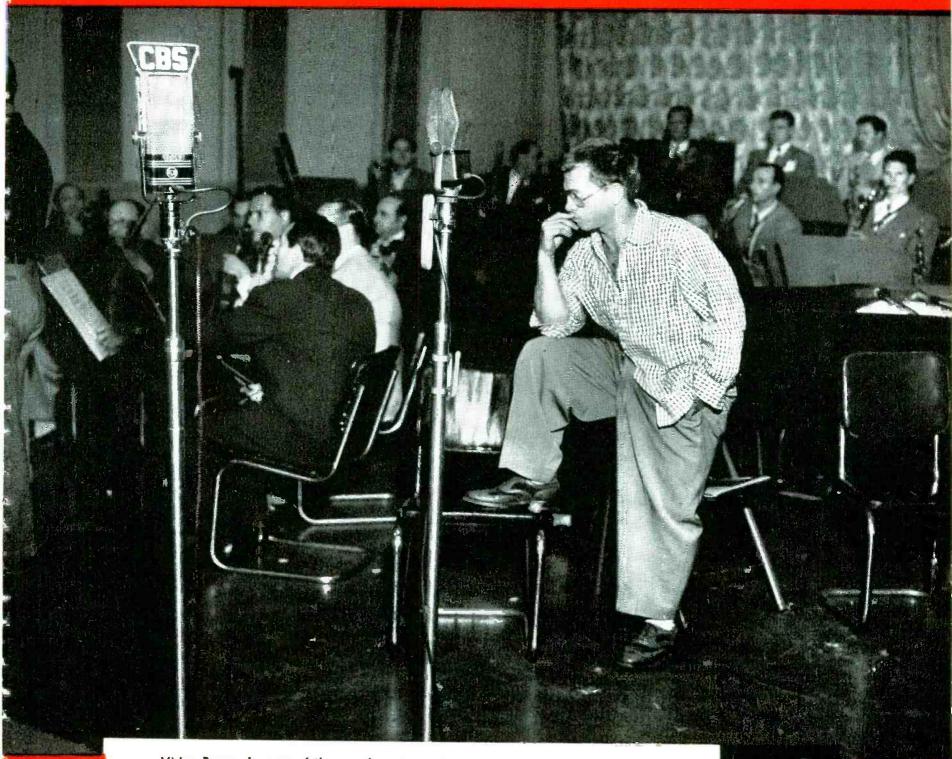




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Mickey Rooney, long one of the screen's most versatile performers, is now in his first starring role in radio as a scrappy reporter in the new CBS house-built show "Shorty Bell." Broadcast Sundays at 9:30 p.m., suspense-mounting drama tells chapter-by-chapter story of a tough kid's conniving to become a front-page newspaper scribe. It is based on an original novel for radio by Frederick Hazilit Brernan, noted film scripter, big cinculation magazine writer and author of Rooney's latest vehicle, "Killer McCoy." Program is produced and directed by William N. Robson, two-time Peabody Award Winner, with music by Cy Feuer, musical director of Republic Pictures. Mollywood "Variety" reports "... web has given Roorey expert production, sound writing and competent support ... Mickey's show ... he did it and himself a worth-while service." Web has also gives potential sponsors scmething to think about.

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Bookers' Delight

NEW YORK, April 24.-Wal-NEW YORK, April 24.—Wal-ter Kiernan, comic radio com-mentator (WJZ, 6:30-8 a.m. daily), had some fun jabbing the ribs of music-loving Truman, Wallace and Dewey the other day, and at the same time put in a plug on the air for The Billboard Billboard.

Billboard. Noting that Louisiana's song-writing, guitar-playing Gover-nor Jimmie Davis is going to Hollywood to make pix when his term expires next month, Kiernan suggested Davis keep an eye open there for jobs to be filled by "other political forward filled by "other political figures that might be at liberty this fall." "There'll be a lot of 'at liberty' ads turning up in The Billboard magazine: 'Banjoist; just finished third porty: curil just finished third party; avail-able for another. . . . Romantic tenor, six solid years at Capitol, Albany. . . Pianist, 14 years in Washington, willing to travel, here our tuy and working con have own tux and yachting cos-tume."

Paul Denis reported Kiernan's capers in his radio column in The New York Post.

U.S. Tax Cuts In '48 Nixed; '49 Brighter

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Altho Republican leaders this week snuffed out any lingering hope of a 1948 showbiz excise tax cut, the long-range prospect for amusement tax relief is bright. Pressure for cuts, refield is bright. Pressure for cuts, especially in the admissions levy, has been building up in the last few weeks, and a general excise slash looks probable in the next congressional session.

The most powerful supporter of cuts is the influential Senate Execu-tive Expenditure Committee. This group has issued a special report progroup has issued a special report pro-posing not only that excises should be cut "as soon as practicable" but also that the whole excise structure be studied by a special congressional committee with a view toward leav-ing much of the excise field exclu-sively to the States and not to Uncle Sam. The committee, it was dis-closed, will push hard for its program early next session. early next session.

Rising Costs Cited

In its special report the expendi-In its special report the expendi-tures committee states that rising costs are forcing local governments more and more to move into the ex-cise field. "If the excise taxes which are peculiarly suited to State and local use are not reduced," stated the report, "the subjects to which they apply may become overburdened with an accumulation of State local and an accumulation of State, local and federal taxes."

The report pointed out that 21 States now tax admissions, with Iowa and Kansas having adopted such a low in the post more lower states. levy in the past year. Large cities which have added an admissions levy since 1946 include New York, St. Louis, Richmond, Miami and (See Nix '48 Tax Cuts on page 15)

Shelvey - 4A's Court Trial Due in 2 Wks.

One Big Union Sought

NEW YORK. April 24.—After the razzle-dazzle of committees and law-yers involved in the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA)-Asso-ciated Actors and Artistes of America (Four A's) situation, the end result is that the battle between the Four A's and Matt Shelvey, ex-AGVA topper, will go to trial in about two weeks. The ruling of Justice Samuel Not

The ruling of Justice Samuel Noll on the requests for injunctions from both Shelvey and the Four A's and the judge's subsequent order issued Monday (19) puts an end to any con-(See SHELVEY-4A'S on page 39)

"Ballet Ballads" Headed for Tele

NEW YORK, April 24.-Several local tele stations are interested in acquiring Ballet Ballads for video. The Ballads are being presented by the Experimental Theater early next month at the Maxine Elliot Theater and there is more than a good chance they will be televised from there.

they will be televised from there. The Ballads consists of several one-act folk legends in music, dance and dialog, two of the more prominent being Willie the Weeper and Davy Crockett. They would be made into half-hour presentations. There is enough material available for a 13-week cories week series.

for a set of tele conditions. The Center is interested in having its many diversified entertainment programs—legit, music, dance and opera—televised, and before contact-ing sponsors or stations wishes to see the approximate cont

the approximate cost.

Groovy .

NEW YORK, April 24.—One of the coinmen whose spots were raided this week in the savage police drive against pinball and rolldown games drove up to his shop just in time to see the copshop just in time to see the cop-pers carting away his machines. Disconsolate, he stepped indoors and heard the juke box playing. A cop had flipped in a nickel. The room filled with the doleful chant: "Now is the hour . . . that we must say goodbye."

802 Groups **Unite To Fight Blue Ticket**

Personal Aims Dropped

NEW YORK, April 24. - Bearing out earlier Billboard stories predict-ing a lively election battle this fall for the control of Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians, American rederation of Musicians, the local's unity and coalition groups this week agreed to support a single slate of candidates in opposition to the incumbent Blue Ticket administration.

The dropping of personal party aims to form a solid voting front may prove a tougher opposition problem than the Blue Ticket has experienced in many years. The administration had been hoping for disunited opposi-tion from unity and coalition.

"I Remember Mama" Battle Nears Conclusion; Dreyfus Set To Clear Ditty's Release

Tangle Includes French "La Cinquantaine" Tune

NEW YORK, April 24.—After a fantastic razzle-dazzle that stretched all the way from the RKO studios in California to song writers Henry and Charlie Tobias here and wended its way to Paris, after finally clearing thru playwright John Van Druten. the Chappell-Dreyfus group virtually has de-cided to release the ditty I Remember Mama for public performance, with a go-ahead flashed to the mechanical companies. The story of I Remember Mama's carousel ride starts months back when the Chappell firm took the song from the Tobias brothers and landed recordings (Claude Thorn-song from the Tobias brothers and landed recordings (Claude Thorn-bill, Columbia: Betty Rhodes, Victor; Ziggy Lane, De Luxe, and Ralph Young, Jubilee). At that time, the ditty (based on the French melody, La Cinquantaine, which is in public domain in this country) came to the attention of RKO producers Harriet Parsons and George Stevens, who felt the tune would belittle their film presentation of I Remember Mama. The film execs screamed to Chappell, whereupon the pub firm, zealous of its PKO fies promuty restricted the NEW YORK, April 24.—After a fantastic razzle-dazzle that stretched

whereupon the pub firm, zealous of its RKO ties, promptly restricted the song from performance and perse-vered thru the wrath of the disk companies. Columbia steamed because (See "I Remember Mama," page 17)

Outlets About To Blow Tops At 'Free Time'

May 1, 1948

One Already Sounding Off

NEW YORK, April 26. — Relations between New York radio stations and social and charitable agencies seeking free time for fund raising and similar campaigns have reached a critical stage. How best to handle the situa-tion will be explored at a meeting of the stations here today (Monday).

The situation erupted into the open this week at a luncheon thrown by one agency which presented its pitch for time. (Editor's Note: The identity for time. (Editor's Note: The identity of the agency is not revealed, for ob-vious reasons.) At the luncheon, a number of station spokesmen pro-tested the procedure bitterly. They made it clear they are not protest-ing the requests for time; rather, they are beefing about the unhep methods the agencies involved are adopting.

Sore Points

In a nutshell, the stations claim: In a nutshell, the stations claim: The social agencies disregarded over-lapping campaigns; they drag out their campaigns; they fail to use practical radio methods; they play one station against the other, and by planning radio campaigns without consulting with the stations they are attempting to run the stations' busi-ness for them. In many cases, by of-fering, poor programing material, the station men claim, the agencies ad-ditionally alienate audiences. One station man declared that it

ditionally alienate audiences. One station man declared that it was impossible to cope with the situation. He declared that there were some 70 campaigns going on now. To aggravate the situation still further, some are handled nationally, by networks, as well as locally, by networks stations. Another criticism was that the agencies compare indi-vidual station results, irrespective of the amount of time each has given, and that this information, if made public, could be damaging, even tho it is not accurate or representative. Other complications arise from con-

Other complications arise from conflicting attitudes by various station managements. Nevertheless, it is pos-sible that plans for a co-ordinator or a city station council may be pro-jected at today's meeting.

Cafe TV Still Exempt From Tax

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Ruling that a video set is more like a juke box than a movie, the Internal Revenue Bureau last week reaffirmed its decision exempting bars and cafes with television sets from the 20 per cent cabaret tax.

It was emphasized, however, that It was emphasized, however, that if live singing or dancing were also offered, the cabaret tax would apply. Places offering flickers are likewise subject to the levy.

Tobey Cracks Whip on Radio Will Probe FCC Winds Up 1st "Craig's Wife" Probe on KMPC Set To Tour All Industry, HOLLYWOOD, April 24. – The **FCC Included**

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AM-TV "Stymie" Charged

WASHINGTON, April 24. — In a sudden angry temper, the Senate In-terstate and Foreign Commerce Com-mittee this week launched a sweeping investigation of the radio industry to determine whether television and FM are being "retarded" and to explore "all phases of licensing, patent-holding, influences and controls." The investigation will cover the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as well as the rest of the industry.

Altho Acting Chairman Charles Tobey, of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, has long been discussing plans for such an inquiry, similar to one he waged some years ago, his decision to launch the new investigation came as an 11th-hour climax late yesterday to the wind-up of the committee's hear-ing on the Johnson bill to break down clear channels.

Open Hearing Soon Tobey has requested Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC) (See Tobey Cracks Whip on page 15)

Ken, Not Paul

The cover on last week's Bill-board showing the principals of mr. ace and JANE, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) package program, had an error in the caption. Ken Roberts, who plays an an-nouncer, was mistakenly referred to as Paul. He's not Paul—he's Ken Roberts.

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC) preliminary investigation into the KMPC situation was virtually completed yesterday (23) with the departure of Raymond Lewis, one of

departure of Raymond Lewis, one of a pair of commission representatives carrying on the probe. Robert Al-ford, his associate, will remain here for a few days to tie up any loose ends which may still exist before he returns to Washington. Lewis and Alford arrived here April 7 and immediately dug into the case, contacting individuals who had filed depositions with the FCC, ac-cusing KMPC owner G. A. Richards of news slanting. The pair then spent a full week at the station going thru its files. Investigators' final week was devoted to checking individuals believed to have additional informabelieved to have additional informa-tion regarding the station.



Workshop is sending a package unit of *Craig's Wife* out on a tour of video stations in Chicago, St. Louis, Mil-waukee, Detroit and Philadelphia. Stations in other cities will be added to the route as they go into operation. Approximate opening date is May 3 in Philly.

The cost of the package is being pro-rated according to the receiver distribution in the area it plays. Each The adaptation of *Craig's* Wife is by Zina Provendie, who is also directing. It runs an hour and has a cast of six. Except for the leads who get more, the thesps will be paid \$75 each week

plus expenses. The Television Workshop is also ("Craig's Wife" for Tele on page 14)

Charges Against KMPC Put Into Mayflower Record WASHINGTON, April 24.—The case of KMPC, Los Angeles, came up

for brief mention at the editorializing hearing this week as expected, and this time the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) permitted the remarks to go on the record. In citing what he called "a few samples of the type of abuses of the Mayflower decision which have caused widespread complaint," Robert J. Silberstein, of the National Lawyers' Guild, stated: "Station KMPC is allowed to have ordered its staff "Station KMPC is alleged to have ordered its staff members to stress news

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ACROSS THE MUSIC-DISK BOARD

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For Hamburg in 1948

HAMBURG, Germany, April 24.-In some respects local showbiz has come to be regarded in Germany as more important than the Berlin vintage. The city supports 16 legit houses, four vaude theaters and eight cabarets. There will be no circus this summer, however, since Circus Hag-enbeck plans to repeat last season's venture and put on operettas under canvas.

The top legit theater is the State The top legit theater is the state Playhouse, which is neck-and-neck in popularity with the 100-year-old Thalia. The intelligentsia lean to the chamber plays and the new young stage. Local producers have built up an enviable reputation for classical well as modern production and Germany on tap.

No. 1 On the Honor Roll of Hits NOW IS THE HOUR No. 1 Sheet Music Seller NOW IS THE HOUR

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MANANA by Peggy Lee, Capitol 15022 No. 1 Folk Disk in the Nation's Juke Boxes

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MANANA by Peggy Lee. Capitol 15022 No. 1 Disk in the Nation's Juke Boxes NOW IS THE HOUR by Bing Crosby. Decca 24279

Operetta, No Circus, For Hamburg in 1948 accused of slanting newscasts. Spin-garn asked that the station's case be considered in the editorializing

hearing. At the last previous session of the Mayflower hearings FCC Chairman Wayne Coy refused to admit testi-mony about KMPC to the record, on the ground that the case was not then officially before the commis-cion

sion. Meanwhile the FCC is continuing its separate investigation into KMPC and two other stations owned by G. A. Richards in Detroit (WJR) and Cleveland (WGAR). It continues likely the commish will stage a hearing on the case.

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Ballet Review: "Legend" Needles Ballet Theater Rep, **Despite Handicap**

NEW YORK, April 24.—As usual with the Ballet Theater, tops of the American tulle-and-tights brigade, the spring season at the Metropolitan, the spring season at the Metropolitan, unveiled as of Sunday (4) and sked-ded for 35 performances, has been held over for an additional half-dozen showings. The Ballet Theater-ites will close their season May 8. However, coinwise, according to a spokesman for the org, the wartime bloom is off the terping peach. This year's drop in price scale from a top of \$4.80 to \$4.20, plus increasing costs via production and orchestra have put the balleteers in a spot, where to break even is to rate a minor success miracle. That they will do so is ad-(See BALLET REVIEW on page 44)

March Showbiz Tax Yield Up In Most Fields

WASHINGTON, April 24.ceipts from the majority of amuse-ment taxes in March showed slight rises over the same month of last year, the Internal Revenue Bureau announced. Collections were as follows

Admissions, \$34,426,156, up \$1,-203,017 over March, 1947. Musical instruments, \$949,033, up

\$37,848. Phonograph records, \$460,665, off \$246,639.

Radio sets, phonographs, etc., \$5,-211,350, off \$1,694,324. Tobacco, \$109,592,496, up \$10,473,-

798 Liquor, \$164,147,281, off \$16,304,-

Biguor, 422-7 960. Club dues, \$2,686,480, up \$26,219. Radio, phone, telegraph, leased wires, etc., \$31,786,248, up \$15,150,-

Coin machines, \$206,676, up \$26,-219.

