklin; Leonard Haag, Fred Wirth, Lawrenceburg; Frank Taylor, Guilford; J. O. Amos, Ira Smiths, Edinburgh; L. V. Hawk, Morristown; W. J. Aruckle, Shelbyville; Ed Redman, P. M. Overstreet, Charles McKay, Columbus; C. W. Russell, C. E. Jones, George Owens, Scott Denton, S. B. Berkshire, North Vernon.

12-Day Midway at Timonium

TIMONIUM, Md., June 1.—Owing to public demand, midway features will continue 12 days and nights at the 1940 62d annual Maryland State fair here, reported Midway Director John T. McGaslin, who was recently named general superintendent of grounds. He said he expects record attendance. Grand stand is to be turned over to four organizations on the last four nights for presentation of special programs. Receipts after 6 p.m. will go to the organizations.

Halifax Annual Not To Be Held

Western boards ask reconsideration on cuts — Toronto and Quebec proceed

OTTAWA, Ont., June 1.—Announcement was made in Halifax that the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition there will be canceled this year. Generally fairs and exhibitions throughout Canada will be fewer and less pretentious because of the war.

Dominion government, as one of its many war economy moves, is cutting out grants to fairs and exhibitions except for certain commitments already entered into. Estimates tables last week in the House of Commons showed such grants reduced from \$332,409 last year to \$65,000 this year.

Plan for Quebec City

QUEBEC, P. Q., June 1.—Adrien Martel, assistant deputy minister of agriculture for Quebec, announced on Monday that three of the province's annual exhibitions, those in Three Rivers, Ormsby and Lachute, have been canceled because of the war.

Holding of Quebec City's Exhibition Provinciale is still undecided, but it probably will be held. Mayor Lucien Bourne of Quebec said there is no reason now to abandon the exhibition.

Reconsideration Is Asked

REGINA, Sask., June 1.—Customary grant from the federal government to assist Western Canada fair boards will be discontinued this year, according to word received from Ottawa.

For Regina Exhibition this grant has amounted to about \$4,000 and its discontinuance will mean smaller prizes for exhibitors in all live-stock classes.

An emergency meeting of members of the Western Canada Association of Exhibitions was held in Saskatoon, Sask. Also attending were representatives of Class B fairs, also affected by the ruling. A resolution was forwarded to Ottawa asking that the matter be reconsidered. Appreciating difficulties of the government at present, the fair executives nevertheless thought that a grant of some kind should be made, even if the amount may be smaller than the usual amount.

The grant which is being discontinued is one specifically ear-marked for live stock. In Regina this money has been used for distribution among prize winners in live-stock classes. If the government sticks by its decision and finds it cannot make even a decreased grant, then the fairs will have no option but to reduce prize money for live-stock exhibitors by 40 per cent.

One of the difficulties facing fair boards in the Western cities is that prize lists for the summer fairs have been printed and distributed to live-stock men. These lists show prizes which it is impossible to award unless the grant is fully restored. Representatives were on hand from Regina, Brandon and Saskatoon and a letter from Edmonton acquiesced in any decisions reached. Calgary was not represented, but is not so much concerned because Calgary Exhibition is not considered primarily a live-stock exhibition.

Toronto To Carry On

TORONTO, June 1.—Following the example set during four years of the first World War, management of the Canadian National Exhibition here will do everything in its power this year to inspire a war-winning morale, Elwood A. Hughes, general manager, said in luncheon address here on Wednesday.

He said that when the city of Toronto last September gave the federal government use of Exhibition Park for housing troops, a desire that the exhibition continue was expressed by and agreed to by federal authorities. Only a few of the permanent fixtures erected for use of troops will be disturbed during the two weeks the exhibition is open, it was said.

Fair Elections

PLAINVIEW, Tex.—I. C. Sprague, Tulsa, Tex., was elected president of the 1941 Panhandle-Plains Dairy Show here and Pete H. Smith, manager of Plainview Chamber of Commerce, is show manager.

PARMINGTON, Mo.—St. Francois County Fair Association elected: President, Fred Schramm; vice-president, Henry Nanley; secretary, H. P. Teal; treasurer, J. O. Swink; superintendent, G. A. Doubet.

HOUSTON, Tex.—James W. Sartwell was re-elected president of Houston Fat Stock Show and Live-Stock Exposition; G. L. Childress, Henry W. Dew, Russell W. Nixon, Julian A. Weston, J. Howard West, vice-presidents; George W. Strake, treasurer; W. O. Cox, secretary-manager.

TAVERES, Fla.—Reorganized Lake County Fair Association here elected L. L. Polk, Eustis, president; G. W. Pringle, Leesburg, vice-president; Karl Lehmann, Tavares, secretary-manager; K. W. Louder, Leesburg, treasurer. New board plans an outstanding fair in 1941.

Fair Grounds

NOTTINGHAM, Eng.—Project for a mid-summer fair in Nottingham in place of the annual October Goose Fair has fallen flat. Authorities offered four days after the Showmen's Guild request for seven. Response from owners of rides was considered too small to justify the substitute date. Usually prominent showmen from all over the country attend the Goose Fair, but prevailing conditions do not justify long trips for a four-day event.

ESTEVAN, Sask.—Replacing one destroyed by fire, a duplex-style barn, 60 by 100 feet, for 38 horses, more than the old one, has been built on Estevan Fairgrounds.

LIBERTY, Tex.—Liberty County Fair directors have voted rearrangement of exhibit buildings in time for the 1940 fair. An additional live-stock exhibit building will be built. President Watkins reported greatest interest ever shown in the annual.

SCRANTON, Pa.—A move to merge Herford and Montrose fairs in Susquehanna County appears to have failed. The Montrose association, however, has voted to take up subscriptions to wipe out a debt and to carry on this year.

HOUSTON—Tulsa, Okla., and Houston continue to move toward holding rival oil shows in 1942. Announcement was made by International Petroleum Exposition officials in Tulsa that the 1942 show will be held in May. Houston's Oil World Show, formerly held in alternate years, was scheduled for April. John R. Sunman, Houston show president, and W. G. Shelly, president of the Tulsa show, would not comment on the apparent conflict.

BEDWARD, Neb.—A WPA project in sum of \$11,405 has been approved for Seward County Agricultural Society, according to word from Washington. D. C., and work will start immediately on some

new buildings, remodeling of some old ones and grand stand and installing a wider-spread waterworks.

WAYNESBURG, Pa.—Historic Carmichael Fair grounds, scene of harness races for more than half a century, has been sold to David Trimble, Masontown, Pa., for \$4,000.

DOVER, O.—Fire destroyed part of the frame grand stand on Tuscarawas County Fair grounds here on May 21. Blaze was discovered by Herman Wolf, grounds superintendent. Directors will meet to discuss replacing the stand for the 1940 fair. Damage was estimated at \$2,800, covered by insurance.

DENVER, Ind.—Community Association here has purchased grounds on which to hold its annual fair and fall festival and arrangements are being made for erection of permanent buildings, reported Carl Sott, free-act chairman. Association formerly leased the tract. Other officers are Walker Butt, president; Mrs. Ruth Miller, secretary; Elvin Long, treasurer; Lewis Dice, concession chairman.

AGRICULTURAL

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Lagerent and neutral nations will similarly affect several other export items. Wheat exports will continue small, but this is owing largely to relatively high domestic prices induced by the poor domestic winter wheat prospect rather than to war. Cotton exports, now declining largely because subsidy payments are no longer being made on new export sales and because the European stocks of American cotton have been replenished, will not be helped by the war in Europe.—P. H. B.

PRICES: HIGHER

Most of the principal farm products except hogs, fruits, chickens and eggs are selling for higher prices this spring than last. Over-all factor is the better domestic consumer demand. Best gains have been in wheat. Cotton is higher on larger exports and domestic mill consumption. Feed grains are higher partly because of the larger quantities needed to feed the increased numbers of live stock. Hogs are lower, downed by supplies disproportionately larger than the increase in consumer demand.

Significant is the way in which prices of most farm products have held the sharp gains registered at the outbreak of the European war. The average of prices jumped 10 points last September. Since then, the average has fluctuated within 2 points below and 3 points above this figure. The April 15 index was 98 per cent of the pre-World War average, compared with 98 last September, and with 89 in April a year ago. The ratio of prices received to prices paid was 80 on April 15 compared with 74 on the same date last year.

Farmers' cash income from marketing and government payments in the first quarter of this year was \$14 million dollars more than in the like period of 1939. Total was \$1,967 million in 1940 against \$1,773 million in 1939. Increase was principally in income from marketings of grains, cotton and cottonseed, tobacco, meat animals and dairy products, and in government payments. Total for fruits and vegetables was

smaller than in the first quarter of 1939. Income from poultry and eggs was the same as in that period.

AGAWAM TRAFFIC SNARL

(Continued from page 38) to pile in tons of traprock to harden the surface. The farm opened Decoration Day night. Also unable to open was the Motor Scooter, where rain made the track too soft, and the Airplane ride, where opening was postponed until June 6.

Units in full operation were roller rink, Drive-In Theater, Hobbyland Exhibit, Name in Headlines, Photo Lafts, Whip, Showboat, Baroque restaurant, Dodgem, Merry-Go-Round, archery range, shooting gallery, Skeeball, outdoor bowling alleys, Penny Arcade, Olga, the Headless Illusion, Loop-the-Loop, Kiddieland, Funhouse, Gang Busters' exhibit and various games. A speedboat provides long rides on the river. Also in operation was the ballroom with Horace Heist and his orchestra.

A brief dedication program was held in the ballroom on opening night and Chester Fischer, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, offered best wishes of the city.

On Decoration Day an estimated 65,000 visited the park. Traffic tie-up was just as bad. Admission to park and parking of cars is free. Opening free act was the Flying Aliens. A picnic island adjoins the park and Carroll has booked numerous picnics, clambakes and steak roasts. Nightly displays are furnished by Interstate Fireworks Co.

RAWSON REPORTS

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went past the partner, made a flat kicked 3 and then went around the partner, just the reverse of what the diagram (page 44 Competitive Dances 1940) and directions call for.

To sum up, I found that tight trucks destroyed all possibility of doing one's best in dancing.

RINKS AND SKATERS

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won by Charles Whitman, recent winner of the U. S. Junior half-mile championship at Cleveland. He defeated former city champion Marcus Leubner on a foul.

J. C. Kelley, who has operated Kelley's Roller Rink, Dallas, for the past five years, is dismantling it. He plans to retire.

WINNERS of a graceful skating contest which closed in Roller Rink, Revere Beach, Mass., on May 18 were Thelma Hunson and Billy Ryff, reported Floor Manager Carl Russo. Louis Testa and Billy Wilson, Providence, R. I., were recent visitors. Testa giving a dance exhibition. They are to join a roller derby soon.

GOOD business is reported by Mr. and Mrs. Al Lear, who recently opened a new 7,000-foot roller rink equipped with Chicago skates on State Fair grounds, Hutchinson, Kan.



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QUINCY, Ill., June 1.—Fairly & Little Shows have endured a siege of inclement weather and are still operating at a deficit despite fair business in their third week of the season here, Noble C. Fairly and Phil Little, managers-owners, announce. Rain and cold have also hampered working crews, and building is not yet complete on three attractions. Opening stand at Alton, Ill., suffered from the weather, which forced shows to remain a second week. A "wedding in the ice," with Terry Hart, chorine, and Crash English, dare-devil stunter, as participants, drew heavily under The Wood River Journal auspices. Local stand, sponsored by United Brotherhood of Pulpmakers, brought many visitors, including Mrs. Walter White, wife of Beckmann & Gerey Shows' assistant manager. A radio program was dedicated to her.

Roster includes Diving Dames, Kenneth and Viola Blake, high fire divers; operators; Fred Beattie, clown; Vera Smith, Ruby Vaughn, Ruth Bates, Betty Clark, Betty Thompson, chorus; Bill Collins, Richard Pepper; Ed Drake and Sam Lardner, tickets and canvas; Jungle Monsters, Jim Dunleavy, manager; Eddie Carroll, tickets; Circus Side Show, J. J. Bejano, manager; James Chavane, talker; Louise Chavane, inside lecturer; Harry and Mary Leonard, knife throwers; Twisto, human corkscrew; Prince Denis (See F. & L. IN ILLINOIS on page 62)

Happyland Dearborn Inaugural Eclipses Last Year's Opener

DEARBORN, Mich., June 1.—Happyland Shows opened their 1940 tour at Michigan and Wyoming avenues here on May 25 under Veterans of Foreign Wars Post auspices to variable weather the early part of the stand and business which was substantially above last year's figure. Date marks the fourth consecutive year for shows at this spot under same auspices. Rain on May 24 caused postponement of the scheduled opening, but fair and warm weather drew large crowds on Saturday and Sunday, and rides, shows and concessions' receipts considerably topped those of (See HAPPYLAND OPENER on page 62)

Jones Expo Purchases Modern Lighting Equipment

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—During Johnny J. Jones Exposition's engagement in Washington, D. C., eight modern Diesel electric generators were delivered to the organization there. Mounted on special-built steel wagons, the generators were put into operation the first week of shows' stand in Washington.

Three wagons with special-built light towers have added extra illumination and beauty to the midway. Over 2,800 feet of neon is being made to adorn towers from top to bottom. Investment involves a heavy expenditure. Another wagon and tower is to be built soon to reduce the weight and add to shows' attractiveness.

New equipment gives midway 10 master lighting and six smaller towers. Business for the first week of the two-week stand in Washington, with the exception of Thursday, which was lost to rain, was above that of the 1939 date.

Eger Gets West P.-A. Post

VILLA GROVE, Ill., June 1.—Eddie L. Eger, former special agent with various carnivals, this week signed as press representative of West's World's Wonder Shows, replacing Roland W. Richards, who recently joined Dodson's World's Fair Shows. For the past three years Eger has special agented Cetlin & Wilson Shows.

King Joins Jones' Staff

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—Edward R. King, well known in carnival circles as an office executive, has joined the office staff of Johnny J. Jones Exposition. It was announced here. For a number of years King has resided in Savannah, Ga., where he and Mrs. King operated Marx's Camp.

This Mayor "Knows His Onions" In Warm Defense of Carnivals

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., June 1.—Mayor Francis J. O'Hara went to bat in defense of carnivals at a dinner for local WPA workers here Wednesday night, May 22. His remarks were brought on by a recent editorial in *The North Adams Transcript* which criticized his action in granting a permit to a carnival for this summer.

The mayor's statements surprised his 165 listeners, who included high city and county officials. Following a strong commendation of the good work the WPA has been doing, he said:

"Those who are not as fortunate as others have a right to enjoyment and happiness. I say to the city editor of *The Transcript* what right has he to say that a carnival shouldn't come to North Adams and attack me for letting the bars down. People who go to carnivals do not always have 35 or 40 cents to spend on a movie, are not able to get in their car and drive to Albany and Pittfield to secure their entertainment."

"On carnival nights you will see some 4,000 or 5,000 people wending their way down State street, some with only 20 or 25 cents in their pocket. They will pass a pleasant evening at the carnival grounds and at midnight you will see them coming back up State street laughing and enjoying life after having spent a happy evening."

"If it were up to the city editor of *The Transcript* he wouldn't even promote a Sunday school picnic. He talks about people spending their money at a carnival. You can bet your life what money the carnival takes out of North Adams won't be *Transcript* money. The city is getting a great deal of benefit out of it and the money secured will be used towards the building of a grand stand at Noel Field."

Prell's Enlarged Over Last Year; Roster Announced

MONTCLAIR, N. J., June 1.—Samuel E. Prell's World's Fair Shows, which officially opened their 1940 tour in Elizabeth, N. J., recently under American Legion Post auspices, have added a number of new attractions this year in addition to rehabilitating last year's equipment and constructing modernistic fronts. Improvements represent a heavy cash outlay by Owner Prell and (See PRELL ENLARGES on page 54)

Tidwell Plainview Date Satisfactory

PLAINVIEW, Tex., June 1.—Good crowds and weather resulted in satisfactory business for T. J. Tidwell Shows' stand at 13th annual Panhandle-Plains Dairy Show here May 7-11. Date marked show's second consecutive year here and organization presented 10 rides, including Twin Ferris Wheels, Swing, two Kiddie Rides, Tilt-a-Whirl, Ride-O-Scooter, Octopus, Mix-Up, and Queen, the elephant.

Show were Snake and Monkey, H. (See TIDWELL DATE OKEN on page 56)



ORPHANS' DAY on Goodman Wonder Shows' midway during the engagement in Little Rock, Ark., brought out this group of under-priveleged children and their chaperones to enjoy the hospitality of the host, Owner Max Goodman. Photo, which was snapped in front of the new 110-foot-long Minstrel Show front, was furnished by C. W. Franklin.

Ballyhoo Bros.' Circulating Expo. A Century of Profit Show

By STARR DE BELLE

Big Dough, O.
Week ended June 1, 1940.

Dear Mixer:

The past week found the Century of Profit Show exhibiting in the heart of Big Dough. The entire city is populated with retired millionaires and their families. Even their servants are so well paid that many of them will retire as millionaires. At our Monday opening the midway was jammed with some of America's wealthiest and most important people, many of whose names have made history in banking, diplomacy and art. Hundreds upon hundreds of limousines

were eased up to the curb at the front gate by chauffeurs, who assisted the big-money families to the pay boxes. From 7 p.m. until midnight jewels blazed like a million tiny lights, giving the midway additional innovations in flash and lighting effects. (Show may decide to carry jewels and loan them to our patrons in other spots to give it the "400" flashy illumination.)

The awe-inspiring music rendered by our three-piece colored band stationed at the front gate drew more and more pleasure seekers to the Mightiest Midway (See BALLYHOO BROS. on page 64)

Weather Hampers RAS at Cicero, Ill.; Milwaukee Dates

CHICAGO, June 1.—Bad luck continued to follow Royal American Shows this week as they moved from near-by Cicero to Milwaukee. Abundance of rain latter part of two-week Cicero engagement softened lot so much that shows were not off until Tuesday morning following a Sunday closing. Rain in Milwaukee on Tuesday hampered transportation to such an extent that it was necessary to delay shows onto rear end of the Milwaukee lot, with Tuesday's scheduled opening postponed until Decration Day.

Officials of Amusement Corp. of America, of which Royal American is a part, said here that they were seriously considering extending the Milwaukee stand to two weeks, postponing the scheduled Madison date until later in the season.

Cicero engagement, first major carnival date in the Chicago area in several years, was hit considerably by inclement weather. Officials were satisfied with business, however, considering the circumstances, and in all probability show will return for a similar still date in 1941. Crowds flocked to the midway when the weather was good. Concessioners said it was a spending clientele. Many indoor and outdoor showmen from Chicago and vicinity visited the shows for the first time during the engagement.

New Britain Click Stand for Coleman

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., June 1.—A break in weather helped give Coleman Bros. Shows a week of good business and one of the best opening nights in their history at Vibbert's Showgrounds here. Engagement ended last Saturday night. Neal Creamer's new Rolloplane clicked and shows' new Mickey Mouse attraction, featuring a new panel front, opened here. Marty Green is in ticket box. Mulcahey and Dean's bean game, with William Boyer as manager, is getting good play. John Hayes Jr. added another set of diggers and Mr. and Mrs. Lesser joined with candy floss.

Show includes Tim Deady and Captain LaValley, front gate tickets; Lewis Piper and William Burger, electricians. Rides are Merry-Go-Round, John Valeri. (See CLICK FOR COLEMAN on page 56)

Congress of Oddities Gets Results in Ill.

LINCOLN, Ill., June 1.—International Congress of Oddities opened a week's stand in the downtown sector here on May 27, under American Legion Post auspices, to a good turnout of city and county officials and spectators, reports Johnnie Reeves Jr. Management received numerous compliments on unit's attractive appearance and the new tent which houses the show, as well as inside appointments.

Organization came here from a week's stand in Pekin, Ill., under Industrial and Trade Exposition auspices, where good (See Congress of Oddities on page 43)

Showfolk at Johnstown Services for Abe Jones

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 1.—Annual memorial services for the late Abe Jones, brother of the late Johnny J. Jones, were conducted at Grandview Cemetery here the afternoon of May 17 by Rev. Edward L. Reed, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Members of the Jones Family, together with officials of Johnny J. Jones Exposition and many members of the personnel, attended the services, which have been held each year since Jones' death on June 4, 1928, in Canton, O. Show's band furnished music.

Buck Shows Motorized

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., June 1.—With arrival of seven additional 22 and 24-foot tractor-trailers, O. C. Buck Shows this week became motorized thorough. Fleet now consists of 22 pieces. Last two moves had cut baggage car requirements to two and with the present delivery no more railroad equipment will be utilized. Shows for a number of years had been transported on baggage cars and trucks.

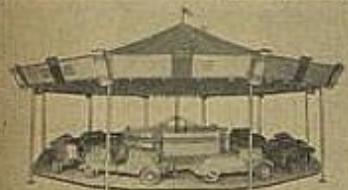


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Club Activities

Showmen's League of America



Sherman Hotel
Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, June 1.—President Frank P. Duffield was in town for a few days but returned to New York by plane. He advised that on his return he will call a board of governors' meeting for an important session. Carl J. Schildmeyer took time off from his many duties to run in for a short visit. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd M. Shankle, Fidler Shows, visited and he paid his dues while here. Hymie Schreiber was in town on business and called, as did Tex Sherman, who was en route east. Mrs. Sam Solenson came in with Jean Martin, who was taken to a hospital for an operation. Among visitors on Royal American lot closing night were S. T. Jessop, George W. Johnson, Bill Carkas, Sid Lewis, John Lampert, Max Goodman, Dr. Wochinski, J. G. McCaffery and Secretary Joe Streibich.

Dan Odom visited with Frank Odom as his guest. Sam and Mrs. Gluskin were in town a few days. Louis Berger is working out of Chicago in interest of the Imperial Shows. L. S. (Larry) Hogan left for Milwaukee on business and Rubin Gruber is still in town. Zebbie Fisher returned and Showmen's Home Committee has held several important sessions and expects to have something definite to report soon. M. J. Doolan has closed his winter bingos and now has rides working lots.

Dave Tennyson and Jack Benjamin joined the Delgerian rides with several concessions. Joe Goodman joined shows at Bloomington, taking along his new trailer. Reports indicate that John Loman has joined Fairly & Little Shows. A number of the boys are planning a visit with Gold Medal Shows at Waukegan, Ill. Irving Mallitz is still in town and advises he may enter a hospital before starting concession work. C. B. Parkinson is recovering from a recent operation. Russell Donnelly is still in the hospital and showing slight improvement. James Murphy is at his home. Pop McFarland and R. F. Treyclick are in the hospital. Movie reel committee has completed its shots of various league activities and will weave these into a one-reel film. Look for a showing at your league benefit. Showmen's Home committee soon will mail letters in an effort to get further payment on pledges to Showmen's Home Fund. List of those who have made good on pledges was published in a recent issue.

Heart of America Showmen's Club
Reid Hotel

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—Rubin & Cherry Exposition held the spotlight last week with club members who remain here. Several of them trekked to St. Joseph, Mo., to visit the shows. Among them were Tony Martone, Harry Altshuler, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stevens, Doc Davis, Col. Dan McGugin and Harold (Whitney) Elliott. Several members also visited Armfield's Midwest Amusement Co.'s opening. Visitors during the week included Elmer C. Velare, Royal American Shows, who came in on business. Mr. McGee, owner McGee Shows, accompanied by George Nolan and Verna Adams, came in from Eudora, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snapp Greater Shows, and C. G. Buton, general agent State Fair Shows, accompanied by Mrs. Buton, came in on business, as did Marion Thompson, Tri-State Shows. Rainy and cold nights have been the rule here since shows opened in this territory. When favored with a good day, good business resulted, however. Banquet and ball committee is advertising annual banquet and ball, which will be held as usual on New Year's Eve. Brother Norris B. Creasey, past president, was honored by Ankara Grotto when he had a class named after him. Have you informed the secretary as to your address for the season? A postcard will do the trick.



NATIONAL SHOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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Palace Theater Building,
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NEW YORK, June 1.—President Max Linderman was made one of the reception committees for NSA Memorial Day services at Ferncliff Cemetery. A representation from the organization paid respects to departed brothers, James McGlynn, Homer Shiley and Ike Friedman. Negotiations are going forward to run a mammoth benefit for Showmen's League and National Showmen's Association this summer at the World's Fair. Brother Joe Rogers, campaigning for mayor of the Great White Way, is enthusiastic, as are all concessioners, about the set-up.

Irving Rosenthal is now lining up banquet committee members in order that all arrangements for club's annual banquet be properly handled. Have you marked this auspicious occasion in your date book? Date, November 27th place, Astor Hotel, New York. Belated congratulations to Jack and Leah Greenbaum on their 23d wedding anniversary. May 27, Doc Cahn, of the World of Mirth Shows, visited the clubrooms while in town.

Brother Max Maurice is in a critical condition in a Stamford (Conn.) hospital as a result of an automobile accident. Adolph Schwartz is still at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York; Max Friedman, Israel Zion Hospital, Brooklyn, and Francis Anderson is recuperating from an appendectomy at his home in Revere, Mass. George Traver visited with friends at the clubrooms last week while in town. Ben Williams promises to run an NSA Day soon on his show.

Birthday congratulations to August Berni, June 5; Eugene J. Dean, 6; Charles H. Yeager, 7; Dr. Jacob Cohen, FRANK (Whiteley) Perry, Dr. Morris Jr., H. P. O'Malley, 8; Robert M. Drew, Charles J. Phelan, Tom Riggins, Anthony Vitale, William Glick, Maurice R. Levy, Harry Brennan, 10; Jack Bean, 11.

Pacific Coast Showmen's Assn

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LOS ANGELES, June 1.—Monday night's meeting drew a good crowd, with Dr. Ralph Smith presiding. Al Weber also was on hand. Observing the de-

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WEEK JUNE 10TH DE KALB, ILLINOIS

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GREAT LAKES EXPOSITION SHOWS, INC.

This Week, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

cision made at the last meeting, George Boyd demonstrated his official version of the salute to the flag. Memorial services were held for the late Brother William Stewart Hannameyer, who died on May 21. Along with minutes and bills the financial statement was read, revealing a satisfactory condition for club funds. Interesting communications were read from Will Wright, Charlie Soderberg, Arthur and Louise Morell, Past President Theo Forstall, Frank Kirsh, Vice-President Everett W. Cox, Ted LeFever and Harry Woodling. Orville N. Crafts and Ross Davis proposed J. Frank Meyer for membership. Tom J. Myers, vet trouper, returned and recalled incidents of the club's inception.

An original lobby sign announced the Ladies' Auxiliary card party on June 6. President Smith appointed Brothers Rawlings, Bigelow, Dunn and Bob Myers as a floral committee to decorate Showmen's Rest on Memorial Day. Brother Frank Downie presented club with a new American flag and Modie Miller introduced as his guest Paul Leonardi, his catering associate in West Los Angeles. Past President Harry Pink congratulated club members for their interest and attendance during the summer. Brother Dan Stathatos, florist, has been keeping clubrooms in flowers.

Brothers Pat Armstrong, Normal Peet, Jack Bigelow, Harry Rawlings, Dan Meggs and Harry Taylor have been appointed by President Smith to good-of-the-order committee and are holding meetings three times weekly. Recent visitors included H. W. (Andy) Anderson, Johnnie Flurry, H. D. Scifield, the Morgan Family and Red and Mrs. Hannameyer. Ross R. Davis won the popularity contest. Refreshments and lunch were served after adjournment.

Missouri Show Women's Club

MARYLAND HOTEL

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 1.—Since closing of club's regular meetings little activity prevails around clubroom. One of last week's highlights was the visit of Mrs. Edna Chase, president Ladies Auxiliary, Showmen's League of America. She visited the clubrooms and was entertained by several members. On May 23 Mrs. Neil Allen entertained at an afternoon card party and luncheon in honor of Mrs. Mayette Vaughan, founder and mother of the club, who has spent the past four years in New York and Providence, R. I. She was here for a brief visit while en route to Dallas. Among those present besides Mrs. Vaughan and the hostess were Viola Fairly, Catherine Little, Marie Jones, Cleo Jacobson, Gertrude Lang, French Deane, Irene Burke, Grace Goss, Millicent Navarro, Viola Blake and Kathleen Riebe.