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Allis-Chalmers May Sponsor "RFD" on NBC

CHICAGO, April 26.-RFD, Amer-CHICAGO, April 26.—*RFD*, Amer-ica, the successful farm quiz show inaugurated on Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) a few months ago, is slated to shift to National Broadcast-ing Company (NBC). Chances are it will be sponsored by Allis-Chalmers in the 2 p.m. (EDST) Sunday slot. *RFD* is owned by Lou Cowan. At the time of its Mutual debut, it was to have been sponsored by Ford deal-ers. However, the latter's assuming sponsorship of Fred Allen made the additional radio appropriation impos-

additional radio appropriation impos-sible. Allis-Chalmers has been interested ever since.

terested ever since. The program is now on Mutual, but NBC has been after it for some time, with the sponsor already lined up. Cowan probably will set the deal today (Monday).

Stanley Upheld Vs. CBS in Air **Show Idea Suit**

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.-What is believed to be the first appellate decision in California to recognize an air show's format as protectable property, came last week when the Dis-trict Court of Appeals upheld an award of \$35,000 damages claimed by batoneer Jack Stanley for a program idea which he said was misappro-priated by the Columbia Broadcast-ing System (CBS). Stanley had claimed that his orig-inal air show format for Walton Way

inal air show format for Walter Wan-ger Presents had been used by CBS for a series of regional shows broad-cast as Hollywood Preview.

In a unanimous opinion, written by Justice Emmett Wilson and concurred in by Presiding Justice Minor Moore and Justice Marshall McComb, the court maintained that elements found in Stanley's format had never been used before in that sequence or combination.

Johns - Manville May Nix CBS Newscasts

NEW YORK, April 24. - Johns-Manville, manufacturer of roofing and insulation materials, this week re-portedly decided to drop its five-minute newscasts, aired at 8:55 p.m. weeknights over Columbia Broadcasting System. The contract is skedded to run out

in June.

Biow Sets Kucera As Time Buyer

NEW YORK, April 24. — John Kucera was named time buyer for the Biow company this week, suc-ceeding John Hymes. Kucera was formerly with Foote, Cone & Belding: Young & Rubicam and National Propagasting Company Broadcasting Company. Hymes resigned some weeks ago

and is reported angling to buy a sta-

Budget Snips Work Overtime

NBC BANS LEND-LEASING

NEW YORK. April 24. — A new wave of budget-cutting appears to be getting under way in radio. In some cases the trims are being made to divert expenditures into other media—including television—and in others the cuts involve appropriation reductions in line with unsettled business conditions. Details on the various advertisers involved are on this page. Included among them are General Mills, Camel Cigarettes, General Foods, Johns-Manville, Fitch, Colgate, and Brown & Williamson.

General Mills Drops 2 of 4 NBC Soapers for TV Splurge

NEW YORK, April 24.-General Mills, in dropping two of its four soap operas from National Broadcasting Company (NBC), is planning not only a cutback in its radio expenditures but a large-scale entry into television. At the same time, NBC has filled the vacant half hour with Campbell soup's across-the-board quiz, *Double or Nothing*, thereby capturing an estimated \$1,200,000 billings from the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). General

S1,200,000 billings from the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). General Mills is reported planning to expend \$250,000 of its soap opera savings in a splurge into tele. In dropping Holly Sloan and Woman in White, the bankroller is breaking up, after many years, not only a solid hour of soapies it held on NBC, but also the network's four-hour stretch of serials. Some affiliates have objected to this solid block programing. The Camp-bell quiz moves over from CBS May 31. It now airs at 3 p.m. The Gen-eral Mills shows being continued are Light of the World and Todcy's Chil-dren. The account is one of radio's heaviest spenders, sponsoring, in addition, Betty Crocker, The Lone Ranger, The Green Hornet, Famous

Jury Trials and Jack Armstrong. Campbell now has an evening strip, Club 15, on CBS, and one of its reasons for shifting to NBC is its desire to spread its billings over more than one network.

'What's My Name?'

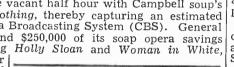
Gets Byron 3 Nets

NEW YORK, April 24.—The sale of What's My Name? this week for broadcast over the American Broad-casting Company (ABC), gave inde-pendent program producer Ed Byron three shows running simultaneously

three shows running simultaneously on three different networks. Byron's

Mr. District Attorney is heard over the National Broadcasting Company,

and Christopher Wells is aired on the Columbia Broadcasting System.



Out of Camels?

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.---Vaughn Monroe is heading for an early exit Monroe is heading for an early exit from Camels's Saturday night Colum-bia Broadcasting System airer, ac-cording to persistent reports here this week. The bankrolling R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is said to be un-decided on retaining the time period, with most signs pointing to cancella-tion. William Esty is the agency. The last show of the current cycle

is that of July 3.

Gen. Foods Mulls "Aldrich" K. O. in Net Expansion Move

NEW YORK, April 24 .-- General Foods this week was reported considering dropping its Aldrich Family on National Broadcasting Company (NBC). If the plan goes thru, the account would keep the Thursday evening time on NBC but substitute a cheaper show. The well-Hooperated Aldrich show, now at 13.7, has an estimated \$13,500 price tag. Behind the proposal is a philosophy of spreading billings on as many networks as possible, with General Foods' said to be contemplating buying time on both American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS).

This would give it time on all four networks. It is now on three, the exception being ABC.

Appropriations for the increased networking would be coming from economies affected thru the possible Addrich cancellation and the recent cancellation of Fanny Brice. The lat-ter show, a high budget affair, is being replaced by the new Goodman Ace show, there being a difference of some \$7,500 in the talent appropriations.

The philosophy involved is that by airing on all four networks, rather than concentrating, the advertiser will be enabled to hit maximum audiences regularly.

What's My Name?. audience par-ticipation show featuring Arlene Francis, will replace Willie Piper under the General Electric lamp division's auspices, beginning June 3. Thursday nights,

Standard and Ford Okay; No More Allowed

Fitch Under Deadline?

By Jerry Franken

By Jerry Franken NEW YORK, April 24. — The Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC) is momentarily expected to announce a new client relations policy prohibit-ing any further lend-lease deals on broadcast time. The one such deal now in effect, involving Standard Brands and the Ford dealers, will be allowed to stand but no more will be allowed to stand, but no more will be permitted.

Lend-leasing allows a sponsor, va-cating a valuable time period (such as Standard Brands's former 8:30 Sunday night time), to keep other would-be accounts out of the time involved. The incident which led to the NBC decision involves the 7:30 Sunday night time now held by Fitch Bandwagon, which the account works Sunday night time now neid by *Filch* Bandwagon, which the account wants to farm out to another advertiser. There is still a possibility this will go thru, but only if the arrangement is concluded before NBC announces its new stand.

Skelton Deal

Skelton Deal Another element in the picture in-volved Red Skelton, for Brown & Williamson, which also wanted to lend-lease Skelton and the valuable Tuesday night 10:30 time. This pro-posal is now cold, following huddles between the tobacco company and NBC sales execs. Skelton has one more season to go for the account. Outside of the fact that it gives the advertisers an unfair edge, it was

outside of the fact that it gives the advertisers an unfair edge, it was felt in the trade that lend-leasing could have several other harmful ef-fects. For one, it could endanger NBC's relations with some clients, who'd bid but lose out; it could mushroom to a large extent and, finally, it could put talent in the position of offering themselves to the highest bidders.

bidders. The first radio lend-lease deal was made between American Tobacco and Colgate's, involving Kay Kyser's mu-sical quiz show, with the ciggie firm keeping a string on Kyser for several years. This deal has since expired. Previously, NBC has announced new sales policies which eliminated the waiting list, banned cross-plug-ging and left final approval of a pro-gram to the network.

gram to the network. The Standard Brands-Ford dealers (Lend-Leasing Banned on page 15)



HOLLYWOOD, April 24. - Future HOLLY WOOD, April 24. — Future of the Judy Canova program, broad-cast Saturday nights over the Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC) web, appeared in doubt this week. Colgate-Palmolive-Peet wants to renew, but at a cheaper price, it is re-ported. Negotiations toward that end are going on now. Canova show has a price, tag of \$11,000. Ted Bates is the agency.

Coming in May > THE BILLBOARD'S 1st ANNUAL LOCAL PROGRAM COMPETITION

Commissioner Clifford J. Durr, who will vacate his FCC post at the expi-ration of his term June 30. Truman is reported willing to nominate a GOP-indorsed conservative Democrat

to the Durr post, in the hope of get-ting quick Senate confirmation. Any nominee unacceptable to the Republicans and failing to get con-

Telford Taylor Possible

It has been learned that Telford J. Taylor, former general counsel of the

Taylor, former general counsel of the FCC, is likely to be suggested by Tru-man as a possibility for the Durr post. However, Taylor, a Democrat, is said by his friends to be "uninterested" in the job. He has been in Europe as a

war crime prosecutor. The Durr vacancy on FCC after

June 30 became a certainty this week when the President told a news con-ference that Durr had declined to re-main on the commission.

main on the commission. The Durr development has reached the stature of a major political inci-dent in the capital. Durr had con-sulted with Truman at the White House this week a short time before the President announced the meet-ing's outcome and almost simultane-ous with disclosure elsewhere of Mrs. Durr's role as head of the North Virginia campaign for Henry Wallace. Altho Truman told newsmen that Durr's reason for declining reappoint-ment was that Durr wanted to return

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GOP in Driver's Seat

of four places on the seven-member FCC. Unless Truman nominates a conservative Democrat wholly ac-(See Durr Is Center on page 15)

salary.

"Red" Crosby

PITTSBURGH, April 24.— Bing Crosby, in town Tuesday and Wednesday (20-21) for a gander at the Pittsburgh Pirates, the ball club in which he has a the ball club in which he has a financial interest, unveiled a new facet when he did some play-by-play gabbing on the ball game over WWSW. He did not only the plays, but the commer-cials as well. Consensus was he did a grad here is a way when did a good hep job-even when

Ankle "Call"; Still PM Beef

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.-Philip Morris's big beef over its Call for Music airer, starring Dinah Shore, quieted down this week-end with the exit of Jerry Lawrence and Robert Lee, writer-producer team. Duo was succeeded by scripter Robert Smith and producer Bill Brennan, both cur-rently doing the Jack Smith airer from Hollywood. Smith and Bren-nan are signed for four weeks, after which they return to New York with the Jack Smith show.

Talent connected with the airer said squabble stemmed from "inter-ference" from top Philip Morris show via long-distance telephone. Scripters Lawrence and Lee felt they had not been given a free hand in de-veloping characters and scripting shows. Decisions on the content of individual shows were made by ciggie firm execs, by-passing Biow Agency and production staff in Hollywood. In one instance, it was claimed that bank-roller ordered several of Miss Shore's tunes changed at the last minute, resulting in a serious arrang-ing and production situation ing and production situation.

Ing and production situation. At week's end, all was sweetness and light again, except among Biow execs, who felt the agency was caught in the middle and unjustly chastised. Talent, including Johnny Mercer and Harry James, were re-portedly happy with their individual treatment on the airer and no one wanted out. Question of whether seg will be renewed at end of current 13-week cycle was still unsettled, but it week cycle was still unsettled, but it was believed sponsor will pick up tab for a second cycle at least.

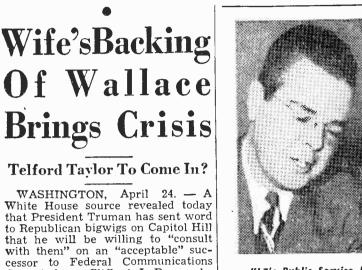
Autolite May Bring Haymes Back in Fall

HOLLYWOOD, April 24. — There is a possibility that Autolite and Dick Haymes will sign a new deal next fall, altho the singer winds up under that sponsorship July 1, when the ac-count will start airing Suspense. If a deal is made, the price tag will be below the current \$10,000 ticket.

One reason for the shift is that Autolite did not want to buck Al Jolson with a musical show, and thus assumed the bill on a whodunit series.

KGER SALE UNDER WAY

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.-Negotiations are now under way for the sale of Station KGER, 5,000-watt Long of Station KGER, 5,000-watt Long Beach indie, to John Brown Schools for approximately \$300,000. Brown, who owns a string of military schools, is talking with representatives of the Merwin Dobbins estate, which owns the station. Dobbins died in Octo-ber, 1946. It is understood that if the station is sold, Lee Wynne, the pres-ent general manager, will retain the same post with the new owner. same post with the new owner.



KLZ's Public Service Director MACK SWITZER KLZ continuously demonstrates its aggressive leadership in the sphere of social usefulness. Switzer directs and co-ordinates KLZ's many efforts to dissect and solve problems peculiar to the Denver area.

Durr Center of New "Incident"

firmation would serve merely a re-cess term of little more than six months if a Republican should be elected president in November.

HOLLYWOOD, April 24. - Guy HOLLYWOOD, April 24. — Guy Della-Cioppa, Columbia Broadcasting System's (CBS) assistant to the chairman of the board, was named associate director of network pro-grams, Hollywood. Della-Cioppa will aid Ernie Martin, Hollywood network program head, in sharing the increas-ing load of Coast originating shows. He will join Martin's department the third week in May.

CHILD JOINS RURAL NET

KLZ, DENVER **Della-Cioppa Moves** To CBS H'w'd Post

ITHACA, N. Y., April 24.—Robert B. Child, farm editor of WGY, Schenectady, N. Y., has joined the Rural Radio Network as program manager. A contributor to The American Agriculturist, Child is a Cornell University alumnus and holds a Master's degree in agriculture. He joined WGY after three years exten-sion service at the New York State ag school.

State Dept. To **Protest Mexican** 540kc. Outlet

WASHINGTON, April 24. — The State Department will make a strong protest against a proposed Mexican super-watt clear channel station on the 540kc. band, Francis DeWolf, chief of the State's tele-communications branch, told The Billboard today. De-Walt's disclosure came shortly after Wolf's disclosure came shortly after the National Association of Broad-casters (NAB) issued a formal state-ment complaining against the pro-posed new station which is to have 150kw. power and be located in San Luis Potosi some 350 miles south of Luis Potosi, some 350 miles south of the border.

DeWolf said construction of the sta-tion violates not only the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement (NARBA) but also agree-

American R e g i o n a 1 Broadcasting Agreement (NARBA) but also agree-ments reached last year at the At-lantic City telecommunications con-ference. The station is supposed to go on the air in late December. Under NARBA, standard stations are limited to 550kc. in the lower band, while the Atlantic City agree-ments—altho permitting standard use of the frequency—provide that per-mission for its use must be given by all countries signatory to NARBA. DeWolf pointed out in this connec-tion that the Atlantic City agreements will not go into effect until late 1949. Thus, he said, Mexico is violating not only present but future international agreements. Mexico's new super-station plus Canada's 540kc. station at Saskatche-wan will definitely restrict any AM use of this band by the United States, DeWolf stated. At present, however, the chief concern of the State De-partment is the certain interference which the station will cause U. S. fixed and mobile radio services op-erating in the 540kc. region. NAB used the announcement of the Mexican station to remind the Fed-

NAB used the announcement of the Mexican station to remind the Fed-eral Communications Commission (FCC) that NAB filed a petition with FCC in January urging a study of the frequency for inclusion in the U.S. standard broadcast band.

Mild Liquor-Plug Ban Due; to private work where he could earn more money, Durr told The Billboard that "this was definitely not the whole story." Durr said his next job, "Misleading" Ads Scolded which he was not yet ready to discuss, "will not necessarily bring a greater income" than his \$10,000-a-year FCC The GOP is recognized as having the controlling hand on the Durr suc-cessor appointment. Under the Com-munications Act, the majority party in the executive branch of the federal government is entitled to a maximum of four places on the seven-member

Paul Whiteman ABC V.-P.; Grabhorn Also NEW YORK, April 24. - A rare

NEW YORK, April 24. — A rare example of a performer becoming a top broadcasting executive material-ized this week when Paul Whiteman was elected a vice-president of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). Pops has been the web's di-rector of music for some time, and now also broadcasts an hour-long disk jockey show over ABC each after-noon. noon

Murray B. Grabhorn, manager of ABC's owned-and-operated stations. was upped to a veepeeship at the same time. Grabhorn also heads the network's co-op program sales division.

WASHINGTON, April 24. — Possibility that the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee will recommend a mild liquor plug restriction bill developed this week as the committee concluded hearings on three bills limiting or banning radio and press liquor ads. The plan now under consideration calls merely for a tightening of regulations on "false and misleading" liquor advertising. This is not expected to cause serious hampering of radio commercials. The new approach was touched off when Rep. Fred Crawford (R., Mich.) took the witness stand to complain that l "many liquor ads are actually fraudu-"many liquor ads are actually fraudu-lent." Limiting his remarks to news-

paper ads, Crawford explained that too many blends are being passed off as straight whiskys.

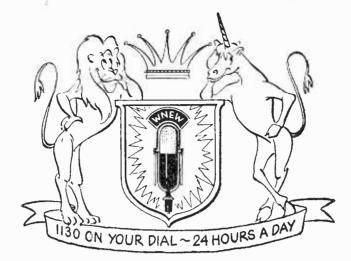
Ask Bureau's Aid

The committee then asked the In-ternal Revenue Bureau's alcohol tax unit to draft recommendations correcting the situation complained of by Crawford. Arthur Lacey, of the tax unit, had earlier testified that the present law is vague enough to per-mit publication of ads "possibly mis-leading to the public" as to the exact content of various liquors.