Table prizes were won by Marie Jones, Cleo Jacobson, Catherine Little and Gertrude Lang. Attendance prize went to Irene Burke. Viola Fairly gave a short talk on origin and progress of the club and then presented Mrs. Vaughan with a negligee ensemble, a gift from the club. She was also the recipient of personal gifts from each member. A delicious luncheon was served and all expressed the wish that Mrs. Vaughan would return soon to stay.

HELEN AND BUSTER HAYES have booked their Ten-in-One Show with J. L. Page Exposition Shows and line-up includes Congo, savage freak; Sheep Head Man, and Bertha Bert, annex attraction and inside lectures.

SIGNING with Mrs. Walter Hunt's Hot From Harlem attraction on J. L. Landes Shows recently were Homer and Dorothy Montgomery, Hot Stuff Madlock, Horace McGee and Helen and Bill Samham.

R. LAWRENCE LA LONDE, side show manager with Patrick's Greater Shows, recently added a trained bear cub to his line-up of attractions, which he has named Patrick Jr. Annex also has been replaced by Kwong Nom, narcotics expert.

COOKHOUSE Cossie: "Yes, I WAS offered a better position last winter but decided to stay here where I would have MORE authority."

"WHILE en route to join Dodson's World's Fair Shows, I stopped here to have my car fixed," pens Albert Greenleaf from Lexington, Ky., "and met Duke Brewer and family. Duke is second agent for F. H. Bee Shows and seems to be doing a good job of it."



OLDEST MEMBERS in point of service with Lawrence Greater Shows posed for this photo with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lawrence, owners, while the shows were in Covington, Va., recently. In the group, left to right, are Max Passick, pop-corn stand; Louis Guerin, Merry-Go-Round foreman, electrician and The Billboard sales agent; Oliver Lawrence, Mrs. Shirley Lawrence, and an old standby, Old Man Mose Lightning. Photo furnished by Frank Braun.

CLIFF SWISCHER has severed his connections as emcee with Porter Night Club, Danville, Ill., and plans to remain in the Illinois city for about two more weeks. His sister, Mrs. Little Carter, advised he spent a part of last winter in a local hospital.

ZACCHINI BROS. SHOWS midway at New Kensington, Pa., proved an interesting vacation spot for Royal James White, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob White, vet showfolk. Royal has been attending a private school in Ambridge, Pa., and will spend the summer on tour with his parents.

IT'S imperative to the future of his business that a carnival owner knows what's going on at the last performance Saturday night in the gal show.—Mrs. Upshaw.

VISITORS to West Bros. Shows in Iowa City, Ia., recently included Curly Reynolds, Buck McLenahan, H. Ospal Dick Hyland and wife, and Jack Lindsay, of Reynolds & Wells Shows, and Joe and Peggy McNamara and family, of All American Exposition Shows; Herb Hoffman, Hymie Schreiber, Harry Davis, Slim Johnson and Matt Dawson.

J. W. HARTIGAN tells from Morgantown, W. Va.: "Jack Matthews, B. J. McDermott Jr. and I visited Zucchini Bros. Shows in Connellsville, Pa., and Keystone Modern Shows in Sabraton, W. Va. Keystone was rained out the last night, but all other nights drew heavily. We also saw Ideal Exposition Shows in Fairmont, W. Va., the last night."

FUNLAND SHOWS' notes from Pineville, Ky., by Ted C. Taylor: Mountain Laurel Festival here under American Legion Post auspices drew some 12,000 to town, but weather was so bad that shows did little business. Mrs. Bentley's grab and Felix's pop-corn stand left to

join another show. They were replaced by Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman.

THE aristocracy on our show is tipped off by those who can stay in warm, dry hotel lobbies instead of going to cold, wet lots.—Cat Rack Annie.

NOTES from All-American Exposition Shows by Thomas Arens from Oskaloosa, Ia.: "Cold and rain hurt shows" stand in Centerville, Ia., while Oskaloosa opening was satisfactory. Tuesday and Wednesday nights were lost to cold, however. The Kings, mentalists, joined in Oskaloosa and Everett Harley added two monkeys to his attraction.

PERSONNEL of Stranger Than They Seem attraction on Cordin & Wilson Shows includes William Noller, talker; Larry Koutz (El Kay), magician and emcee; Mrs. Elyle Koutz and Lloyd Parker, ticket; Robert Walker, broom boy; Louis Knox, Jo Ann Wilson, Pauline Noojin, M. E. and Flora Lovit and Nada Noller; Lydia Shooks, annex; Steve Selenic and Arthur Ellis, carvers.

"IMPERI SHOWS played 5th of May Celebration in San Pedro Park, San Antonio, to fair business," letters Joe Lucia from Sonora, Tex. "The writer jumped in here and worked to good results, as did Lydia Knight, with bingo. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have the Merry-Go-Round and Big Boy Powers has the Kiddie Ride. Pearl Edwards is ticket seller and Bill Williams is Mix-Up foreman."

FAMOUS last words: "We knew the town was a P. D. when we booked it, but it was only a 25-mile move, so we saved on gas and oil."

"ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO I motored to Norwich, Conn., to see Coleen Bros. Shows," advises Harlan M. French from Willimantic, Conn. "It was cold and cloudy and crowd was small. On May 24 we returned to Norwich to visit Art Lewis Shows, which exhibited on Elks' Field Showgrounds. Altho' October-like weather prevailed, shows seemed to be doing fair business."

"WORKING TO GOOD results on Reynolds & Wells Shows is Hall of Oddities attraction," reports Rae Terrell, annex feature from Belle Plaine, Ia. "Recent additions include Wayne Augspurg, fire eater, and Johnny Hutchins, electric chair. Rajah Rhodes and Maxine left for another show and we have Chief Ke-Wa-Den, Indian astrologer."

OFFICIALS of Crafts 20 Big Shows, Oerville N. Crafts and Roy E. Ludington, instigated a blitzkrieg of their own recently out on the West Coast when they hopped into Crafts' new plane and landed a few closed towns and boozed over what was heretofore believed to be impregnable city ordinances pertaining to carnivals. Maneuvers resulted in shows enjoying exceptional business with a pay gate in one of the towns.

MANAGER of Famous Pin Head Shows (its third executive assistant): "Hurry up and put on the gate! They're at least dozen stragglers on the lot now."

KNOWN as the "Three Musketeers," Sunny Bernet, Globe Poster Corp.; Bernie Mendelson, O. Henry Tent and Awning Co., and Ned Torti, Wisconsin De Luxe Corp., made it a foursome when they took Pat Purcell, publicity director Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers, into their select circle while visiting in St. Louis and making the rounds of various shows playing in the Mound City and vicinity the past two weeks.

VISITORS to Hildebrand's United Shows No. 1 Unit in Hayward, Calif., included Mrs. Belley Burgleon-Castle, Doris Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Buchanan, Jackie Morris, Ralph Robey, Stanley Cole, Bud Cross, Pearl de Pellaton, Mrs. Erna Worland, Stephan James, J. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brockman, Mrs. Katherine Quivala, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Birn, Roy de Pellaton and Miss Katherine Quivala.

NOTES from Lawrence Carr Shows by Frank J. Bennett Jr.: Cookhouse and grab stand are managed by Chef Leonard Gath, of Dorothy Concession Co. All rides are under direction of Eddie Pernell, Frank Perry. Ferris Wheel is operated by Fred K. (Curley) Johnson; Merry-Go-Round, Dexter (Cowboy) Smith; Chairplane, Tony, the Wop. Writer and Joseph Simnick are boss concessioners. Tony Blacklums' ball game (See MIDWAY CONFAB on page 38)

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(Railroad)

Elizabeth, N. J. First six days ended May 26. Location, City Fireworks Grounds. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, bad. Weather, rainy, out six days.

A miniature cloud-burst which caught several thousand patrons on the grounds early on May 20 opening continued with more or less frequency throughout Saturday night influenced request of sponsors that shows remain for four additional days. General Manager Max Linderman agreed because shows hadn't had a chance to operate more than a few hours. Then, too, settings back of dates was agreeable to sponsors under whom shows will appear soon. Over 20 tons of cinders, sawdust and shavings were spread over the midway during the week, but it rained too hard and too long. New date lines were rushed thru and all billing for Elizabeth was redated on Saturday by an extra crew directed by Billpostor Prosser. Prosser previously had to redate paper which was liberally displayed throughout Plainfield, N. J. General Agent L. Harvey Cane was busy resetting railroad and committee contracts. **JIM McHUGH.**

Cetlin & Wilson
(Baggage cars and trucks)

Altoona, Pa. Week ended May 25. Location, Gamble Hill Field. Auspices, Military Order of Cooties, VFW Post. Business, good. Weather, overcast and intermittent rain.

Gamble Hill Field is city's best location and shows drew an amazing turnout for such unsettled weather. E. K. Johnson, advance man, did a good job of selling shows. Smilo, clown, talked to school groups and a big parade down the main street Tuesday night helped box-office draw. In parade were Roeller's sound truck, Zucchini's cannon and several floats, featuring girls from Paradise Revue. Mayor Charles Rhoades co-operated. Speedy Merrill's Motordrome and cookhouse, under direction of Ed Hollinger, are popular. A children's safety bicycle parade led by Smilo, clown, and members of the VFW Post bicycle safety club was held Saturday noon. Frank Powers, advertising manager Altoona Tribune, and a group of leading citizens visited early in the week. Jim Shafer, Altoona Mirror, visited and played host to many members of the shows. Other visitors included Joseph Berger, city editor Tribune; Jean Walker, society; Bill Mahon, photographer; James Brantlinger, sports; Roy Thompson, WPKO radio; S. W. Patton, advertising manager Gables store; Jack Rickabaugh, The Mirror, and John Phillips. Concessioners include Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Pustano, Dick Burns, Keppy Thomas, Shorty Gorman, Irvin Goldberg, Smiling Jack O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Margols, Bob (Muscles) Martin, Dutch Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Sally Winneman, George Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sechrist, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Calk, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis, Irvin and Gay Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker's children, were hits on benefit show. **RAY MURRAY.**

Dee Lang's
(Motorized)

Rock Island, Ill. Week ended May 25. Location, Riverfront Showgrounds. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, fair. Weather, fair, with heavy rains on Saturday.

After a successful overnight jump from Muscatine, Ia., shows played to good crowds on Sunday and other nights when weather permitted. Weather the last several days of the week was threatening, climaxed by rain on Saturday and dispersing one of the shows' largest matinee crowds. All in all, however, fair business was chalked. Scooter, Octopus and Minstrel Show were top money-getters. E. H. (Blackie) Adams returned here to take over the advance, and Frank J. Klein assumed management of Penny Arcade, replacing Joe Klein, who is now superintendent of new Diesel light plants. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Flannery, Mike Debray, J. R. Watson and Messrs. Laughlin and Bruer, of West Bros' Shows. **JOHN PABRUS.**

Art Lewis
(Railroad)

Norwich, Conn. Week ended May 25. Location, Elks' Field. Auspices, Young Men's Italian Club. Business, poor except Friday and Saturday. Weather, rain and cold throughout except Saturday.

Jupiter Pluvius got in plenty of work here, rain prevailing every day with cold weather at night. It cleared on Friday and Saturday, however. Business was poor except weekend, when some 6,000 turned out the last day. There were about 2,000 fewer on Friday. Saturday's matinee was fair. Kiddies patronized rides and Art Converse's Circus Side Show. Jamboree was held Thursday under direction of Gene O'Donnell. Ellis O'Donnell, Mrs. Morency, Mrs. Johnson and others gathered a good sum on their award. Harim Barkoot made an acceptable food donation. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bellevue gave the door prize. President Max Linderman, National Showmen's Association, and Doc Cane visited Vice-President Art Lewis. Other visitors included Jimmy Flynn, John Moran and Andy White. Doctor Boxerman has a clean list of patients. Charles Lewis is plenty busy. Eddie Delmont is taking usual care of the funerals. Percy Morency still doing a good job of locating shows, as is in moving the organ-

radio station also co-operated. Hugh (Ike) Shott, publisher, was liberal with space. Duke Jeanette's Circus Side Show clicked here. Mike Roman's cookhouse was popular. John Robinson returned to Cincinnati, to frame a new circus to be installed on the midway soon. Nick B. Stepp, secretary-treasurer, presiding in the office wagon. Police Chief J. Ben Bibb, of Oak Hill, W. Va., visited, as did John Contos. George T. Chestnut is out of the hospital and back on the job as advertising agent.

Bluefield, W. Va. Week ending May 18. Location, Airport Showgrounds. Auspices, VFW Post. Business, good. Weather, fair.

An excellent week's business was recorded here, despite variable weather. Hot days and cool night predominated. Showgrounds were level, two miles from town and, with good 5-cent bus service every 10 minutes and a tie-up with the bus lines, date drew heavily. Hugh (Ike) Shott, publisher *The Morning Telegraph* and *Evening Sunburst News*, was liberal with space, while Jimmy Ranta, local sports promoter and president West Virginia Restaurant Owners' Association, was a frequent visitor. John Robinson IV visited over the weekend. Graves H. Perry, State tax collector, arrived to accompany shows as usual during the tour of West Virginia spots. Willie Lewis has several concessions and is

Wednesday night, after closing, 50 members of the Good Fellowship Club held their weekly meeting in the Dope Show top. Mrs. Joe Decker was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Mrs. Benny Smith, who left last week. Four games of bingo were played and members were thrown into an uproar when 10 astonished members were called to the stage and where they were forced to sing, dance and offer recitations. A picnic is to be held soon. **BILL SNYDER.**

J. J. Page

Appalachia, Va. Week ended May 25. Location, Island showgrounds. Business, good. Weather, variable.

Date marked first time shows played this lot in several years. Business was good first part of the week, while Saturday, pay day, turned in a record gate. Ferris Wheels led rides, with Ride-O second. All other rides did well. Jack Smith, who succeeded Pop Hullinger on the Minstrel Show, brought first money to the Minstrel, while Side Show and Hollywood Revue were near west. All concessions did very well. Roy Fann, lot superintendent, did a good job of laying out shows. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hayes have taken over management of Side Show, featuring Congo, with Bertha-Bert in the annex. Joe Neister joined his partner, Frank Longmore, who operates the kiddie automobiles and concessions from his Philadelphia home. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquette, who intend adding a concession. Henry Stuklen joined with three concessions: Miller Yenko, two; Frank John, one, and John Lyons, photo gallery. Shows seem to have about run out of the bad weather. Several Mighty Haag Circus folks visited. Bennie and Alice Foster and son, Benny Frank, visited on Monday. Sensational Royals, free act, continue popular. **R. E. SAVAGE.**

Rubin & Cherry
(Railroad)

St. Joseph, Mo. Week ended May 25. Location, Sixth and Atchison streets. Auspices, Sons of American Legion Post. Business, fair. Weather, cold and rain. Ten-cent gate.

A torrential rain the first night of the engagement drove some 3,500 patrons to shelter from the grounds and extremely cold weather and intermittent showers the remainder of week precluded any possibility for shows to do any sizable business. Among many visitors from Kansas City, Mo., were Dave Stevens, Hynde Schreiber, Tony Martone and several members of Heart of America Showmen's Club, and Elmer Velare, vice-president Amusement Corp. of America. Driving thru from Waterloo, Ia., Eddy Lowe, *The Billboard* agent, sustained cuts and abrasions when his trailer overturned on the highway. He was placed under care of Dr. W. B. Davis, shows' physician, on his arrival here and is back on the job. **SAM WARD.**

Prell's World's Fair
(Motorized)

Dunellen, N. J. Week ended May 25. Auspices, fire company. Business, poor. Weather, rainy.

This week's report could be summed up in one word, rain, which prevailed all week. Old Sol showed himself at day, but with opening came rain. In between showers, however, attractions managed to entice a few patrons. World of Mirth Shows exhibited at Elizabeth N. J., and visits were exchanged between personnel. A near billing war was averted by managements of each show by simply confining billing cross to their respective areas. C. Jack Shafer is enlarging personnel of his Odd But True Side Show, Belle Bonita Walker being among the latest to be signed. A new line of paper arrived from Triangle Poster Printing Co. Contracting Agent Charles Powell is kept busy attending details of the show. He also has assumed distribution of merchant tickets. Abe Wolf has the Monkey Speedway clicking. Master Electrician James Price completed installation of an additional transformer, made necessary by delivery of two more rides. Trucks present an attractive appearance in their new red and gold color scheme and Transportation Manager Ben



AQUAVUE, NEW WATER CIRCUS and feature of Johnny J. Jones Exposition, is reported tops in attendance on that midway. Posed here is the cast, left to right: Murray Jones, Richard (Boco) Burns, Grace Loftis, Genevieve Franklin, Babe Taylor, Barbara Hamilton, Betty Jones, Dorothy Obideci, Glad McBride and Jerry O'Brien. An office attraction, it is under management of Paul D. Sprague.

station. Patsy Bell and Mazie Malone joined the Follies. Howard and Mrs. Bryant are back at the Cotton Club Revue. Mary Binger has recovered from a recent accident. Kathryn Teuscher's Two-Headed Baby and Paris shows are doing well. Dantini has some new illusions and magic. Art Preslet left the motordrome. George Roy left the hospital in Wilmington for his daughter's home. **DICK COLLINS.**

legal adjuster. Rose Bennett's concessions are doing well. Shows' radio unit, with talent from Clyde Davis Revue, broadcast via Station WCIS Thursday afternoon. General Agent C. W. Cracraft was confined to his hotel room for several days after an accident, in which he sustained a sprained ankle. George T. Chestnut, advertising agent, is in St. Luke Hospital here recovering from injuries sustained May 12 when the advertising truck overturned. Fred Sawyer is making openings on Doc Anderson's Club Chocolate Minstrel Revue. **WALTER D. NEALAND.**

John H. Marks
(Baggage cars and trucks)

Vinton, W. Va. Week ended May 25. Location, downtown. Auspices, Vision Business Men's Association. Business, fair. Weather, cold and rain.

This was the smallest town shows have played in many years. Most of the patrons came from Welch, seven miles distant. Business was far below par at all times, with Saturday night drawing the biggest crowd. However, bingo, owned by H. W. Jones and operated by Ralph Flannigan, reports its best week since leaving Richmond, Va. Doc Anderson's Club Chocolate Minstrel Revue did well, as did International Casino, managed by Col. Tommy Thompson. Capt. Leon Blondon's Monkey-Land Circus also clicked. C. W. Cracraft, general agent, is back on the job after a brief illness. Mrs. Cracraft joined here. Welch's daily newspaper, *Daily News*, with Don Keyser managing editor, co-operated. Bluefield

Connelville, Pa. Week ended May 25. Location, Fayette Athletic Field. Auspices, New Haven Hose Co. Business, excellent. Weather, warm all week; rain Thursday and Friday.

Committee members co-operated and warm nights succeeded in keeping midway filled. However, rain, which came a half hour after opening Thursday night, forced an early closing and rain kept shows from opening Friday night. Shows and rides enjoyed excellent business during the lengthy Saturday matinee. Midway was jammed until late Saturday night and all reported good business. The Daily Courier was liberal with space. Tuesday night 50 Courier newsboys were guests of Hugo Zucchini.

Prell has made some good moves the past few weeks.

Montclair, N. J. Week ended May 18. Location, Essex Field. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, excellent. Weather, good, except Thursday. Pay gate, 10 cents.

This date exceeded management's expectations and as town had been closed for a number of years, natives turned out en masse. Contracting Agent Charles Powell had lot in good shape and, after a fast move from Elizabeth, N. J., everything was ready Sunday night. Great Berocini Troupe and Sonny Boy Campbell, free acts, were well received. C. Jack Shafer has whipped his attractions into shape and Bill Brice, aided by Ted Barro, trick and fancy rider, has his Motor-drome clicking. All rides had good grosses. With Twin Ferris Wheels leading French Casino led shows, with Broderick's Hot Chocolate Revue second. General Agent Leo Bistany returned for a conference with Manager Sam Prell. Spick and Span Diner, operated by Jack and Mary Kennedy, is proving popular. Jones' Bingo, under management of Freddy Blyth, is holding its own. Pat Pennington has concession row in good shape. L. L. (Buck) Buckner, boss canvasman, joined here after completing canvas repairs at quarters. Personnel exchanged visits with members of Art Lewis Shows at near-by Hawthorne, N. J.

THOMAS W. RICE

John R. Ward

Chester, Ill. Week ended May 25. Location, new ball grounds. Auspices, VFW Post. Business, fair. Weather, variable.

Another return engagement with same committee giving same co-operation, with Ex-Post Commander Clayton, Conrad Kiefer and John Drake alternately in charge. Business here, with almost identical conditions, was a fraction below last year. Unused part of the lot, the diamond, provided ideal parking space with members of show and committee sharing the job. Maggie Murphy, billed "Chimp With Human Brain" on her second engagement here, was popular. For the past several weeks, the workshop has been the first top erected upon show's arrival, and many new features are in process of construction, including a new calliope truck for the daily parade. Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Goss, of St. Louis, visited, as did Jack Stimpfle, manager, Perry County Fair and Mayor of Pinckneyville and wife and party.

CHRIS M. SMITH

Crowley's

(Baggage cars and trucks)

Las Vegas, N. M. Second week ended May 18. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, fair when weather permitted. Weather, four days rain.

Committee, city and county officials co-operated and Manager E. W. Wells spent most of the week entertaining them and week's bad business with a smile. Owners Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crowley and daughter took a sight-seeing trip to the mountains near here. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cunningham added a new concession, which the latter is operating. Eddie J. Lynch was away for several days on a business trip. Myron J. Cleverger repainted America and Fan Show fronts and reports good business. Mrs. Cleverger's pop-corn and candy apple concessions have been clicking. Jack Lowe is building a new concession for his wife. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Williams, concessioners, report fair business. Glenn Osborn, legal adjuster, is pleased with co-operation received from city and county officials. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schneek and Mr. Levine.

R. L. BOYD

O. C. Buck

(Motorized)

Newburgh, N. Y. Week ended May 25. Location, State Armory grounds, Mill Street. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, good, considering conditions. Weather, rain five days.

Playing American Legion Post Spring Villa for second consecutive year, shows chalked good results despite bad weather, which prevailed throughout. This year an exposition angle was injected into the scheme, and under a large top furnished by shows, many merchants had displays and booths. Capt. William Barnett, committee chairman, and assistants co-operated. Dennis Wells opened here with his Yankee Valley Monster Show and to good results. Fred Munro's Trained Animal Show received another shipment of monkeys. Grosses for this show are hold-

ing up well. Lloyd and Clementine Coffey's Exposé Shows also opened here and registered heavily. Name has been changed to Port of Missing Girls. Additions include Mr. and Mrs. Dotoli, two concessions, and A. Lybold, ball game. Visitors were King Reid, of shows bearing his name; Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers; Mack McConville; Charles Godfrey, manager Good Will Flying Circus. R. P. MCLENDON.

World of Fun

(Baggage cars and trucks)

North Tazewell, Va. Week ended May 18. Location, Edelstein Showgrounds. Business, fair. Weather, fair. Five-cent gate.

Shows opened on Monday night despite the fact that it looked impossible as the lot was a hilly one and ride crew was forced to do much excavating to get attractions up in time. Altho nights were cool, attendance held up well, excepting Thursday, which was lost to rain. Midway opened daily after school hours. Saturday the midway drew some 6,000 kiddies with a three-cent gate and all were admitted free on rides until 6 p.m. Saturday night gave capacity crowds and all reported satisfactory business. Local papers were liberal with space. Ken Davis, free act, joined here and was well received. Sound truck covered a 50-mile section daily. County and city officials co-operated, and D. W. Leslie's Tilt-a-Whirl topped rides. General Agent Billy Marco left on an extensive booking trip. General Manager J. E. Stebler is recovering from burns about the face sustained in Plasterco, Va., when the pop-corn stand caught fire and exploded. Whitey Davis, ride superintendent, is building a new star for the Ferris Wheel. Members of John H. Marks Shows exchanged visits with personnel. Other visitors included Fred Bowell, manager, America's Favorite Carnival; Fred Belton, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McHendricks, Jack Mansfield and Walter Cordie and family, who visited nightly. Pete Smith has recovered from injuries sustained in Plasterco, Va., and Ed Poquette added a concession. Roy Brown has the sound truck.

RAY SHARPE

Motor City

(Motorized)

Pontiac, Mich. Seven days ended May 19. Auspices, VFW Red Arrows Post. Business, good. Weather, rain and cold.

Moved here from Battle Creek, Mich., was made in record time and shows were ready for Monday night to a good crowd, altho cold weather prevailed. Shows, rides and concessions got good play. Tuesday morning sun shone early and it was the first real carnival weather shows have had since opening. Tuesday night 2,350 paid admissions passed thru the gate, in addition to children who were admitted free. All did business. Next three days and nights were cold and rainy, but good crowds turned out. Saturday matinee was successful. Saturday night drew 3,846 paid admissions and all chalked good results. Sunday morning a miniature cyclone and rainstorm hit the lot, doing much damage, but things were in shape for the afternoon, which drew a fair crowd. Sunday night's business was big. This was the first show to play a Sunday here. A number of members of World of Pleasure Shows visited Sunday afternoon. Lighting effects on show fronts and new panel neon fronts have been attention-getters. Many Elks appeared on the midway during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Baker, who reside here, visited the writer several times during the week.

HARVEY (DOC) ARLINGTON.

Rogers & Powell

(Motorized)

Mania, Ark. Week ended May 18. Location, heart of town. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, fair. Weather, cold and rain.

Short move found everything ready Sunday night and personnel attended local picture show thru courtesy of Manager Vanderhoff. Manager R. H. Rogers, after getting the house trailers placed, also took in the movies. Rain Tuesday, Thursday and Friday knifed gate receipts, but good business on Saturday helped shows wind up on the right side. Manager Rogers and sister, Mrs. N. V. Powell, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Galler, Buckeye State Shows, and Mr. and Mrs. Starbuck, Hennies Bros.' Shows, while both organizations were in Memphis. Mildred Miller's mother, Mrs. Hearn, of Memphis, visited her here. Mr. and Mrs. Lances, with ball game, joined here, and

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Miller went to Memphis, where they took delivery on a new car. Mrs. Richey's 1940 Follies is clicking, as is Down in Dixie Minstrels, operated by Jewel Canes. Austin Rome's corn game is getting its share, with Dixie and Booth Ragsdale assisting Rome. Slim Johnson added a penny pitch and Mrs. Frank Ames added snow cones to their list of concessions. Eddie Rhine added several cocker spaniels to his dog act. Red Higgins' cookhouse is clicking.

ANSEL CARY.

United American

(Motorized)

Marshalltown, Ia. Week ended May 25. Auspices, Tell Corn Exposition. Location, streets around Public Square. Business, above average. Weather, cool and clear, except rain Monday night.

Tall Corn Carnival, promoted by a group of leading business men, proved a hectic stand for all staff members and more opposition was encountered than an old-time circus brigade ever had. Octopus and Loop-o-Plane were moved twice to satisfy two citizens, and all shows on one side of Public Square had to be taken down to satisfy another. Music and loud-speakers were banned until late afternoon daily and many concessions were ordered closed. All in all it was a trying week for management and personnel. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hooy took delivery on a new house trailer and Marian Vernon arrived from school at Little Rock, Ark., to spend her summer vacation with her parents. Charles DeKreko came in from St. Louis for the celebration and there many new faces appeared on concession row. Secretary H. P. Ellis suffered with a heavy cold, while the writer and several other attaches recovered from them. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coons briefly visited their home in Eagle Grove. Long list of visitors included E. W. (Deak) Williams, secretary State Association of Fairs; Art Signeur and wife; W. R. (Pat) Harris, Al Bayser Shows; Ben Wiley Jr., Boone, Ia.; Messrs. Reynolds and Wells, of Reynolds & Wells Shows, and Owner James Laughlin and Manager Edward Brewer, West Bros. Shows.

WALTER B. FOX.

Buckeye State

(Motorized)

Memphis, Tenn. Week ended May 18. Location, Church's Park. Auspices, Cotton Makers' Jubilee. Business, excellent. Weather, fair with occasional showers.

Despite Memphis' anti-gambling ban which, in the words of Police Chief Lee, permitted midway operators only to "sell pink lemonade, run the riding devices and put on their shows—if they keep them clean," shows had a satisfactory week here, reports General Manager Joe Galler. Rides and shows did a record business and the cookhouse, pop-corn, photo gallery and grab stands also scored. On his return from a trip to Montana Galler announced the engagement of Ted Johnson, publicity director of the shows in 1938-39, to handle publicity during the current season thru his Memphis public relations office, and the appointment of Frank Gaskin as special agent. Shows took delivery on a new semi-trailer here. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savage purchased a new house trailer. Among visitors were Dr. Melroy, superintendent, Memphis Zoo, and Mrs. Melroy.

TED JOHNSON.

Crafts

(Motorized)

Richmond, Calif. Week ended May 25. Location, circus grounds, downtown. Business, good.

With festa week in progress, big crowds were on the midway nightly and shows chalked up one of their best weeks in the past month. Shows used the up-town circus location, formerly the old street car barns and offices site and it made a natural setting for a pay gate, which was used here because shows operated under a circus permit. A carnival license being much higher, it was decided to bill as an outdoor circus. This was the first time an outdoor show played here in three years. Many visits were exchanged with Foley & Burk Shows, Roy Scott, The Billboard agent, purchased a new house trailer, and Jimmy Lynch, cookhouse operator, enjoyed visits from relatives this week. John (Spot) Bagland, concessioner, celebrated his birthday anniversary here and received numerous gifts from friends. S. C. McDonald, Rocket ride foreman, keeps that device among the first up and down weekly. Other ride

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ROY SCOTT.

Anderson-Srader
(Motorized)

Pratt, Kan. Week ended May 25. Business, fair. Weather, cold.

Because of inclement weather, business has been below normal. Showfolks placed a bronze marker on the grave of the late Nest Cannon, former night watchman and trainmaster. New members this season include Ellis White, cookhouse; Larry Notan, special agent; Ed Beita, percentage; Luella Tappin, Side Show manager; Patsy Srader finished school at Concordia, Kan., and has added a new Kiddie Aeroplane ride and digger concession to her list of attractions. Office staff remains about the same. M. A. Srader is manager, secretary-treasurer and superintendent of concessions; H. W. Anderson, assistant manager-general agent; Perlie Hustus, lot superintendent; Fred Hamilton, chief mechanic. Gabe King, bingo operator, and Slim Johnson, Midwest Merchandise Co., visited Rubin & Cherry Exposition at Wichita, Kan.

McLemore's kiddie ride, Owner P. H. Bee Jr.'s nephew, Philip, visited here, as did L. J. Johns, of Cotton Blossom's Minstrels, with Bill Brown and Joe Horup, J. Alden Sparks' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sparks, who have concessions on the J. T. Sparks Shows, also visited. Many others visited from Sparks and Wallace Bros. shows. Prof. V. Bellomo's band furnished the uptown concerts. Prof. Hambone Jones, with colored band, in connection with Professor Bellomo gave the night concert at the front gate, assisted by Art Sorrell and his sound track. Ruth Williams purchased a green top for her Temple of Knowledge. Arthur Thomas has rejoined the show after a few weeks' illness.

RAYMOND R. HULL.

Endy Bros.

(Baggage cars and trucks)

Dunmore, Pa. Week ended May 25. Location, ball park. Business, very good. Weather, variable.

Again damp weather tried to hamper this engagement, but total grosses were good. A heavy advertising schedule drew thousands from adjacent Scranton, Rides were popular, with Holloline and Caterpillar leading. Dick Nufer's Aloha and Sid Smith's Dope Show topped shows. Irish Kelly is proud of being in the upper brackets among The Billboard agents and is pushing more sales. Wilmo and Woland, free acts, clicked. Dick Nufer purchased a new car. Mr. and Mrs. David B. Endy week-ended in Pottsville, Pa. Louis A. Ilce celebrated his birthday anniversary with a spaghetti dinner, Patsy Rosano as toastmaster. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. David B. Endy, Jerry Gerard, Cleo and Peazy Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Korbin, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nalle, Crandall Hawkins, Evelyn Bundy, Edwin Yeastedt and Marie O'Dell. Mrs. Mary Batton is doing well with a newly framed photo gallery as is Mrs. William J. Tucker with her ball games. Sam Murphy supervised teardown and 200-mile move under adverse weather conditions was made without incident. Ralph N. Endy visited from Endy Bros. Exposition Shows, Inc. Much visiting between personnel and members of James E. Stratton Shows.

GLENN IRETON.

Gold Medal

(Motorized)

Harvey, Ill. Week ended May 25. Location, 1515 street and Lexington avenue. Auspices, VFW Post. Business, good, weather permitting. Weather, cool and cloudy, with rain Saturday and Sunday.

Stand concluded shows' engagements in Chicago's metropolitan area, and when shows got in their second Sunday date of the season here it marked their ninth date out of 14 played. Saturday again was lost to rain. Altho there was some rain Sunday, natives braved the mud to come out and take in the attractions Sunday night and a good day's business resulted. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Murphy, Mrs. F. L. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Sunny Bernet visited several times as did Joe Duray and Ed Keogh, of New York World's Fair. Don Pearson, youngest son of Mrs. Dora Pearson, was graduated from high school at Carutherville, Mo., and has joined his mother for the summer. Harvey Tribune cooperated and Eagle Store sponsored a special matinee for children under 16 years old. Sunny Bernet mixed business with pleasure and placed a penny-pitch and archery game. H. B. SHIVE.

J. F. Sparks

(Motorized)

Winchester, Ky. Week ended May 25. Location, Huberts' Showgrounds. Business, fair. Weather, bad.

A week which, according to first three nights' business, should have been among the season's best, was almost lost when rain prevented opening Thursday night and kept Friday and Saturday nights' attendance low. Short hop from Irvine, Ky., was uneventful and shows and rides were set up by mid-afternoon Sunday. Owner-Manager Sparks spent two days working on promotional details with Kentucky county fair committee booking shows this season. Ray Hamblen went to Campbellsville, Ky., to pick up Owner Sparks' new tractor. Joe Warren's Tilt-a-Whirl and Teddy Betts' Athletic Show topped midway. Gus Gleason added one of Jim Spark's coin photographs to his cookhouse. Jimmie Duggan and Robert McPhail joined Duggan to handle Funhouse front and McPhail to go with Chairoplane crew. Mary Andrews joined Wally Blair's Paris Footlights Revue, and Louis Szalzo came

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on to handle tickets on Blair's Side Show. Pluto Brown's Minstrel Show added Pocketbook Harris and Eddie Childs, trumpets, and Willie and Vanette Freeman, comedians and chorus. Country Bob Neal took over chuck game Valley between shows' location and road was churned nearly a foot deep in mud by Saturday night's parking and made it almost impossible to get trucks or lot. Personnel worked all Saturday night getting shows down, then were until 8 p.m. Sunday moving trucks from lot. Crew received thanks of the management for its heroic work and untiring efforts. Visitors included Mr. Sparks' sisters, Mrs. Tommy Tidwell, of T. J. Tidwell Shows, and Mrs. H. T. Reeves, of the L. J. Heth Shows. With them was Mrs. Sparks' sister, Mrs. Joe Sparks, also of Heth Shows. Accompanying Mrs. Tidwell was her daughter, Patsy Anne, and on their return to Texas they took Mrs. Tidwell's mother, Mrs. J. L. Sparks, for a visit. Owner Sparks enjoyed a surprise visit from Al Kunz, secretary of Heth Shows, at opening here.

RAY ALLEN.

Frisk Greater

(Motorized)

Redwood Falls, Minn. Week ended May 25. Location, athletic field. Auspices, American Legion Post. Business, light. Weather, unsettled with rain.

Show opened Sunday to small crowd because of unsettled weather and business remained light during the week. Octopus again topped rides with Lights and Shadows leading shows. Lee Moss Penny Arcade did well. Earl Park enlarged his cookhouse staff. Ken Sommers is completing decorations on his Mother Goose Nursery ride and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hooschen left on a short business trip. Midway is becoming larger daily. Ray Campi joined with concessions.

Monkato, Minn. Week ended May 25. Location, fairgrounds. Auspices, ball club. Business, fair. Weather, unsettled.

After a short move from Worthington, Minn., shows and rides opened early but sudden showers drove crowds away causing loss of Monday night. Business was good the remainder of the week, with Mrs. Hooschen's new Octopus and Tommy Wentworth's Girl Revue getting top money. Visitors included Ed Busse, Greater American Shows, and Harry Gelman, Gelman Bros., Minneapolis. Charley Howe joined with two concessions. Joe Brown added another store and also purchased a new truck. E. Kull (See Direct From the Lots on page 53)

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Latonia's Centen Preps Stellar Bill; FDR To Press Key

CINCINNATI, June 1.—Numerous attractions are slated for 10-day Kenton County Centennial, to be held at Latonia (Ky.) Race Track, across the Ohio River, and advance publicity and details are being arranged for the opening, said Director John R. Walsh. President Roosevelt is to press a key in Washington to officially open the celebration, which has

been attracting wide interest.

It has been announced that Ted Pio Rito's Orchestra, contracted thru Music Corp. of America, will play the entire date and arrangements have been made for a broadcast of his band over WCKY. Director Walsh now has under construction a 40 by 80-foot dance floor. Wally Johnson's Devoe Park band will play for afternoon dancing. Radio Balloontist has been booked thru Gus Sun Agency for daily parachute jumps. Arrangements have been made for nine serial acts, an AAU track meet, broadcast from the grounds of out-of-town ball games and numerous industrial exhibits.

United States Senators Alben Barkley, Robert A. Taft and A. B. Chandler, Congressman Brent Spence; Mayor James G. Stewart, Cincinnati, and Mayor Jackson Scholtz, Louisville, are scheduled speakers.

Robert L. Lohmar, of Amusement Corp. of America, which has booked Beckmann & Geety Shows for the date, was recent visitor and spoke over WCPO to acquaint listeners with the shows.

Attractions Are Scheduled For Ind. Rotary Club Fete

BRAZIL, Ind., June 1.—For the fifth year the Rotary Club will sponsor a one-day community celebration in Forest Park, reported Secretary Joe Badger. Badger estimates on attendance in former years and the fact that only public-sponsored fireworks are permitted in Indiana, officials anticipate a crowd of 20,000.

Free acts will be provided and free facilities of the park will be available. A limited midway with enough concessions to provide eats, drinks and entertainment will be provided. Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Chairplane and Tilt-a-Whirl are under contract with Miller Amusement Enterprises. Pony ride and playground equipment will be provided for children. Event has always been a money-maker. Club will not stage a car giveaway this year, but will depend on concessions and other sources of revenue to pay the freight to the extent of about \$600. Nick Miller is chairman.

Marks Signs O. Celebration

HAMILTON, O., June 1.—Midsummer Fair and Independence Day Celebration on Butler County Fairgrounds here is to feature John H. Marks Shows on the midway and grand-stand programs of free acts, fireworks and races, reported C. W. Cracraft, Marks Shows general agent, who contracted this date and will serve as manager. It will be held under sponsorship of Butler County Agricultural Association.

West Coast for Calif. Date

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 1.—Completed plans for annual six-day Excelsior District Merchants' Festa here call for West Coast Shows to be on the midway again with 12 rides, 7 shows and 40 concessions, reported A. P. Craner. Shows will also furnish free acts and there will be nightly parades, concerts and contests. Officers are C. J. Widmer, president and chairman, and Dr. G. B. Harper, secretary.

Acts on Bill at Wis. Show

WAUSAU, Wis., June 1.—More than 5,000 visited Merchants and Manufacturers' Exposition in Athletic Park here on May 20-23, conducted under auspices of Chamber of Commerce. Entertainers included Billie and Buddie Carr, roller skaters; Jack and Adele Martin, novelty and ballroom dancers; Murdock, magician; Harry Bardell, juggler; Ray Reynolds, balance, and Guy Troubadours. Admission was 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

FREE attractions, including balloon ascension and Cincinnati Fireworks Co. displays, are planned for fourth annual Independence Day Celebration on Mansfield (O.) Fair grounds under auspices of Public Parks Association, reported Chairman Ed Wyllie.

Shorts

C. A. KLEIN, who has been named chairman of annual five-day New Waterford (O.) Volunteer Firemen's Street Fair and Home-Coming, said plans call for midway and free acts.

JAKE DISCH (Bingo Sunshine), clown cop, recently spent some time in Chicago lining up summer dates.

ANNUAL six-day Chester (W. Va.) Volunteer Firemen's Street Fair will feature a midway parade on final night.

J. L. LANDESS Shows have been contracted for Knoxville (Ia.) Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home-Coming, reported Zella Gear, home-coming secretary.

C. A. KLEIN, Klein Attractions, said he has contracted about 12 free acts for Pennsylvania firemen's celebrations. He also reported several fair contracts signed recently and that his circus unit and revue will go on tour soon.

CONTRACT to furnish rides for seven-day Sandusky (O.) Grape Festival has been awarded to J. R. Edwards Shows, reported Owner J. R. Edwards.

JEROME CARGILL CO. was signed to direct pageant with cast of about 800 (See SHORTS on page 62)

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Pontiac, Mich. Week ended May 25. Location, Baldwin Street Showgrounds, Auspices, Metropolitan Club. Business, good. Weather, fair and some rain.

Mondays night's opening, the weather was cool, proved a winner. Crowds increased from 2,200 Monday night to over 4,000 at Saturday night's closing. As a whole date proved a winner for all. Spending was liberal. Friday night was lost to rain. Ella Carver, recovered from a recent illness, presented free act, and was well received. Mallory's Modern Midway Cafe still is a mecca for showfolk. Barney Lamb left here with his side show and girl show. Joining here and ready to open at the next spot is Sailor Harris and wife, Pearl, with daughter Betty Muse, training a side show, with two pit attractions, Lols and Pin Point, the pinhead. Midway is well illuminated. Metropolitan Club committee co-operated. All shows, rides and concessions reported a successful week. Henry A. Lewis joined as special agent, replacing Mr. Hockett. Owners Frank Miller and John Quinn are optimists over season's prospects.

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Grand, O. Week ended May 25. Location, Atwood Park Showgrounds, Auspices, Grand Volunteer Fire Department. Business, fair. Weather, mild; frequent showers.

Shows were hit by frequent sudden showers here, but business was fair. In addition to the weather, promotions Director and Assistant Manager Harry E. Wilson was injured here, and his work was sorely missed. John Parra, injured ride boy, remained in Warren (O.) City Hospital all week. Midway showed a sprinkling of new talent in shows and concessions. W. R. (Whit) Johnson joined last week as talker on Paris Nights Show. Girls include Helen Dymock, Jackie Milliron, Helen Miller, Betty March and Elsa Stratton. Newly reorganized Expo Show also bears evidence of Zucchini Bros. Shows' products in Vickie Lester and Helen Dymock. Veteran Jimmie Mason is talker, and poster has Jeanne Mitchell. Ann Feltz and Evelyn Peitz. Joe Gogosko's Monkey Circus is clicking. Joe's son, Lee, is assisting. Elaine Miller's Broadway After Dark, directed by Freddie O'Brien, is popular. New faces along concession road include Ginger O'Brien and Lon Burnett, working Paul Lane's fishpond; George Piercy is head man, and Doc Lewis and Kenny Slatter, agents, at Lane's clothespin stand, and Al Palitz, head man, Ed O'Brien and Sam Palitz agents, at Lane's razzle-dazzle; Frank Boyd, owner and head man, James Holder and Sailor Burke, agents, swinging ball

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Bingo Ops With Carnivals, Parks Expect Banner Season

NEW YORK, June 1.—Bingo operators with carnivals and at parks are looking forward to a successful season despite talk of war and poor early season business occasioned by rain and cold. All look to vast improvement in business when the weather breaks.

Billy Bowen had a most satisfactory take at the day Pontchartrain Beach opened at New Orleans. Indications are that the park will have the best season in its 11-year history. Initial week-end found 70,000 people at the spot, setting an all-time peak. New rides have been installed and the park is more attractive than ever. Other concessioners are reported enthusiastic over the year's outlook and quantities of merchandise fill the shelves to appeal to pleasure seekers.

Better Merchandise Demanded

Midways are reported making a splash with Pinocchios this season. This char-

Three Top Markets Open to Salescard Operators in June

CHICAGO, June 1.—Salesboard ops are prepared to avail themselves of three big markets in June—brides, graduates and vacationers. They have brought home the bacon for the boys during past years and they are counting big on them this year.

For the bride, the boys are offering electrical appliances. Those who have invitations to weddings are always glad to have the problem of selecting a suitable gift solved at a low cost. The radio lamp is seen as a big item for this trade, as is the ship lamp, ship radio and electric stove.

Graduates also afford a wide market. Salesboard boys are luring this type of trade with pen and pencil sets, watches, radios, navigator radios and lighters.

The vacation field has always been a lucrative one. Offerings of note include radios, casting outfits, lamps, stoves and cameras.

The boys have good supplies of merchandise and expect to blast the old theory that summer months aren't good for salescards. With good merchandise they believe salesboards are in 12 months a year.

Merchandise Play In '40 Looms Big

CINCINNATI, June 1.—With Decoration Day now a matter of history, the boys at parks and carnivals are buckling down for the season. Rain has marred the start, but nearly all believe the season will improve plenty when true summer weather comes along. While the boys are using everything within their power to get the people to spend more money, one basic principle is being used almost universally—that of passing out more merchandise prizes.

Guess-your-weight, guess-your-age, ball game, rolldowns, pitch-till-you-win and concessioners of nearly every other kind are using merchandise to attract customers and keep them playing.

Supply houses report that more merchandise than in many previous years has been shipped to concessioners. One dealer recently returned from a road trip and his report is that the season will see more than the usual amount of merchandise passed out. Since the start hasn't been the brightest, concessioners are giving more merchandise to break the ice and get the people coming to their stands.

later in stuffed toys and wood composition is adding flash to the stands. Pinocchio in a stuffed toy is available in 20 and 42-inch sizes and gay colors.

New items are adding the ops in fleshing their spots. The trend is reported to higher-priced numbers, such as self-powered radios and candid cameras. Radios are out in new designs this season and demand for them is almost certain to increase.

Prizes that may be utilized by housewives are still maintaining a top position on the list of lead numbers. Developments in rural electrification has eased the operators' headache to a certain extent. Since so many rural communities now have electric current, the people are now added to the millions who have always been good prospects for electrical appliances.

BALLYHOO BROS.

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unearthed. Manager Pete Ballyhoo, garbed in topper and tails, stood at the main gate to greet the endless chain of rocks and cash as it entered the lot. Stopping several of our prosperous patrons, he asked them in what business they had made enough money to retire. To his surprise, there wasn't a retired carnival manager on the grounds. This gave him food for thought. In the cookhouse he announced, "I am thru investing in glass, lumber, rags and steel. Never again will I invest every dollar that this show grosses in streamlined ideas. I believe it is about time for me to give the First National back home some of my business. I learned tonight that in order to get a divorce from poverty one must be awarded the custody of some money."

Opening night gave the gate 20,000 paid admissions, the shows and rides averaging only 20 cents per person. On Tuesday the gate went up to 24,000 admissions, with the inside spending averaging only 10 cents per person and the slum spindles blanketing out entirely. On Wednesday the gate drew 20,000, while the inside spending average dropped to 11 cents per person. Here was something radically wrong, something that had to be adjusted. A meeting of the office staff was called to decide on a new move. It was here that a new midway idea was born.

General Agent Lem Trucklow whistled the words in the bosses' ears, words that made carnival history. The entire staff rose to their feet cheering when his plans were voiced. That night the show opened with a 50-cent gate admission and with all shows and rides free. The gate registered 30,000 admissions; the 40-cent admission held raised the inside rate to that much per patron.

Talk about a blitzkrieg midway! We had one that night. The 30,000 patrons ran from ride to ride and from show to show, shoving, jostling, pushing, rushing and crowding, to get their money's worth. So great was the crowd and the rush that thousands of gents were knocked out of their settings, beautifying the shavings with their glitter.

Friday and Saturday attendance rose by leaps and bounds. The management prepared for this rush by unloading the extra set of rides from the storage cars and erecting them for the big push. The First National back home learned for the first time that there was money to be made on a midway.

MAJOR PRIVILEGE

JEAN MARTIN, ticket seller on Sol's Yellow Shows, underwent an operation on May 22 in American Hospital, Chicago. She is getting along nicely and will be able to return to the show next week.

BINGO BUSINESS

By JOHN CARY

Recently an operator dropped into our office to talk over his plans for the summer. He has been working several spots but said he wanted to make this a banner season.

We talked things over and brought out the fact that many counselors do not work their territories as intensively as they should. When a game is potentially capable of drawing a hundred or so more people than it does the section is not being worked properly. The people are there and it is up to the operator to get them interested. Furthermore, it is his problem to keep them interested.

PUBLICITY is a big factor in building any game and keep business. When an operator is conducting a game for an organization he should have the group name someone to handle publicity. This person shouldn't be one who is going to answer requests for a news story with "We gave you one last week." He must be a person who is interested in the organization and the funds being raised thru the games. When a story is wanted it is his duty to sit down and write one that is worth reading and that will create desire in the minds of the townspeople to attend games. This desire can be created by stressing two points. First, that the fund being raised is for a worthwhile cause. Second, that plenty of good merchandise is being offered as prizes. If the person appointed to handle this end of the game is co-operative with the newspaper staff, frequently much free and effective publicity can be obtained.

DR. THOMAS J. MILLER, a former showman, writes from Norfolk, Va., that he was recently appointed delegate from the American Federation of Government Employees to the Central Labor Union, where an entertainment committee was created with him as chairman. "My first venture for the CLU," he writes, "was a series of bingo games, and the contract was given to H. W. Jones, of Jones Better Bingos. The series has just been concluded, with 963 people cramming the hall and about 200 turned away. Two undertaking establishments helped out with chairs, and tables were borrowed from other organizations. Our city manager officially opened the first game of the series at the 30th Division Club and gave a word of welcome to our guests and his best

wishes for our success. Attendance rapidly increased, and it was with regret that the outdoor season beckoned and he had to take to the road. So many requests were received that President E. S. Smith of CLU took the matter up with my committee, urging continuation of the games. So another series is under way."

PRELL ENLARGES

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augmented midway also is embellished with new lighting effects and rides, reports Thomas W. Rice.

Among new attractions are three under management of C. Jack Shafer, including Odie Bat True Side Show, Glass House and Monkey Speedway. Penny Arcade has been returned to the midway after an absence of several years. Other shows include Miss America under Charles Tashey; Wall of Death Motorcycles; Bill Bruce; Hot Chocolate Revue; Bill Broderick; House of Magic; James Woodward; Hi-de-Ho; Joe Parsons, and French Casino.

Staff has S. K. Prell, director-general; A. Prell, assistant manager; Leo Bistany, general representative; Charles Powell, contracting agent; Charles Jacobson, secretary-treasurer; Harry Fitzgerald, publicity director; Pat Finney, legal adviser; Ben Prell, lot manager; James T. Price, electrician; John Hill, assistant; B. Prell, transportation master; Del Ward, The Billboard and mail agent; A. L. Sykes McRorie, Eddie Hitler and Sam Caruso, builders; Advance, Tommy Rices, advertising car; Bill Horner and James Heller, lithographer; and L. L. Buckner, canvas boss.

Rides are Kiddie Rides, Joe Seaman, foreman; Twin Ferris Wheels, Stacy Knott, foreman; David Amos and Thomas Darnell, assistants; Merry-Go-Round, Thomas Humble; Whip, Harry Fox and John Herring; Rides-O, Ben Cheek and Ralph Lucia; Auto Speedway, Joe Hielander; George Collins and B. Cunningham; Chairplane, Eddie Jones; Pony Ride, Mrs. Marvin; Miniature Railway, Charles Guttermuth; Twin Loop-o-Planes, Al Bonsberg.

Bersolini Troupe, including Josephine Sonkla, Clara, Venio, Mike and Joseph Bersolini, and Sonny Boy Campbell are the free attractions. Concessioners are Jack Russell, lead gallery and pitch-in-you-win; Miss Morgan, ball games; Little Simpkins, balloon pitch; Harry and Marge Stevens, pan games; Mr. and Mrs. Weber, photo gallery; H. Lauffer, candy apples; Ida Martin and Jackie Chapman, penny pitches; Tony Viviano, custard; Spuds and Span Dinner; Jack and Mary Kennedy, operators; Mary Kennedy, chef; Jack Kennedy, griddle, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wan walters. Jones bingo is managed by Freddie Blyth and with Elmo Waller Palmer, Louis Bartley and Mr. and Mrs. Von Stitina, assistants.

Popular Items

Write to The Billboard, Buyers' Service department, 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati, O., for addresses of companies in this department supplying the items which interest you.

Dying Pig

With parks, carnivals and resort spots opening for the season, the new line of dying pig is proving a profitable item to concessioners, pitchmen and streetmen. Hailed as the hit of the season, Oak Rubber Co. reports that the number is rapidly gaining popularity. The pig is fitted with combination valve and squeaker, which makes it available as a toy or a noisemaker. The boys are stocking up on this number in order to cash in on the early birds at amusement centers, reports say.

Health Workers' Item

Health workers at resorts along the Atlantic seaboard, especially Asbury Park and Atlantic City, are finding Bland, a laxative, a quick seller, R. J. (Eddie)

Ross, of Rational Health Foods, reports. The product, Ross adds, is effective because it absorbs tremendous quantities of water and forms soft lubricating bulk. Only laxative ingredient is taken from a natural laxative, Plantago Leflingle, which has been known to physicians and scientists for centuries, the firm states. Rational also carries a complete line of health foods, it is said.

Mexican Horn Novelties

Gus A. Becker reports that a new line of Mexican steer horn novelties, which he recently put on the market, is meeting with approval, the items being in demand as decorations and gifts. The horns are first polished, then flattened out and made into eagles, sailboats, airplanes and fish. Demand is increasing as items have plenty of flash and go well.

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Show: Motorphone, Jockey Roland, Freddy Perla and Mrs. Roland; Side Show, Harry Hall, manager; Ira Reene, one-man band; Chander, magician; Mrs. Hall, mentalist; Degrasse, ventriloquist; Mrs. Reese, dog act; Diana Shees, annex; Bob Briggs and Eddie Taylor, tickets, and China Red, talker. Athletic, Mickey Devine, manager; Mrs. Devine, tickets; Bolero, Streets of Paris, Annette McKiernan, manager; Slim Lynch and Al Pollard, talkers.

Concessions: Cookhouse, Sam Yoyos, owner; Sam Maschos, griddle; Slim Spivens, headwaiter; Angie Pete, kitchen man; Bobby Lamoreaux and John Brinker, waiters. Frozen custard, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermanson. Ed McDonnell, scales; Arthur Layton, shooting gallery; John Hayes, owner, and Jimmy Wallace, diggers; Jack Hanna, owner, and Tommy Woods, pop corn and candy apples; Mr. and Mrs. Lesser, candy floss; William Broder, beans; John Misurac, high striker; Phoebe Harrison, palmistry; Frank Rosenberg; Paul Smith, two ball games; Eddie Stone and Arthur Bowles, assistants; Joe Rich, buckets; Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy, two hoop-las; Morris Gurvitz, rolldown, duckpond and penny pitches; Tim Coleman, clocks, radios, rat and pan games. Capt. Oscar LaValley presents the free act.

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Other concessions included bingo, Buddy Tidwell; ball game, Jack Martin; fishpond, Chuck Holt; rat game, Ralph Tidwell; scales, Johnnie the Wop; ham and bacon, Doc Ellington and Danny Ferguson; grocery stand; Charlie McCarthy, cane rack; Hershel Moehler; Scarlet O'Hara, Benny Fields; blowers, Jack Brady; scotty dogs and blankets, Harry Hawter; bowing alley, Spooky Brown; bird store, Curly Ogden; penny pitch and pan stand, Kirk and Winnie Tidwell.

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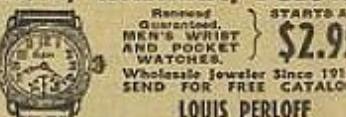
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by BILL BAKER

(Cincinnati Office)

CONSIDERING the long time between the Fourth of July and Labor Day, George Durst suggests that the first Monday in August be declared a holiday. He argued that hot August Mondays are washouts and that a three-day vacation, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, would boom business at beaches, parks, fairs and shows. Durst's suggestion was recognized by The New York Sun, which carried it in its feature section of May 15, and The Long Island Press.

DEATH OF HUBERT ROLLIN MONTGOMERY (Doc Jack) marked the passing of another vet med exponent from Pitchmen's portals.

AL SEARS is still leading around Newark, N. J., making pay days. He says he recently saw John Yavna working spark caps at a shipyard and Chip Decker on kitchen gadgets.

RONNIE DECKER is working rug cleaner at Grant's store in Newark, N. J.