The heavy opposition put forth by a score of witnesses against any ad restrictions revolved around the as-sertion that enactment of any one of the bills under consideration would (See Mild Lieuer-Dire or press 17) (See Mild Liquor-Plug on page 15)

"Pops" Daughter Heads ABC Show

NEW YORK, April 24.—A new teen-age talent show was being as-sembled by the American Broadcast-ing Company (ABC) this week, star-ring Paul Whiteman's 16-year-old daughter, Margo. as emsee. Titled Tomorrow's Tops, the program is considered a good possibility for early web debut. Madge Tucker produces, and George Weist is the director.



WHEW, "America's Razzle Dazzle Station," proudly pops its top as VARIETY doffs a boff 'Showman' Awarn for ''fabulous'' '47 parlay of B. O., pubseru & whiz biz. "Most copied" operation's fourth kudo cues sock citation on "How To Run A Radio Station."

Indubitably, Your No. 1 Purchase in New York

Represented by John Blair Esq. & Co. **COMPROMISE ON MAYFLOWE**

May 1, 1948

FCC May Give **Equal Time to ClashingViews**

Coy-Durr Straws in Wind

WASHINGTON, April 24.-Having wound up the editorializing hearings this week, the Federal Communica-tions Commission (FCC) is casting about for a practical way to modify its Mayflower decision in order to permit a licensee to advocate a cause if he permits the opposite side an actual dependent to be heard equal chance to be heard.

Commissioners discussing the question after the hearing pointed out that the administrative problem of polic-ing such a modification would be difficult. One who wanted to remain anonymous said, however, that he hoped a method could be worked out.

Coy, Durr Give Hints

That a compromise is under serious That a compromise is under serious consideration by the FCC was evident thruout the hearings. Persistent ques-tioning by FCC General Counsel Benedict Cottone was leveled at most of the witnesses to bring out their ideas on the "equal time" compromise. Where Cottone omitted to ask the question, either Chairman Wayne Coy or Commissioner Clifford J. Durr took the initiative the initiative.

Answers from the witnesses indicated that such a modification is extremely controversial. Speaking for the National Association of Broad-casters (NAB). Don Petty insisted that the right to editorialize should have 'no strings attached. Other broadcasters said the same thing.

On the other hand, proponents of the Mayflower decision have insisted just as strongly that FCC stick to the original verdict and make no modifications at all.

Fly and Craven Clash

The three-day session this week The infectory session this week featured opposing testimony of ex-FCC Chairman James Lawrence Fly and former FCC Commissioner T. A. M. Craven. Craven. now vice-presi-dent of the Cowles Broadcasting Com-pany, declared that the Mayflower decision was "conceived in complete decision was "conceived in complete ignorance of the historical background of free speech." The fact there is a scarcity of radio channels has nothing to do with the situation, said Craven, adding that a severe paper shortage would not justify the government's (Compromise on Mayflower, page 15)

GROWING COMPETITION between AM and FM is shown in the fact that baseball broadcasts will be carried by over 200 FM stations. A recent survey discloses that 192 FM stations are now carrying play-by-play accounts, with two-score more slated to add baseball in the next three SHOWMANSHIP COUNTS And when you send a big, beautiful Moss photo of yourself, that's Showmanship! Moss is a password



Magidoff Explains Soviet Expulsion, Finds It a Boon

NEW YORK, April 24. — Robert Magidoff, the National Broadcasting Company's (NBC) Moscow corres-pondent, who was expelled from Russia recently, revealed this week that one of the basic reasons for the Soviet action was a trip he planned to make thru the Russian satellite countries in an attempt to line up film products for NBC's television opera-tion. At the same time, Magidoff revealed that the expulsion has been a boon to him, in that it has brought a slew of writing and lecture offers.

Magidoff declared that there had been indications for some time that he was headed for an "incident," but then added that had there been any then added that had there been any actual proof of the Russian charges of espionage, he certainly would not have been allowed to leave the coun-try. The kettle started boiling, he added, when he requested travel per-mits to Poland, Czechoslovakia and other so-called iron-curtain coun-tries. The charges of espionage in tries. The charges of espionage, in bchalf of McGraw Hill, for whom he also worked, followed shortly thereafter.

Meanwhile, since his arrival in this country, Magidoff has been deluged with offers. He's already set for a lecture tour which will be booked by Colston Leigh, and he's at their serv-ice as of next week. This tour may cover the entire United States. In addition, Magidoff is being sought by top magazines, including Collier's, The Saturday Evening Post. Cosmo-politan and The New York Times Magazine. Friday (23), Magidoff con-sulted with his literary agent, Harold Matson, preparatory to committing himself for mag stories. Magidoff also intends to finish a book this summer. He started it while abroad. Doubleday Doran will publish. Meanwhile, since his arrival in this

publish In addition to this literary and lec-

turing activity, Magidoff is being booked for radio and video appear-ances. Today, for instance, he's booked for 15 minutes on NBC's *Re-*port on Europe program. Next week he will appear every night on the in the works.

to pay a political assessment.

RWG To Alter Vote Procedure For Strike Tally

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Radio Writers' Guild this week moved to facilitate the possible calling of a facilitate the possible calling of a strike against the advertising agencies with which it is deadlocked over negotiations for free lance scripters. RWG received authorization from its parent body, the Authors' League, to streamline its constitutional voting procedure for the impending strike tally.

Under the old system the RWG had to get a two-thirds vote of all those eligible to ballot before it could strike. Now the RWG must only receive a two-thirds ballot of those voting before it can take action.

The RWG is charging the advertis-The RWG is charging the advertis-ing agencies with refusal to bargain in good faith. The union claims that it acceded to the ad men's desire for a National Labor Relations Board election before entering into fuller negotiations only to find the agencies unwilling to play ball.



YORK, April 24.--Corliss Archer will be the summer replace-ment for the Bob Hope program over the National Broadcasting Company. The deal was set by the Chicago of-fice of Foote, Cone & Belding, agency handling the Pepsodent account.

Archer, which was adapted from Kiss and Tell, had a varied career on the network of the Columbia Broad-casting System' (CBS) and once had the personal interest of William S. Paley, CBS board chairman. Later it was bank-rolled, and then dropped, by Campbell's soup. by Campbell's soup.

Both Hope and Corliss are repre-sented by Jimmy Saphier.

?Thow's Hat

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 24. —F. Chase Taylor Jr., son and namesake of radio's Colonel Stoopnagle, has been appointed commercial continuity chief of WVET, all-veteran Mutual out-let here. Taylor Jr., a naval air force veteran, issued the follow-ing statement: "I want to rake madio my lifetime career. I fant to wollow in my fater's pootsteps." The colonel has had sothing to nay.

to nay.

Klee To Edit Maugham Show

NEW YORK, April 24.—Lawrence Klee, who writes The Fat Man and other programs, will be editor of the series which Frank Cooper Associates will build around the literary works of W. Somerset Maugham. Cooper this week acquired radio and video rights to the Maugham plays, novels, short stories and anthologies in a deal closed with the author's agent, Jacques Chambrun. Tentative title being considered for the series is The Somerset Maugham Theater. An-other is *East and West*. Cooper, late this week, was ready-

ing an audition of a show tabbed Dear Leo. This would be 30-minute situation comedy featuring Jackie Kelk. Klee will also write this one.

District 2 Casters Air Views May 3

ITHACA, N. Y., April 24.—District 2 broadcasters who will not be able to attend the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention in Los Angeles May 16 will nevertheless be given a chance to air their thoughts and suggestions. Mike Hanna, Dis-trict 2 chairman and general man-ager of WCHU, has called an in-formal confab for this purpose at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, May 3. Aside from the code and other na-tional NAB affairs, the District 2 session will discuss the possibility of broadening the newspaper immunity

broadening the newspaper immunity legislation (Desmond bill) to include radio. This bill, now on the shelf in Albany, stemmed from the jailing of two Newburgh, N. Y., newspapermen for refusing to reveal news sources.

Affiliates Asked **To Give MBS Shows**

NEW YORK, April 24.-Phil Car-NEW YORK, April 24.—Pril Car-lin, program vice-president of the Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS), at a meeting of the network's affili-ates at the Hotel Astor this week, sounded a call for programs. He appealed to the affiliates to sub-

weeks. Major league contests are being carried by 76 outlets, while minor league ball is being covered by over 100 stations. The others are carrying college and high school games. sounded a call for programs. He appealed to the affiliates to sub-mit local shows as possible web airers. Carlin pointed out that a scarcity of good network program material exist-ed in New York and Hollywood, and advised the affiliates that they would have to fill the gap. The affiliates heard talks on various phases of network operations by de-FEATURE OF Frequency Modulation Association's (FMA) Region 4 meeting here May 5-6, will be a forum discussion of programing, moderated

FEDERAL TRADE Commission (FTC) last week cited a Hollywood correspondence school, Radio Training Association, for misrepresentation. FTC alleged the school had no extensive laboratory as claimed in ads and phases of network operations by de-partmental heads. They were also asked their opinions of Mutual programs.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS IN Coming in May THE BILLBOARD'S 1ST ANNUAL LOCAL PROGRAM COMPETITION

charged that courses were not sufficient training for radio and television.

Washington Round-Up

CECIL B. DE MILLE, Hollywood producer. lost his four-year fight

with the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) last week, when the Supreme Court refused to review his expulsion from AFRA for refusing

by Theodore Granik. An attendance of 300 is expected.

RADIO

TO STATIONS WHO ENTERED The Billboard's First Annual Local Program Competition

"We're Glad and We're Sorry"

WHEN we planned this year's inaugural Competition we figured—judging partly by experience in connection with our Promotion Competition, partly by instinct and partly by studying the ceiling closely—that we'd get 200, maybe three and maybe, by squeezing, 400 entries. So we planned and timed and scheduled the Competition accordingly.

Well, how wrong can you guess?

Seems as the broadcasters all over the U.S. (and Canada, too) have been waiting for just this sort of program evaluation. Seems as the broadcasting, with all its program awards, lacked this one vital element—an awards system giving recognition to the inventive work done on a local program level.

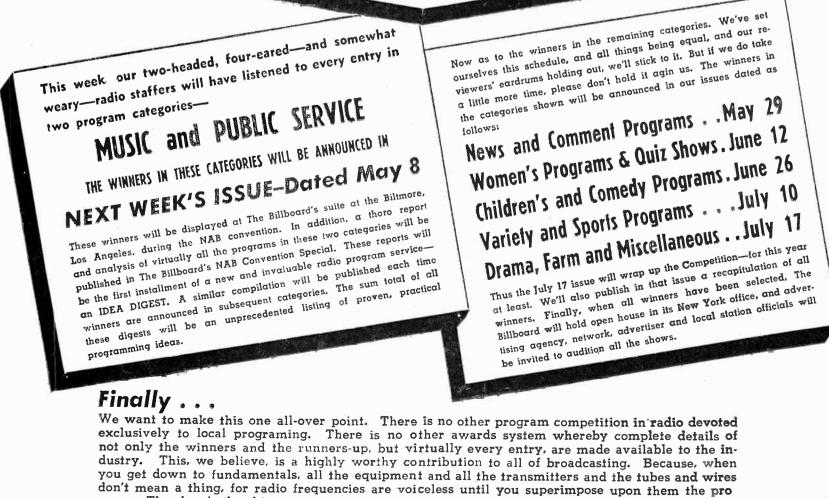
So we didn't get two hundred, three or four hundred entries. Nor six nor seven. We got 890 entries—some α quarter hour, some α half hour, some α hour. Roughly, the total reviewing time was twenty-six thousand seven hundred minutes. Count 'em—890 programs and twenty-six thousand seven hundred reviewing minutes. Try that on your playback.

And while a lot of people think our radio staffers have two heads and four ears, only two actually have. Which means that unless we just sluffed off the reviewing, we couldn't conceivably judge the programs in time for the NAB Convention, which was our target.

But we realize, too, that these programs represent the best thinking in local radio for commercial, sustaining and public service programs. We realize, too, that it's our obligation to distill this wonderful storehouse of program ingenuity and pass it on to the radio industry. And that this is more important than rushing thru to meet an arbitrarily chosen deadline.

Well, we're glad that the stations went for our idea, and we're sorry the avalanche of programs required rescheduling the announcements of the awards.





gram. The show's the thing.

Play Ball Reviewed April 17 Sustaining Via CBS

One performance only, April 17, 8-9

p.m. Production of CBS documentary unit. Producer, Sam Abelow; director, John Dietz; writer, Irve Tunick; musical score, Merle Kendrick; announcers, Don score, Merle Kendrick; announcers, Don Baker and Dan McDonald; narrator, Red Barber. Cast: Peewee Reese, Mrs. Peewee Reese, Branch Rickey, Leo Durocher, Bob Considine, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Rogers Hornsby, Clark Griffith, Commissioner A. B. Chandler, Ted McCrew, Harry Heilmann and Bill McCowan McGowan.

MCGOWAR. Current Hooperating of the Program (Sus-

ABC: Sustaining (8-:30)......None "Famous Jury Trials" (8:30-9).... 8.7 MBS: "20 Questions" (8-8:30)....... 7.0 Sustaining (8:30-9).....None

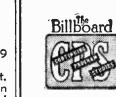
A documentary on baseball fea-turing some of the biggest names in the colorful history of the sport should have provided the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) docu-mentary unit with a unique oppor-tunity to do a definitive program on the topic. Tied in with the onset of what probably will be baseball's most lucrative year, and narrated by the CBS director of sports, ef-fervescent Walter (Red) Barber, the opus offered virtually unlimited scope. But the resultant show came to life only in spots; too frequently, to life only in spots; too frequently, it was merely wordy and, after a brisk beginning, it slowed to a walk before its midpoint as the diamond celebrities, one at a time, began to sound off at some length. The show never hit out of the infield.

The idea of building the program around the life and experiences of one player, Peewee Reese, of Brooklyn's Dodgers, must have seemed good on paper. But attempting to fit the rules, mechanics, business and social aspects of baseball into a biographical framework, to indi-cate how all those factors affect an individual, proved too stern a task. The result was that the biography grew thinner as the show proceeded and ultimately all but disappeared, and the other aspects were illus-trated mainly thru talk by the guests, which for the most part was pretty dull.

The best part of the show was the first 10 minutes, when Reese's early life was scrutinized and dramatized. Here the real feeling of the game and its hold upon the American public, particularly the part it plays in the dreams of American youth, were effectively brought home. Utilizing remarks first by Reese's mother then by an old school chum Utilizing remarks first by Reese's mother, then by an old school chum, as points of departure, the docu-mentary dramatized the cavorting of youngsters on the sandlots and their hopes of hearing their names announced over powerful public-address systems in major league heally ards ballyards.

Begins To Drag

But after bringing Reese into the big time with the Dodgers, the show attempted to delineate the history and rules of the game which has and rules of the game which has become a big business. That's when it began to drag. The mouthings of Commissioner A. B. (Happy) . Chandler showed particular weak-nesses. Chandler noted the generosity of club owners in contributing to a pension fund but did not point to a pension fund but did not point out that they did so only after a near-strike of players following many years of agitation for such a move. He also defended baseball's "reserve clause" which forces a player to remain with a single club at whatever terms it's willing to pay him without the right to quit and



Today's Baseball Reviewed April 22 AMERICAN SAFETY RAZOR CORP. Thru Federal Advg. Agency, Inc. STANLEY SOAP COMPANY Thru Birsacher, Van Norden & Staff, Inc.

(Alternating on First Quarter-Hour) and

NEDICK'S, INC. Thru Weiss & Geller, Inc. (Last Quarter-Hour) Via WHN, New York

Daily (MTWTFSS), 7-7:30 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$750; produc-tion man, Budd Greenspan; cast: Bert Lee, Marty Glickman.

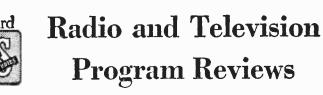
The airer, heard over WHN for several seasons, has been expanded from 15 minutes to a half hour nightly, recreating two games played during the afternoon by New York clubs instead of one as in past clubs, instead of one, as in past years. In its field, it is just about tops, with shrewd handling of sound effects giving a realistic effect. Crowd noises rising and falling with the re-enactment of the games' high spots, and the simulated crack of bat on ball contribute to the excitement. Bert Lee, station exec. steps out of the front office to continue his ex-cellent work on this show, with an assist now from sportscaster Marty Glickman.

Lee managed to infuse his rundown of the game with more than just mechanical happenings, tossing in some inside comments and injecting realistic uncertainty into de-scription of plays. The game de-scribed in the first 15 minutes, between the Giants and Dodgers, had a New York baserunner caught stealing in one of the opening frames. Lee noted that the Dodger catcher, Bruce Edwards, had met the Giant test of his arm, which had been ailing for some weeks.

been ailing for some weeks. The first quarter hour is spon-sored on alternate days by Stanley shave cream and Gillette razors and blades. Commercials, for Stanley on the show caught, were brief and to the point. The second 15 minutes is sponsored daily by Nedick's. The Yankees did not play during the afternoon of the broadcast, so Lee and Glickman discussed other reand Glickman discussed other re-sults, schedules, prospects and evaluated teams and players. They showed, as in the past, that they know their stuff. This is a fine way for the workaday ball fan to catch up with the day's diamond doings. Sam Chase.

sell his services to a higher bidderperhaps the only business in the na-tion with such a rule. The commis-sioner failed to point out the democratization which has taken place only in the last two years, with the admission of Negroes into the ranks of organized ball.

Of the other guests, Leo Durocher, Branch Rickey, Honus Wagner, Harry Heilmann, Rogers Hornsby, Clark Griffith, Umpire Bill Mac-Gowan and Babe Ruth, the best moments came from Rickey and Wagner. Rickey gave off several of the resounding phrases for which he is noted, while Wagner, who said his career dated back to McKinley, contrasted the rough stars of his era with the current crop, which he compared with business men and college kids, with some even wearing ties. But even this was too late. The show, like mighty Casey, fanned in the clutch. Sam Chase. in the clutch.



Your Song and Mine Reviewed April 21 THE BORDEN COMPANY Stuart Peabody, Dir. of Advg. Thru Hummert Radio Features Frank Hummert, Pres. Via CBS

Via CBS Wednesdays, 9-9:30 p.m. Estimated Talent Cost: \$5,000; pro-ducer-director-writer, Frank Hummert; announcer, Larry Elliott; cast: Thomas L. Thomas (baritone), Mary Martha Briney (soprano), Felix Knight (tenor), Edward Slattery's Orchestra; guest (this program), Rose Bampton. Average Hooperating for shows of this

NBC: "Duffy's Tavera"..... Your Song and Mine, the new Borden's show, makes pleasant lis-tening even tho it's uninteresting in format—being a straight musical presentation with three featured singers, a mixed chorus and an chestra conducted by Edward Slat-tery. This reviewer is partial to the tery. This reviewer is partial to the genue, but believes the lack of in-genuity in format may militate against a rating. However, the quality of the performers is very good, and possibly good vocal tal-ent, even without as outstanding an program idea, will bring it thru okaw okay.

Warblers are Mary Martha Briney, baritone Thomas L. Thomas and lyric tenor Felix Knight. In addition, the format calls for guests. The debut show had Rose Bampton, Metropolitan Opera soprano, who sang The Rosary beautifully. The The Rosary beautifully. selections of the regular talent were tried and true standards, having nostalgic as well as melodic values, and harking back to the lush musiand harking back to the lash must-cal comedy days with Do You Love Me (I Do), My Romance, Falling in Love With Love and the like. Plugs for Borden's were re-strained, brief and in good taste. Various products were mentioned, including Lody Bordon's ice area

including Lady Borden's ice cream, Golden Crest milk and evaporated Golden Crest mik and evaporated milk. The commercial pattern in-cluded a premium offer with pur-chases of evaporated milk. Larry Finley did the blurbs ably. Paul Ackerman.

Sky's the Limit

Reviewed Wednesday (14), 7:30-8 p.m. Style—Quiz show. Sustaining over KTLA (Paramount), Hollywood.

Here's a snappy quiz show cleverly patterned for the visual medium. Beryl Wallace, Earl Carroll lovely, acts as emsee, popping questions at a quartet picked from the studio audience. Contestant with the right answer climbs a step on a the right answer childs a step on a graduated platform. Each step is marked in thousands of feet. The one who gets to the top first wins. Obviously, prizes are contributed to the program in return for the tele plug

Adding to seg's video strength, is use of visual material in queries. For example, contestants are asked to identify a locale, or a dog's breed etc., from a picture. Pix are flashed on the screen to let armchair partici-pants see how they stack up. Visual advantage is also stressed by using For Carrell cutters to bring out prizes Earl Carroll cuties to bring out prizes for the winners. Lee Zhito.

May 1, 1948

John B. Kennedy and the **RCA** Victor Eye-Witness News Reviewed April 13 Via WFIL, Philadelphia RCA VICTOR EYE-WITNESS TELE-VISION DEALERS

Thru J. Walter Thompson Monday thru Friday, 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Producer, George Cahan; director, Lee Hunt; announcer, Joe Noveson.

Obviously geared for network riding after the initial 13 weeks, RCA Victor has brought the veteran John B. Kennedy to Philadelphia to promote television. Stressing the Eye-Witness trade-marking for its video sets, it is "eye-witness" news that Kennedy dishes out so fluently and with eclat as the "eyewitness" reporter. Naturally, the commercial palaver plugs the com-pany's Eye-Witness television sets.

On his own, Kennedy takes the news sphere in stride with his usual professional ease. Forgetting the local scene, altho it's a local shot for the time being, Kennedy scans the globe, and, when caught, took in Palestine, Russia, the Marshall Plan, the Nebraska primaries and a well-placed smack at the United Nations general secretary for coupling America and Russia in a lecture on good manners among nations as he stood before the grave of F. D. R. Coming from Kennedy, it all flows with a heavy note of authority with good choice selection of words, an easy pace and fine diction to make for listener acceptance. On make for listener acceptance. On all the items, he gives the straight news and tags with his personal views, making it all the more ef-fective as he identifies his own personal background and experi-ences with the personalities and places coming up for review.

Frontal Attack for TV

As far as the news picture is concerned, Kennedy makes merely an off-the-cuff reference to television as he adds a phrase about the prospects of watching election returns on the cathode. However, vision as he adds a phrase about the prospects of watching election returns on the cathode. However, it's a frontal attack in behalf of video for the last three minutes of the quarter-hour stanza. Announcer Joe Noveson, who sounds more like a news commentator than a sales-man in delivering the copy, makes an all-out pitch for the listener to write in for a giveaway booklet telling all about tele and how it works. Kennedy picks it up from there to cover the tele program highlights skedded that evening and for the week as well as gushing with enthusiasm over his own ex-citement in watching the televised boxing bouts the night before. While he gives no time or station speci-fics, it's no mere log that Kennedy lays before the dialer in the two minutes. Here again the comments are personalized with a backlog of personal references to place and program. And instead of the news personal references to place and program. And instead of the news program. commentator, he's the television enthusiast. And a good salesman at that. Maurice Orodenker.



The Billboard

Al Schacht

Reviewed Thursday (22). Style-Reviewed Thursday (22). Style-Sports-Comedy. Sponsored by the Borden Company thru Kenyon & Eckhardt on days of Giants' home games, five minutes before game time, via WNBT, New York. Director, Howard Cordery. Tech-nical director, George Neumann. Com-mentator, Al Schacht.

Video is getting more and more of this type of program: the short show preceding an event of special interest, such as a sportscast. Al Schacht, erst-while clown prince of baseball, has moved into that type of spot just ahead of WNBT's airing of the New York Giants' home games and it is York Giants' home games, and it is likely to prove a profitable one for his sponsor, Borden's, which is plugwas the first experiment with live music by the station. The pick-up was from the regular 2,000-seat Music Hall, with regular audio (both AM and FM) handled as usual. The assignment was difficult for an-nouncer James Clark, working in a booth on stage for usual radio com-mentary before, during and after numbers. He was shown in a few brief shots at the beginning, helping to set the scene, and wisely excluded thereafter, becoming part of the ging its instant coffee on the program. Schacht himself is a natural for such a spot, because of his long baseball background, his irrepressible humor, and, videowise, because of the mo-bility of his face and because he is a hambone at heart. If he seemed slightly uncertain at moments, chalk it up to inexperience. He should improve, tho.

For his brief show, Schacht utilizes his classic costume: swallow-tail coat, battered tophat, ball and glove and baseball pants. He talks a bit about the preceding day's game, introduces a guest for a quick interview, com-ments on the game to follow and wraps up the works with his own rendition of a commercial. Guesting on this show was the old Postan on this show was the old Boston shortstep, Rabbit Maranville, who demonstrated with Schacht's ball and glove how he used to make his famous basket catch.

basket catch. Perhap⁻ the funniest and, at the same time, most effective thing on the show was Schacht's sales pitch. From noting that a Dodger loss would cause many a long face in Flatbush, Al demonstrated his idea of a sad puss and remarked that one with that kind of mug must have drunk bad coffee. His version of a happy face, a side-splitting sight, was one he said could be acquired by using the spon-sor's product. The conclusion was a plea to try it based on the fact that his mother, aunt, grandmother and Schacht himself like it. How can one resist. resist.

Footnote: Schacht's powers prophecy were somewhat weaker. For the third consecutive day he selected the Giants to top the Dodgers. He wound up batting .333.

. Sam Chase.

Inside Hollywood

Reviewed Tuesday (30). Sustaining Tuesdays, 7:15-7:30 p.m. over WWJ-TV, Detroit. Script, Dick Kaplan and Selwyn Touber. Script, Dick Kaplan and Selwyn Touber. Producer, Eugene Ho-lowchak. Sound, Maurice LaBarre. Tech-nical director, Gilbert Rix. Cameramen. Leonard Pusarich and Art Iverson. Cast: Rolly Parker; Katherine Dunham. guest star. Agency, Wolfe, Jickling, Dow & Conkey Conkey.

camera selection would not have al-lowed Clark Gable's pic to stay on the screen during a whole interlude about Italian films for which apparently no art was available. Contest "whoos-it" shows three pic stars of vestorday Current show has been aired for several weeks and has settled down to a steady, fairly balanced format of movie news plus the gimmick of an interview with a show world celeb-rity, not necessarily closely linked to the screen but having writer and the screen but having variety and entertainment value.

Novelty introduction is a hand Novelty introduction is a hand picking up a telephone in close-up with audio of the bell ringing, going to the placarded introduction and then Rolly Parker in a brief self-in-troduction. His voice, which is back-ground thrucut, is excellent, but screen personality, otherwise ingrati-ating, is flawed by a too self-conscious ating, is flawed by a too self-conscious introductory smile and, in the intergood pace. view, too obvious indirection of glance deliberately beside the camera lense, even when he's talking right at the Only major fault is excessive re-liance upon stills for a Hollywood program, which should be able to work in typical screen-trailer type audience. episodes, even the difficulties in pro-curement, editing and timing would

Pictures of stars are used during the gossip section, quite obviously curement, pictures with large borders rather be tough.

Music for Michigan

Reviewed Tuesday (20) 7:30-8 p.m

Style, symphony concert. Commercial over WWJ-TV, Detroit. Sponsored by the Detroit Edison Company. Cast, De-

troit Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Valter Poole. Musical producer, John Hill; technical producer, James Eberle;

musical advisor, Raymond Hall; an-nouncer, James Clark; sound engineer, nouncer, James Clark; sound engineer, Albert Saunderso; cameramen, Richard McNutt, Harold Dushane; video control,

Ole Lapham, Russ Williams and Leo

WWJ-TV's rather hastily organized

video presentation of the season's last of a weekly radio concert series was the first experiment with live

thereafter, becoming part of the

The over-all shots set the scene,

The over-all shots set the scene, with frequent close-ups of individual sections and of conductor Valter Poole. Two cameras were used effectively, one from the balcony and one set on the stage to the con-ductor's right but trucked around considerably for close-ups of indi-viduals and sections. Exceptionally impressive were a four choir of the

impressive were a few shots of the score, shown over a player's shoulder.

Some medium lens views from the balcony were both too partial and too cluttered despite the sound at-tempt to give a vertical cross-section of the 100-piece orchestra.

Good Batoner Shots

The camera position at the con-ductor's side was natural in a clear visual narration on video of what a symph acts like—close enough to what the hall audience sees to get the idea across. Dissolves and super-impositions ware generally avoided

the idea across. Dissolves and super-impositions were generally avoided except for a fairly effective single camera view of the orchestra right thru the chimes. Poole's mannerisms were intimately shown, such as his typical tug at his coat. He appeared forcemented by the chose up compare

fascinated by the close-up camera, paying it too much attention between

numbers and destroying the illusion of objective reporting.

The camera work was short on some details, notably in visuals of a

some details, notably in visuals of a resting violin or woodwind section while the percussion thundered along, but practice and closer pre-study of the scores should improve that. Haviland F. Reves.

that becomes more acceptable as it is repeated. Selection of material is interesting, but better editing and/or

it" shows three pic stars of yesterday, usually close-up and stills from old movies, with prizes of theater tickets

for all correct answers. Parker then does a bit, against stills on a young "Star of Tomorrow."

The closer is a live studio inter-view. This time it was Katherine Dunham, of The New Tropical Re-

view, who did a fairly neat job, de-spite obvious nervousness, under Parker's deft coaching. This feature

helps to balance the show, which has

Haviland F. Reves.

than screen-filling images

The camera position at the con-

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a factor

background sound.

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Barney Blake, Police Reporter

Reviewed Thursday (22). Style-Mystery drama. Sponsored by The Amer-ican Tobacco Company (for Lucky Strike cigarettes) thru N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc., NIRC tele network, Thursday, Wimm Wright via the NBC tele network, Thursday, 9:30-10 p.m. Producer, Wynn Wright Associates; director, David Lewis; writer, Max Ehrlich; technical director, Jack Burrell. Cast: Gene O'Donnell, Ted Decorsia, Judy Parrish, G. Swayne Gordon, Maurice Manson, Billy M. Greene.

There was a great deal of anticipation for this show, the first half-hour mystery series in television, but if the caliber of the scripts show no im-provement, Barney Blake, Police Re-porter, will go down in history not only as the first but also the worst of its breed. What makes this all the more lamentable is that the production given the woeful script was excellent.

The story had just about every cliche in the whodunit book — the weeping lass whose kid brother has his situation in a sling; the overly villainous villain; the gangster's moll and our pure boy, Barney. Barney is the kinda newspaper man who doesn't even take his jacket off when writing a hunk of copy and who tells people he's right on a deadline, but when the pretty babe (in trouble, natch) comes bawling in, forgets all except the credits say, was by Max Ehrlich, but it's this mug's opinion that Mr. Ehrlich might have trouble writing his own name.

Against this messy story and dialog background, Wynn Wright offered slick, Class A production, with fluid camera work, neat dissolves and scene changes. Undoubtedly, he, too, was hampered by the story, which in most instance, could be understand most instances could be understood as purely a radio offering rather than a sight and sound production. The cast included a number of proven, capable performers whose interests will best be served with that limited comment.

Lucky Strike commercials were the standard film product made by N. W Ayer; they're first rate.

But if Barney Blake shows up with a green eye shade next week, there's gonna be one smashed television re-ceiver in this town.

Jerry Franken.

For Your Pleasure

Reviewed Thursday (15). Style — Variety. Sustaining via NBC television network, Thursday, 8-8:15 p.m. Director, Fred Coe. Technical director. Frank Burns. Cast: Kyle McDonnell, Jack and Jill (dancers), Don Henry (comedian).

With a pianist to supply live music, With a planist to supply live music, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) presented this 15-minute variety sustainer, featuring a pert blonde named Kyle McDonnell as femsee and warbler. Miss McDon-nell showed an extremely photogenic

nell showed an extremely photogenic personality with grace and natural-ness, who was charming even in a sign-off announcement fluff. Her singing of How High the Moon and I Wish I Didn't Love You So were satisfying, and she may well prove an important video find. The rest of the program, unhap-pily, was not as entertaining. Jack and Jill, nitery dance team, turned in a routine number based upon Liszt's Liebestraum, which sounded on the thin side done by piano alone. Young comic Dan Henry, who works at the Old Knick night club, ex-hibited his take-off on a symphonic conductor, accompanied by a chunk of recorded Techilemulter. conductor, accompanied by a chunk of recorded Tschaikowsky. Poor camera work negated his efforts in part, showing him standing alone on the studio floor, with people at tables on the night club set clearly visible and destroying the illusion of a berserk maestro.

Henry also showed a tendency to mug too much, which hurt his act considerably. But NBC, in airing

Quick on the Draw

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Reviewed Thursday (8), 10:20-10:50 p.m. Style—Audience participation, Con-ceived and written by Wally Sheldon, Produced by David Kaigler, Sustaining over WFIL-TV, Philadelphia.

The familiar parlor game of charades, with cartoonists at the easel to express the what-is-its, adds up to an interesting and entertaining visual, with studio audience and home viewers joining in on the fun. The program idea is crystalized by staff producer Wally Sheldon, who handles the emsee chores in free and fluid style. It's a half hour that should capture the fancy of an advertiser as easily as it does the viewer.

Charles Boland, local free-lance commercial artist, along with a guest cartoonist (Dick Strohm, of the Sat-urday Evening Post, at the guest easel when caught), sketch out their con-ceptions of the charades which contestants are asked to identify. These included the title of a best-selling book, a sporting event, a radio show, a radio actor, a well-known quotation and a musical composition.

Two-Minute Guesses

With Boland and the guest artist quick on the draw, it's a double clue for the contestants, culled from the studio audience. The contestant, after a warm-up interview session with Sheldon, has a two-minute limit to guess the particular charade, after which set owners at home can telephone their guesses.

Sheldon, continually in an informal mood and pacing his show at a fast clip, plays up to the camera with a gift of gab that goes for making it a sock show. Producer Dave Kaigler baightent the offectiveness with show heightens the effectiveness with show-manly peppering of close-ups to vary the over-all shooting. In addition to the easels, symbolic figures of artists' tools enhances the simple stage setting.

Good Tie-Ups

Apart from entertainment value, the show incorporates several effective tie-ups that make for desirable pace-changers. Along the cartooning front, a public service spot is utilized as a mid-stanza commercial. In behalf of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, Boland draws a telling sketch expressing the rhymed copy Sheldon reads to make for a highly effective blend in behalf of promoting racial and religious tolerance.

Further, winning contestants re-ceive a year's free subscription to *Philadelphia*, slick monthly magazine published by the Chamber of Compublished by the Chamber of Com-merce, and the paper plug makes for another pleasant short interlude. The show caught also linked with the show caught also linked with the Home Builders Show, which contrib-uted three desirable electrical appli-ances, pictured by the cameras, as prizes for the three contestants guess ing their charades in the shortes**t**

space of time. Easily one of the quickest and entertaining half hours tossed out to the local tele audience. Maurice Orodenker.

this as a "young talent" show, has a sure-fire star in Miss McDonnell, and should it surround her with proper support in the future, can have a pleasing airer in this slot. Sam Chase.