THE SUCCESSFUL PITCHMAN plans wisely, works persistently and waits patiently.

T. D. (SENATOR) ROCKWELL arrived in San Francisco May 25 and says the streets there are clear of pitchmen. Mary Ragan, however, is still handling demand. The Senator saw Dr. Tiffany in Spokane, Wash., and B. Guild Stewart, of condenser fame, in Seattle. Rockwell is working blades around the San Francisco fair.

JAMES MCKINNEY blasts from Oklahoma City that he made the recent Tulsa, Okla., Oil Show to good business and that he's leaving for the Panhandle country.

WHO WORKED the Indianapolis Speedway on Decoration Day? How was it?

DOC A. C. HUNT of Hunt's Remedy Co. will take his show on the road June 16 to play Ohio and Indiana. Show will move on two trucks and trailers and two house cars. It will carry its own light plant. Roster includes T. M. Hunt, concessions and general business; Doc A. C. Hunt, lecturer and straight; Mrs. A. C. Hunt, secretary and treasurer; Doc L. E. McKee and wife will again be with the show.

R. BEE is working gummy at Krege's store in Newark, N. J., and Patrick Sullivan, with knife sharpeners, and Robert Ainsworth, with radio gaps, are also there.

ARE YOU keeping in time with the pace-setting majority?

JIMMIE GARRETT and wife, Maybelle, experienced ill fortune at Tipton, Ind., recently when their trailer caught fire and burned most of their clothing. They also suffered burned hands. The Garretts were preparing breakfast in their trailer when a gasoline stove exploded.

A NEWBY PIPE was received last week from Russell Point O., but it was unsigned and therefore relegated to the wastebasket. Be sure to sign your pipes.

ACTION AND FINANCING are what get results with a new idea, not just mere conversation.

GORDON QUEEN in association with Maurice Gaynor, is said to have cleaned up recently with a tie sale in downtown Springfield, Ill. They ran their sale in the heart of the shopping section for three days. Among other pitchmen spotted were Scotty Abets and Eddie Summers.

WONDER WHEN the sun will begin to beat down on both sides of the street.

H. B. (TED) McMURPHY arrived in Danville, Ky., the end of last week from Alabama and Georgia and would like to hear from boys who can

give information on the towns in Kentucky and Ohio. Ted is still working madly. Says he has found conditions around Danville fair, but the dough is hard to get. He would like to see pipes from Ralph and Mary LaFoy and Lee and May Johnson.

MONDAY NIGHT'S SANCTION is okay, but it's Saturday night's commendation that means much more towards your popularity and prestige.

STANLEY NALDRETT sent a flash from Decatur, Ill., last Friday that he and Al (Pop) Adams were en route to Rockford, Ill., to work a Saturday spot together.

GEORGE J. OLIVIER has selected Pittsburgh for the premiere of his new store on billfolds. After three days, he says, it tops his anticipation. He says it is the first store he has ever created by himself.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "Give me something to work and I'm just as good as anyone else in this business."

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Pitchdom Five Years Ago

Bobby Dease's show opened at Bechtelsville, Pa., June 1. . . . Robert (Blades) Cook had doubled up with Atlas, the tooth powder man, and was working touch spots in the vicinity of Newport, N. H. . . . D. J. Lambert was in Joplin, Mo., after working Houston, Dallas and Texarkana, Tex., with no readers.

Ray Herbers was in San Francisco, where business was about on a par with that in the East, altho a lower nut helped.

Harry K. O'Neill met Eddie Schirico working corn plant in Grand Rapids, Mich. Curly Boyd and Mrs. Schirico were working with Eddie and were getting money. . . . Curly Bartek opened a new pitch store on Market street, Philadelphia, May 15. Great Spike Howard, strong man, was pitching oil on the inside to big tips. Larry Verner, Murray Harmelin, Sidney Ober and Eddie (Tarzan) Schubert were also working the store. Joe McCarthy, Ben Nixon and Mighty Atom were driving them in.

Doc Lazarus was doing exceptionally well with demonstrations in department stores in Philadelphia. . . . Dusty Herring was in charge of a show for the Illinois Medicine Co. of Independence, Va. Roster included, besides Dusty and wife, with the show.

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Spooney Winesett and Herbert Higgins, . . . A. L. (Lyle) Blackmon was working paper thru the section of Waynesboro, Miss., with H. E. (Slim) Clifton. . . . Harman A. Dobson was back on the road again after an absence of 18 months. He had just worked Little Rock, Ark., to fair business, but the reader was unusually high. He met D. J. Lambert and wife there with horned nuts. . . . Joe Purcell, comedie show comedian, left show business to settle down in Crockett, Tex., where he had entered the cleaning and pressing business. . . . Roy (Skippy) Davis was in Detroit working shops. . . . Tom Cleary Jr. had put the final curtain on his med opy and was planning on taking out a 12-people show under canvas, billed as Cleary Bros. & O'Hara Bros.' Combined Irish Minstrels. . . . That's all.



Events for 2 Weeks

June 8-15

CALIF.—Livermore, Rodeo, 8-9.
CONNL.—Westport, Dog Show, 9.
CL.—Augusta, Merchandise Expo, 1-8.
ILL.—Villa Grove, Soldiers & Sailors' Reunion, 3-2.
IND.—Pt. Wayne, Auto Races, 2.
Nashville, Horse Pulling Contest, 2.
IA.—Des Moines, Dog Show, 2.
KY.—Paducah, Strawberry Festival & Anniversary Celebration, 6-8.
MASS.—Athol, Home-Coming 28th Yankee Division, 6-8.
MISS.—Crystal Springs, Tomato Festival, 5-6.
MO.—Jellico Springs, Celebration, 6-7.
MONT.—Columbia, American Legion Celebration, 5-6.
N. M.—Clovis, Air Circus, Coronado Entrada & Pioneer Days, 4-7.
N. Y.—Black River, Fire Dept. Celebration, 2-6.
National, Dog Show, 7-8.
N. D.—Northwood, Spring Festival, 7-8.
OH.—Ashland, Jubilee Week, 2-8.
Ashland, Dog Show, 2.
Akron, Spring Festival, 3-8.
Akron, Spring Festival, 3-4.
Beloit, Columbus, Boosters' Assn. Festival, 3-8.
Van Wert, Peony Festival, 5.
Zanesville, Grotto Merchants' Expo, 3-8.
ORE.—Portland, Rose Festival, 2-8.
Union, Live-Stock Show, 6-7.
PA.—Berlin, Firemen's Jamboree, 3-4.
Harrisburg, Color Parade, 2-8.
Allentown, Lanning, Home-Coming, 3-8.
S. D.—Carthage, Sports Day, 6.
Riverton, Riverton Day, 6.
TENN.—Knoxville, Great Smoky Mountain Wild Flower Festival, 4-7.
TEX.—Gatesville, Rodeo & Frontier Celebration, 8-8.
Jacksonville, Teacato Festival, 1-4.
McGraw, Birthday Celebration, 8-8.
Smoky Wells, Health Festival, 4-8.
Yonkers, Ten-Ten Celebration, 6-8.
W. VA.—Buckhannon, Central W. Va. Drawbridge Festival, 3-8.
WYO.—Fort Washakie, Wind River Indian Stampede, 8-9.
CAN.—Dorothy, Alta., Stampede, 3.

June 16-19

CALIF.—Bakersfield, Cherry Festival, 16-18.
King City, Stampede, 15-18.
Oakland, Natl. Horse Show, 14-23.
North San Diego, Old Town Historical Picnic, 14-16.
Santa Cruz, Dog Show, 16.
ILLINOIS—Home-Coming, 15-16.
IND.—Worland, Horse Show & Street Fair, 13-15.
IA.—New Sharon, Rose Festival, 12-13.
Knoxville, Home-Coming, 10-13.
KAN.—Kinsley, Legion Picnic, 13-15.
KY.—Georgetown, Legion Celebration, 10-15.
MASS.—Norwood, Elk's Carnival, 13-14.
MINN.—Montevideo, Park Day Celebration, 16-18.
Pittston, Old Settlers' Picnic, 15.
MONT.—Ennis, Rodeo, 15-16.
N. J.—Somerville, First Aid & Rescue Squad, Inc., Celebration, 10-14.
N. Y.—Allegany, Firemen's Celebration, 10-15.
Pavilion, Fire Co. Carnival, 12-15.
Syracuse, Dog Show, 16.
O.—Holland, Strawberry Festival, 15-16.
Greenville, Auto Races, 15.
Massach., Grotto & De Miley Celebration, 10-12.
Zanesville, Horse Pulling Contest, 15.
OKLA.—Oklahoma City, Sooner Stampede, 14-18.
PA.—Cherry Tree, Old Home Week, 19-20.
Fredericktown, Legion Celebration, 10-15.
Hyndman, Centennial Celebration, 18-19.
Orionton, Old Home Week, 19-20.
S. D.—Canova, Dairy Day, 12.
De Smet, Old Settlers' Day, 10.
Flagstaff, Custer Picnic, 12.
Lake Charles, Dog Day, 14.
TEX.—Pampa, Coronado Fiesta, 13-15.
Round-Up, 14-15.
WASH.—Marysville, Strawberry Festival, 13.
W. VA.—Farmers' Dog Show, 16.
WYO.—Big Piney, Chuck Wagon Days, 15.
CAN.—Oshawa, Alta., Stampede, 15.

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MIDWAY CONFAB

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has been repainted and is doing well. Larry Carr is advance agent.

GREAT Wheel Barrow Shows are considering going into the mortgage and loan business. Everything is covered by paper now.—Six Syllable Webster.

EARL (SPOT) KELLEY, now owner-operator of Kelley's United We Stand Attractions, recently played to good results at Folk Street Celebration in San Francisco. A World War veteran, Spot claims he occasionally books his organization into unincorporated towns by merely presenting his army discharge papers and showing under a free permit, which a former soldier may obtain in California under the law which reads "any veterans may have a free permit to vend, sell or hawk his wares." Kelley claims he's doing just that.

"**SINCE LEAVING** Ohio last July, Dixie Warren Shows have toured six States, including Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and have been working to good crowds at most of the spots," pens Cunningham Jones from Woodville, Tex. "Among acts playing the shows have been Happy Kid, 104-year-old Indian, and Buffalo Cody, Stillwater, Tex. A trick pony was purchased in Newton, Tex., recently. One of the side show attractions was procured recently from Edgar Brown, Silsbee, Tex., showman. Manager O. E. Warren worked openings on Sid Dyer's Animal Show at the Mardi Gras, New Orleans. Management has added a new car and office trailer and shows are heading toward the Rio Grande Valley."

MRS. BOSS (the ride foreman's wife): "The reason I did not introduce my relatives to Mrs. G. A. when we played the old home town was that WE were sore at the g. a."

FRANK AND DOT EARLES' housewarming in Appalachia, Va., while J. J. Page Exposition Shows were there proved a huge success. Many surprise gifts were tendered the hosts and refreshments and luncheon prevailed for all. High-light of the party was a humorous rice pag. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Page and daughter, Dorothy Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Clark, Mrs. R. E. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Montgomery, Trevor Montgomery, C. F. Tidball, Chris Jernigan, Roy Fann, Roy Carey, Charlotte Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. George Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hayes, Bertha-Bert, Rocco Garibaldi, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Motte, Polly Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack King, Frank Neister, Joe Longmore, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquette, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Donahue and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phillips.

DIRECT FROM THE LOTS

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from San Francisco. Free acts, Hollywood Skyrockets, Captain Folk's Lions, Hildebrand's Elephants and John White's trained dogs were well received. Charles Marshall is still holding his own at the General Hospital in Los Angeles and will return to shows soon to recuperate. Earl McCann's Athletic Show topped the midway, with Florence Apert's dressed-up ducks second. General Manager Manfred Stewart spent a busy week traveling to Oakland and San Francisco on business. Concessioners reporting fair results were Frank Dykes, Peter Richards, Ralph Balcom, Florence Appell, Clyde McChan, Al Bozarth and Earl Richardson. Ray Dernberger, with photo gallery, and Ida Mae Langer, with bottle games, joined here. The writer was entertained by friends and relatives most of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Richards added another concession. A showgirl was tendered Mrs. Al Keenan on the midway by her many friends. Elephant truck broke down en route and while it was being repaired inhabitants along the highway enjoyed a special performance given by Bunny and Willie.

WALTON DE PELLATON.

Hughay & Gentsch

(Motorized)

Picayune, Miss. Week ended May 18. Weather, good. Business, excellent. Good time was made on trip here with a little tire trouble. Shows opened Monday night to their biggest crowd and best spenders of the season. All did capacity business, but the writer's pop corn didn't even gross his privilege for the week. Saturday closed with capacity business on all shows, rides and concessions. Slim Moore took off his grocery store for the

week. Mrs. Billy Hisco was on the sick list for a few days, being down with a high fever. Harry Hoffman and wife, Jerry Jean, and Herbert Allen and wife, Peggy, left here. Guy Odum is back with it. He was with Slim Moore for the week, but is now working for Mrs. Brown on diggers, replacing her brother, Ira, who was called home because of the death of their father. Morris Gentsch and Hughay made several business trips during the stand. W. W. Gilbert visited Friday and Saturday ended well.

Poplarville, Miss. Week ended May 11. Business, fair. Weather, fair.

Move from Bogalusa, La., was made without trouble and shows opened Monday to fair business, which did not hold up throughout the week. General Agent J. A. Gentsch was away on business. Several trips were made to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La., by some of the folks on business. Sheriff Shock Seals and his deputies and Marshal Orr co-operated. Roy Magee visited, as did Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. J. A. Gentsch went to Winona, Miss., to bring her children back to show after visiting with their grandparents there. Cicela Walker, Mrs. Gentsch's sister, returned for an indefinite vacation. HARRY (KEY CHECK) HISCO.

Percy La Belle has everything in good shape. Mrs. La Belle is trouping with Percy this year. Carl Cannell's fishpond is doing well, as is Johnnie Ellis and Friday's Pitch-THI-You-Win. The writer's air guns are doing okeh, as are George Gir and his monkeys. Bob Drydale still on the rifle range. Frank Wilson's punk rock is getting its share. Paul Jean and his Original World-Wide Review reports good business, as does Doc Irwin's House of Mysteries. Bonnie Hunter's Jingle Board is clicking. Bill Hall and Alec Atcheson have the roll-down Dave Cook has the highstriker. Marion (Cuddles) Chinn's novelties are bringing in fair business. Others reporting good results are Joe (Pop) Carter, hoopla Stan Lucas and Jack Hespaklo, commissary and refreshment stand. Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round and Aeroplane rides are doing well.

FRANKIE MEYERS.

Mae's Caravan

(Motorized)

Dixon, Mo. Week ended May 25. Location, upstate lot. Auxiliaries, city council Business, good. Weather, fair.

This looked like one of the best of the season thus far, until two nights were lost to cold and Saturday afternoon was rained out. Emery and Alabama Ball, cookhouse operators, framed a new cane rack and hoop-la here. Gene and Dwight Brockman are agents. City officials co-operated. Lorraine Chaney joined here as agent on one of her dad's ball games. Sid Snyder, local theater operator, co-operated, and on Friday night had the personnel as his guests. All tendered him a vote of thanks. Another vet trouper residing and operating a cafe here is Tony Massa, formerly with Ringling circus. After the theater party Snyder and Massa had show staff as their guests at a party in Massa's cafe. Among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Massa, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McNeese, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Emerson, Mrs. Lou Moore, Mr. Peg Stoltz, Junior Snyder and the writer. Owner L. R. McNeese, Bobbie and Bernie Briggs and S. Emerson motored to Rolla, Mo., on a buying tour. J. P. MALONE.

Patrick's Greater

(Motorized)

Lewiston, Ida. Week ended May 25. Location, American Legion Post. Business, good. Weather, nice. Ten-cent gate.

Date was the first red one of the season. Weather, excepting Friday night was ideal. Engagement opened Monday night with a torch light procession, arranged by General Agent Shil Barrett and led by four prize-winning drum majorettes from local high school, followed by Legion's bugle corp. Also in the parade were Capt. Van Der Wall's Lions and show's sound truck. Gate that night was huge. Tuesday afternoon school children were guests of Stone's Food Stores. Tuesday night's gate was larger than Monday's. Public wedding in which Violet Fordyth of Orofino, and Hugh Scott, Boise, were married, drew well. Ceremony was broadcast over Station KRLC. Promotion was also arranged by the General Agent Barrett, and followed 10 days of afternoon broadcasts from the station in conjunction with local merchants' committees, headed by C. E. Paris and Commander W. L. Teel, co-operated. Thursday night held up well, but results Friday's attendance. Saturday drew capacity. Bud Cross' Octopus, under management of Frank Hens, topped rides, with Ferris Wheel second. Lawrence Lalonde's Circus Side Show led show with Leo Karlin's Athletic Show second. Glenn Smith, Merry-Go-Round foreman, left for St. Paul and W. H. (Nappy) Olsen visited briefly. Bud Clarke and Happy Lobb built a new bingling here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans and infant daughter, Phyllis Louise, arrived in time to spend the weekend and resume management of their diggers and ball games. Mayor and Mrs. Ray Johnson of Clarkson, Wash., visited, as did Mr. and Mrs. B. Kennedy, Floyd Native and family. Bob Taylor, Bob Ketchum and William Dee, magician with the Sunkist Vanities Show. Lawrence Lalonde missed his first tear down in years because of illness, but is recovered and back on the job.

DON (LEFTY) OGLETON.

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**Springfield Midway?**

If the Eastern States Exposition turns to collective amusements, it will mark the first midway for the Springfield event. Two ideas have been advanced. One is a permanent midway along lines of Toronto's Frolicland, directed by Pat Conklin. This would also have Conklin as impresario. The other suggestion is for a traveling unit, with Max Linderman's World of Mirth Shows linked up with this idea. To take Springfield, Linderman would have to pass up a good money date in the Allentown (Pa.) Fair. This doesn't seem likely. Moreover, the show would have to move from the Bay State city to the Virginia State Fair at Richmond, a fairly long jump which may injure chances of a Monday opening.

We queried Milton Danziger, the expo's assistant general manager, and he responded as follows: "At this time there is nothing definite about the matter. We were merely seeking the information for certain members of our executive committee who have a slight leaning toward midway shows. The matter has not come formally before the executive board for a 'yes' or 'no' decision. Discussions on this subject may have been heightened during the last year or so because of the fact that we have been improving an adjoining 40-acre tract of land which we own. It is called the 'island,' which is a misnomer now because it is directly connected to the main part of the ground by 'ills.' The island was used last year as an auxiliary auto park. As far as I know this is the complete story up to this time of writing."

The girl show comes to the fore again as a constant headache. In an Eastern city about a week ago the midway proprietor and about two dozen personnel were fined or given sentences or both. Incidentally, the sentences and fines were too stiff, in the opinion of this corner, because they didn't fit the type of offense involved. Operator of the girl item wasn't satisfied with the attraction as such. He put himself in the well-known pocket by working the well-known blow-off. As a result of this plus some fancy stuff in the game line, an outfit which looked particularly promising on the 1940 horizon sustained a setback from which it will be difficult to recover. Question: Is the average girl show worth the stigma it puts on the business?

It is very interesting to learn that a certain medium-sized carnival advertises itself as "composed of ladies and gentlemen who are high school and college graduates" and having "a monopoly of the world's greatest attractions." . . . Frank V. Baldwin Jr. forwards the suggestion that instead of a memorial being put up for "Colonel" Linard Jones, the money be sent to the deceased lad's playmates for a Christmas dinner and presents at the Elks' home for crippled kids in Umatilla, Fla. The "Colonel" was

a terrific circus fan. This suggestion strikes us as practical. About \$148 is on hand. Baldwin would like the fund to reach at least \$200. . . . Haracker's Providence (R. I.) circus at Narragansett race track looks like the real red one of the season. The bill reads like a Ringling show. There's a house giveaway among other promotions. Mack Kassow will have the Side Show. . . . Seen on the Ringling lot at Newark: Charlie Bass, Ray Tucker, Clem Schmitz, Babe Snellen and Frank Miller, a one-day fugitive from the World's Fair.

Congrats to Frank Mayer on a swell Cole Bros. Circus printed program. . . . Circus fan Marilyn Watson sings the praises of Hunt's Circus band. . . . Attendance at the World's Fair on Decoration Day definitely establishes the expo as a big 1940 puller when the weather is right.

And the folks are visiting the midway in greater proportions than last year.

Hartmann's Broadcast

WHEN we recall the strange deaths of Cliff Jewell and George E. Haerstick, the widely known concessioners, we cannot help thinking of the finger printing used by the Amusement Corp. of America on its four shows—Royal American, Beckmann & Gerey, Hennies Bros. and Rubin & Cherry. We say this because we believe this system has considerable effect in eliminating undesirables—a class that discards the carnival profession—from those shows.

Cliff Jewell, it will be remembered, was found dead in his automobile parked a few feet from a main highway near Americus, Ga., on the night of November 10, 1938, when he was with West's World's Wonder Shows. He had been shot with a .38 caliber pistol. One shot entered the left side of his head, plowed thru his brain and came out on the right side. The other entered the left side of his body, passed thru his heart and came out under his right arm. The ignition key of his machine and a flashlight borrowed from a service station were gone, as was also a large sum of money he was reputed to have had on his person. The sheriff of Sumter County, in which Americus is located, still believes that Jewell was killed by a friend or a trusted acquaintance. The case has not been dropped, but the solution to the mystery has been blocked thru certain carnival people, believed to know something of the case, refusing to talk or "turn copper."

George E. Haerstick was found dead on a street in Macon at midnight around the early part of April last. He was murdered and robbed, according to a coroner's jury, but the prosecuting attorney said he was convinced that death was accidental. W. E. Franks, of Franks' Greater Shows, with which Haerstick was connected, insisted, however, that Haerstick was killed by someone in show business for the reason that no one on the outside knew he carried large sums of money; his cash, money belt, watch, purse and gun were all missing when his body was found.

About 3,000 employees on the ACA shows are finger printed. A complete record of each person is maintained both in the office wagon of each unit and in the Chicago office of the corporation. Included in the record is even information about the individual's other special abilities that can be used to good advantage when promotions for better positions are in order.

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Identification is primarily the reason for the card, but it is also used to check employees on show trains and thru fairgrounds gates.

The fact that finger printing is required in itself has the effect of keeping undesirables away and making for a higher type personnel. If any undesirables do undergo finger printing and there should occur mysterious deaths as those of Jewell and Haerstick, there at least will be possibilities of aid in solving the mysteries.

PATERSON, N. J., newspapers are supposed to be tough for carnival publicity, but not for Dick Collins, judge-

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ing by a big batch of clippings about the Art Lewis Shows received from him. The show played two towns covered by the Paterson papers—Hawthorne, May 6-11, and Haledon, May 13-18—and in exactly 13 days (May 6 to 18) Dick obtained, by actual count by us, 285 inches of stories and art therein.

The Paterson papers consist of The Paterson Evening News, The Paterson Morning Call and The Paterson Sunday Eagle. In The News and The Call the publicity amounted to 255 inches, the remaining 10 inches having been obtained in The Sunday Eagle of May 12.

And it must be borne in mind that two weeks in separate towns are, as a rule, better than the same period in one spot, or practically one spot, Hawthorne and Haledon being only three miles apart.

All of which speaks well for Dick's standing with the Paterson papers, but still more important, the type of stories ground out by him.

Notes From the Crossroads

By NAT GREEN

AL BUTLER, Ringling advance agent, was in Chicago last week setting the stage for the R-B show's July engagement on the lake front. Al informs that he has contracted with Dr. L. W. Snow, manager of Michigan State Fair, to present his Holyland show at the fair this year. Show played to 150,000 people at the Detroit fair in 1938. This year Governor Dickinson will open the show.

Dr. A. Douglas Nelles, noted 23-year-old amateur ice skater of Ottawa, Ont. Can., turned professional last week and has signed a contract with the Skating Artists' Agency here. Nelles will do comedy in Arthur Wirtz's 1941 edition of the Hollywood Ice Revue, starring Sonja Henie. Billy Burke, manager of the revue and vice-president of the Chicago Stadium, had a special sheet of ice laid at the Stadium in order to see Nelles' work, and expressed himself as astounded at Nelles' skill and dexterity. . . . Tex Sherman, rodeo publicity man and Ranch Romance columnist, is from the West Coast, where he has been located for some time. . . . J. C. McCaffery took a busman's holiday on Memorial Day and with Phil Shapiro and Sunny Bernet, of Globe Poster Co., visited several carnivals in Central Illinois.

Our little paragraph in the May 18 issue about puppet shows on carnivals has evoked a lot of interest and brought many letters expressing varying opinions. Vern Silverthiel, of the press bureau of Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa, Calif., writes: "Your lead paragraph in the May 18 issue, asking whether carnival owners have tried puppet shows, intrigues me. While we all know the expo on Treasure Island is going overboard for Salle's Puppets, we also know that Foley & Burk Combined Shows, playing top fairs and the great Salinas Rodeo, tried Hollywood Puppets, a clever show on the musical revue idea, using puppets with heads of famous Hollywood movie and radio stars two years ago; and they, including the puppets, lost their shirts. Not because the show was not good, nor well framed, but because the midway crowd just didn't go for wooden-headed Eddie Cantors and Bing Crosbys. This show was particularly good in that records of the living stars' voices were used—and still they couldn't sell it."

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JUNE 26-28, 1940.

WALTER STREAMS, Secy., Marion Center Fire Co., Marion Center, Pa.

famous Italian family of puppeteers, writes an extremely interesting letter which is too long to quote here in full. "This season," says Lano, "I contacted several carnival managers but none was willing to assist financially in rebuilding for this sort of work. Puppets are rather peculiar little creatures. They must be kept dry and also guarded during the closed hours, as is the inducement to the ordinary observer is to want to handle them. It requires so little to mess up the controls that a special folding stage, trailer type, that may be locked is needed, and the puppets must be protected from the elements by having the portable stage rain and leak proof. A puppet outfit can be operated at low cost, and the carnival manager who will spend enough to properly equip an outfit and is smart enough to realize the immense publicity value can materially boost the quality of his entertainment."

Max Goodman and Sam Gluskin Chi visitors. . . . Charlie Goss, East St. Louis Chevy dealer, in for a day to visit the Royal American Shows. . . . Don Rockwood, Waterville (Me.) collector of circiana, sends a clipping showing an interesting circus mural painted by Ernest Sawtelle (wonder if he's related to Sig). Painting, which is about 18 feet long, won first prize in a contest held by the Vesper George School of Art. It will be placed in the Wellesley gallery of Theodore Shaw for one year, when another contest will be held.

Mrs. Sam Solomon, in Chi for a brief visit, lunching with Mrs. Edward A. Hock, Bernard Mendelson back from a trip to the New York World's Fair.

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ROUTES

(Continued from page 24)
 Roberta, Eddie (Philco) Phila. no.
 Roscher, Eddie (Palomino's) Phila. no.
 Roland & Verda (Vine Garden) Chi. no.
 Rollickers Trio (Capitol) Rochester, N. Y. b.
 Romal & Roberta (Royal Hawaiian) San Francisco, no.
 Rooney, Pat (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
 Rousseau de Seville (Ambassador) NYC, b.
 Roots, Alman (Humblee) NYC, no.
 Roth, Joe (Lake Merritt) Oakland, Calif., b.
 Roth-Verdun Jitterbugs (Hi Hat) Chi. no.
 Rivers, Rosita (White Way Casino) World's Fair, NYC.
 Rudolph, Theresa (Chicago) Chi. t.
 Riegel, Yvette (Swanson Trail) NYC, no.
 Russell, Bob (Walton) Phila. b.