Maneuvers

'Button Shoes' Case in Point

NEW YORK, April 24.—Musicians in radio and television are showing signs of apprehension. This feeling is apparent among radio musicians

who are now watching the almost-concluded contract negotiations be-tween the union and independent sta-

tions, and among video musicians working musical shows on the new

An example of the latter occurred

An example of the latter occurred just before the Tuesday (20) tele-cast of Tonight on Broadway, then sponsored by American Tobacco Company over WCBS-TV. A com-mittee of the tootlers from the legit show which was to be televised, High Button Shoes, descended on Lo-cal 802, American Federation of Mu-sicians (AFM), to protest the tele-vision scale. The local referred the matter to the AFM national office, which in turn told the musicians they did not have to work for 75 per cent

did not have to work for 75 per cent of the broadcast scale if they did not

of the broadcast scale if they did not want to. The 22 men finally did work, but obtained full broadcast scale for the half-hour telecast, and 66 2/3 per cent of AM scale for the two hours' rehearsal. It's under-stood that the musicians got along okay with the program producers, but are doubtful of AFM chief James C. Petrillo's wisdom in backing down from a scale which used to be the

from a scale which used to be the

full AM rate. Apropos of negotiations with indie stations, whose contracts are now up for renewal, fear is that Petrillo may have set a pattern when he signed a deal with the networks calling for no increase in wages and employment for three years. The contract with WHN, already set and retroactive to March 31, provides for maintenance

March 31, provides for maintenance of current scales for two years. On

the bright side of the deal, however, is a provision which provides for hiring of three additional musicians starting late in October. The house

band is now 15. One dark spot in the indie em-

ployment picture—and one which station execs say may affect the entire

station excess ay may affect the entire New York employment picture in the future—is WNEW. The station is seeking to cut its house band from 12 to six, and has filed a 60-day petition to that effect. Pacts with WMCA, WQXR, WINS and WOV were said by one union spokesman to have been completed, but this was dealed by station even

but this was denied by station execs, who said the contracts were close to completion. A union spokesman in-dicated that some of the new con-

tracts would have increases in scale from \$5 to \$15 per man.

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Tele Supplements

NEW YORK, April 24.—The New York Times is considering running a television supplement. The Herald-Tribune and The Sun have already run supple-ments, and Monday (26) The World-Telegram will publish

Ohio State Meet Accents Programing

Controversial Issues Out

By Cy Wagner

CHICAGO, April 24.—With an ac-cent on the problems of the radio in-dustry on a local and regional pro-graming level, the 18th annual Ohio State University Institute for Educa-tion by Redia will be held in Columtion by Radio will be held in Colum-bus April 29. This year the institute will make a definite effort to stay away from controversial issues, which have produced some of the most livelave produced some of the most live-ly sessions in the past, and will have only one meeting on an industry controversy—a broadcast of CBS's *Town Meeting*, based on the issue of whether stations should have the right to editorialize.

Another new point is that those in attendance will pass no resolutions. In the past the institute has gone on In the past the institute has gone on record as being in favor or against certain issues, but because it is a body which can take no joint action, the resolutions are nothing but state-ments in a vacuum. Resolution mak-ing also was cut out, according to I. Keith Tyler, institute head, because m an y participating organizations were bound by policies which pre-vented expressions of opinions on points having public relations con-notations. notations.

Advance registration, according to Tyler, indicates final attendance at the institute will be greater than last year's 1,200. University will give out no figures on advance registration to data but only will say that advance no figures on advance registration to date, but only will say that advance registrations this year exceed last year's. On Monday (19), it was learned, however, advance registra-tions stood at 160, about the same as where they were last year the same number of days before the institute's opening opening.

Other than the changes in policy Other than the changes in post-accenting sessions aimed at areas of local programing, the regional or local programing, the decision to omit resolutions and the anticipated high attendance despite trade opposition, institute will be about the same as the past 17. There will be sessions in international edu-ortional and argicultural radio radio will be sessions in international edu-cational and agricultural radio, radio critcism, women's programs, religious shows and the final session titled *Serious Radio in America.* What that means is anyone's guess.

Baking Tycoon Joins Steinbeck's TV Firm

NEW YORK, April 24. — Lee Marshall, chairman of the board of Continental Baking Corporation, this week joined the board of directors of World Video, of which author John Steinbeck and photographer Robert Capa are leading lights. The firm meanwhile was nearing rela this week of its first package a

sale this week of its first package, a film series made by Capa in Paris showing the latest creations of French fashion designers. Show is under-stood to be heading for National Broadcasting Company.

Nervous Eyes Mercury Buys Tele Ford Buys Half Time To Plug Disks Millers' Ball **On Petrillo's**

CHICAGO, April 24. — Mercury Record Company this week became the first major diskery to use tele-vision here to promote the sale of its platters by starting sponsorship of Mercury Record Time on WBKB (Trueduce 2:15 to 2:5 n m) (Tuesdays, 8:15 to 8:25 p.m.).

TV and AM Tootlers' \$ Jitters

(Tuesdays, 8:15 to 8:25 p.m.). Mercury's show uses Bud Young and Richey Victor, who won a name for themselves here with their for-mer show, *Jumptown Review* on WBKB. Pair do comedy satire, pan-tomime and lampooning routines. For Mercury, team is weaving com-mercials into its routine and, accord-ing to Art Talmadge, promotion vee-peee for Mercury, will give general pee for Mercury, will give general institutional plugs and sales pitches for one "record of the week" during each show.

Illinois Stations Form State Assn.

CHICAGO, April 24 .- The first statewide association of radio stations was organized this week in Springfield. The new group, titled Illinois Broadcasters' Association, is being formed to promote the interest of Illi-nois broadcasters and to combat legislation or other activities which are detrimental to the industry's welfare in this State. Thus far about 30 stations, including three from Chicago— WLS. WENR and WJJD—have joined or have signified their intention of joining.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting were Frank R. Mills, WDWS, president; Robert B. Jones WDWS, president: Robert B. Jones Jr., WIRL, vice-president, and Walter Emerson, legal counsel for WENR, secretary - treasurer. The officers plus Art Harre, WJJD; Oscar Hirsch, WKRO; Oliver Kellar. WTAX, and Leslie C. Johnson, WHBF, will act as an executive committee.

Need for organization was first suggested at a meeting of the ninth district of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) here several months ago. The organization will work in conjunction with NAB.

The Millers will play rollers, with more coming in soon. Twin Cities newspapers are tying

planning special editions. Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl issued a statement for special editions complimenting KSTP-TV for pioneering video in this area.

Drive in Local Programing Brings KMOX 5 New Shows ST. LOUIS. April 24.—KMOX, Co-lumbia-owned outlet here, has em-barked on an intensive local pro-graming campaign. Blueprinting the revamped schedule is Al Bland, pro-gram director, who has five new shows of varying formats in the works.

works.

works. 1. Beulah Schacht, feature writer on The St. Louis Globe Democrat. has started a quarter hour of com-ment Sundays over the station at 1:45 p.m. Miss Schacht took the 1:45 p.m. Miss Schacht took the air with a sponsor, Allied Florists' Association.

Batter Up (tentative title), a half-hour sports quiz, is in prepara-ton. This will be backed by Stan Daughtery's 21-piece house band, with Bob Lyle as emsee. There'll be audience participation and a baseball guest each week.

Concert or Corn probably will take the air in two or three weeks. This show was tested for four weeks as an exploitation device for the New York Philharmonic. The station played symphony records and fol-lowed with hillbilly disks. Tying in stores.

5. Recently inaugurated is 1 wo for the Show, featuring vocalist Betty Barbour, with Lee Sanguinette at the organ. This is a Monday-thru-Saturday, 10:15-10:25 p.m. opus, sponsored three times a week by Mennen's Mennen's.

4. Sunnydale Acres, a farm service program, is handled by Ted Mangner, the station's farm editor, and Mrs. Mangner. This started Saturday (17) in the 12:30-1 p.m. slot and includes in the 12:30-1 p.m. slot and includes a five-minute cut-in to the newsroom for news reports. Mangner has a heavy schedule in addition to this show, which is light and informal in treatment. The show is built around Sunnydale Acres, a mythical farm.

5. Missus Goes A-Shopping is scheduled to start May 10, with Paul Wills as emsee, originating in grocery

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Millers American Association base-ball club and selling half of this time to Ford dealers. The Minneapolis Millers club is owned by the New York Giants. The deal occasioned surprise because that station had been dickering with the St. Paul AA baseball club, which is the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Bill (Rosy) Ryan, Millers' prexy, some six weeks ago stated he wasn't too interested in television for his Nicollet Park ball club. The deal for bankrolling half the

home game sked was reported set at a price of \$13,500. Bill Brewer, of the J. Walter Thompson Chicago office, is

Sked in Mpls.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 24.—KSTP-TV this week, less than 100 hours be-

fore it was scheduled to begin com-

mercial telecasting, dropped a bomb-shell in local agency circles by ob-

taining exclusive video rights to all at-home games of the Minneapolis Millers American Association base-

J. Walter Thompson Chicago office, is account exec. Ryan, in okaying video rights, banned beer and liquor sponsors— which knocked out of the picture the Minneapolis Brewing Company account. Local office of Batten. Bar-ton, Durstine & Osborn (BBD&O), which had here protecting for the which had been negotiating for the brewery, then bought one minute be-fore gate time for a comic strip presentation. BBD&O, however, started hustling to line up a sponsor for the remaining half of the sked.

77 home games, of which 23 are set for Sundays and holidays and won't be tele-cast. It's estimated the sked will include 50 gameş. KSTP-TV execs said the station now has nine video bank-

in strongly with arrival of video here, with The St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press and The Minneapolis Times The Billboard

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WPIX Inks Television Pact Union's Rate Cuts With Korda for 24 Top Pix

feel the pressure of indie competition as WPIX, The New York Daily News as WPIX, The New York Daily News outlet, secured broadcast and syndica-tion rights to 24 top ranking motion pictures thru London Films, Ltd. (Alexander Korda). The contract, pacted with Morris Helprin, Gotham rep for London pix, calls for the assignment to WPIX for local showing and for syndication as a package to other TV outlets. Prints will be on 16mm. film, and station execs indi-cated they would be shown semi-monthly, making virtually a full year's series. monthly, ma year's series.

year's series. The deal reportedly was in the works for close to two months before the inking, which had Station Man-ager Robert L. Coe and Film Manager James S. Pollak representing WPIX. It marks one of the first big breaks in the major studios' refusal to turn over quality films for tele broadcast. Among the titles released were some which gained considerable criti-cal acclaim in past seasons. These

cal acclaim in past seasons. These included The Private Life of Henry

KLAC-TV To Bow

In Mid-September HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—KLAC-TV, local indie owned by Dorothy Thackrey, finally unveiled tele plans this week with the announcement that the station planned to be air-borne by mid-September. Station Manager Don Fedderson said the out-let had acquired a new site on Mount Manager Jon Fedderson said the out-let had acquired a new site on Mount Wilson and that construction of the transmitter would begin within two weeks. Plans call for delivery of the transmitter by July 31.

the transmitter by July 31. KLAC tele progress has been stymied because the previous trans-mitter site required considerable work to prevent settling of building and land erosion. New land parcel was leased to KLAC by the U. S. Forestry Service and previously had been earmarked for FM operation of KWKW, Pasadena indie. Because of an application for increased power, now pending before the Federal Communications Commission, KWKW has withdrawn its FM application has withdrawn its FM application and relinquished the land.

Goodman Acquires "Western Theater"

NEW YORK, April 24.-Harry S. NEW YORK, April 24.—Harry S. Goodman has bought the syndication rights to All-Star Western Theater, a half-hour variety show, from Inter-state Bakeries. The show, which features Republic Picture stars, is now sponsored by Interstate on 20-odd stations in the West and Mid-west. Goodman will sell it in cities other than those held by Interstate. Talent includes Roy Willing and His Riders of the Purple Sage, with such guest artists as Jerry Colonna, Nick Lucas, Jack Holt, Artie Hale and others. others.

Goodman has already sold the show to the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Com-pany: Plough, Inc., and KLWE, Houston. Two New York outlets are angling for it.

NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, April 24.—The tele- VIII (Charles Laughton. Merle Ober vision networks this week began to on, Robert Donat), Scarlet Pimperne on, Robert Donat), Scarlet Pimpernel (Leslie Howard), Return of the Scar-let Pimpernel (James Mason), Ghost Goes West (Robert Donat, Jean Par-ker), Lady Hamilton (Vivian Leigh, Lawrence Olivier) and Man Who Could Work Miracles (Roland Young, Ralph Richardson).

> La Shore, Hubby Take Tele Fling HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—Song-stress Dinah Shore and her film actor-husband, George Montgomery, are currently working out plans to take a fling into television via a series of films to be shot at the Montgomery home in San Fernando Valley. Idea behind the series is to produce a show around home life of the Montgomery

around home life of the Montgomery family, shooting episodes on suc-cessive Sundays, with showbiz friends who visit the couple drafted for informal film stints.

Show is being offered by Henry Jaffe, Miss Shore's New York biz agent, with Columbia Broadcasting Company reported interested in syndication rights to the series

AFM Nixes Airings **Of Carnegie Pops**

NEW YORK, April 24. — A deal which would have permitted com-mercial broadcasts of this summer's Carnegie Pops concerts was nixed by Carnegie Pops concerts was nixed by the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) this week. Elliot Sanger, of WQXR, and Ted Cott, of WNEW, both sought to wrap up the broad-casts thru Ernie Anderson, each offer-ing to pay the standard remote fee of \$3 per musician. After brief con-sideration AFM turned down the \$3 per musician. After brief con-sideration, AFM turned down the deal, and non-commercial WNYC will again carry excerpts each night, as last season.

A video deal between Anderson and Columbia Broadcasting System for telecasting of the concerts still is hanging fire.

ABC Inks 2-Yr. Pacts With 4 Video Outlets NEW YORK, April 24.-American

NEW YORK, April 24.—American Broadcasting Company (ABC) this week signed two-year affiliation con-tracts with four television stations. The outlets are WMAL-TV, Wash-ington: WTCN-TV, Minneapolis; WFMB-TV, San Diego, and WDSU-TV, New Orleans. All are video ad-juncts of AM-ABC affiliates.

The web stated that negotiations are being conducted with 10 other outlets.

ILGWU GETS FM STUDIOS

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—The In-ternational Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) has leased space for its FM studios from Edgar Bergen's studio on Sunset Boulevard here. The union's FM outlet is now under con-struction. The inaugural is expected July 15.

Make "Tonight" Sustainer Possible

NEW YORK, April 24.—Backstage NEW YORK, April 24.—Backstage legit unions working on *Tonight on Broadway*, video show telecast over Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), have reduced their rates so as to make possible the program's continuance as a sustainer. American Tobacco, which sponsored *Tonight* for three weeks expended \$30,000 for three weeks, expended \$30,000 for the experiment. Under terms now arranged by the unions and Martin Gosch, producer of the show, the weekly tab will be about \$4,000.

CBS will continue the program as a prestige piece until summer. After this period the show may go into summer theaters for material, or catch pre-Broadway tours of legit presentations, or bow out for two months months.

RKO Planning Pix Push With **Tele Trailers**

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—Plans for the national use of video trailers in all tele cities are reaching the setin all tele cities are reaching the set-tlement stage at RKO studios, it was learned this week. Deal, handled by Foote, Cone & Belding's (FCB) Coast tele topper, Arnold McGuire, calls for special tele trailers to be made for all important pix produced or released by RKO. Trailers will be culled from regular theater trailers, reduced to 16mm., to run two to five minutes each. Trailer dates will, be timed with regular film release dates in major cities. Trailer plan, which would be su-

Trailer plan, which would be su-pervised by FC&B, was near pact-ing stage last winter, but was shelved when film industry curtailed pro-duction because of the British tax situation. With this hassle settled and flicker production on the up-grade, RKO is ready to take the plunge into video.

KTLA Installs Film Unit

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—Film re-cording unit will be installed at KTLA some time in June for the national networking of shows scanned on this station. System would in-volve recording of shows on film, which would then be made available to other Paramount tole stations on to other Paramount tele stations or their affiliates.



Between N. Y. and D. C.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Simulta-neous four-network television pro-graming on a virtually unlimited basis will become possible for the first time by August 15, it was re-vealed this week at a meeting be-tween execs and engineers of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T) and a committee of network video broadcasters. Be-fore that time, however, the four webs currently operating in the East will all be able to air individually, at the same time, from the political conventions in Philadelphia in June and July. By convention time, AT&T said, it will be ready to break the current deadlock over facilities which has restricted transmissions to one network at a time thru shar-ing of the lone coaxial cable. NEW YORK, April 24.-Simultaing of the lone coaxial cable.

Ing of the lone coaxial cable. AT&T execs told the telecasters that four coax cables will be in operation by the time of the conven-tions, complete with terminal facil-ities for the Eastern webs. After the political conclaves, a short period of adjustment will be necessary. The repeater system on the cables will have to be rearranged in the proper direction, so that New York can re-place Philadelphia as the origina-Philadelphia as the originaplace tion center.