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St. Clair, Silvia (Le Roban Bleu) NYC, no.
 St. Clair, June (Hi Hat) Chi. no.
 St. Clair & Day (Capitol) Washington, D.C., b.
 Salazar, Carlos (El Cid) NYC, no.
 Samson, Fred (Chicago) Chi. t.
 Samora, Vera (Capitol) NYC, b.
 Samson, Maurice (St. Moritz) NYC, b.
 Seymour, Dan (Hi Hat) Chi. no.
 Sharon, Olive (Kelly's) Cincinnati, no.
 Sharon, Rita (Academy) Chi.
 Shaver, Buster, Olive & George (Walton) Phila. b.
 Shaw, Diana (Primrose) Newport, Ky. co.
 Shaw, Wini (Diamond Horseshoe) NYC, no.
 Shiloh, Ned (Gay '90s) NYC, no.
 Sherman, Jack & Judy (Kelly's) Cincinnati, no.
 Shields, Ella (Swindler Trail) NYC, no.
 Shirlee Twins (Howdy) Detroit, no.
 Shore, Willie (Hi Hat) Chi. no.
 Shoreyettes (Roxey) NYC, t.
 Siedel, Bob (Trio Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky. co.
 Sibley, Four (Marie) Washington, D. C. t.
 Siegfried (Winter Wonderland) World's Fair, NYC.
 Silver & Melba (Javana-Madrid) NYC, no.
 Simon, Hank (show Box) Seattle, no.
 Sinclair Sisters (Oriental) Chi. t.
 Simon & Goss (Showboat) Chi. t.
 Simon, Marjorie (Capitol) NYC, b.
 Soria, David (Sal Tabern) NYC, no.
 Spencer & Foreman (Coconut Grove) Boston, no.
 Standish, Helen (Central) NYC, b.
 Stone, Irene (Le Potroisier) NYC, no.
 Stone, Gary (Parrot House) Chi. b.
 Sutherland, Ann (Hi Hat) Chi. no.
 Swann, Russ (Park Plaza) St. Louis, b.
 Swingscots, The (Beverly Hills) Newport, Ky., co.

T

Talisa (Bertolotti) NYC, no.
 Tamara (Oliver Post) Long, N. J., no.
 Taylor, Eddie (Duke) NYC, no.
 Taylor & Allen (Blackhawk) Chi. no.
 Terry, Jack (Blue Lantern) Detroit, no.
 Tharpe, Rosetta (Cotton) NYC, no.
 Tip, Tap & Toe (Cotton) NYC, no.
 Tonaleya & Lopez (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
 Top Flatters (Astor) NYC, b.
 Torres & Hernandez (Mardi) NYC, no.
 Torre, Magda & Leon (Honolulu) Phila. no.
 Trotter, Alfred (New Yorker) NYC, b.
 Tryon Sisters (Villa Moderne) Chi. no.
 Tufts, Sonny (20th Century) Phila. no.

V

Vance, Jerry (Leon & Eddie's) NYC, no.
 Vanette, Five (Wonder Bar) Cincinnati, no.
 Vaughan, Virginia (Coconut Grove) Boston, no.
 Vaughn, Nancy (Barney Gallo's) NYC, no.
 Venezia, Chiquita (Caravan) NYC, no.
 Verdi, Joe (Congress) Chi. t.
 Vernon, Evelyn & Jimmy (La Martinique) NYC, no.
 Vernon, Romeo (Hurricane) NYC, no.
 Vine, Billy (Butler's Tavern) NYC, no.

W

Wade, Bill & Betty (Book-Cadillac) Detroit, b.
 Wagner, Tex (Show Boat Club) South Bend, Ind., no.
 Waldron, Jack (Brown Derby) NYC, no.

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San Francisco, Calif.

Wallace, Babe (Southland) Boston, no.
 Walsh, Mary Jane (Harrison) NYC, no.
 Watson & O'Rourke (Sport) NYC, no.
 Watson, Collins (Bar Tahar) NYC, no.
 Ware, Dick (Lucky Show Bar) Detroit, b.
 Warner, Jack & Jill (Harry's New Yorker) Chi. no.
 Watson, Earle (Steve's) NYC, no.
 Welch, Roberts (Mayflower) Akron, b.
 Welsh, Muriel (La Marquise) NYC, no.
 Wences, (Exposition Palace) San Francisco, no.
 Wenzel, Bert (Polo) Phila. no.
 White, Eddie (Colosimo's) Chi. no.
 White, Lawrence (Ambassador) NYC, b.
 White, Twins (Roseland) Jacksonville, Fla., b.
 White, Gus (Gay '90s) NYC, no.
 White, Hobby (Coconut Grove) Boston, no.
 Wilkins, Dorothy (New Yorker) NYC, no.
 Willis, West & McElroy (Palladium) London, no.
 Winter, Sister (Latin Quarter) Boston, no.
 Wood, Ruth (Caravan) NYC, no.
 Wood, Barry (Paramount) NYC, t.
 Woodward, Harold (Weylin) NYC, b.
 Woods, Toni (Chateau Moderne) NYC, no.
 Woods, A. Ray (Chez Maurice) Montreal, Que., b.
 Woods, Barbara (St. Regis) NYC, b.
 Woodward, Four (Jefferson) St. Louis, b.
 Wright Jr., Orlena (Chez Paree) Chi. no.

Y

Yost, Ben (New Yorkers) (Roxey) NYC, t.
 Yost, Ben, Eight White Guards (Villa Moderne) Chi. no.
 Youngman, Henry (Hall) Phila. b.
 Zorka (Karl) Washington, D. C. t.

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Zorka (Karl) Washington, D. C. t.

REPERTOIRE-TENT SHOWS

Ginnivan, Frank R. Co.: Metamora, Ill. 3-8;
 Sylvania, 10-15.
 Kirby Show: New Ross, Ind. 3-8.
 McNally's Variety Show: Nanaposh, N. Y. 3-8.
 Miller, Al H., Show: Kingston, Ga. 3-8.
 Tilton Outrider Players: Stratford, Ia.

MISCELLANEOUS

Burro Ball: Laurel, Md. 3; Texas 6; Glasgow, Del., 7.
 By-Cash Co.: Barton, Md. 3-8.
 California Condensers, Inc.: Carnival of Fun: W. Chesterfield, N. H. 3; Greenville 6; Westport 7.
 Campbell's Circus & Sideshow Circus (Painting): Princeton, Mich. 5; Durct 7; St. Thomas, Ont., Can. 16; Joseph 5.
 Coronado Entrance Pageant: Cleoia, N. M. 5-6; Pampa, Tex. 13-15.
 Harlan Med. Show: Wadsworth, O. 3-8.
 International Congress of Oddities: Villa Grove, Ill. 3; Central 10-15.
 Lodehog's Circus: Winslow, Ark. 7-8.
 McNease, Kan.: 10; Burlington, Ia.; Council Grove 12; Ottawa 13; Valley Falls 14; Kansas City 15.
 Nixon's Dogs: Union Springs, Ala. 3-15.
 Wright's Dogs: Ware, Mass. 3-9.

CARNIVAL

(Dates are for current week when no dates are given. In some instances possibly mailing points are listed.)

Alamo Expo: Canon City, Colo. 1st. Morgan 15-16.
 All-American Expo: Fairfield, Ia.
 America's United: Cuthbert, Mont. 3-7.
 Anderson-Grader: Great Bend, Kan.
 Arrowhead: Hibbing, Minn. May 15-16.
 Bach, O. J.: Cartilage, N. Y. 15-16.
 Big-Dixie: Birmingham, Pa. 15-16.
 Barnfield's Cosmopolitan: Hazard, Ky.
 Barker: Marshall, Ill.
 Barkoot Bros.: Delancey, O.
 Basinet: Virginia, Minn.
 Bayinger, Al: Vinton, Ia.
 Beams Altra: Berlin, Pa.
 Beckmann-Gerry: Toledo, O.
 Bell, F. M.: Winchester, Ky. Georgetown 10-15.
 Blue Ridge: Dresden, Tenn.
 Boris: Miss River, Mo.
 Bowell, Fred C.: Sophia, W. Va.
 Bremer's Tri-State: Eagle Grove, Ia.
 Brown Family Rides: Bartow, Ga.
 Buck, O. C.: New Britain, Conn.
 Buckeye State: Indianapolis, Mo.
 Bullock Am. Co.: Lebanon, Va.
 Burdette, Al: Toledo, O. 15-16.
 Burke, Frank: Dallas, Tex.
 Byers Bros.: Creston, Ia.
 Casey, E. J.: All-Canadian: Beaumont, Man. 4-5; Morden 6-8; Lower Farm 10; Gladstone 12; Pilot Mound 13; Minnesota 14-15.
 Central States: Philadelphia, Kan.
 Conner, Sam: Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Erie 10-15.
 Clark's Greater: Westwood, Calif.
 Clyde's United: Philadelphia, Pa.; Corwenville 10-15.
 Coleman Bros.: Hartford, Conn.
 Colley, J. J.: Nowata, Okla.
 Columbian Organizing: Westbrook 10-15.
 Columbia: Kiowa Lake, Ont., Can.
 Convention: Wellsville, N. Y. Allegany, 10-15.
 Cotton State: Dalyerville, Ky.
 Crowley United: Loveland, Colo.; Rawlins, Wyo. 10-15.
 Crystal Expo: Morgantown, N. C.; Bristol, Va. 10-15.
 Cumberland Valley: Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Cunningham Bros.: Shadydale, O.
 Davis & Parrott: Stephens City, Va.
 De Luxe Am. Am.: Ware, Mass.
 Duke Belie: Horse Cave, Ky.
 Douglas Greater: Everett, Wash.; Tacoma 10-15.
 Dudley, D. S.: Quanah, Tex.; Wheeler 10-15.
 Dyess Greater: Penobscot, Wis.
 Eason, J. H.: Shelby, O.; Mansfield 10-15.
 Elk Valley: Bullseye, Tenn.
 Elman: (City Stadium) Warsteem, Wis.; Kenosha 10-15.
 Empire: Ozona, Tex.; (Fair) Rock Springs 11-15.
 Endy Bros.: Shows: Amsterdam, N. Y.
 Endy Bros.: Expo: Burlington, N. J.
 Evangeline: Houma, La.
 Ewell Am. Co.: Minden, La. 6-8; Mandeville 11-12.
 Fairly & Little: Fort Dodge, Ia. 3-6.
 Fidler United: Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
 Flaming, Mac Cody: Albany, Ga.
 Folio: Elm Hill, Ark.; Arkansas City 10-15.
 Frisk Greater: Madison, Minn.; Fergus Falls 10-15.
 Funland: Prestonsburg, Ky.
 Funland United: Macassine, Ia.; Grinnell 10-15.
 Gibbs, W. A.: Washington, Kan.; Wellington 10-15.
 Gold Medal: Oshkosh, Wis.
 Golden State: Modesto, Calif.; King City 10-15.
 Golden West: Hennepin, Minn.; Deer River 10-15.
 Goodman Wonder: Daventry, Ia.
 Great Lakes Expo: Danville, Ill.
 Great Bright Way: Waynesburg, Pa.; South Park 10-15.
 Greaters: Mt. Carmel, Ill.; Vincennes, Ind. 10-15.
 Greater Expo: Calumet City, Ill.
 Greater United: Vernon, Tex.
 Grubert's World Famous: Kingston, N. Y.; Middlebury 10-15.
 Hanes, Bill: Waco, Tex. 5-13.
 Happy Attrs.: Marquette, O.; Quincy 10-15.
 Hartman, Fred: Ann Arbor, Mich. 3-9; Wyandotte 10-15.
 Harris: Elwood, Ind.
 Harbock Bros.: Colchester, Ill.
 Heller's Arms: Rahway, N. J.
 Henries Bros.: Rock Island, Ill.
 Hulderman's United: Palo Alto, Calif. 3-9; Monterey 11-16.
 Hulme, Wm. Am. Co.: Polo, Ill.; Ottawa 13-16.
 Hunt, Bert: Louisville, Ia.
 Norton United: Gilman, Ill.; Monroe 10-15.
 Oettle, Huff: Du Quoin, Ill.; Clinton 10-15.

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Elli Winston, Red Doughtery and Bob Ballou visited from Shreveville, Tenn. A. C. Scott is visiting Mildred Davis at Mobile, Ala., and Charles Scott is recuperating from a severe illness. Mrs. Scott added a bumper concession and Mrs. Pauline Dell returned from a visit to her mother in Madison, Fla. Mrs. B. T. Scott, wife Turner Scott, is recovering from an operation in Orange Hospital, Orlando, Fla.

CAMDEN AIRPORT

(Continued from page 23)

possibilities the airport might be converted into either a horse-racing track or a year-round amusement park.

At Weber's Hof Brau, largest night club development adjoining the airport, proprietor John Weber said the patronage that has been developed in the past few years is expected to be retained, airport or no airport. Future of the field affects at least a dozen other after-dark spots in the immediate vicinity. Conversion into a race track or amusement park would mean a considerable boom for the area.

FINAL CURTAIN

(Continued from page 28)

In 1932 at the Vaudeville Theater, London, by Seymour Hicks. Among her early works were *The Lemonade Boy*, Mr. Sheridan, *The Knave of Hearts* and *Henry of Lancaster*. She also did some collaborating with Frederick Lonsdale, Kai Kusshiro Ardashir, Cyrus Wood, Leyla George, Jesse Lasky and Walter Armistead. Some of her works to reach Broadway were *Ladies of Creation*, *Experience Unnecessary*, *None and All an Hour*. Her last play, *Tonight We Dance*, was produced in Chicago last winter. She had been writing for pictures since 1926 and authored *Music Is Magic*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* and *Daughter of Shanghai*.

Marriages

ALLEN-FAUMAN—Gurston Sidney Allen, one of the owners of the Casino Theater, Toronto, Ont., and Layla Hannah Fauman, nonpro, May 26.

BAURAC-MATHEWS—Dan E. Baurac and Connie Mathews, performers with Henry L. Brunk's Comedians, rep show, in the First Methodist Church, Bowie, Tex., May 17.

BLANKENSHIP-HADDIX—Ray Blankenship, in charge of the office on Crowley's United Shows, and Nola Mae Haddix, of Paris, Tex., recently in Las Vegas, N. M.

CANNADY-GREEN—Barney F. Cannady, formerly with the Robbins Bros. Circus Side Show, and Weaver Green, nonpro of Lake Worth, Fla., May 25 at Jacksonville, Fla.

EMERY-BEARMAN—Charley Emery, associated with the Warner Theater, Wilmington, Del., and Mary Ruth Bearman, nonpro, May 22 in Wilmington.

FLYNN-ELFBORG—Charles Flynn, radio actor, currently playing the role of Michael in *Sabotage's Children*, and Ruth Elfborg, nonpro, June 8 in Chicago. Flynn is the son of Bess Flynn, prominent radio writer and character actress.

GOLDSTEIN-ROSENBERG—Leonard Goldstein, nonpro, and Norma Rosenberg, daughter of the Philadelphia singer and actors' representative, in that May 26.

LINGER-ROSE—Milton Lenger, Brooklyn music store operator, and Lila Rose, singer, at Evergreen Casino, near Philadelphia, May 19 in Philadelphia.

REDDY-DUNN—John Francis Reddy Jr., Ringling-Barnum counsel, and Eileen Alyra Dunn, daughter of William P. Dunn, vice-president and director of the Ringling-Barnum Corp., at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Orange, N. J., June 1.

ROACH-HUNT—Hal Roach Jr., film producer, and Mrs. Alva (Dolly) Brewster Hunt, in Yuma, Ariz., last week.

TREACHER-TAYLOR—Arthur Treacher, film actor, and Virginia Taylor, in Las Vegas, Nev., May 23.

Coming Marriages

Cassius Smith, manager of the Northwest Theater, Detroit, and Arlene Peebles, formerly of the Cleveland Group Theater, in Detroit in the fall.

Paul E. Field, Detroit radio and theatrical producer, and Ruth Margaret Wiedemer, known professionally as Anne Andre, dramatic and radio actress, June 12 in Detroit.

Al Avayoc, Atlantic City musician, and Adelheid Hooban, nonpro, in Atlantic City soon.

Maurice Abrams, Philadelphia radio singer, and Doris Schwartz, nonpro, in Philadelphia soon.

Carl Whyte, pianist with the Skippy LaMore Tent Show, and Dorothy Read, dancer, soon.

John Mossman, radio production man, and Joan Tetzel, radio performer, June 21.

Robert L. Henderson, nonpro, and Mary Fuller, actress, soon.

Philip Spalding, nonpro, and Joan Tocino, national senior singles figure skating champion, July 12 in Honolulu.

Births

A 6-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Gelman in Philadelphia May 17. Father is a singer at Station KYW, Philadelphia, known professionally as Roger Williams.

A daughter to Ben and Pearl Hoff, of New Art Toy Co., New York, May 22.

A daughter, Maribel Yerxa, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Owen, April 25 in Winchester, Mass. Parents are figure skating stars.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Abrams at St. Luke's Hospital, Philadelphia, May 22. Mother is a sister of Roger Kortland, orchestra leader.

A son, James Bernard, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Trainer in Allentown, Pa., May 19. Father is manager of the Rialto Theater, Allentown.

An 8½-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Norton at Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, May 24. Father is leader of the band at La Casa Ballroom, Philadelphia.

A daughter, Karen Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Millard in Winsted (Conn.) Hospital May 8. Mother is the daughter of the late Dolly and Floyd Nelson, of the Flying Ploydys, and father is general manager of the Adams-Woodruff Estates, Colebrook, Conn.

A seven-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gardner May 16 in Augusta, Ga. Father is a well-known unit show manager and producer.

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Beverage Venders--

In keeping with modern promotional methods, the week of May 12 to 18, 1940, was designated as National Bottled Carbonated Beverage Week by the carbonated beverage trade. This year, as never before, the subject of coin-operated beverage vending machines received attention in all plans for increasing the greater use of beverages of all kinds.

After years of experimenting and development of ideas a number of coin-operated machines for dispensing drinks and beverages have made their appearance on the market and will be promoted during the present year. Some lists show as many as 40 firms that have something to offer in the beverage vending machine field. Some of the firms are well known in industry and ample financing seems to be available for manufacturing and promotion.

The drink or beverage dispensing machines are not a new idea at all. As far back as 1931 I wrote an extended article on the developments in the field of drink vending machines, listing probably 10 machines that were then considered ready for the market. Mechanical, refrigeration and market problems developed and a lot of pioneering had to be done.

As a number of beverage or drink vending machines are now coming upon the market, it should be understood that a lot of progress has been made since 1931. Mechanical development in the vending machine industry itself has made such progress since 1931 that it can almost be called a new industry. Coin-operated machines for selling many standard products have become so well known today that they are definitely a part of the great distribution system in modern selling. This means that drink vending machines have ample precedent before them and the missionary work for the vending method has already been done. Public acceptance has already been assured; vending mechanisms have been perfected.

Refrigeration has made marvelous progress in the last 10 years also, so that what might have been a problem once is now a well-known service job. Cabinet design has also kept pace with all other lines of progress. The beverage vending machines now appearing on the market have all these advantages to draw upon so that high-grade machines are now a matter of course.

The products to be vended are all standard and the public has already been educated to use them. Coin-operated machines are now available to vend a varied line of liquids or drinks. The machines are generally divided into those for vending bottled goods and those for vending bulk drinks. There are machines for vending carbonated drinks either in bottles or in bulk. The bulk machines have carbonating mechanisms. There are machines for vending soft drinks of all kinds, citrus juices, milk, etc. Since refrigeration is used in machines for vending drinks they are generally classified as refrigerated venders and this line also includes machines for vending ice cream and frozen confection packaged goods.

There is really a substantial variety in the products to be vended by refrigerated machines and there is a lot of trade interest being shown in securing distribution of prod-

The experienced operator can make a large income with few machines in this field.

ucts thru vending machines. Florida citrus interests are known to be deeply interested in vending machines to dispense orange and other citrus juices. One of the most interesting drink venders recently shown was a machine that accepts the customer's coin, then slices the orange and presses the juice for the customer. Dairy trade associations are known to be interested in machines for vending milk and have even made arrangements for financing the establishment of routes.

All of these facts indicate an unusual interest in drink or beverage vending machines and also machines for selling frozen confections. The variety of machines on the market is certain to add to all this interest as the year goes on. Each machine has its own special points and it is not within the province of this article to discuss any particular machine. The success of mechanical vending has now been demonstrated amply enough to assure the purchaser that he can find good machines in which to invest.

There will be much interest in the sale and distribution of the machines themselves over the country. The firms making the machines are vitally interested in this part of the picture. The professional operators in the coin machine trade are also interested in the machines.

It is natural that the first steps in promoting and placing a new type of machine would call for men with ample financing. Operators with ample funds will thus be the first to take advantage of the new machines. The coin machine trade now has many operators with big investments in modern machines, business men who are ready to invest in new and high-grade machines as they appear on the market. Business men from other ranks will also be attracted by the drink venders and will bring new capital into the trade.

In a permanent use of vending machines to sell beverages, fruit juices, frozen confections, etc., due consideration must be given to the experienced operator who can successfully place 10, 20, 30 or so machines and maintain the route simply as a means of making a livelihood. Authorities in the beverage trade itself have recognized that many bottlers and others who presumably would rush to get the vending machines do not do so. The reason is that time and experience have proved the placing and servicing of vending machines to be a highly specialized business. There are a lot of trained men in the vending machine business who have learned its specialized nature thru years of experience. Any permanent program that seeks national coverage will do well to sell to these men. They have that stickability which will tide any new type of vending machine over the period of trial and into national acceptance as a means of selling more goods.

From the operating standpoint the high-grade drink vending machines offer the experienced operator a chance to make a good income on much fewer machines than would be true with ordinary vending machines. The experienced operator understands what a higher rate of income from fewer machines will mean to his future and he will welcome the idea. This field of mutual interests should help the beverage vending machines off to a good start in 1940.

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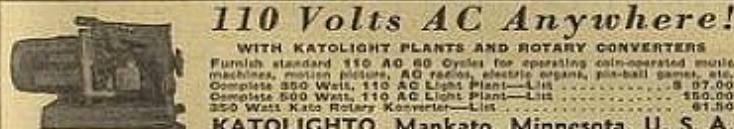


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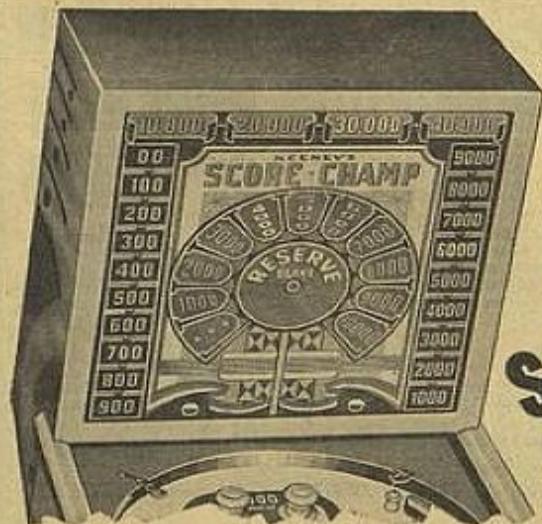
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Exhibit's Wings Hailed as Finest

CHICAGO, June 1.—"Wings, our newest game, is undoubtedly one of the finest we have ever made," declare officials of the Exhibit Supply Co., Chicago. "This game was tested on seven different locations in three widely separated sections of the country. All reports from these tests reveal this game has unusual earning power and like its immediate predecessor, Shortstop, has that easy-to-understand, fun-to-play action so popular with the public today."

"Furthermore, Wings," according to John Chrest, sales manager, "is entirely new and different in design and action. Operators can use Wings as a two-way-to-win or a straight high-score game, thus making it suitable for use in all pin table territory."

"When operated as two-way-to-win game, players receive free plays for high score and the special award. The special award makes all bumpers and

Battles of the Headlines . . .

DETROIT, June 1.—Many newspapers have learned that it is not easy to write headlines which tell the real facts; others are guilty of purposely writing headlines that give a false impression. It happened in Detroit this week following the city council hearing on license bills.

"Council Delays Action on Pinball Games," said The Detroit News, May 29 issue. "Commissioner Eaman Bares Pinball Racket," said The Detroit Free Press, May 30.

The headline which said the council delayed action was true; the headline which referred to a pinball racket was misleading.

One councilman and certain reform leaders tried to convince the council of a pinball racket, but the council was only convinced to the extent of postponing action. Under questioning, Commissioner Eaman said that certain "prohibition racketeers" had entered or tried to enter the games business at various times. There had been racketeering methods at times also, he said. He also stated that the labor troubles in the coin machine business had been no worse than in other businesses.

But many people only read the headlines.

Powerhouse, New Genco Release

CHICAGO, June 1.—"Following on the sensational trail of our recent record money-makers, Elondie and Cadillac, is another Genco release, Powerhouse," announced Genco officials during the past week. "Out only a short time," they continued, "it has had time to bring in reports of remarkable collections. Collections so good that coinmen are hailing Powerhouse as the greatest of all Genco games—and that's a cashbox!

"Powerhouse is one of the most intriguing combinations of new and tried-and-true features. It is unlike any novelty game ever manufactured, having more real bang-up thrills and zippy 'body English' than any other game."

"There are four great ways to win on Powerhouse," says Dave Gensburg, Genco executive. "But that's only half of it—because there are a million ways to be thrilled! From first reports, Powerhouse is all that its name implies—a high-voltage money-maker that has every indication of establishing new profit highs throughout the country."

"Powerhouse, say operators, gives players bigger and better thrills. The suspense and the many fascinating win combinations are keeping players glued to the game," is the report.

"Bert Lane, of Seaboard Sales, Genco's Eastern factory representative, says that he has never seen anything like the immediate response of both operators and players to Powerhouse."

switches worth free plays at a certain predetermined score. The dome light on the left side of the front arch lights up when this feature becomes active.

"Operators," according to Chrest, "will be especially pleased to learn that Wings is so constructed that all essential electrical parts are now located in the back-box, making the game easy to service."

Jennings Offers Modern Free Play

CHICAGO, June 1.—According to officials of O. D. Jennings & Co., operators are losing no time in ordering their new bell machine, Modern Vendor, a combination free play and mint bell.

Hymie Branson, sales executive of the company, in commenting on the new machine, said: "We sincerely believe that Modern Vendor opens tremendous new profit opportunities to operators in free play territories."

"Not only does Modern Vendor have all the play appeal of the bell machine but because it has no payout and awards are made only in free plays with a roll of coins vended for each coin played, the machine is winning the approval of the authorities in many territories."

"Modern Vendor is not only a custom-built machine but the only machine of this type with the entire mechanism contained within the cabinet. This feature permits the operating of the machine either on a counter or a stand."

"The machine is equipped with both a National slug rejector and a special coin detector showing last three coins played. This affords 100 per cent protection against loss from cheating."

"The mechanism is the same as that used on the ever-popular Jennings Chief. It's the one-piece removable type, with heavy-duty clock, no-bounce reels, coin detector . . . all features that mean years of smooth, trouble-free service."

Vemco Sees Big Summer Season

PAYETTEVILLE, N. C., June 1.—"The summer of 1940 looks as if it's going to be one of the greatest in the history of the industry," reports Joe Calcutt, of The Vending Machine Co. "The trade has been getting some of the finest machines ever manufactured. They have been making placements in the finest of locations. The public accepts coin-operated equipment in an entirely new light today and we feel that all this is crystallizing into one of the biggest seasons that the coin machine industry has ever had."

"Here at 'Vemco' we are preparing for this great summer with a complete stock of all the latest and best machines just as speedily as they are presented. We have placed advance orders with many manufacturers and believe that some of the machines which will be produced are going to set new standards for earning power."

"In addition, Vemco will as usual have a large stock of reconditioned equipment on hand. These machines will all be perfect as to condition and appearance and will be rebuilt in the usual Vemco manner in Vemco's repair shops."



ROCK-OLA PHONOGRAPH IN THE PALACE THEATER LOBBY, Albany, N. Y., featured records by members of The Three Suns trio during their stage appearance there. At Schlesinger, of Square Amusements, Albany, Rock-Ola distributor, furnished the Rock-Ola phonograph for the promotion. Schlesinger is second from the left in the picture. With him are The Three Suns.

Exports of Games

April, 1940

Destination	Quantity	Value
Canada	396	\$22,945
Panama (Rep.)	13	1,041
Mexico	71	4,043
Colombia	2	96
Philippines	2	34
British S. Africa	60	8,012
Sweden	6	365
Haiti	1	120
Argentina	20	207
British Indies	8	1,711
Australia	18	1,978
New Zealand	16	805
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Allied Machines For Army Camps

CHICAGO, June 1.—Charley Mayer, who has just recently opened as a distributor of all types of coin machines under the name of the Allied Novelty Co., reports that he has just made arrangements to supply the recreation halls of all the army camps in the Northern district with Photomatic machines.

"With the big preparedness program

C. M. Industry Hails Picnic

Expect crowd of 10,000 at Riverview Park, Chicago, for July 20 fest

CHICAGO, June 1.—Announcement of a huge Coin Machine Picnic at Riverview Park, Chicago, Saturday, July 20, has aroused tremendous enthusiasm throughout the industry, according to Jim Gilmore, secretary-manager of Coin Machine Industries, Inc., manufacturers' association sponsoring the picnic.

"Ever since the news broke last week," Gilmore said, "my phone has been ringing and I've been kept busy answering inquiries from manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and others associated with the industry, all anxious to know how they can co-operate to insure the success of the picnic.

"Everybody will have an opportunity to help make the Coin Machine Picnic the greatest coin-machine event since the Chaldeans invented coins. And by everybody I mean everybody from the heads of every concern in the business to every last coin-machine employee in and around Chicago. In fact, this is to be primarily an employees' picnic and we expect nearly 10,000 employees, together with their friends and relatives, to attend. The picnic will thus be a vivid demonstration of what coin machines mean as a source of employment and mass purchasing power.

"Arrangements have been made whereby, with the co-operation of manufacturers, all employees attending the coin machine picnic will be furnished not only free admission to the park and picnic grove but also free rides, free refreshments and other free attractions. Numerous prizes will also be awarded in the various field contests. An orchestra for dancing will be provided and no effort or expense will be spared to make the Coin Machine Picnic a frenzy of fun, an outing which employees will remember with pleasure for a long, long time to come."

now going on, the army camps this year will have many more thousands of men than they ever had before," declared Mayer. "There is one thing every soldier likes to do and that is to have his picture taken. The Photomatic, made by the International Mutoscope Reel Co., is being selected by the commissary department of the army for at least 10 or 15 camps in the Central Western area. Furthermore, they will most likely place several Sky Fighter Machine Guns in each of the camps." The Sky Fighter is also a product of the International Mutoscope Reel Co., for which Mayer is exclusive representative in his territory.



BILL CARLSEN AND HIS ORCHESTRA

A SEEBURG PHONOGRAPH PLAYS a recording by Bill Carlsen and his Orchestra for Bill Carlsen and his boys. The picture was taken at the offices of the Sooner Novelty Co., Oklahoma City, while the Carlsen orchestra was filling an engagement at the Spring Lake Casino, Oklahoma City dance spot.

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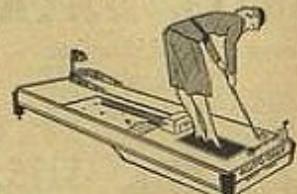
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The organization is now about three months old and on May 14 a big celebration dinner and dance was held at the President Hotel here.

The organization adopted a name that is considered novel in the coin machine trade. The registered name of the association is Hobbies, Inc. This name was decided upon rather than a name having the wording "operators association". In order to attract more favorable public attention, local comments have been very favorable. Carl Hoelzel, of United Amusement Co., is the president.

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FTC Cases Against Cig Manufacturers Scheduled in July

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Federal Trade Commission is expected to open hearings in July in connection with complaints against eight major cigarette manufacturers for alleged violation of the Robinson-Patman Act.

The cases are now being prepared for trial, but are not expected to begin prior to July 5, since all the Commission's trial examiners will be occupied with other matters until that time, officials said.

It is understood the case against each manufacturer will be taken up separately before the same examiner, altho the order of action has not yet been determined. Commission spokesmen indicated the entire proceedings may run over several months period. The complaints have already been answered in writing by each manufacturer.

Haley Tells Bev Vender Advantages

CHICAGO, June 1.—O. D. Jennings & Co., Chicago, with 34 years' experience in the coin machine business, are offering as one of their newest products the Jennings Bottled Beverage Dispenser. In describing the beverage machine G. P. Haley, Jennings' official, declared that one of the outstanding features of the machine was its large capacity. The machine holds 10 cases of beverages, five cases in the vending unit and five cases in the pre-cooling compartment.

Two flavors may be vended, the left-hand conveyor having a capacity of 52 bottles and the right-hand side has a capacity of 68 bottles. The vendor handles practically all standard size bottles from six to 12 ounces, including half-pint dairy bottles, without adjustment.

Haley foresees a great future for the machine. "The profitable outlets for coin-operated beverage dispensers haven't even been scratched," he declared. He went on to tell of the simplicity, declaring that there is nothing to do but load the dispenser and plug the wires into the nearest light socket.

Standard model dispenser is a green and white color combination. Other color combinations are available if desired, the firm reports.

Cigaret Net 44½ Millions in April

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Cigarettes netted the government a total revenue of \$44,459,734 during the month of April, according to a report issued by the Internal Revenue Bureau, U. S. Treasury Department.

This compares with the \$36,808,752 collected during the corresponding month of last year.

Cigaret Brand Sales, 1929-1939

CHICAGO, June 1.—Recently quoted figures, taken from Poor's Financial Reports, show the trends in the cigarette business during the past 10 years. The figures cover the periods between 1929-1930 and show which companies did the bulk of business during that period. The figures follow:

Brand	1929	1932	1934	1937	1938	1939
Lucky Strike	30.4%	36.2%	27.2%	24.7%	29.3%	23.5%
Camel	33.2%	24.1%	25.6%	28.2%	26.3%	24.8%
Chesterfield	22.3%	21.4%	27.4%	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%
Old Gold	6.7%	5.3%	4.0%	4.0%	3.2%	3.2%
Philip Morris	—	—	2.2%	4.5%	3.5%	6.4%
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Thirst Quencher Gets Test Okeh

NEW YORK, June 1.—"Extensive tests on our beverage dispenser, Thirst Quencher, has found that it meets every operating requirement," according to executives of Beverage Dispensers, Inc., New York. "As far as appearance is concerned, we have learned from test reports that the sanitary white machine with the lighted cup display and modernly designed cabinet meets with complete approval of both location and buying public. Its clean, neat appearance is a definite asset in drawing patrons."

"Standing in back of the design and appearance is a most simple and compact mechanism—the very simplicity is its greatest feature. The size has been kept down, yet it has a great capacity. The machine is only 27 inches wide, 18 inches deep and 72 inches high."

"A prospective beverage dispenser operator should check these reasons why Thirst Quencher is meeting with approval: 1. Beauty plus utility; 2. Clean appearance; 3. Sanitary in every way; 4. Completely portable; 5. Smallest and most compact machine; 6. Modern design to fit modern locations; 7. Completely automatic, self-contained unit; 8. Pre-tested and proven for a period of over a year on locations; 9. Assurance of consistent profits."

"In presenting Thirst Quencher we feel that it will meet with the interest of operators who are seeking an automatic beverage dispenser which has been completely tested from every standpoint and which has been proved adaptable to the finest locations. Thirst Quencher is the machine of tomorrow—available today it's the modern automatic beverage dispenser."

Financial

CHICAGO, June 1.—Life Savers Corp. and subsidiaries report for the March quarter a net income of \$223,03 against \$2,370,706 last year. This is at the rate of 63 cents a share for both periods. The results for the 1940 period do not include an exchange loss approximately \$4,800 or 12 cents a share as the result of a revaluation of the net current assets of Canadian subsidiaries from the Canadian to the United States dollar.

Planters Nut and Chocolate Co. has declared a regular dividend of \$2.50, payable July 1 to holders of record June 16.

National Candy Co. and subsidiary report for the March quarter an estimated net profit of \$91,000, equal, after dividend requirements on first and second preferred stocks, to 30 cents each on 102,815 no-par common shares against \$134,854, or 82 cents a common share last year.

Liquid Carbonic Corp. has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents, payable July 1 to holders of record on June 14.

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Frigid Vending Co. Begins in Detroit

DETROIT, June 1.—Frigid Vending Co. is being organized here by DeLo P. Heath, a former refrigeration man, who has been in touch with the coin machine field for a number of years.

The new company is distributing and operating beverage and ice cream vending, as well as frozen food venders, in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

In Detroit, the company is operating the new Revco ice cream vender, which is made at Adrian, Mich.

Candy Consumption 15.9 Lb. Per Capita

WASHINGTON, June 1—Candy consumption in the United States in 1939 averaged 15.9 pounds per capita as

Exports of Vend. Machines

Destination	Quantity	Value
Canada	118	\$11,463
Panama (Rep.)	1	233
Mexico	84	961
Dom. Rep.	2	45
Colombia	480	2,880
Venezuela	250	2,045
British South Africa	19	1,715
Totals	934	\$19,334

Does Engineering On Drink Venders

CHICAGO, June 1.—Active in special development and engineering work on beverage machines is the firm of A. Dalkin Co. here. The firm has for many years specialized in development and engineering work on vending machines.

Some of the largest industrial firms in the country come to the Dalkin organization for help on machine problems. Special engineering ideas have been contributed to a number of beverage vending machines. The firm also makes the Vanek coin mechanisms in use on many types of machines. The firm also develops candy bar vending machines for manufacturing firms.

At present the firm has on test a refrigeration and dispensing unit which may become important in beverage vending machines. A refrigeration unit has been developed which quickly reduces even hot water to a drinking temperature of 40 or 50 degrees. Dispensing mechanisms and metals for beverage venders are also on the firm's list of accomplishments.

Pre-Carbonation Is Bally Feature

CHICAGO, June 1.—"Pre-carbonation is the application of an age-old principle to the problem of automatically vending carbonated soft drinks," said Ray Moloney, Bally Mfg. Co. president. "The principle has been utilized for many years by the draft beer industry."

"Beverage vended in the Bally Beverage Vender is pre-mixed and pre-carbonated in a central unit located in the operator's headquarters. This unit serves from 20 to 30 venders, the beverage being transported to the venders in stainless steel barrels. Refrigeration in transit is not required; the machine chills the beverage in three minutes."

"The Bally pre-carbonation method results in three advantages: the vender does not have to mix and carbonate the beverage—but only to refrigerate, measure and dispense—which means mechanical simplicity and low operating cost; no plumbing

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in connection with the central carbonator, and fourth—which is very important—the pre-carbonation method permits the operator to maintain strict sanitation."

Kalva Vender Takes All Bottles

CHICAGO, June 1.—"Short or tall, fat or thin, all types of bottles will fit 'as is' in the 1940 Kalva Venders," reports Kalva Venders, Inc., Chicago. The beverage dispensing machine which the firm is offering takes any bottle from $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter up to $9\frac{1}{2}$ " in height.

According to officials, the machine has a large capacity, holding up to 150 bottles in the vending compartment and up to 125 in the pre-cooling department. This is a total of 275 bottles in the machine. Dry cooling with forced air circulation guarantees 50 per cent faster refrigeration, according to Kalva.

"Auto body steel bonded and galvanized steel go into the construction of the Kalva Vender," they declared. "Nationally recognized motors and $\frac{1}{4}$ horsepower compressors of sturdy, simple mechanism, assure freedom from service troubles. The Kalva Vender is completely automatic and trouble free. It is slug proof."

"Experience proves that industrial outlets are steady outlets. Winter and summer the constant demand created by Kalva Venders on-the-spot-selling is the backbone of any vending machine business."

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Where To Place Cold Venders

By HERB JONES

Advertising Manager, Bally Mfg. Co.

A SURVEY of actual placements of the Bally Beverage Vender, which vends 5-cent cups of cold, carbonated beverage, reveals three general types of locations.

First, commercial locations in which beverages are not ordinarily sold, such as theater and building lobbies, garages, etc. In such locations the beverage vender produces revenue not previously possible.

Reports indicate that, in addition to revenue from beverage sales, locations enjoy increased patronage upon the installation of the Bally Beverage Vender. For example, a garage owner writes: "We find the Bally Beverage Vender has increased our gasoline sales considerably. Many otherwise transient customers are now steady buyers of gas and oil, for while their cars are being serviced, they find they can refresh themselves with a cool refreshing drink from the machine."

Second, commercial locations in which beverages are sold, such as drug stores,

against 15.1 pounds in 1938, according to a report of the Foodstuffs Division of the Department of Commerce. Total consumption exceeded 2,000,000,000 pounds.

The increase is attributed, in part, to the campaign waged by the candy industry featuring the slogan: "Candy Is Delicious Food; Eat Some Every Day."

department stores, depots, etc., in which the Bally Beverage Vender produces extra revenue by providing a convenient quick self-service for patrons who will not ordinarily wait for fountain or table service. The easy portability (no plumbing) of the Bally Beverage Vender permits placement of machines on sidewalks outside of stores where thirsty folks are stopped in their tracks—thus creating additional beverage sales.

Third, industrial locations, such as factories, mills, shops, warehouses, etc., which offer one of the most lucrative fields of operation.

The sales story to industrial locations is brief and convincing: the quick "pick-up" in a sparkling drink of cold carbonated beverage cuts down fatigue, boosts efficiency and also earns a substantial profit for the company or employee welfare, cutting or soft-ball fund.

The management of a trucking company writes, regarding Bally Beverage Venders in its terminals: "Our employees have expressed real appreciation in being able to drop a nickel into your vending machine and being refreshed by a cold drink."

Space does not permit a complete catalog of locations, but a quick glance thru the classified telephone directory, from A to Z—airports to zoos—indicates the almost inexhaustible range of beverage vender locations available in every community.

Beverage Machine Progress

An Editorial Survey by WALTER W. HURD

EVEN a casual look at the current developments in the field of coin-operated machines for dispensing or vending cold drinks reveals a subject of deep interest. A lot of things are happening in the drink vending field. The proper names for the machines, or a trade terminology, is being developed. The most aggressive enthusiasts in the business say that it is now "just in its infancy."

Refrigerated vending machines have been an objective in the coin-operated machine industry for many years. The great progress of the refrigeration industry itself has made possible in recent years the building of real refrigerated vending machines. Ten years ago refrigeration was so serious a problem in vending machines that some said a successful machine could never be built. In those days refrigeration applied to vending machines even "froze" the coin mechanisms so they would not operate after about 24 hours of refrigeration. One of the largest rubber companies in the United States developed a process of rubber coating of metal and offered this as a method for preventing mechanisms from freezing. Some refrigerated vending machines were built offering this new development. That was in the old days. It is mentioned here to show how far industry has come in the last 10 years, for today the trade doesn't even bother to think about the point that was once a serious one in the refrigerated vending machine business.

Convenient Names Needed

Now that business is getting such a good start in 1940, the question of attractive names and classifications is a need. Refrigerated vending machines is a cumbersome term, so some are already saying simply, "cold venders." Cold venders is a convenient and fully descriptive term that will cover all types of refrigerated machines, from those that vend drinks or beverages to those

that have been built to vend frozen confections or frozen meats. Drink dispensers was an earlier term that was used to refer to machines built for vending or dispensing soft drinks or fruit juices. Drink venders would be a convenient term and would probably become popular, but the trend seems to be to use the more dignified term of beverage venders. The use of the word beverage into a great industry and also is broad enough to cover any liquor product for which dispensing machines may be built in the future. Attractive names have a business value and so it is probable that the trade will soon come to use those expressions which the public itself seems to prefer as the public becomes acquainted with beverage venders.

Appealing to Operators

My observation is that possibly three angles of the beverage vending business at the present time have special interest for the operator.

There are enough operations now established so that any operator can check up for himself in most any way that he likes to see what are the advantages and disadvantages in operating a beverage vending route.

The beverage vending machine business is in its infancy and those who get in now will be getting in on the ground floor, so to speak.

The individual operator can set himself up in a good business with beverage vending machines with much fewer locations than with many other types of machines. He can cut down the number of locations considerably.

There are many other interesting angles about the beverage vending business, but these three should appeal especially to operators. Whatever the final developments may be in the beverage field, anyone who begins to investigate present ideas, machines and experiments will find the field extremely interesting. Perhaps that is to suggest that everyone should give the new business some thought; many operators will decide that it is not for them; many others will decide that it is a promising new business and go into it with a determination to succeed.

Types of Machines

It is not easy to make general remarks about the beverage vending future without noting the types of machines now on the market. The machines vending bottled drinks are now on the market in sufficient numbers so that they are a commercial reality. It is not probable that bottle drink venders will disappear from industry in the future. Whatever operating procedures may show up in the future, the distribution of beverages in bottles is practically certain to be using vending machines from now on. This is not saying that bottle drink machines are a quick road to big money for the operator. This is saying that bottle venders are now occupying a definite place in the system of supplying bottled drinks to the public.

Venders of bottled drinks are now spoken of as selective or non-selective. Operators are well acquainted with what these terms mean and also as to the advantages of each type. The range of selectivity possible in such machines may be seen by the fact that one vendor now on the market offers the customer a choice of 10 different beverages by simply turning a knob. Most selective venders are limited to a choice of two or three drinks, it seems.

The trend is generally to electric refrigeration; the terms "wet" and "dry" refrigeration are still used in speaking of the features of machines. With a number of machines for vending bottles on the market, each machine naturally has its special features, and the makers of the machines are best qualified to explain the special merits of their products. Operators in the coin machine business know certain well-defined points to investigate in any machine.

A glance at the advertising literature of bottle vending machines shows certain general points as capacity, coin mechanism, delivery mechanism, refrigeration, cabinet construction, size, convenience in servicing, pre-cooling capacity, dispensing of empty bottles, etc., as important checking points.

Due to the variety of sizes and shapes of bottled beverages on the market, every machine has its pros and cons with respect to types of bottles handled also. Capacity of pre-cooling bottles also seems to be an important point. Practically all of the machines on the market are equipped with trade-marked units, from cabinet to coin chute and refrigeration unit, so that the operator knows the reputation of these various units already. The machines are assembly jobs and most of the parts or units have a well-known reputation. Hence there is no experimenting with respect to the units.

Bottle Idea Tested

Credit is generally given to the Coca-Cola company for giving bottle vending machines a long and worthy test and simply demonstrating that machines for vending bottles belong in the present distribution system. The bottle venders have now been tried for four years and the present national interest in bottle

In the bulk dispenser machine the items of sanitation and refrigeration become doubly important. In machines dispensing carbonated beverages the matter of carbonation is also important.

Sanitation Important

In the handling of soft drinks and sirups the problem of sanitation has always been a serious one even with soda fountains. It should be understood by those who operate bulk beverage machines that sanitation is a serious matter. Manufacturers of these machines are anxious that every operator protect the reputation of the machines on this point. Every possible mechanical device has been contrived to aid sanitation. If for no other reason, the operator must remember that competitive interests may have his machines condemned if proper sanitary rules are not followed.

Manufacturers of beverage machines are recommending that service men and mechanics all have neat uniforms in order to show full regard for neatness and cleanliness when operating any type of machine in this field.

The bulk dispensers may have pre-carbonation, or machines are offered that mix the gas and water within the machine. Each system has its advantages and the operator can make his choice.

Bulk drink machines are also available for vending fruit juices and non-carbonated drinks. Each type of drink has its own special problems. For example, a simple drink like orange juice has presented many problems to the vending trade. The juice deteriorates quickly and requires agitation to keep it well mixed. A recent experimental machine has been shown which slices the orange and squeezes the juice fresh after the customer deposits his coin.

Bulk dispensers do not say so much about selectivity. A large operating firm in Chicago has been using a machine which offers a choice of three drinks in the same machine. The operator recognizes the problems involved as the number of drinks is increased, also the advantages that result by offering three popular drinks in the same machine.

Operating Possibilities

One manufacturer of bulk dispensers says that one man can service 20 machines. A manufacturer of bottle venders says that a route of 100 locations will require two trucks and one mechanic, or three to five men to properly care for the route. There is naturally a heavy increase in business during the summer and extra help must be taken on.

Beverage syrup can usually be obtained by the operator on the same plan that soda fountains get beverage sirups. The handling of bottled beverages is fre-



AN EXAMPLE of a modern beverage machine for dispensing bottled drinks. It handles various-size bottles. Made by Kalsea Venders, Inc., Chicago.

venders is largely due to what this one firm has done in the field. It is said that makers of other popular bottled beverages have had to recognize the vending machine as filling a real need in carrying bottled goods to the customer.

It is because of this long test that venders of bottled beverages are said to be no longer an experiment. The question now is whether bottlers will place machines or whether professional operators will place them.

Bulk Beverage Venders

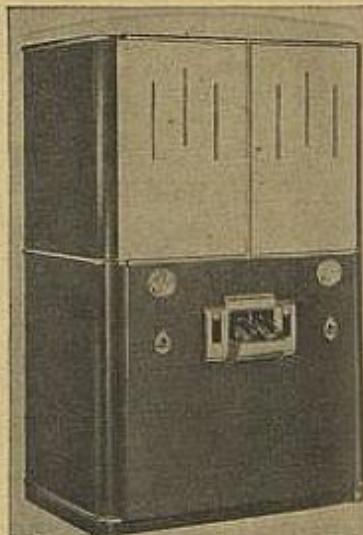
A newer type of beverage vender and one still involving a lot of developments is the machine which automatically dispenses a cold drink in a cup, similar to the service that a patron gets at the soda fountain.

There are some very attractive machines of this type now on the market and there are indications that new developments are also being pushed rapidly. This type of machine has been the dream of inventors for many years. While the bulk type of machine has not had the extensive operating tests that bottle venders have had, yet there are some established routes using the bulk machines and some well-known operators have given the field a good tryout. These experiences indicate that the bulk dispensers may eventually become one of the most attractive types of vending machines displayed to the public. The bulk drink vender has an underlying principle of offering the customer a service that will gradually become a habit with the public. In other words, as far as appeal to the consumer is concerned, the bulk vender has a definite and important future.

Activity in the development of bulk drink venders is intense at the present time. Some good machines are now available to operators. It should be understood, however, that a lot of development work is going on and that new ideas and new mechanisms may be expected to follow this year and next to increase the importance of this type of machine.



THIS BULK BEVERAGE VENDER serves drinks in paper cups. It uses the principle of pre-carbonation. Photographed on location in Honolulu. Made by Bally Mfg. Co., Chicago.



A TYPE OF BEVERAGE VENDER dispensing bottled drinks; offers customer a choice of two beverages. Made by O. D. Jennings & Co., Chicago.



Coming Events

Coin Machine Picnic, Saturday, July 20, at Riverview Park, Chicago. Sponsored by Coin Machine Industries, Inc.

National Hotel Week, June 2 to 5.

National Governors' Conference, St. Paul, June 2 to 5.

Thirteenth Annual Convention of the National Tobacco Tax Conference, Providence, tentatively set for September.

Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Associated Retail Confectioners, New York, at the Pennsylvania Hotel, June 2 to 5.

American Federation of Musicians' Convention, Indianapolis, June 10 to 15.

Radio Parts Manufacturers' National Trade Show, Chicago, June 11 to 14, at the Stevens and Blackstone hotels.

Convention of the National Association of Music Merchants (retail music stores), Chicago, July 30 to August 1.

Thirteenth annual convention of the National Food Distributors' Association, Chicago, August 21 to 24.

Fifty-seventh annual convention of the National Confectioners' Association at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, June 3 to 7.

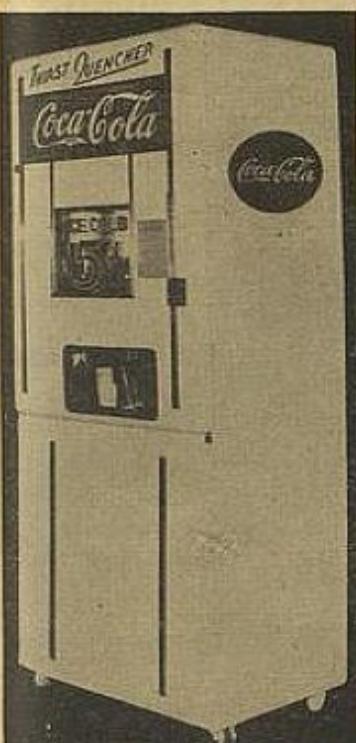
Annual meeting of the National Association of Food Chains, October 14, 15 and 16. Site not yet selected.

Wisconsin Cigaret Operators' Association meeting at Lorraine Hotel, Madison, Wis., Sunday, June 16. Scheduled for 1 o'clock.

Interstate C. M. A. Annual Outing at the Berkshire Country Club, Wingdale, N. Y., June 15 and 16.

also invented a new type of billiard equipment dependent on a franchise, and the operator who plans to invest in bottle machines should know what his local situation is. The manufacturers of the machines have had experience in guiding operators on this point.

Earning possibilities on each type of machine vary. Every operator will know why this is true. The same variables that enter into the matter of earnings on any type of machine also enter into the operation of beverage machines. The operator venturing into the field should recognize, however, that he is definitely entering a merchandising business and that a definite system of accounting is necessary. The beverage industry has well-established merchandising ideas and the operator must have due regard for these.



Who Will Operate?

An authoritative trade paper in the beverage field suggests what has been expected for some time—that the majority of bottlers will not want to install the system and the necessary help to operate beverage vending machines. Some bottlers have already entered the field and are making a success of it. But the opinion is growing that the operation of bottle machines is a business for men already experienced in the specialized machine field, or for men who want to build up an organization of experienced men.

One fact is also emphasized, that is, the experienced machine operator must also recognize that he is in the beverage business.

It is still more true of the bulk dispensers than of bottle machines that they are devices which call for men who have experience or plan to specialize in the beverage machine business.

The beverage machines are of such a nature that the operator will have the advantage of territorial agreements and protection that are not always given with other types of machines.

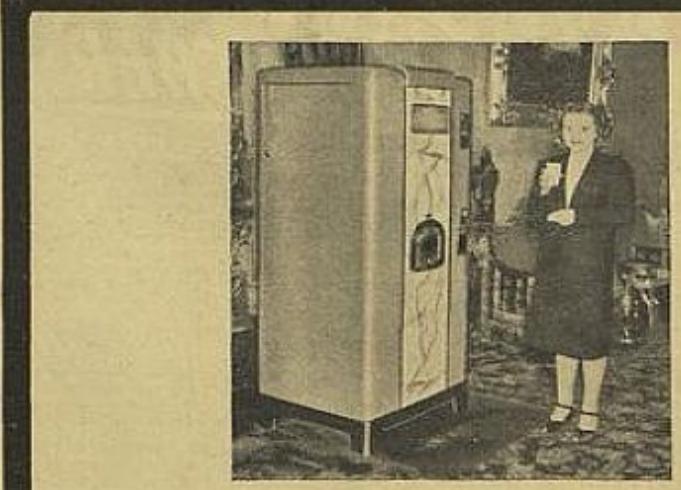
Beverage machines may be financed just as financing is available in the purchase of other high-grade types of machines.

Beverage machines are comparatively new at the present time and interest in the field may be said to be growing by leaps and bounds. Beverage machines enable the operator to cash in on the great beverage and soft drink market, which is staggering in its bigness. Its products are well advertised and the variety of drinks is increasing constantly. The variety of products or drinks ranges from milk to beer. Frozen confection and ice cream venders have not been considered in this article as they are quite different from the cold drink venders.

Detroit

DETROIT, June 1.—O. H. Feinberg, manufacturer's representative, is spending most of his time on the road this month.

Joseph Separa, formerly a partner in the S. & D. Novelty Co. with Max Dorsey, has switched over to operating under his own name. He is operating pin games and bowling alleys. Separa has



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table which is on test location in a dozen spots in Detroit.

Louis Markovich and Harry R. Green, newcomers in the coin machine field, have formed the H. & L. Vending Co. with headquarters on Broad street. They are specializing in vending routes, particularly peanut and gum venders.

D. M. Firestone, factory distributor for O. D. Jennings & Co., has just completed a long trip thru New England and has appointed several new distributors for the popular In-a-Bag Vender. Incidentally, Dave is celebrating his 15th wedding anniversary. He is due back in Detroit next week.

Alban J. Norris, operator of the Michigan Film Library for 20 years, made a visit to Chicago last week to inspect the new Mills motion picture machine. Norris is considering operation in this new field when it is available in this territory.

Bud Sauve, of A. P. Sauve Co., reports plenty of activity in the music machine field. "We have just had to put two new men out to sell phonographs to operators, so great is the demand for phonographs. We have averaged two new machines a day during May. Our policy

of getting new locations for operators to place machines in is an important factor, of course, in selling these new machines.

Two types of locations that have proved among the better paying new types are hamburger stands and dairy bars. Both these classes of spots have been increasing rapidly in the past few seasons and they replace a large part of the straight restaurant trade.

Syd Taube, of Detroit and Toronto, with Canadian Automatic Confections, Ltd., is active in organizing Canadian Picture Pioneers, stated as a national theatrical organization.

Foodmen To Discuss Modern Merchandising

CHICAGO, June 1.—Modern sales advertising and merchandising methods will be featured at the 13th annual convention of the National Food Distributors' Association, which will be held in Chicago, August 21 to 24, according to an announcement from the president, J. E. Cain.

It was said that in keying this year's convention to present-day requirements it is planned to bring out the importance of aggressive streamlined sales promotional efforts which are vital in keeping food distributors abreast of the times.