N. Y.-to-Washington

N. Y.-to-Washington At the request of the broadcasters, AT&T will arrange the cables so that by August 15, three webs can op-erate simultaneously southbound from New York to Washington, while the fourth, in Washington, will be northbound. Division of time on the four cables is expected to be comparatively simple after the ex-perience of splitting a single line, and a meeting for that purpose will be called in the latter part of May. AT&T also agreed that cities off the coax could be fed shows from the cable should the webs arrange pri-vately owned spurs to those cities. The remainder of the meeting was

vately owned spurs to those cities. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reassigning use of the existing cable facilities for the May 1-June 30 period among the four webs now operating: National Broad-casting Company (NBC), Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), Amer-ican Broadcasting Company (ABC) (See Simultaneous Nets on page 15)



FIRST WINNERS IN THE BILLBOARD'S 1st ANNUAL LOCAL PROGRAM COMPETITION

Agencies Thump Tubs for TV **Gratify Nets** With Step-Up In Publicity

Ayer, for NBC, an Example

NEW YORK, April 24 .- Network publicity departments, which have long carried the load of video promotion, are now getting increased aid from advertising agency flackeries and independent press agents. The reason, of course, lies in the fact that sponsors and agencies are setting aside increased appropriations for video specifically. Latest example of this is N. W. Ayer, which now has a budget for television, apart from ra-dio Aver's new television show dio. Ayer's new television, apart from fa-dio. Ayer's new television show, American Tobacco's Barney Blake (for Lucky Strikes), debuted this week over the National Broadcasting

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Company (NBC). Ayer's video publicity budget is not without precedent, but taken together with other developments it is rewith other developments it is re-garded as highly indicative. Newell-Emmett, for instance, this week threw a clambake at the Stork Club as part of its promotion of Chesterfield's sponsorship of the Giants' baseball series over NBC. Another indication of the same type of hypoed agency promotion activity is the Swift show (Lanny Ross), handled by McCann Erickson, with Zac Freedman and Fred Coll assigned to do publicity on this series as part of their agency retainer retainer.

retainer. There are plenty of other instances of agency and indie flacks working on TV. Dave Alber, for instance, is do-ing the Bob Smith howdy doody opus. Earl Ferris was in on the Camel newsreel series, and Eddie Jaffe is press agenting the Roy Marshall Mo-torola show out of Philadelphia. To-night on Broadway, the three-week series over the Columbia Broadcastseries over the Columbia Broadcast-ing System (CBS), was flacked by another indie, Allen Meltzer. The webs themselves have height-

ened their video publicity operations. Webs, however, feel they have car-ried the burden of TV publicity for a long time and any outside help is welcome.

Despite some agencies' awareness of the importance of TV publicity, others, according to the webs, are still doing a supine job. Considered one of the best agencies in the matter of TV publicity is J. Walter Thompson, which for two years has had—and still has—an allocation from Ford to publicize sports activities on video. JWT is also credited with having done pioneering publicity work on the Standard Brands show. Benton & Bowles is another agency which is credited with tele publicity knowhow.

WNHC-TV To Be 1st Conn. Station

HARTFORD, Conn., April 24.-The HARTFORD, Conn., April 24.—The first television station to go on the air in Connecticut will be WNHC-TV, New Haven, with the start of opera-tions slated for the first week in May. The station will start relaying programs of the DuMont television network.

The outlet will start broadcasting "live" shows as well after comple-tion of new studio facilities-probably some time in September.

SHORT SCANNINGS

The Billboard

TED STEELE, of Benton & Bowles, has a piece on television in the current **TED STEELE**, of Benton & Bowles, has a piece on television in the current American Mercury. . . Newsweek is contemplating a piece on the Swift show. . . First all-video ad agency to apply for membership in the American Association of Advertising Agencies was Layne, Leene & Greene. . . WPIX, New York, has plucked Edward Stasheff from the municipal education FM station to head its educational program department. The station also has added Sherling Oliver and Richard Rose as writer-directors. WPIX moved into the Madison Square Garden sports picture by inking rights to pro basketball games and the amateur and pro hockey games for next season. season.

Four more cities will get the Telenews-International News Service weekly video newsreel. WFIL-TV, Philadelphia: KTLA. Los Angeles; WTTG, Washington, and KSD-TV, St. Louis, added the service last week, which washington, and KSD-TV, St. Louis, added the service last week, which currently is being aired in New York. Chicago, Detroit and Milwaukee. DuMont has disenfranchised three dealers for price cutting. . . A general wage increase has been approved for DuMont's production and clerical employees. . . Don Roper was transferred by DuMont from WABD to WTTG, Washington, where he will be announcer-producer. Chuck Tranum succeeds Roper as WABD's chief announcer.

FIRST international tele broadcast will occur Wednesday (28) when WWJ-TV, Detroit, covers the opening of the industrial exposition in Windsor, Ont. . . First television Oscar has been awarded by British Broadcasting Corporation to producer George More O'Ferrall for his handling of Hamlet last December. . . Package producer Noel Wesley has signed Grantland Rice for a video series titled Grantland Rice Sports Hall of Fame, with Rice making awards to star athletes each week. . . Canada Dry Ginger Ale has bought a series of one-minute spots before and after home games of the Chicago Cubs over WBKB. Spots will feature series of six one-minute moviettes produced by B. K. Blake, Inc.

Gene F. Russell will head up tele promotion for American Broadcasting Gene r. Russell will nead up tele promotion for American Broadcasting Company in addition to his current duties as supervisor of art and production for the web's advertising and promotion departments. . . A United Productions package, Alan Dale's Music Shop, will debut over DuMont Tuesday (27) at 7 p.m. The opus features Alan Dale, Janie Ford and recording stars as quests.

WTVR, Latest TV Outlet Bows; To Air 90% Live

RICHMOND, Va., April 24.— WTVR, National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC) affiliate, which had its inaugural show from 7 to 12 mid-night Thursday (22), will be on the air daily except Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, 3-9:15 p.m. with approximately 90 per cent live shows. A large backlog has already been prepared. Coax cable connec-tion with NBC has been laid, but shortage of terminal equipment in the Richmond telephone exchange will hold up network programs until about June 1. about June 1.

commercials thus far include Gen-eral Electric, Philco, the Radio Cor-poration of America, and Miller & Rhoads, local department store. These use about 40 per cent of air time, with staffers now engaged in build-ing rather than selling programs. Commercials thus far include Gen-

The station, owned by Havens & Martin, Inc., operators of WLIBG and WCOD-FM, had a gala debut, with Virginia Gov. William M. Tuck and Richmond Mayor Horace H. Edwards participating in the ceremonies. Wil-liam S. Hedges, veepee in charge of planning; Noran Kersta, director of tele operations, and Easton Wooley, NBC station director, represented the web. Talent included the Green Mountain Hillbillies, with Art Livick and Johnny Johnson; Jack Lewis; the and Jonnny Jonnson; Jack Lewis; the Four Minstrelaires; Wilfred the Wiz-ard, magician: also the Vaudeville Varieties, with Jack Lewis and Juanita Kirby plus various films, such as Wings Over Latin America, and disk jocks and others.

The reception was reported as generally excellent, with the excep-tion of some minor distortion and blacking out.

Ten local theaters and three film houses out of town installed sets for patrons and plan to project shows on theater screens.

During the inaugural, dealers held offering jobs to veterans.

RICHMOND, Va., April 24.— | open house in their stores and played TVR. National Broadcasting Com- to S. R. O. crowds. It is impossible,

to S. R. O. crowds. It is impossible, at this time, to estimate the number of receivers in the Richmond area. The staff of WTVR is headed up by Wilbur M. Havens, general man-ager, and Walter A. Bowry Jr., as-sistant. Wilfred H. Wood is chief engineer, with Conrad Rianhard pro-gram director gram director.

CBS Sets TV Dupe On "Pres. Timber"

NEW YORK, April 24 .-- Presidential Timber, which recently debuted over the AM network of Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), will be duplicated on the web's TV hook-up starting Thursday, May 27, in the 9-9:30 p.m. slot, from New York. Good critical comment resulting from the AM program prompted the de-cision to duplicate the show on TV.

Invitations to appear on the show have been sent out by Helen Sioussat. CBS director of talks, to the seven declared presidential candidates, plus the two men who will be nominated by the Socialist and Socialist Labor parties. The seven are President Truman, Harold Stassen, Gov. Earl War-ren of California, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Henry A. Wallace and General MacArthur.

NBC AIRS VET JOB SHOW

NEW YORK, April 24 .- The Veterans' Administration is putting a job erans' Administration is putting a job placement program on the television web of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) today, 8-8:30 p.m. If response warrants, the program will be carried along as a series. NBC this week installed switchboards to take care of incoming phone calls offering jobs to veterans. Clang, Clang!

May 1, 1948

NEW YORK, April 24 .--- Television this week finally gained stature as a news-gathering medium on a par with others. Recognition was granted video by the Uniformed Firemen's Association, which henceforth will notify local telecasters when large fires occur, and will as-sign one fireman in each borough to be at the fires assisting tele and newsreel cameramen.

4A's Warns Unions To Hold Out for Status Quo Clause

NEW YORK, April 26.—All mem-bers of the actors' union composing the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (Four A's) have been ad-vised to insert a clause in any tele-vision contracts they sign guaran-teeing maintenance of conditions as imposed by those individuel unions imposed by those individual unions. Meanwhile, the Television Committee (TC) of the Four A's, representing the radio, legit, film, variety and musical performers, will meet today (Monday) with the New York telecasters in the first discussions of the contract proposed by TC. The meet-ings, it is expected, will extend over a lengthy period.

a lengthy period. The move by the unions with re-spect to the new clause being de-manded in current contracts is de-signed to avoid any violation of the respective standard working condi-tions set up in their respective spheres. Unions also intend, when a television contract is finally signed, to make all contract writter before to make all contracts written before that date coincide with the final agreement.

Top execs of the unions will meet in New York May 17 to discuss plans for reorganizing the Four A's to op-erate as one all-over union, rather than on the present individual basis.

Cogan, Desmond Ink For WCBS - TV Airer

NEW YORK, April 24.—A live mu-sical package, featuring Johnny Des-mond, songstress Shaye Cogan and a house band was set this week by WORS-TV for early scanning. The show will debut June 1, and will go across the board, with no time set at the week's end. The show will go thru a dry run Monday (26) at CBS studios.

Desmond and Miss Cogan were pacted thru General Artists Corporation (GAC).

Barber's Show Debut Set

NEW YORK, April 24.—Red Bar-ber's Club House, the Columbia Broadcasting System package set for Saturday, May 8, debut, will be car-ried on the web at 10-10:30 a.m. and rebroadcast by transcription over WCBS, New York, at 5:30-6 p.m. the same day. The program will include a sports quiz for teen-agers, a weekly guest (the first will be Bucky Harris, manager of the Yankees) and a week-ly salute to an American community for outcanding loaderchin in sports. for outstanding leadership in sports. The series is co-authored by John Derr and Judson Bailey and produced by Jack Carney.

'CRAIG'S WIFE' FOR TELE

(Continued from page 4) presenting four monthly dramatizations of the lives of famous compos-ers, tentatively skedded to debut May 24 over WABD. The sponsor will be Barrett Textiles.

The first script, by Peter Strand, is about the life of Peter Tschaikowski and the second, by Zina Provendie, is about Brahms.

May 1, 1948

Tobey Cracks Whip on Radio

(Continued from page 4) to assemble a mass of information pertinent to the new inquiry, and an open hearing will be staged soon. open hearing will be staged soon. Tobey made his sudden decision for the inquiry during cross questioning of Raymond Guy, NBC engineer in charge of radio and allocations, dur-ing the final minutes of the clear channel bill hearing.

The acting chairman declared he is "determined to get all the facts" and that "information from many, many sources will be sought." He said that the committee is intent on exploring "the whole realm of radio, including cross-licensing, patent holding, manufacture of equipment, capabilities of equipment and everything else."

The inquiry, he said, will seek to determine whether "there have been any influences on decisions involving frequency bands to control television," and he added that the inquiry will "delve also into exactly what is happening in black-and-white and in color television."

After Armstrong

Edwin H. Armstrong, inventor of FM, is among several radio bigwigs who are being asked to submit in-formation. Armstrong was questioned at some length late yesterday.

The new inquiry is considered to have such important stature that, al-tho its first testimony came during the course of the Johnson bill hear-ing, members of the committee agreed to segregate yesterday's portion of the testimony "which has bearing on the new investigation."

Tobey made it clear that he intend-ed to "look thoroly" into the FCC's role. It was learned that Tobey's committee is planning to make a committee is planning to make a thoro study of the transcript of the FCC's hearings on black-white versus color television. This hearing was held last year while Charles Denny, now general counsel for NBC, was chairman of the FCC. The commis-sion, after hearings, decided against moving video frequencies "upstairs" to accommodate color video as proposed by Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). The CBS plan was vig-orously opposed by NBC, RCA and others

Nix '48 Tax Cuts; '49 Looks Brighter

(Continued from page 3) Spokane, while a dozen smaller com-munities have done the same. An admissions tax cut of one-third

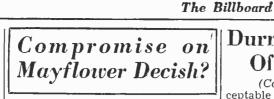
by the federal government would be of large benefit, the committee said. of large benefit, the commutee said. Such a reduction, according to com-mittee tables, would result in annual savings ranging from \$1.93 for every person in New York to 12 cents per capita savings in Mississippi.

Europe Stands in Way

Europe Stands in Way Sen. Robert Taft (R., O.), head of the GOP steering committee, and Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.), chair-man of the House Ways and Means Committee, both issued statements this week declaring that European commitments make excise cuts im-possible this session.

The attitude of the two leaders has apparently doomed the more than a score of bills designed to cut various taxes, including the latest by Rep. William Colmer (D., Miss.) calling for a 50 per cent slash in the general admissions tax. In introducing his bill, Colmer re-

In introducing his bill, Colmer re-marked that the 20 per cent admis-sions tax "is extremely high in com-parison with other excises." He added that "not only is the taxpayer who seeks amusement hurt, but the tax is also in a position to destroy the industry furnishing the amusement."



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interference with expression of opinion in newspapers. Fly contended that the Mayflower

ruling, rather than abridging freedom of speech, actually implemented it by of speech, actually implemented it by requiring opportunity for the widest possible expression of different view-points. He argued that the right of news selection by NAB is actually the right of news suppression.

WGN's View

Louis G. Caldwell, speaking for The Chicago Tribune station, WGN, attacked the compromise theory on the ground that it implied a profound distrust in the American people. He maintained that "an immediate antidote" applied to those exposed to an air editorial "insults the intelligence." It would lead to a system, he said. "under which a federal administrative agency carefully supervises expres-sions of opinion from broadcasters and their employees." Caldwell added that "there is nothing in the history of this country or in the performance of broadcasters which calls for such a change in the philosophy of our government."

NAB President Justin Miller led off his organization's testimony with a blistering attack against what he called "the absurd effect" of the May-flower ruling. It permits, he said, freedom of speech over the radio by all people except the broadcasters "who is held inescapably responsible for the programing of the station." Free Speech Held Impaired

Miller declared that FCC has not the authority to ban or limit editorializing. "Prohibition of editorializing," he declared, "is abridgement of free-dom of speech." Other members of NAB followed Miller to the stand to urge a complete lifting of the ban. Broadcaster opinion was not unani-mous, however. Ed Craney, owner of several Montana stations, submitted a statement urging the commission not only to uphold the ruling, but "to follow thru and enforce the policy more strongly."

Suit To Test Rights Of Pic Thesps in TV

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—A court ruling is expected to clarify the question of whether actors appearing on films shown on video—and produced before film companies included video clauses in contracts—can ask additional revenue or claim damages. A suit which may clarify this point was filed last week by actress Blanche Mehaffey against Paramount Blanche Mehaffey against Paramount Pictures, Inc., parent firm of Tele-vision Productions, Inc., KTLA and others. It demands \$100,000 dam-ages. Miss Mehaffey appeared in the pic, The Mystery Trouper, made in 1931 and telecast serially April 7, 8 and 9 on KTLA. The actress charges that video is imperfect and that as a consequence her likeness was repro-duced in a distorted and uncompliconsequence her inceness was repro-duced in a distorted and uncompli-mentary manner. Klaus Landsberg, KTLA manager, and Toby Anguish, head of Internation Theatrical and Television of the West (library which furnished the film) said all usual clearances were in order.

NORWALK, Conn., April 24 -WNLK, Norwalk's first radio station, went on the air the past week. The went on the air the past week. The station will be operated by the Nor-walk Broadcasting Company and with 500 watts power. Stations staff in-cludes Dr. Benjamin Ginsberg as gen-eral manager; Jeremy Marcus, com-mercial manager; Milton Warren, program director; Tom O'Neil, news director, and Tom Lemmo, chief en-gineer.

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Durr Is Center Of New "Incident"

(Continued from page 6) ceptable to Republican leaders in Congress, the GOP controlled Senate can refuse to act on the nomination or can vote adversely, leaving the nominee to a recess appointment to await the outcome of the presidential election. If a Republican is elected president, he can name a Republican to fill the six-year commissionership

term. The present political composition of the commission is three Democrats, three Republicans and an independ-ent. All but Vice-Chairman Paul A. ent. All but Vice-Chairman Paul A. Walker, a Democrat, are relatively newcomers. Walker had been on the newcomers. Walker had been on the commission since 1934. Commission-er Rosel H. Hyde, a Republican, got his appointment in 1946. The others —Chairman Wayne Coy, Democrat; Commissioner Robert Jones, Repub-lican; George Sterling, Republican, and Edward Webster, independent— are more recent. are more recent.