Unemployment Down . . .

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The National Industrial Conference Board, drawing upon figures from all governmental agencies, reports that the month of March saw an upturn in the number of persons gainfully employed in the United States. The report stated that there were approximately 9,304,000 unemployed in March, as compared with 9,417,000 in February. The decline in unemployment is measured as 1.2 per cent lower.

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Special Cups for Beverage Venders

NEW YORK, June 1.—The use of the paper cups made by the Lily-Tulip Cup Corp., said to be used in a majority of the bulk vending machines now manufactured has been one of the most interesting factors in the development of the bulk dispensers during the past six years.

The engineering development involved in the various models of these machines is an interesting story. Each machine contains the complete function of a soda fountain in a machine of less than telephone booth proportions and it can be easily realized that advanced technical developments were necessary to make such machines possible.

The problem of synchronizing the paper cup delivery so that the empty cup arrived at the proper spot a split second before the syrup and carbonated water was not the least of these technical problems.

It was learned after months of development work that the ordinary paraffin treated paper cups, while satisfactory for serving the drink, could not be depended upon to be 100 per cent positive in dispensing. This was due to a number of things, one of which was varying degrees of temperature caused by motors inside

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Machines worth one-third of a million dollars have been exported during '40

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Export figures on all classes of coin operated equipment for April, 1940, dropped slightly as compared with the preceding month, March, 1940. The figures for April were 1848 coin operated machines valued at \$108,798. March's exports were 1,078 machines valued at \$111,877. Largest item of increase during April was in export of commodity vending machines, with 954 machines valued at \$19,344 being exported. Total number of phonographs and games exported was approximately the same as in March. All figures quoted are from the Department of Commerce reports.

Both March and April, however, showed considerable gains over the months of January (807 machines valued at \$80,164) and February (1,031 machines valued at \$85,030). A tabulation of figures for the entire year of 1940, including

April, reveals that over one-third of a million dollars worth of machines have been exported. Exact figures are 4,702 machines, the value of which was \$383,889.

In April, Canada was again the largest consumer of games, phonographs and vending machines made in the U.S. Canada took machines valued at \$62,203, the largest item of which was 398 amusement devices worth \$22,949. Next largest purchaser was Mexico, which took the largest number of phonographs for the month. One hundred and thirty-three phonographs valued at \$19,061 was the largest item in the total export of \$2,067 worth of machines.

Next largest purchaser was British South Africa, which took 19 commodity vending machines valued at \$1,715 and 60 amusement devices valued at \$6,523, a total of 79 devices whose value was \$10,248.

Other countries taking over \$1,000 worth of machines were: Panama, \$5,812; Colombia, \$4,229; Venezuela, \$3,042; Philippines, \$1,782; British India, \$1,711; Australia, \$1,704; and Cuba, \$1,397.

Other countries taking machines the total value of which was less than \$1,000 were: New Zealand, Argentina, Haiti, Sweden, Hongkong (China), Chile, Brazil, Netherlands, W. I., Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Portugal and Belgium (including Luxembourg).

Breakdowns of export on each of the classes of machines (phonographs, vending and games) will be found in their respective sections.

Tourist Biz Up in South

NEW ORLEANS, June 1.—Some interesting figures to prove that the Gulf Coast area is profiting on tourist trade as the result of the European war and unsettled conditions in other foreign nations have been released this week by the convention and visitors' bureau of the New Orleans Association of Commerce. Not only is this immediate area finding a sharp pick-up in travel the past 18 months but the same condition appears to hold true in all resort areas of the South.

During the year 1939, the bureau reports, tourists' retail expenditures in Louisiana totaled \$89,283,000, which represents an increase of \$7,237,000 over 1935. In compiling a total tourist expenditure of \$6,000,000,000 during the year, the South ranked second only to the North Central States, the total for the nation being \$25,831,278,000. The South well exceeded the total in New England, Mountain, Plain and Pacific Coast States.

Favorable winter and summer climate, comprehensive park and recreational programs, extensive road improvements, a general increase in individual income and restriction of travel to domestic channels because of the war were all factors in helping the South show the greatest expansion in tourist expenditures since 1935, the report said.

Retail expenditures attributed solely to travelers in Louisiana alone for the past five years totaled \$255,636,000, divided into \$41,956,000 for 1935; \$57,611,000 in 1936; \$51,503,000 for 1937; \$55,283,000 for 1938 and \$59,293,000 last year. Thus far this year it is estimated expenditures are running 10 or 15 per cent ahead of 1939 and the figure may exceed \$65,000,000 spent in Louisiana alone in 1940.

ing and swimming, Robert K. Hawthorne, and handball, Sam Yolen. New Jersey representation tentatively announced by Cherry includes: Baseball, Harry Kolodny; golf, John Sharpenow; boating, Sidney Mittelman; swimming, Don Petrin; tennis, Jack Grout, and handball, Edward Dierickx.

Cherry said that he had sent letters about the cutting to manufacturers of allied lines, urging them to attend and, perhaps, hold a meeting. The soft-ball game between the Interstate members and the manufacturers hasn't been definitely settled but is expected to materialize in time to give both teams opportunity to select line-ups.

Whether or not Interstate CMA will hold a session at Wingdale is still indefinite. Letters have been mailed to members asking their views on the matter. Members are being urged, Cherry said, to arrive at the club by noon on Saturday in order to enjoy the full schedule of events.

Robbins Tells Need For Cent-a-Tune

BROOKLYN, June 1.—"There are many locations which cannot support a nickel phonograph yet would be good locations for machines which operate for a penny or, perhaps, give two plays for a nickel. This is particularly true of locations patronized by children. For this type of location we have devised several phonographs," reports Dave Robbins, of D. Robbins & Co.

"Our Cent-a-Tune is a 15-record selective machine which plays the standard 10-inch records. Many of the locations for this machine which could not support a nickel phonograph, are available and they are particularly grateful just much as the machines bring in extra business. The Cent-a-Tune has two coin chutes, one taking a penny for a single play and the other taking a nickel, giving five plays."

"In addition, we are also distributing the Double Value Photo, a 16-record selective machine which plays two records for five cents. Double Value Photo is a higher class machine. We are doing a fine business on both of the phonographs," concluded Robbins.



LUCILLE WARRAN, champion cigarette sales girl of the "Way West," Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., is featured here with the DuGrand Champion Cigarette Merchant.

MUSIC MERCHANDISING

South Seas Trend Brings Back Hawaiian Records

Prominent orchestras already recording in the Hawaiian mood

NEW YORK, June 1.—Just as the spreading popularity of Latin night clubs has been responsible for spotlighting rumbas, congas and other Latin American dances and songs, so the current popular trend toward night clubs of the South Sea Island type is reawakening an interest in Hawaiian melodies and entertainment.

While Latin clubs have been here for many years, it wasn't until clubs of this type began to spring up in other fair-sized cities throughout the country that conga and rumba records became sufficiently popular for music box operators to use them. As the popularity of these dances spread, some operators found it worth while to put a conga and a rumba or two on their machines.

History seems destined to repeat itself with the Hawaiian type of melodies. A recent survey made by the night club department of *The Billboard* disclosed the most profitable night clubs today are those of the South Sea Island type. Monte Proser, a well-known night club operator here, started a Beachcomber Club craze here which has spread to Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and the

Install Music Systems in Denver

DENVER, June 1.—One of the first complete wired music installations over ordinary telephone wires is now being completed in Denver by the Automatic Instrument Co. It is reported. Operating the set-up is Dave Chuyen, district manager for Denver. Larry Rohar is general manager for the Rocky Mountain region.

It is said that about 30 locations in Denver are operating under the set-up at present, with plans made for installation of approximately 100 more units. It is reported that operations will soon be extended to Pueblo, Colo.; Salt Lake City; Phoenix, Ariz.; and El Paso, Tex. It is reported that in other sections of the country the systems are now being set up; namely, Waukegan, Ill.; Chicago; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dallas; Tulsa, Okla.; Anderson, Ind.; Los Angeles, San Francisco.

It is reported that in the larger cities operations will be conducted by the Automatic Instrument Co., while in smaller localities a franchise will be given to responsible operators.

Pfanzstichl Gets Foreign Business

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 1.—"The good news is traveling far and fast," said Bill Hemminger, sales manager of Pfanzstichl Chemical Co., in speaking of the foreign acceptance being given its new 4,000-play Pfanzstichl phonograph needle.

"To illustrate the broad market we are reaching with our new need," said Hemminger, "I need only mention the many distributors we have already established in Mexico and Canada and, believe it or not, in England."

"Just recently we made a substantial shipment of needles to one large English distributor. War or no war, it appears that the English public still has time for music, and apparently insists on the finest music at that."

"With the good news of the exceptional merits of the Pfanzstichl needle traveling to the far corners of the earth, we expect to be establishing representatives in many more foreign countries in the very near future."

West Coast. Architecture, entertainment, and even drinks are all designed to enhance the South Sea Island atmosphere in these spots. In addition there are more than 35 other clubs operating in all parts of the country of this same type.

Growing popularity of Hawaiian music is further attested by the fact that the leading recording companies issued rush calls for all popular Hawaiian songs and assigned some of their best known artists to record them. Retail sales of these disks, especially in larger cities, is reported to indicate this type of music is steadily growing in popularity.

To date not many operators of music boxes have paid much attention to Hawaiian type records. However, as the South Seas fad spreads, it is quite possible that music ops will find one or two Hawaiian records mixed in with their standards will not only provide a touch of variety to their music box bill of fare but also pay worth-while dividends.

Bob Crosby, Sammy Kaye, Frances Langford, Harry Owens, Woody Herman

Cuatro Vidas

CHICAGO, June 1.—An item in *The Minneapolis Star-Journal*, May 25, reports that Don Leary, of the Automatic Sales Co., during a recent trip to Mexico, thoroughly enjoyed a Mexican orchestra playing a tune known as *Cuatro Vidas*, translated meaning four lives. The item goes on to report that Leary brought back several original recordings of the tune and that they were hits on his phonographs.

This item becomes more newsworthy in consideration of a report from the Ohio Valley Music Co. offices in Chicago. This firm has been using *Cuatro Vidas* for several months past and offers in evidence, a stack of greyed, worn-out copies of the tune.

and Andy Irons are among the artists who have recently recorded numbers of the Hawaiian type. Some of the titles include: *Purple Hills of Hawaii*, *Ka-Lu-A, Hawaiian War Chant*, *Blue Hawaii*, *My Little Red Rose*, *When Hilo Hattie Does the Hilo Hop*, *Hawaiian Love*, *Manuela Boy*, *Kiss Ipo*, *On the Isle of May*, *Hawaii Across the Seas*, *Rhythm of the Island* and *To You Sweetheart, Aloha*.

TOLEM POLE, Auburndale, Mass., June 17-22; Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa., June 26.

DECK BARRETT—Chippewa Ballroom, Chippewa Lake, O., June 7-12; Granite Ballroom, Detroit, June 19-21; COUNT BASIE—Armory, Newark, N. J., June 16; Riverside Beach, Charleston, S. C., June 18; City Armory, Charlotte, N. C., June 19; Auditorium, Roanoke, Va., June 20; Pepper Warehouse, Winston-Salem, N. C., June 21; Potomac River Boatline, Washington, June 22; Bayshore Pavilion, Buckroll Beach, Va., June 24; Community Center, Petersburg, Pa., June 25; Armory, Asheville, N. C., June 26.

WILL BRADLEY—McDonough (Md.) School, June 6; Woodberry Forest (Va.), Univ., June 7; Auditorium, Asheville, N. C., June 11; Magnum's Warehouse, Rocky Mount, N. C., June 14; Valdosta (Ga.) Auditorium, June 17; Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa., June 20.

HENRY BUSK—Lake Breeze Hotel, Buckeye Lake, O., June 7; Paramount Theater, Anderson, Ind., June 8; Paramount Theater, Hammond, Ind., June 9.

LARRY CLINTON—Oriental Theater, Chicago, June 23 (week); BOB CROSBY—Lyric Theater, Indianapolis, June 7 (week).

AL DONAHUE—Univ. of Maine, Orono, June 6; Mass. State College, Boston, June 10; Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., June 12; Bowdoin College, Lewiston, Me., June 13; Tufts Univ., Medford, Mass., June 17.

EDDY DUCHIN—Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 8; Plaza Theater, Asheville, N. C., June 9; Joyland Park, Lexington, Ky., June 10; Dreamland, Kenova, W. Va., June 12; Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown, Pa., June 13; Roton Point Park, South Norwalk, Conn., June 16; Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass., June 17; State Armor, Hartford, Conn., June 20.

DUKE ELLINGTON—Mystic Night Club, Youngstown, O., June 15; Dolney Park, Allentown, Pa., June 21.

GEORGE HALL—Sylvan Beach, La Porte, Tex., June 8 (week); Green Tree Inn, Wichita, Kan., June 21-23; Neptune Ballroom, Sioux Falls, S. D., June 22; HORACE HEIDT—Panobie Lake, Salem, N. H., June 7; Pier Ballroom, Old Orchard, Me., June 8; Lake Compound, Bristol, Mass., June 9.

WOODY HERMAN—VPI, Blacksburg, Va., June 7; Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa., June 8; Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, June 10.

DUKE JURGENS—White City Park, Herlin, Ill., June 8; Modernistic Ballroom, Milwaukee, June 9; Hollywood Park, St. Cloud, Wis., June 10; Bluff View Park, Brookfield, Wis., June 11; Crystal Ballroom, Dubuque, Ia., June 12; Eastwood Park, Detroit, June 14 (week); The Shad-Oak, Clinton, Ia., June 21; Wal-Air Ballroom, Des Moines, June 22; Turnpike Casino, Lincoln, Neb., June 23; Lakeside Pavilion, Denver, June 25.

ENOCH LIGHT—Million-Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, June 8-9; Rensselaer Poly Institute, Troy, N. Y., June 15.

GUY LOMBARDO—Univ. of Virginia, Lexington, June 7-8; Totem Pole, Auburndale, Mass., June 11-15.

GLENN MILLER—IMA Auditorium, Flint, Mich., June 15; Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., June 14.

RAY NOBLE—Troadero, Wichita, Kan., June 30.

GEORGE OLSEN—Eastwood Garden, Detroit, June 7 (week); Lake Breeze Hotel, Buckeye Lake, O., June 21; Colonial Hotel, Rochester, Ind., June 22; Paramount Theater, Anderson, Ind., June 26; Electric Park, Waterloo, Ia., June 28; Shoreacres Ballroom, Sioux City, Ia., June 30.

LANG THOMPSON—Coney Island, Cincinnati, June 8 (week); Sunbeam Ballroom, Carrollton, Pa., June 14; Coliseum Greensburg, Pa., June 15; Jenkins' Pavilion, Point Pleasant, N. J., June 21 (for the summer).

ORRIN TUCKER—Palace Theater, Cleveland, June 7 (week); Stanley Theater, Pittsburgh, June 14 (week); Capitol Theater, Washington, June 21 (week).

TOMMY TUCKER—Peabody Hotel, Memphis, June 8 (week); Moyers Lake Park, Canton, O., June 17.

TED WEEMS—Cedar Point Ballroom, Cedar Point, O., June 8 (week).

BOB ZURKE—Iren Club, Dallas, June 11.



AT THE ILLINOIS BEVERAGE EXHIBITION, Wurlitzer had a display featuring the four 1940 automatic phonograph models. The above group gathered about the exhibit booth are, left to right, Harold Burnette, Chicago Simpler Co.; Robert Lucas, Chicago; John P. Arvanitakis, Gary, Ind.; Antonio Samora, Gary, Ind.; Edward Packer, Chicago; an attendant; Joe Peskin, Universal Automatic Music Co., Chicago; Larry Cooper, Wurlitzer district manager; Mercedes Tietz, Chicago; Jake Nomden, Chicago; Jeanette Postee, Chicago; Art Freed, Chicago Simpler; Jane Frish, Chicago; Ed Wisler and a friend, both of Chicago.

June Is Month for Many Orks To Go on Tours; Music Operators May Cash In on Local Circuits

NEW YORK, June 1.—June is traditionally the month for leading bands to hit the road for a tour of ballrooms, theaters and other spots that make up the one-night-stand circuit. It is the month that orchestra leaders find out for themselves exactly what the great mass of people who have listened to their recordings on music boxes and heard them play over the air think of them. If the records and air programs have clicked with the out-of-towners they show it by turning out in droves for these "in person" appearances. If not, they stay away and the band leader starts taking stock to find out what's wrong and tries to correct it.

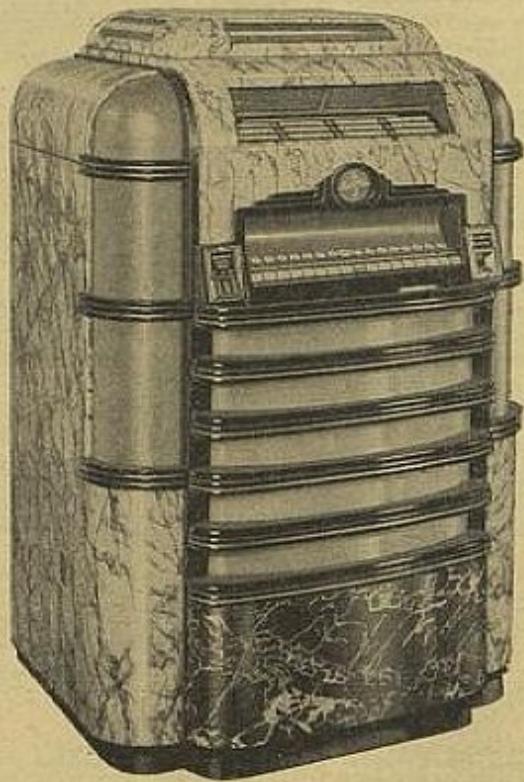
As has been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, personal appearance dates of leading recording artists can be made to boost music-box play. Many operators make a weekly practice of following the *Orchestra Routes and Bands on Tour* column of the Music Department of *The Billboard*, where the forthcoming appearances of recording artists

are listed. When they find a leading orchestra is coming their way they not only see to it that a liberal amount of the orchestra's records are in their machines but they make plans to call on the orchestra leader while he is in town and talk shop with him.

Some of the biggest music-box favorites destined to hit the road during June include Glenn Miller, Orrin Tucker, Dick Jurgens, Count Basie, Tommy Tucker, Will Bradley, Henry Busk, George Olsen, Mitchell Ayres, Bob Crosey, Eddy Duchin, Lang Thompson, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and George Hall. Below are listed in detail dates already set for these artists. This list is by no means complete, for additional dates are being signed every day. Additional bookings of both these and other artists are published weekly in *Bands on Tour* column in the Music Section.

MITCHELL AYRES—Roton Point Park, South Norwalk, Conn., June 9; The Commons, Andover, Mass., June 12; Fordham Club, Budd Lake, N. J., June

14; Totem Pole, Auburndale, Mass., June 17-22; Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa., June 26.



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Houston

HOUSTON, June 1.—Operators Fred McClure and W. C. Atkins recently purchased new automobiles—a Buick for McClure and a Chrysler for Atkins.

P. V. Redden and Miss Parrish are manager and secretary, respectively, of Houston branch of Southwestern Music Corp., factory distributor for Columbia, Brunswick and Vocalion records.

A social meeting for music operators, record and phonograph distributors and others connected with automatic music was held May 16 at the Milam Building. Buffet lunch with beer was served, followed by an entertaining picture show by Operator Bill Peacock. Operators Fred

McClure and Henry Cruse were hosts. It is planned to have a similar gathering each month throughout the summer.

E. C. Lear, former manager of Houston Electro Ball office, was in the city recently on a combined business and pleasure trip. He is now traveling representative for Electro Ball Co.

I. F. Webb, vice-president of Rock-Ola Corp., had a thrilling and near-serious experience during his recent stay in Texas. He, together with Mr. and Mrs. Von Heydt, was returning from a visit to the Mayan ranch near Bendare, Tex. It was late at night and pouring rain. Von Heydt, driving, had safely covered several miles of tricky country road when the car skidded, got out of control, slid down a long embankment and came to rest against a stump only a few feet from the water's edge of a flood river.

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BEN BOLDT, ROCK-OLA AD. MANAGER, recently visited the Birmingham Vending Co., Birmingham, Ala., and found Harry Hureich (left) and Pete Romano (center) in a happy frame of mind over the fine appearance of Rock-Ola's 1940 phonograph.

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GENE KRUPA

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My Wonderful One Let's Dance

VOCALION 35c

FRANKIE MASTERS

3541 It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow

Fools Fall In Love

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Destination	Quantity	Value
Belgium (inc. Luxembourg)	3	\$ 585
Portugal	1	90
Canada	90	17,703
Guatemala	3	706
Panama (Rep.)	20	4,541
Mexico	133	10,001
Dom. Rep.	1	48
Cuba	6	1,397
Netherlands, W. I.	2	170
Brazil	6	656
Chile	5	813
Colombia	1	250
Hongkong	1	71
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Record Buying Guide

An Analysis of Current Songs and Recordings From the Standpoint of Their Value to Phonograph Operators

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Tuxedo Junction. (12th week) GLENN MILLER, ERNESTINE HAWKINS, JAN SAVITT.

The Woodpecker's Song. (8th week) GLENN MILLER*, ANDREWS SISTERS, WILL GLARE, KATE SMITH.

The Singing Hills. (7th week) BING CROSBY, DICK TODD, HORACE HEIDT*.

With the Wind and the Rain in Your Hair. (6th week) KAY KYSER*, BOB CROSBY*, DICK TODD, HENRY RUSSELL, BOB CHESTER*.

Playmates. (5d week) KAY KYSER*, MITCHELL AYRES*.

COMING UP

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Little Curly Hair in a High Chair. Where this is popular in the music machine it's popular in a big way. However, its popularity is not universal enough to include it among the nation's blue-ribbon phone items. It seems to be headed in the direction of general acclaim, and meantime it's one of the best bets around for machines short of actual smash hitdom. PATS WALLER*, JIMMY DORSEY* and SAMMY KAYE* contribute the most liked version.

Alice Blue Gown. In about the same position as Curly Hair is this 20-year-old ballad—good, but not quite good enough to be considered real solid success. But again it's an item that a great many ops are finding profitable, particularly in the recordings of FRANKIE MASTERS*, OZZIE NELSON*, GLENN MILLER and WAYNE KING.

Boog It. Doing well, but giving no indication that it will ever be a smash hit in this swing number in the Jambin' Jive vein. It fills a needed place in the boxes, however, since there are few songs of this type in comparison to the wealth of ballad numbers offered to operators. GLENN MILLER*, GENE KRUPA* and CAB CALLOWAY* divide music machine patronage on this.

Make Believe Island. Making its debut as a potentially strong number this week, this ballad rises from the uncertainty of a "possibility" and begins to head for the top. Enthusiasm for it runs high among some operators and it seems to have the stuff of which music machine hits are made. MITCHELL AYRES* has the leading record in the boxes at the moment.

No Name Jive. Only managing to hold its own is this GLEN GRAY instrumental swing number. It had started out a couple of weeks ago in a manner that seemed to indicate a special degree of prominence for it among current phone hits, but it appears to have struck a snag that is stopping it from moving any further.

Let There Be Love. Coming along nicely, gaining a little each week, is this ballad in what is called Beguine tempo. Its success has not been spectacular, but in a quiet sort of way it has been doing very well for ops in general throughout the country. SAMMY KAYE* and KAY KYSER* are vying for top honors.

Say It. Altho My, My, companion song to Say It in Jack Benny's new picture, started out a little better than this one, the tables have turned and now Say It is getting a much better play all over. TOMMY DORSEY* and GLENN MILLER* are at present most popular in the boxes on this one, with FRANKIE MASTERS* the runner-up.

My, My. Not as pointed out above, as strong as Say It, this, however, must not be overlooked by operators not already playing it to good enough results. TOMMY DORSEY* is well liked on this one also, along with ROCHESTER, who vocalizes the song as he does it in the film.

My Resistance Is Low. No. 3 of last week's "possibilities" to make the grade. This is ORRIN TUCKER and BONNIE BAKER (the latter particularly, of course) in the style of Oh, Johnny, and the best follow-up on that hit yet. Starting to go places.

Songs listed below are those which have appeared in "Coming Up" for four weeks or more, and which still are being mentioned on enough reports to warrant their inclusion in the Guide, even though they most probably will never climb into the "Going Strong" bracket.

Leanin' on the Ole Top Rail. (8th week) Almost out. BOB CROSBY*, OZZIE NELSON*, WAYNE KING.

Cecilia. (5th week) Also on the down grade. FRANKIE MASTERS*, GLEN GRAY*.

Charming Little Faker. (5th week) Ditto. FRANKIE MASTERS*.

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"I've Found a New Baby
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"It'll Come to You
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Tony Pastor & his Orch.

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"The Moon Won't Talk
Bob Chester

B-10727 *Parade of the Stormers
"I'm in a Weary Mood
Harlan Leonard and his Rockets

B-10728 *No Name Jive (Part 1 and 2)
Charlie Barnet

B-10729 *Blue Loveland
"Down by the O-Hi-O (O, My, Oh)
Mitchell Ayres and His Fashions-In-Music

B-10730 *I Can't Resist You
"My Enchantment of the Night—Concey
Gerry Gordon and his Tie-Tod Rhythm

B-10740 *Slow Freight
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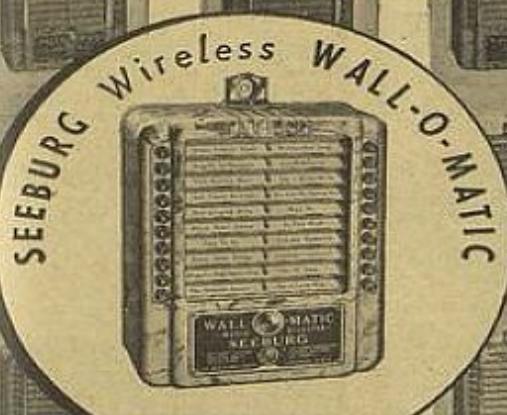
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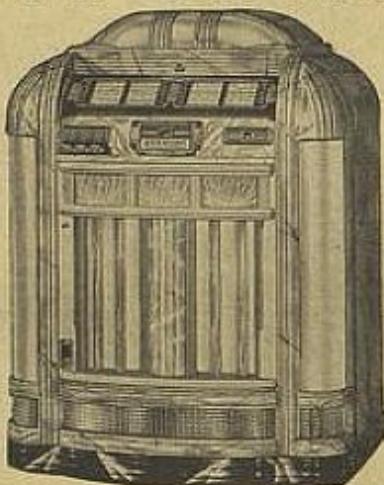
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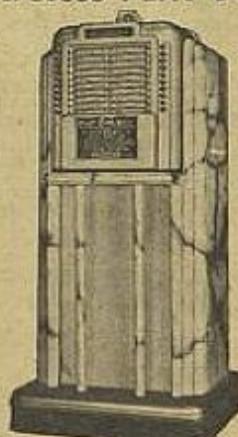


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This and That

BLUEBIRD contracts were handed out last week to Vaughn Monroe, Boston orchestra leader, and Yvette, radio and night club singer formerly known as Elsa Harris. . . . Variety signed up Hal Hoffer and Nino Nani, Philadelphia piano team, for a series of records. . . . Alec Templeton, the blind pianist, has transferred from Victor to Columbia and is scheduled to record several of his original compositions on the Green label.

The Victor boys say operators want more swing tunes, hence the recording of *No Name Jive* on two sides by Charles Barnet and *Bugle Call Rag* and *Slow Freight* made by Glenn Miller. . . . New Orleans operators have succeeded in placing music boxes in most of the night clubs there, proving to the owners that the customers want some amusement after the floor shows, and the playing of records fulfills that desire. . . . Muggsy Spanier, trumpet player and former band leader, joined Bob Crosby's Band. Spanier formerly made many records under his own name. . . . Columbia claims that the popularity of its album of Gay '90's tunes prompted their making another album, this time old and favorite waltzes recorded by Al Goodman. . . . Dave Kapp, of Decca, denies that he signed Peck Kelly, the much-publicized pianist from Houston. Dave says that Kelly is happy in his home town and, strangely enough, does not want to make a lot of money.

Territorial Favorites

THE following list, a weekly feature, indicates the favorite artists and records doing well locally in various cities supplementing the national leaders listed in Record Buying Guide leaders.