Taylor's Rivals Negligible

A number of prospects for the com-ing Durr vacancy are being mening Durr vacancy are being men-tioned besides Taylor, but none is be-ing considered seriously since the GOP has not yet been sounded out. Discounted from serious considera-tion are the names of J. Leonard Reinsch, erstwhile White House radio advisor, and former U. S. Senator James M. Mead of New York, who is definitely not interested. Frank Rob-ertson, Washington lawyer and for-mer assistant general counsel of FCC, is being discussed, as well as former is being discussed, as well as former Sen. D. Worth Clark, of Idaho, and John H. Bickley, public utilities con-sultant and former FCC accountant.

Capitol Hill preference at the pres-ent time is for selection of "somebody from the common carrier field" rather than from broadcasting, inasmuch as the commission is regarded as weaker in common carrier representation.

Jim Stirton Heads Chi's Tele Council

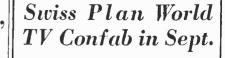
CHICAGO, April 24 .- Officers and board members of the newly formed Chicago Television Council, in which are represented most facets of the video industry—networks, stations, agencies and production companies—were elected this week. The council has been organized to promote tele-vision in Chicago.

Officers elected are Jim Stirton, central division general manager of the American Broadcasting Company, president; Ardien Rodner Jr., presi-dent of Television Advertising Pro-ductions, vice-president; Fran Har-ris, head of the Chi Ruthrauff & Ryan tele department, secretary, and Russ Tolg, radio director of BBD&O,

Tolg, radio director of BBD&O, treasurer. Board members are Art Holand, Malcolm - Howard Agency: Don Meier, WBKB; Don Cook, WGN-TV; Nort Jonathon, WJJD; Ken Carpen-ter, the Bowling Company, and Ralph Liddle, Commonwealth Edison Company.

SIMULTANEOUS NETS

(Continued from page 13) and DuMont. All time periods were agreed upon with a minimum of debate except the 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. southbound sked. This is in dispute between ABC and CBS, and no so-lution of the squabble had been effected between the two webs by press time.



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WASHINGTON, April 24.-Switzer-WASHINGTON, April 24.—Switzer-land is making plans to hold an in-ternational television conference in Zurich, September 6-11, the Com-merce Department disclosed this week. During the confab, Zurich's Federal Institute of Technology will put on a television exhibition, show-ing for the first time video products of firms from various countries.

The chief purpose of the conference, according to Commerce, is to work out plans for permanent co-operation in video development among all coun-tries. Zurich has been named as the seat of the Secretariat of the Comite Internationale de Television, an or-ganization set up at Cannes, France, Last October last October.

Swiss video interests have set up their own non-governmental TV group called Cine Television, which is a branch of the Comite de Diffusion de L'Art et de Lettres Par le Cinema.

Mild Liquor-Plug **Ban Is in Offing**

(Continued from page 6) (Continued from page 6) lead to censorship. Summing up this argument, Arthur Jenkins, of the National Editorial Association, de-clared that small newspapers "are seriously concerned with the new field of censorship which is being opened up and which will inevitably be extended to other forms of adverbe extended to other forms of advertising."

Fifteen representatives of the dry having a bad effect on the youth of the most stringent of the three bills that of Sen. Arthur Capper (R., Kan.), which would ban entirely any liquor plugs in newspapers or over the air. Advocating his measure, Capper declared that the compromise bills offered by Sens. Clyde Reed (R., Kan.) and Edwin Johnson (D., Colo.) "are good as far as they go, but the way to go about prohibiting liquor advertising is to prohibit it."

Bills Broken Down

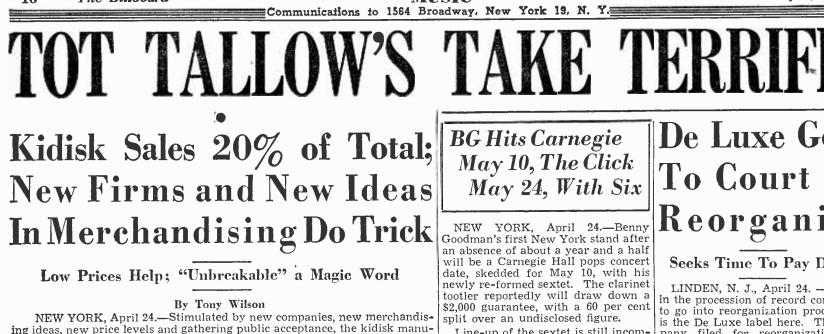
Reed's bill would ban ads depict-ing drinking as a socially acceptable attribute, while the Johnson measure, in effect, would limit liquors to institutional advertising.

Chief complaint against radio was registered by the National Temper-ance and Prohibition Council (NTPC). In a statement submitted to the com-In a statement submitted to the com-mittee, the NTPC charged that radio has adopted a "one-sided policy fav-oring the liquor forces to the exclu-sion of the dry forces." The statement complained that "we have been un-able to find a single 50,000-watt radio station which will sell the dry forces so much as one broadcast a choice so much as one broadcast a choice evening time to counter the pro-drinking appeals that blanket the nation day and night."

LEND-LEASING BANNED

(Continued from page 5) deal gave Fred Allen and the Sunday 8:30 time to the automotive account, but permits Standard Brands to have first refusal on the time next year. If Standard should turn it down, Ford has the next refusal and not until both reject the time can NBC offer it elsewhere. The net will not put itself on that spot again.





NEW YORK, April 24.—Stimulated by new companies, new merchandis-ing ideas, new price levels and gathering public acceptance, the kidisk manu-facturing biz is fast becoming one of the big bulwarks of solid platter volume. Most of the major companies currently estimate that tot-tallow sales have increased to between 10 and 20 per cent of the year-round melon, with as much increased to between 10 and 20 per cent of the year-round melon, with as much as 35 per cent of the Christmas biz (in itself a tremendous hunk of

items of interest to children. The ter-rific impact of some of the newer kid companies in the field, on top of a rising moppet market, has brought forth estimates that total kidisk sales this year should zoom far over the 50,000,-000 mark.

Mushrooming of the tot-tallow market probably is best delineated in two phases:

(1) The surge of small-biz entrepreneurs into the 10-inch unbreak-able field. These gents merchandise direct thru chains and department stores (omitting distributors) and are down to a \$1 level. Meanwhile, estab-lished firms ponder a cost problem which forbids their listing at the same price

(2) The sudden sock of the six and seven-inch plastic kidisk biz inspired by Rocking Horse and Peter Pan Records (David Lapidus's adjunct of Synthetic Plastics Corporation) which (See Tot Waxings Catch on page 18) network.

Apollo Shuts Det. Distrib Branch

NEW YORK, April 24 .- Apollo Records this week closed down its distributing branch in Detroit, and appointed an independent distrib, the Pan-American Distributing Company, Pan-American Distributing Company, to handle the label in Michigan, with the exception of the northernmost portion, which is handled by M&M, of Green Bay, Wis. Apollo also named the S. E. Shulman Distributing Company, of Chicago, to handle jobbing of Apollo's wax thruout Il-linois and part of Indiana. The Apollo Chicago branch still is in operation.

Diskery sales reps Ralph Berson and Jim Frangos are on the road for the firm, rounding out the distribs

May 10, The Člick May 24, With Six

MUSIC

Line-up of the sextet is still incom-plete, with 88-er Teddy Wilson and saxist Wardell Gray the only defi-nite members so far. Benny is said to be dickering with drummer Buzzy Drooten and bass player Jack Lesberg.

berg. The Carnegie Hall date precedes Goodman's two-week run at the Click in Philly, starting May 24, also with the sextet. Benny is then sked-ded to launch his summer series of week-end dance dates with a full crew June 18 at the White Plains County Center.

Mills Appointed AMC Exec. Sec.

CHICAGO, April 24 .-- William C H I C A G O, April 24.—William Mills, who recently resigned as ex-ecutive secretary of the National As-sociation of Music Merchants, this week was appointed executive sec-retary of the American Music Con-ference, by Louis G. LaMair, Con-ference president. Mills will succeed Clare Johnson, who resigned to become the Fort Wayne, Ind., area representative for the investment trust firm, Herrick, Waddel & Company.

Waddel & Company.

De Luxe Goes To Court To Reorganize

May 1, 1948

Seeks Time To Pay Debts

LINDEN, N. J., April 24. - Latest in the procession of record companies to go into reorganization proceedings is the De Luxe label here. The com-pany filed for reorganization approval in Federal Court at Newark, N. J., this week, a move understood to provide for extansion of time to pay current debts. The Federal pay current debts. The Federal Court reportedly granted permission for the company to submit a plan for continued operation by May 17.

David Braun, president of the platappointed trustees of the firm and were authorized by the court to con-tinue to diskery's operation. The trustees reportedly listed De Luxe as-sets at \$12,000 and liabilities at \$105,-000. Braun, in a press announcement, stated the diskery's sales for March and April of 1948 were greater than for the same period last year.

Leeds Buys Schillinger Works for 25G

NEW YORK, April 24.-Lou Levy's Leeds Music pub this week acquired the complete music catalog of the late Joseph Schillinger, renowned com-poser, arranger and author, reported-ly shelling out some \$25,000 for the copyrights held by the Schillinger estate. Deal was negotiated by Arestate. Deal was negotiated by Ar-nold Shaw, veepee of a Leeds Music affiliate firm. Schillinger, once hailed in his na-

tive Russia as one of that country's outstanding contemporary composers, came to this country in 1928. He be-came a United States citizen in 1936 and attained prominence thru his novel mathematical work System of

Musical Composition. Among the copyrights annexed by Leeds is Symphonic Rhapsody, North Russian Symphony, Sonata for Violin and Piano, Dance Suite and March of the Orient. The latter, an orchestral novelty, is skedded for publication as a study-score sometime this year.

Maple Leaf Wax Bows in Canada

MONTREAL, April 24. — Maple MONTREAL, April 24. — Maple Leaf Records, new Canadian diskery here, made its bow on Canadian wax counters this week. The firm intends to press and distribute under its own label wax cut by many of the small label diskers in the United States on the premise that if the originals were marketed in Canada, the public couldn't absort the multifarious la-bels now available in the U. S. The Canadian waxery's first deal called for the pressing rights to the Con-tinental waxing of *Toolie Oolie Doolie*.

Doolie. The distribution for Maple Leaf will be handled by Sni-Dor Radio & Music, of Montreal. Sni-Dor has Music, of Montreal. Sni-Dor has been a distrib of disks in Canada for many years.

Checking the Counterfeiters **3 N. Y. Waxers Bid All Join** War Huddle

Gunning for Bootleg Disks

NEW YORK, April 24.-At least a trio of local diskers will meet here Monday (26) to map counteraction against inroads on their trade known to be made by the sale of counterfeit wax. Savoy, DeLuxe and National are skedded for a confab with Savoy's Herman Lubinsky (keynoting the entire action here), and they say that other diskers who care to participate

other diskers who care to participate are welcome to join them. Lubinsky pointed out that the diskers are meeting primarily to seek authoritative support for fight-ing the bootleg disk racket. He says that Harry Fox, agent for the Music Publishers' Protective Association (MPPA) and Carl Haverlin press (MPPA), and Carl Haverlin, prexy of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), have been notified and made aware of the bootleg sitch.

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"Little Girl" Disk Sold in Houston Held Counterfeit

HOUSTON, April 24.-Counterfeit disks have cropped up in this city, according to C. D. Henry, owner of the local Macy Record Distributing Company. Henry located and pur-chased in a local disk shop copies of a Black and White disking of T-Bone Walker's I Want a Little Girl which Henry alleges is definitely a counter-feit platter. Henry claimed that the labels here photostatic copies of aulabels bore photostatic copies of au-thentic trade mark labels and that the engraved serial number usually present on the inside margin of a record proper was missing.

Henry sent copies of the "counter-feit" disk, a genuine Black and White pressing and the name of the feit" shop where the alleged fakes were bought to the "proper government officials" and to the Houston Better Business Bureau.

(April 10) that the counter-disk problem had been brought to the at-tention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Treasury Depart-ment and the U. S. attorney's office. FBI Advised It was pointed out in The Billboard (See Gunning for Bootleg on page 21)



ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Miracle Record Company, Chicago, this week obtained a temporary injunction obtained a temporary injunction against the Millner Record Sales Company, Inc., of this city, on a charge that Millner produced and sold unauthorized copies of popular musical records under labels that re-normalized those of Minagle disks. It musical records under labels that re-sembled those of Miracle disks. It was charged that the Millner distrib outfit sold disks which were repro-ductions of Miracle platters and bore counterfeit labels. The Miracle diskerv further pointed out that the Millner outfit advertises records na-tionally (*The Billboard* carried an ad for the firm April 17). It charged that the distrib was jobbing a dub-bing of the Miracle waxing of Long Gone. Gone.

The action names Milton Saul and Edward Ockel as agents of the Millner firm.

The Billboard

WAXING PEACE RUMORS GROW

17 MUSIC

Petrillo Again; Royalties Out

King Promises More Action

HOLLYWOOD, April 24,-Standard Transcriptions took another whack at the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) prexy, James C. Petrillo, this week by declaring that the firm would make no royalty payments to the AFM disk fund for the period of July-December, 1947. Plattery's attorney, Lewis Teegarden, told The Billboard that he would consider any payments of past royalties in vio-lation of the Taft-Hartley Act and therefore null and void.

therefore null and void. According to Teegarden, the T-H Act, specifically Section 302.A, makes it unlawful to pay royalties to AFM, including dough due on a previous contract which became due. Penalty for such payment calls for a \$10,000 fine and a year in jail. Standard is seeking to force the decision on this provision of the T-H Act, either by court litigation or by a ruling by U. S. Attorney General Thomas Clark.

Meanwhile, Standard's topper, Jer-ry King, and his legal eagle promised further shots against Petrillo in an effurther shots against retrino in an er-fort to test legality of the record ban. Altho declining to tip his hand as to specific steps planned, it was under-stood that Standard would spring its next offersive via the federal courts, either in Washington or locally. Ac-tion was promised "any day."

MCA Slips Astor. **Coke** Convincers To Jurgens Ork

NEW YORK, April 24.-Dick Jurgens this week renewed his management pact with the Music Corporation of America (MCA) dispelling trade rumors that the orkster would be cut-ting away from the agency.

Jurgens this week landed the summer replacement for Spike Jones on the Cocoa-Cola airer and at the same time was booked for four weeks for the middle period at the Hotel Astor Roof beginning July 12.

Jack Robbins's 5c 'Sabre' Boff, While Leeds, United Fuss

NEW YCRK, April 24.—A quaint switch in the Leeds vs. United Music publisher muddle surrounding the current hit, Sabre Dance, saw the neutral Jack Robbins pubbery re-portedly sell 5,000 copies of the Katchaturian opus this week. Robbins is said to have sold his abbrevated music sheets at 5 cents a copy while the legally entangled United Music was putting them out at 10, 12½ and 15 cents and Leeds Music at 22 cents per. per.

Leeds and United still are awaiting a court ruling on Leeds's request for a temporary restraining injunction against United's sale of Sabre Dance copies.

Standard Hits ""I Remember Mama" Melee In Finale; Dreyfus Set To Clear

(Continued from page 3) the Thornhill disk had won some initial acclaim, and the Ziggy Lane lad, caught for the second De Luxe trip by a "restriction declaration," yelped for help from an attorney.

Van Druten's Title

But most disturbed of all were the Tobias brothers, who had visions of a recorded "plug" going up in smoke. They started checking and discov-ered that RKO held "no rights" to the title *I Remember Mama*. These were retained by John Van Druten, who sold the film rights to the story to RKO but retained title ownership. John Shulman, acting for the Tobias brothers, approached Van Druten and an offer was made to give him $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents a copy, \$500 advance and $16\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the mechanical revenue. Meanwhile, it appeared that Chappell might willingly return the song to the writers (in itself an amazing pre-cedent, if accomplished) just to be rid of the studio-diskery-performance controversy. When the Dreyfus firm learned of the Tobias negotiations with Van Druten, however, it renewed its own interest, shunted aside concern for RKO's objections and approached the playwright as the legal publisher of the song. A deal reportedly was consummated with Van Druten, with terms presumably at least as good as those offered by the Tobias pair.

Meanwhile, another snaft report-

Pubs Ape FDR:

"Pluggers' Only

Fear Is Fear''

NEW YORK, April 24.—Simultane-ous series of songplugger firings have stimulated a flock of "end of world" rumors along contact man's row, but the bulk of top-line pub-lishers here point out that much of the pessimism is inaccurate and ex-aggerated

The latter concede that sheet mu-

sic sales have been dipping dan-gerously but they claim that plug-gers are premature in their hysteria and are contributing to possible self-

destruction by spreading inflated re-ports of mass firings. Actually, pubs

assert, most of the sizable (but not mass-scale) plugger heaves-ho have

been concentrated among newer ad-ditions to the pay roll. From a prac-tical standpoint most pubs usually would be leery of canning old-line

professionals, since they are all union

members and severance pay in itself would be a heavy expense. Late-vintage pluggers are more readily pink-slipped. But the number of these are far from "panic conditions." Dismissals in last two weeks in-eluded four men at the Chappell

cluded four men at the Chappell pubbing offices—Milt Stavin. Jack Richman, Harry Bernie and Stuart

Seymour. At the Bourne firm Harold Solomon was dropped. Broadway

Solomon was dropped. Broadway Music gave notice to Al Pollack. Ab-sorption of Beverly Music by the Famous-Paramount group left Sy Mannes stranded, but by end of week, he had landed a post with Dave Deyer's music firms. At Santly-Joy, Ed MacCasker left and was replaced later in the week by Murray Toodles

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aggerated.