New Orleans

Richard Hember's engagement at the Roosevelt Hotel encouraged operators to plug his records and proved a good and timely stunt. His best record is "Whose Theme Song?" reports indicate. Ella Fitzgerald, who recently suffered a setback, is coming back in the Negro locations with "Sing Song Swing."

Miami, Fla.

Operators here indicate that swing is far from out and more good swing records should be made. Bob Crosby, Glenn Miller and Glen Gray go big and customers want to see them in late swing records.

Burlington, Vt.

Operators here like Tommy Dorsey's "I've Got My Eyes on You," which they claim is going strong. Another big favorite is Benny Goodman in "How High the Moon" and "Rumba Boogie" featuring the Andrews Sisters. Unusual factor in this area is the continued popularity of Bonnie Baker's "Oh Johnny."

Denver

The engagements of Bing Crosby's latest film, "If I Had My Way," around this area are beginning to reflect on the popularity of his latest recorded tunes used in that picture. The leaders are

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**I CAN'T RESIST YOU
MY ENCHANTRESS OF
THE NIGHT (conga)**

No. 10718

**I LOVE TO WATCH THE
MOONLIGHT**

Vocal by Meredith Blake

**BLACKOUT—HOLD ME
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"Apoll Played the Fiddle" and "Too Romantic."

Portland, Ore.

Henry King, long a favorite Northwest band leader, is making good headway with his records on music boxes. His latest, coming up fast among the leaders, is "Palms of Paradise." "Let There Be Love" is catching on early, particularly Sammy Kaye's version. Tiny Hill is showing up well, too, with "I Get a Kick Out of Corn."

**Offers Phono
Needle Test**

NEW YORK, June 1.—George Ponser, who introduced his own phonograph needle a few weeks ago, reports that it has met with approval by all operators who have tested it. He also states that he has an offer to make to music operators on the Empress Point.

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Old Songs Revived

BOTH Hollywood producers and music publishers are reviving old songs popular in the Gay '90's era. Most of these songs, in recorded form, are finding their way into the country's music boxes and, operators say, are doing well. Three pictures now playing throughout the country, *Irene, If I Had My Way* and *Lillian Russell*, have a batch of former hits which have been released by the leading recording companies. The most popular group is used in *Lillian Russell* and because the picture is playing to crowds in most movie theaters, tunes popular in the Russell era are revived. One of the most popular on music boxes is *After the Fall*, composed by the late Charles K. Harris after he attended a ball in the leading hotel in Oconomowoc, Wis. While resting in the lobby during the wee hours of the morning he created this well-known melody.

Theatrical School Locations

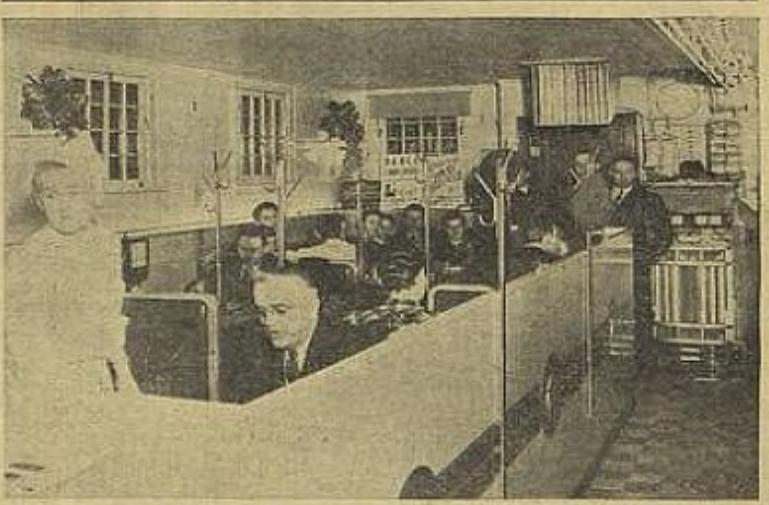
BOBY GODAY, operator of the Jane Gray rehearsal hall and dance studios in New York, is proving to the trade that a theatrical school location can be a profitable location. He finds that the artists have plenty of time to kill either before, between or after rehearsals, and a game room on the same door is the most logical place to be in while passing the time away. A popular feature there is a music box with the latest records made by the big bands. Since bands like the Jane Gray hall frequently for rehearsals, the box is always given a good play. Other machines in the room include a beverage vender, pin game and cigarette machine. Goday, incidentally, is a former band singer.

War Records Scarce

OPERATORS are keeping hands off any records with a war theme. And the comparatively few songs recorded add

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Test Movie Machines Film

LOS ANGELES, June 1.—Musical Shorts, Ltd., Hollywood maker of short film subjects, recently discussed provisions it has made for the much-publicized movie machines. "Many companies are developing the machines," declares a spokesman for the firm, "but a gun is of no worth without bullets—a projection machine needs film."

"It would seem that this is easily obtainable, but a survey reveals that it is not an easy matter. Major studios were reluctant to release their film, and upon analysis it was found that very little of their material met the qualifications of coin-operated projection machines.

"The only answer to the problem is custom-made films for the machines. The rub here was cost. Screening must be done on 35mm. film and reduced to 16mm. Factors such as talent, orchestra, production labor all add to the cost. At this point Musical Short, Ltd., went into action. Exhaustive research disclosed what type of entertainment can be offered via this medium. We believe that we have gone a long ways toward the ideal type of film which can be produced on a sound financial basis and distributed, therefore, at a price within the operators' means.

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New Life for Old Phonographs

CHICAGO, June 1.—"Look around you when you go into locations with phonographs," advise Paul Gerber and Max Glass, of Gerber & Glass, Chicago. "A short survey will show that many old phonographs have been given a new lease on profitable lives with our firm's changeover equipment.

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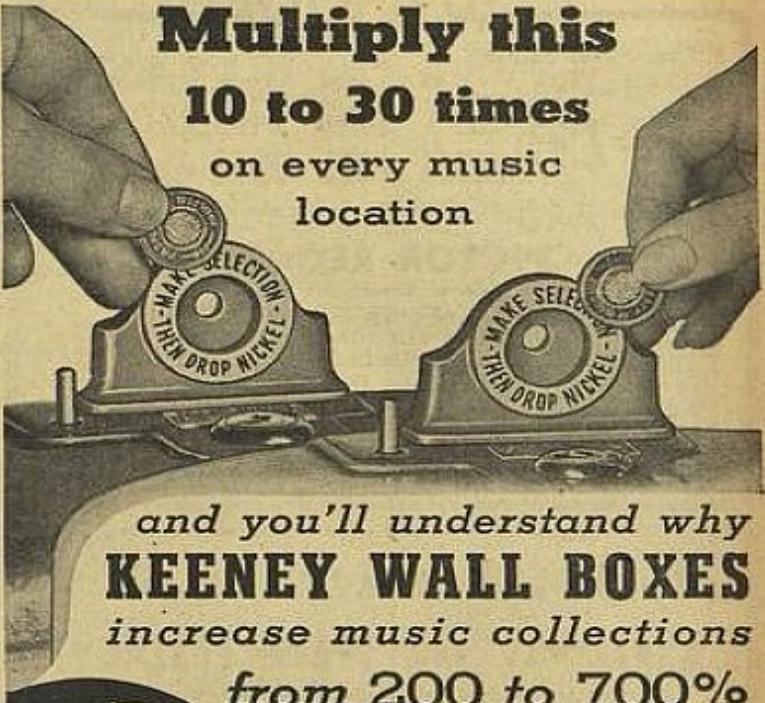


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Earl Moloney Is Herbert Visitor

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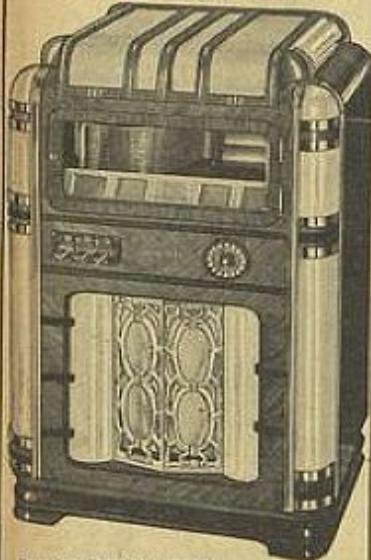
During the visit Moloney was treated to a complete demonstration of Mel-o-Tone by Frank Merkle, sales director of Herbert. Merkle reports: "The demonstration certainly was a revelation to Moloney. While listening to the machine he told me that he thought Mel-o-

Tone had the finest tone of any instrument he had ever heard.

"Mel-o-Tone's splendid tone was only one of the many features that appealed to Moloney. He also expressed admiration for the greatly simplified record-changing mechanism, the mechanism in which the records are never removed from the spindle, and are contained in individual dust-proof compartments, supported on full face at all times.

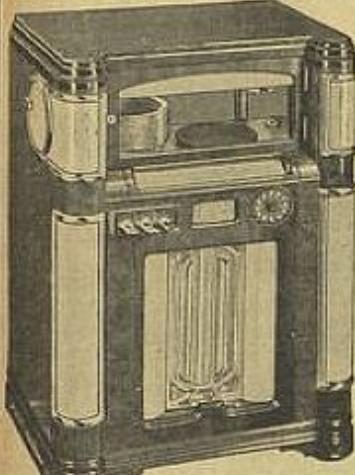
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EASTERN FLASHERS

NEW YORK, June 1.—Rain, rain, rain—that has been the main topic of conversation here for the past two weeks.

Some well-known names in the business world are rumored to be preparing to enter the automatic merchandising machine industry. . . . Ops who listened in on the Chase & Sanborn program this week got a kick out of the skit Mary Martin and Dick Powell built around their singing of the song *Drop a Nickel in the Slot*.

AROUND THE TOWN

Sol Silverstein, traveling man for Chicago Coin, saw Garcia lose his title last week. Al Koondel, Lucky Sklernick, Phil (Musty) Gould and Al Simon, of Savoy, took in the bouts with Sol. . . . Al Simon, incidentally, maintains that Chicago Coin's Sporty is one of the best he's ever seen. "It's my idea of a perfect free-play game for operation anywhere," he states. . . . Willie Blatt, of Supreme Vending, reports his firm is using more games than ever before. . . . Jack Fitzgerald, Gibbons reports that sales of Bally's Mascot got off to a flying start. "We feel sure it's going to be the biggest hit of the year," he states. Murray Sandom, of Queens Sales Co., is reported to be one of the biggest anti-aircraft machine gun fans in town. . . . Ben Haskell's son will enjoy his Bar Mitzvah this month and Ben is running a "Today I Yama Man" affair. . . . The two Penny Arcades, the Sky-Fighter Building and the Photomatics operated at the New York World's Fair by International Mutoscope are getting a big play, according to reports. Keeping an eye on these operations plus the rush at the factory is keeping President Bill Rabkin on his toes these days.

MEN AND MACHINES

Demand for Stoner's Brite Spot is just as strong today as when it was released weeks ago," says Hymie Budin. Dave Simon reports plenty of action of Keeney's anti-aircraft Machine Gun and Remote Selector Wall Boxes. "It's a great business when you can show ops how to save money on old equipment and still boost collections with new Wall Box installations." . . . The fact that National Novelty will even repaint used games to make them look 100 percent is hailed by President Earle C. Backe as the reason for the compliments they receive on the superior quality of their reconditioned equipment. "Between the rush for Mills Empress and Remote

Selector and Bar Box, Gottlieb's Drum Major, our new phone needle and used equipment sales, our offices are a madhouse these days," declares George Ponser. . . . Mike Munves declares the demand for Penny Arcade equipment so far this year has exceeded his pre-season estimates by 1,000 per cent.

JERSEY JOTTINGS

Newark boys are getting plenty of action now that new games are coming in so fast. . . . Jack Berger, of Newark Coinco, reports having received 10 fan letters, and all of them violet scented, since his picture appeared in *The Billboard*. . . . Joe Lester seen buying games at Royal Sales this past week. . . . Al S. Cohen, of Asco, reports an unusual demand for used vendors. . . . Over at Ponser's place, Irv Morris claims the six words, "We are delivering Chicago Coin's Sporty," were good news to all ops in his territory last week. Irv Ornstein maintains every time he puts an ad in *The Billboard* he gets cleaned out of all his used games. . . . Jack Kay, of Ace Distrib., reports his customers are doing a big job with Genco games.

PAST FLASHERS

Big turnout of ops at Modern Vending Co. showrooms to look over the Wurlitzer remote control equipment. Sam Sacha, of Acme Sales, reports he's writing a technical article on the phone remodeling business. . . . Bert Lane, of Seaboard Sales, says he can't supply the demand for Genco games no matter how hard he tries. "They're red-hot money-makers," he says. "The 1940 Evans Ten Strike is still the best of legal money-makers," say Bill Alberg and Charley Aronson, of Brooklyn Amusement Machine Co. . . . To enable production to catch up with sales, DuGrenier Sales Corp. reports it is planning to work a double shift on its Champion cigarette machine. Walter H. Mann, president of the firm, has been scouting around the country closing deals. . . . Things are popping fast over at D. Robbins & Co. Dave Robbins says Cent-a-Tune and Derby Vendor are clicking strong.

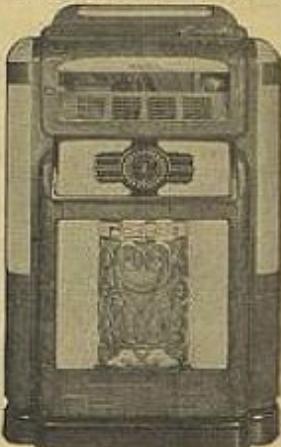
FROM ALL AROUND

A mighty proud daddy was Joe Ash, of Active Amusement, when he took his new son home from the hospital this week. Joe now only has seven more boys to go for a baseball team. . . . Roy McGinnis, of Baltimore, says the orders Harry Brown and Ray Heffernan are shooting in from out on the road are keeping him busier than ever. . . . Al Rodstein, of Arco, Philly, is reported going great in the jobbing business. . . . Irving Blumenfeld, of General Vending Service Co., Baltimore, says his firm is taking it easy in the jobbing big but going ahead every day. . . . Monte



NEWLY APPOINTED WURLITZER WEST COAST DISTRIBUTORS, Art Freed and Al Goldberg, pen their signature to the paper that makes the California Simplex Distributing Co. representatives of Wurlitzer in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Wurlitzer District Manager Bill Simmons looks on. Sales Manager Mike Hammergren made the announcement from North Tonawanda, N. Y., last week.

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Keeney Tells Tall Wall Box Story

CHICAGO, June 1.—With all due respect to Aladdin and his lamp, I've got a hunch that somewhere along the line Aladdin traded in his lamp for wall boxes," jokes J. H. (Jack) Keeney, whose concern, J. H. Keeney & Co., makes the Keeney Wall Box.

I'll admit Aladdin's lamp had its good points, but only wall boxes could produce the kind of money Aladdin & Co. are reputed to have socked away. "These wall boxes have opened the eyes of every music operator. No one would have believed that making music more accessible on a location would jump collections 200 to 700 per cent."

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Business Excellent

CHICAGO, June 1.—Al Stern, of the Monarch Coin Machine Co., reports that the pre-Memorial Day business has been one of the finest that his firm has enjoyed in years. Stern declares that this year's sales are higher than any in past years.

"Behind the terrific buying is the fact that this year's holiday is for many people a four-day holiday, inasmuch as many firms gave employees Thursday, Friday and Saturday off."

"In order to get good dependable machines, capable of taking a large play over this week-end, many operators purchased Monarch reconditioned machines on which the only servicing necessary will be to make collections. Business continued strong right up until Memorial Day because Monarch has and will continue to have the fastest delivery system possible."

"The lengthy holiday is a good thing for the entire coin machine industry, including operator, distributor and manufacturer. The operator will make more over the week-end, he will buy more new machines from the distributor, thus increasing factory production. On this I base my prediction that the industry is in for bigger and better days following Decoration Day. We're ready with a complete stock."

'39 Liquor Revenue
Over \$1,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Public revenues from alcoholic beverages totaled more than \$1,000,000,000 in 1939, bringing the total return to federal, state and local governments since repeal of prohibition in 1933 to more than \$5,000,000,000.

These figures on liquor taxes were released by the Distilled Spirits Institute, Inc., in its annual report for 1939. The government's "take" on alcoholic beverage sales amounted to \$1,010,384,672 in 1939.

Alcohol Taxes by Years

This compares with the following figures for other years since repeal in 1933:

1933	\$ 29,704,194
1934	593,565,164
1935	734,937,878
1936	932,145,167
1937	1,021,135,100
1938	947,277,086
1939	1,010,384,672

Total \$15,269,150,261

The 1939 total was derived from the following sources: Federal internal revenue and import duties \$635,786,935; State alcoholic beverage control revenue and sales taxes \$311,761,838; local alcoholic beverage control revenue, \$32,800,000, and miscellaneous business and property taxes (estimated), \$30,000,000.

State Tax Top \$20,000,000

State and local liquor revenues surpassed \$20,000,000 in six states: New York, \$44,709,007; Pennsylvania, \$36,152,938; Ohio, \$33,185,914; Michigan, \$24,682,058; California, \$21,997,220, and Illinois, \$25,127,406.

State and local revenues increased \$26,810,900 over those for 1938 and federal liquor revenues rose \$30,296,677.

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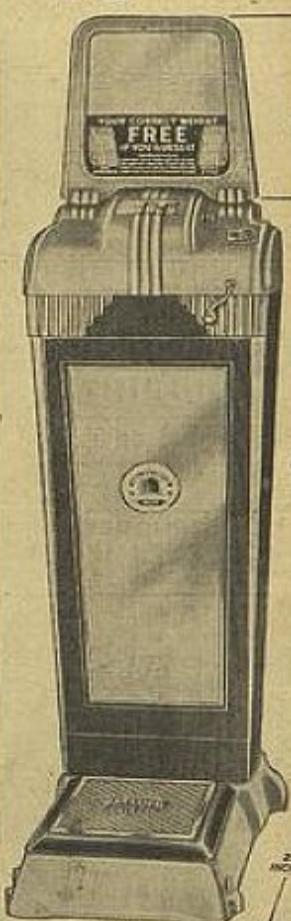
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Out-of-Towners

CHICAGO, June 1.—According to Al Sebring, many visitors to Chicago are making Grand National Sales Co. their headquarters during their stay in this city. "We are happy to invite our friends and customers," said Al Sebring, "to make use of the facilities of our place of business while they are here in Chicago. Most everyone has letters to write, telephone appointments to make, and requires a place to meet his friends, so we take great pleasure in having out-of-towners feel that Grand National Sales Co. is their Chicago headquarters."

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Up Chicago Coin Sporty Production

CHICAGO, June 1.—Production has been stepped up on Sporty and shipments are going out as fast as possible, is the announcement being forwarded to distributors from the offices of the Chicago Coin Machine Mfg. Co., according to the firm's heads, Sam Gensberg and Sam Wolberg.

"Demand in every section of the country," they report, "indicates good days are here for operators. Production and shipping forces have been augmented at our factory and we hope to catch up with back orders shortly."

"According to reports from various sections, Sporty is proving to be one of the top earning free play games available. Play appeal is said to have centered towards the thrilling new action of Sporty—making it the center of attraction on most locations."

"We regret any inconvenience caused operators in delay on receiving their shipments of Sporty. However, we offer

the consoling thought that once these operators get the game on location, they'll be able to make up for lost time."

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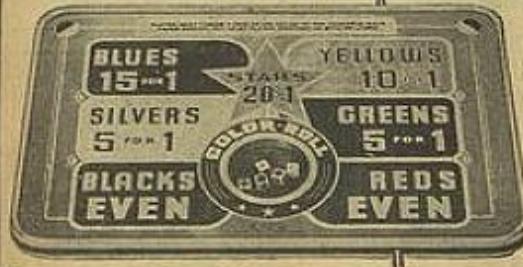
CHICAGO, June 1.—L. A. Weiss, general manager of the Pioneer Atlas Liquor Co., Chicago, has accepted the chairmanship of the Alcoholic Beverages Division in the campaign of the Chicago Chapter, American Red Cross, to raise its \$1,000,000 quota in the nation-wide \$10,000,000 Red Cross war relief fund appeal.

The entire liquor industry has gathered in back of the campaign and it is expected that all quota will be easily made.

In the May 25 issue of The Billboard, Walter W. Hurd, in his editorial "Red Cross," urged that the coin machine industry ally itself with this worthy cause. Hurd pointed out that the coin machine industry has a large percentage of ex-service men and as such they are familiar with the good work done by the Red Cross.



AL ANDERSON, proprietor of the Anderson Amusement Park, Belvoir, Calif., recently purchases a concession of Exhibit Arcade Bowling Alleys for his park, it is reported by the Exhibit Supply Co., Chicago.

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	\$2.50
	\$2.50

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Gretchen, Mercury 16	\$19.50	Daily Sun Fun	\$ 5.00	Track Reel	\$ 6.50
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Gretchen Sparks, 16	15.50	Jennings Penny Play	7.50	Rail Glass	5.00
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New Western Game Passes All Tests

CHICAGO, June 1.—"Primary test of any machine is the response of operators to the announcement of its placement on the market," opines Sales Manager Don Anderson of Western Products, Inc. "I am proud to say that operator response to our latest release, Major League Baseball, has been entirely satisfactory."

The secondary test is the report from operators of its performance on location. These reports were not far behind operator response to announcement. Immediate shipment by us upon receipt of order and immediate placement on location by operators have resulted in fine location reports of earning ability and mechanical perfection. One outstanding feature which has been noted by all commentators is that Major League Baseball's scoreboard, because of its lighting, is visible for over 30 feet.

"Third test of a coin machine comes from its longevity. Naturally, since it's a new game, we can't declare that it will last five years or ten years, but the results on the first two points indicate that it will be around for a long, long time."

"As for appeal, when a player ties the home team score, which changes every game, he gets two free games. For every run he scores after that he gets two free games. When the variable home team score comes up in red, all awards are doubled. All scoring is flashed onto the big light-up backboard glass for everyone to see. Major League Baseball is really a players' game—and because it is, it is a big money-making operator's game."

Photomatic-ists Want To Be Alone

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taking machine they operated, both in their Photomatic arcade and in individual locations throughout the grounds. Patronage was good.

At this year's fair Mutoscope experimented by leaving the Photomatics unattended, with just the usual display signs. And patronage is tremendous—three times as good as in '39.

Can it be that Mr. and Mrs. America prefer working the simple yet fascinating automatic picture-taking machine themselves—or does too much front (the attendants) make them price-fearing—or do they just want to be alone?

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(Cash Deal)	125.00
Rock-Ola Imperial 20, with Grilles	65.00
Seeburg 125, 20, Record	55.00
Seeburg 20, Record	55.00
Wurlitzer 216-A's with Grilles	65.00
Wurlitzer 24 & 24-A's	115.00
Wurlitzer 412, 12, Record	35.00
Wurlitzer 412, 12, Record	35.00
Rock-Ola Ambassador, 18, Record	45.00
Rock-Ola Standards, 12, Record	35.00
Rock-Ola Monarchs, 20, Record	55.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Chicken Game, Late Ser.	\$100.00
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Bingo, 10 Boxes, 25 Models	100.00
Bally Allerg., 30 Models	25.00
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Farmer's Income Rises Over 12%

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Department of Agriculture reports that farmers in the United States received a cash income of \$2,615,000,000 in the first four months of this year, or 12 per cent more than in the same period last year. This consisted of \$2,238,000,000 from the sale of products and \$357,000,000 from government benefit payments, against \$2,000,000 and \$282,000,000, respectively, last year.

Income in April was reported at \$625,000,000, compared with \$568,000,000 in April last year. The department said the increase, which was greater than normal, was due to larger returns from cattle, wheat, truck crops, strawberries and tobacco.

The department explained that the January-April income report did not reflect recent sharp declines in prices of grains and cotton. It said these losses, which did not occur until after Germany had invaded the Low Countries this month, were not likely seriously to affect the level of farm income in May, since May marketings of these products were relatively small.

The January-April income last year and this, respectively, by major classes included, in thousands of dollars:

Item	1940	1939
Grains	\$256,000	\$327,000
Cotton and cottonseed	59,000	68,000
Fruits	73,000	70,000
Vegetables	160,000	151,000
Tobacco	56,000	74,000
Meat animals	683,000	712,000
Dairy products	425,000	479,000
Poultry and eggs	192,000	191,000

Retail Indie Trade Up 3.3%

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A 3.3 per cent gain in the retail trade of independent stores in April as compared with the same month in 1939, the Commerce Department reported today. Sales for this April totaled \$237,913,621, against \$230,224,308 in April 1939. Sales volume, however, showed a decline of 0.8 per cent, from March.

The Commerce Department reports were based on reports from 22,974 independent retail stores in 34 States.

Twenty-seven of the 34 States reported April sales above those of a year ago, while seven reported declines. Highest gains in the period under review were registered in Florida, 17 per cent; Illinois, 11 per cent; New Hampshire, 8 per cent, and Nevada, 7.5 per cent.

The South Atlantic States reporting—Florida, Georgia and South Carolina—showed the greatest relative increase with 9 per cent. A 5.5 per cent increase was registered in the East North Central States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, while the Pacific States of California, Oregon and Washington participated in a 3 per cent increase. The Mountain States of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming showed an increase of 1.9 per cent in the period under review.

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Likes Editorial "Real Leaders"

To the Editor:

I have read with interest many of the editorials that appear in The Billboard and wish to compliment the writer on the masterly manner in which he handles this page. The editorial, "Real Leaders" (May 18), is as true and directly to the point that a copy should be sent to every newspaper of any city that starts a Blue Nose drive. It would render a real public service to the honest but gullible people, especially in the churches, who seem ever ready to criticize and condemn without thought or reason on their part, but take for granted the conclusion of some interested party who comes before them "as the wolf in sheep's clothing" or is instrumental in prostituting their own trusted leader and to cloud one issue to protect another for his own selfish interests.

I would like to change the wording of the editorial from specifying pinball games and make it general in scope to protect other forms of entertainment that come in for abuse from time to time and send a copy to some of my newspaper friends who, I believe, would be glad to receive it due to its public interest. In this way the context of the editorial would do more good because it would probably reach people for whom it is primarily intended and who never read The Billboard.

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On exhibition were 325 inventions, ranging from a patented safety pin which will not open by accident to portable air-conditioning units. Small

electrical devices, etc., used in a variety of finished products were also featured.

Ups and Down in Restaurant Biz

CHICAGO, June 1.—Restaurant sales in April rose 1 per cent in the country, the National Restaurant Association reported.

But it was all because people in the East suddenly took a notion to eat out. Everywhere else in the land except in New England, the Middle Atlantic, East North Central and South Atlantic regions, cafeterias reported customers dropped off from 2 to 9 per cent. The NRA doesn't try any explanation of why the East suddenly rushes out to a bawdry while the West decides home cooking is best.

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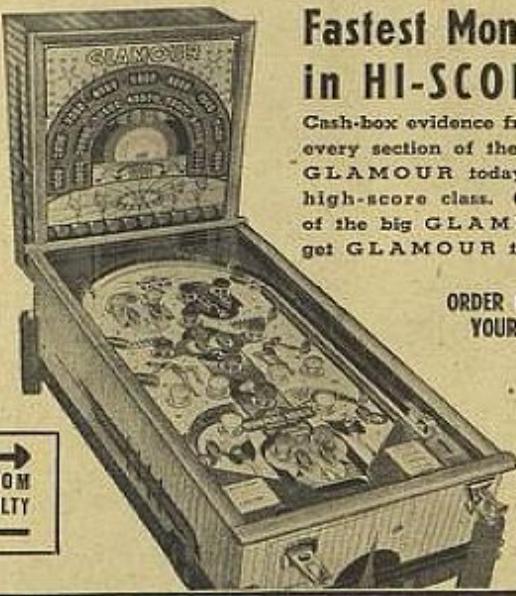
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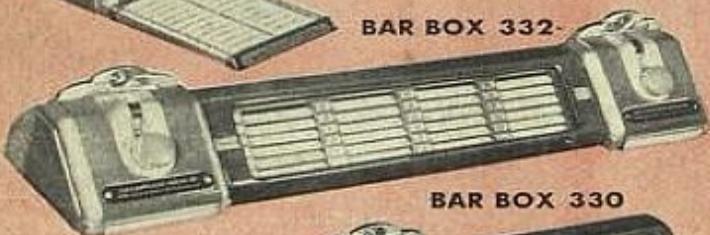
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