NEW YORK, April 24.-Simultane-

edly was solved with Dreyfus set-tling matters with the Costallat publishing firm in France over certain rights to the La Cinquantaine melody. The deal was made not to protect American right (where the public domain laws apply) but to clear up the problem of Canadian rights here which the Costallat firm still secured.

CAC Comes Up With Valdes Ork

NEW YORK, April 24.-Entangle-NEW YORK, April 24.—Entangle-ment between Continental Artists Corporation (CAC) and William Morris Agency (WM) over the book-ing rights to Miguelito Valdes and his ork has been resolved, with CAC landing the Latin orkster for the next three years. CAC originally was skedded to take

over (for one year) booking manage-ment of Valdes in June, with the Latin orkster reportedly signed to return to WM for the succeeding year. While the agencies were trying to iron out short-term contracts which may have led into overlap bookings CAC signed and filed with the Amer-ican Federation of Musicians (AFM) a pact which would extend its deal with Valdes for two more years.

This led to the disclosure that WM had notified its Valdes pact with the union—a required procedure in booking pacts.

Cress Courtney, WM band depart-ment topper, explained that WM had failed to file with the union at a time when the agency was examining the feasibility of retaining or renewing with Voldes Countrol claims the with Valdes. Courtney claims the agency decided not to invest further in Valdes.

BMI Board Adds; Pub Staff Renewed

NEW YORK, April 24.-Two new members were elected to the board of directors of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) last week. They are Walter C. Evans, president of Westinghouse Radio Stations, Inc., and Herb Hol-lister, owner of WEOL, Boulder, Colo., and part-owner of two other stations stations.

With licensees now well over 2,000 stations, BMI officially indicated that additions to the board were intended to give broadcasters added representation in the affairs of the radio industry-owned corporation. It is un-derstood that pressure of independ-ent stations for more voice in BMI doings also played an important role. The number of directors since the first organization of BMI has increased from 7 to 14.

Prof. Staff Renewed

NEW YORK, April 24.—The pro-fessional staff of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) has been renewed. Squelching rumors that the BMI pubbery outlet might close down, it was learned that general professional manager Julie Stern's pact was picked up. His staff includes Harold Wald, Jerry Lewin and Walter Fleischer in New York and Jimmie Cairns in Chicago. Stern, just back from the Coast, appointed Sid Lorraine as the BMI Coast pub representative to replace

Will Sarnoff Be the Man To Win Petrillo?

Murray, Diamond Huddle?

NEW YORK, April 24. - Further indication that a conference between the record manufacturers and James C. Petrillo will be held in a matter of a few weeks (The Billboard, April 24), came forth this week. It is reported reliably that conversations have been conducted between James W. Murray, vice-president in charge of the RCA Victor Division, and Milton Diamond, attorney for the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), presumably to effect a meeting date. Murray, however, refused flatly to comment on reports of such conversations, and Diamond could not be reached before press time.

Meanwhile, suggestions mysteri-ously leaked down from "top" quar-ters that "the key man" or "key plan" to emerge in past, present or future suggestions for a peace with Petrillo may be David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Cor-poration of America (RCA).

He Did It Before

Sarnoff, it is recalled by disk vet-erans here, was instrumental in early dealings with Petrillo during the first disk ban some five years ago. In recent years he has given prominent assistance in labor relations problems stemming out of New York City disputes with various unions.

Reports circulating here trace the Sarnoff role in the Petrillo-wax dispute back to the settlement of the radio and video questions with the AFM. It was popularly thought, then, that neither Petrillo nor the radio-video interests would be likely to dissociate their thinking on broadto dissociate their thinking on broad-cast policy from the operation of the disk subsidiaries of RCA, which con-trols National Broadcasting Com-pany, or from the Columbia Broad-casting System (CBS), which owns Columbia Records, Inc.

Record executives, queried for knowledge of any Sarnoff participa-tion in Petrillo-disk matters or of any proposals by Sarnoff for a satisfactory solution, doubted that such partici-pation was anything but pure speculation. Sources for the contention that Sarnoff would play a key role in a disk peace insisted that the "plot" had had already been drawn.

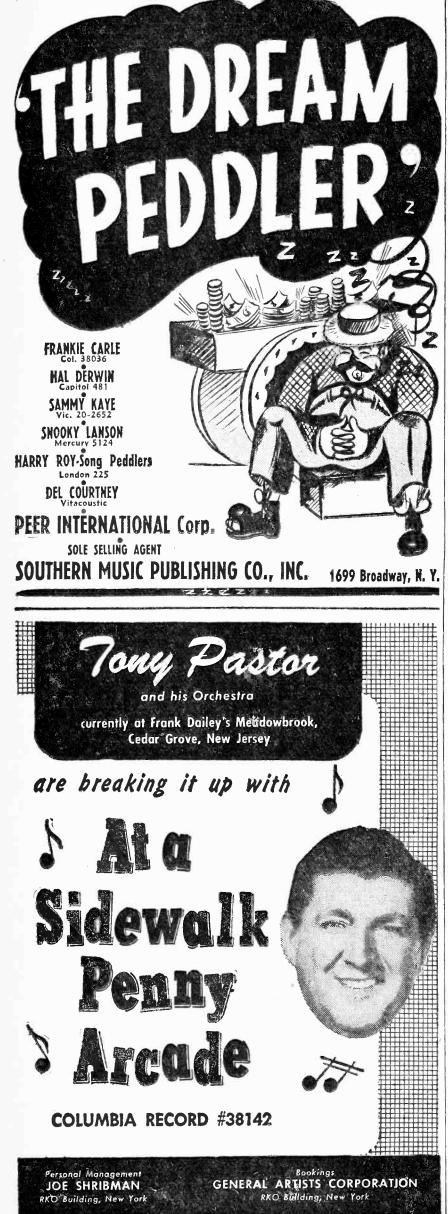
Victor Skeptical

Victor spokesmen discounted any previous Samoff part in direct Pe-trillo-ban dealings and insisted that any future participation came within the realm of pure speculation with-out any present foundation in fact.

Meanwhile another meeting of disk-makers within the industry music committee has not yet been set. Meeting last week, it is known, further thrashed out the tactical and tochnical problem of "how host to technical problem of "how best to approach Petrillo."

Irving Weiss, who moved to Warren Music. Eddie Janis will continue in his post as head of BMI's film synchronization department in Hollywood.

And in



Tot Waxings Catch on Big; Kidisk Sales 20% of Total

(Continued from page 16) use a combined distrib and non-distrib operation to allow for the peddling of wee platters at 35 and 25 cents per. In this same field, entry by Simon & Schuster book firm and plans for same by Columbia Records (revising its Playtime series) also bid to boost the kid sales ever upward.

Newcomers Step Up Competish Breaking down the first phase (regular 10-inch vinylite), two new companies are creating uncomfortable competish for established platteries by merchandising kidisks on a direct basis. Concentrating promotion-wise on chain and department outlets but gladly taking on large record retailers when the latter want in, working on small unit profit, and taking advantage of- competition's overhead and labor costs are Larry Gould's new Caravan Records and Paul Puner's Allegro Company. Gould and Puner, altho working individually, are following similar merchandising schemes. They're retailing viny tot stuff at 98 cents per, a low price in comparison with major label offerings and one that's conditioned on elimination of distribs. With the cheapest-known viny factory pressings still not to be had below 33 to 37 cents per and considering normal production costs and overhead, the 98-cent list price is no easy attainment.

price is no easy attainment. Advantages in favor of a Puner or Gould: Stuff is tasty, packaged appealingly and, apart from name-artist considerations, offers terrific price competish against the major kid wares. The latter's recourse is to keep pounding on name value. Decca has always had its Bing Crosby, Ray Bolger and Danny Kaye packaged on tot tallow (much of it straight shellac), altho price-wise no 98-cent level has been reached for viny stuff. RCA Victor, also beset by the competitive problem, counters with its own name quotients. The company has Vaughn Monroe coming out soon with a kid package entitled Billy on a Bike, following up on its own Tubby the Tuba version (which it finally decided to release despite legal entanglements) and its Johnny Stranger package. But no 98 cents for viny disks. Capitol, with its Bozo and Rusty kid stuff, has shied away from expensive viny and has merchandised 10-inch shellac platters with name and story appeal figured to counteract the breakable deficiency.

Viny's Charms

But the Caravans and Allegros and a host of others (the latter are still figuring how to get down to the dollar level on viny) are pitching behind the charms of the unbreakable for kids and adult buyers. Companies such as Willida, Melodee, Tiffany, Winant Productions, etc., who can't get below the \$1.29-and-up level (as yet), either because of distrib commitments or because source of supply or capital is limited, are viny adherents. How far the Caravans and Allegros can go with the 98-cent level depends, observers here opine, on their ingenuity in keeping down costs on top of pressing fees. Copyright costs are mitigated on most of their present stuff (Mother Goose and other routine nursery material fall in the public domain), but even as the market grows bigger for kid stuff, the problem of obtaining and producing original material or copyrighted material at a price sufficiently cheap to sustain a 98-cent operation will get more and more severe. Meanwhile, the volume sale of Gould's Caravan and Puner's Allegro disks at the buck level looks to be satisfactorily secure, at least thruout this year.

Direct selling phase of the kidisk market has been further enhanced by the work of the Young People's Record Club (YPRC) and a newer direct-mail org, the Children's Record Club (CRC). The YPRC cuts its own material and bases its selling pitch on the quality and educational values of its viny platters (a panel of judges makes selections much like Book of the Month Club), but even with dividends and other enticements included, the price of the platter to the customer is still far above the dollar level. The YRC, which recently broke out with *The New York Times* full-page ads, is reported to be marketing some merchandise originally peddled by the Merry-Go-Sound people under Ted Cott's aegis. This has not been verified, but the club is packaging its disks in its own wrappers at a price, including dividends, which comes down to \$1.29 per. Whether the club only has a stock of job-lot purchases to sell by direct mail or whether it will sustain operations at the same price level when present supply runs out remains to be seen.

Six-Inchers in Spurt

One of the most surprisingly forceful factors in the kiddie record biz has been the remarkable rise of the six and seven-inch record biz. Dave Lapidus's Rocking Horse label, which peddles seven-inch plastic platters thru distribs at 35 cents (earlier this year it was estimated that in about four months—from September of 1947 to January—he sold over 3,000,000 platters and that probably has gone past 5,000,000 to date) offers the best case in point. Lapidus recently popped with a Peter Pan label which lists at 25 cents per and is sold direct to variety, chain and department stores. Secret of Lapidus's operation again is measured in terms of prewar merchandising. He takes an extremely slim unit profit and relies on quick, huge volume to maintain a firm net-income tally.

Impact of Lapidus's sales and a new venture into the kiddie record field by the Simon & Schuster book firm are not taken lightly by the majors. Columbia Records was prepared to launch its own seven-inch, 35-cent venture about April 1, but reportedly held up production when Lapidus broke out with his 25-center. The CRC probably will go ahead with its platter, but reportedly the company is investigating its sources of supply to figure out whether, and how, it can get below the 35-cent list figure.

Simon & Schuster

The Simon & Schuster entry into the field, a long awaited venture, currently has gotten into the preliminary selling stage. S&S are experimenting with a six-inch plastic platter to retail for 29 cents plus 2 cents tax. These will be sold to retailers, direct, for 19 cents, cutting out distribs. Pressing for S&S is being done by one Mendy Brown, located in New York. To date the price and extent of S&S efforts is strictly trial and error; they've put out some 200 platters based on stories from their Little Golden Books (label is called Little Golden Records) and are surveying buyers to determine shortcomings. So far, S&S spokesmen claim, the public has shown satisfaction with the choice of material, but wants improvements in clarity and audibility. When all clinkers have been eliminated, S&S intends to launch a selling campaign in retail disk and book stores, variety and chain outlets, but probably will not go after the full market until August. May 1, 1948

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> (Cuckoo Waltz-vocal version) by RENE and his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus

> > YODLER'S POLKA

by RENE and his Orchestra

G-25002-GEORGIA CAKE WALK

by the CRAZY TOOTERS

with Vocal Chorus

· GUITAR RAG

by the CRAZY TOOTERS

G-25003-I WISH I WAS SINGLE AGAIN

by the CRAZY TOOTERS with Vocal Chorus

> LOONEY BLUES by the CRAZY TOOTERS

G-25004-YOU CAN'T BE TRUE, DEAR

sung by FRANK WILSON with Orchestra

HONOLULU LULLABY sung by "THE COOD-FELLOWS" w/H. Grant and his Orchestra

G'25005-TURKEY IN THE STRAW

LISTEN TO THE MOCKING BIRD by DARRELL FISCHER and his "LOG-JAMMERS"

G-25006-LITTLE BROWN JUG

MAIN STREET

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G-25007-ANYONE CAN DO THE POLKA DANCING KISSING LOVING

Polka

sung by FRANK WILSON w/J. Peter's Orchestra

G-25008-JOEY'S GOT & GIRL

PUSSY CAT AGONY FIVE sung by the BARRY SISTERS w/Sammy Meade's Orchestra

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Buddy Moreno's ork definitely follows the current show into the Paramount Theater here.

Orkster Sammy Kaye and comedian Milton Berle debut their five-show concert tour April 30 in Pittsburgh. They do two shows in Toledo May 1 and two shows again May 2 in Detroit. . . Chirp Janet Brace has taken over the fem chores with Johnny Long's ork. The Long crew has been set for the Carnival Club, Minneapolis, May 27-June 9; Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, Va., August 7-15 and Convention Hall, Atlantic City, August 18-24.

United Music's Jack Gale to the Coast to head the firm's activities in California. ... Moe Jaffe and Ray Lee have cleffed I'll Be Lucky In Kentucky. The ditty, penned with eyes on the Kentucky Derby, is pubbed by General Music. . . Alto saxman Charley Kennedy and trumpet tottlers Johnny Bello and Gordon Boswell have rejoined the Gene Krupa ork.

Al Donahue gets CBS air time twice weekly from the Totem Pole Ball-room starting May 5.... Miss (Mike) Waldman has taken over as publicity head of De Luxe diskery.

Jose Curbelo rumba ork moves into the Monte Carlo for a four-week run Wednesday (28). . . Marshall Young's ork opens a three-week stand May 10 at Bill Green's Casino, Pittsburgh, then follows with a one-week date at the Centennial Gardens, Sylvania, O., June 1.

Encore Music this week took over the King Size Poppa race hit ditty from Berle Adams's preview pub. Encore also acquired Delilah from BMI, who originally pubbed tune some seven years ago. Delilah disks slated for rerelease are Glenn Miller (Victor), Mills Brothers (Decca) and Buddy Clark

General Artists' Corporation exec, Art Weems, off on a two-week vacation down South. . . Lenny Herman's small ork signed to a General Artists' Corporation management pact. The group now is at the Astor Hotel... Louis Jordan's group is set for a three-week stay with a one-week option at the Oriental Theater, Chicago, beginning May 27. . . Larry Clinton's ork and the Modernaires singing group have been packaged for a college one-nighter at University of Pittsburgh May 7. . . Joe Glaser-Billie Holiday-Ed Fishman entanglement straightened away, apparently with Glaser being named the chirp's manager.

Elliot Lawrence's ork is signed to do the Page 1 ball at the Manhattan Center May 5. . . The Gale Agency jazz package for the Marigny Theater in Paris leaves May 8. It is likely that the agency will land another theater jazz package abroad sometime in November. . . Fred Lowus is the new district sales manager for King Records, handling New York, New Jersey and New England. Formerly was in similar capacity for Lissen Records. . . . Johnny Halonka, formerly sales manager for Dana Records and Runyon Sales here, opened his own distributing house, Master Record Sales, which will handle the disk lines of Dana, Top, Alvin and Damon waxeries.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Signature diskery is on the verge of completing diskery is on the verge of completing a deal to press and distribute a flock of masters owned by Joe Davis. Sig-nature will put out the Davis masters, which include sides by Harry James, Savannah Churchill, Sammy Kaye, Wingy Manone, Coleman Hawkins, Jan Peerce and others, in a special collectors' series of releases. The initial release, according to plan, will be a Harry James album. The deal should be completed by Monday (26).

Monday (26).

Lois Files Action Vs. Hill and Range Firm Over "Joli Blon"

NEW YORK, April 24. — Lois Mu-sic, King Records' publishing subsi-diary, last week filed an action against the Hill & Range Music firm, seeking an accounting of royalties and re-version of the copyright on the song Joli Blon. The tune, which rode the best-selling folk lists for some time several months back, originally was handed over to Hill & Range by King Records for exploitation on a deal which allegedly called for the diskery to receive 75 per cent of all the profits on the ditty. King passed its hold on the song into the hands of its Lois subsid. subsid.

The pubbery's suit, handled by at-torney Jack Pearl, who also is a vee-pee in the King set-up, claims a breach of contract in the handling of Blon, primarily because of the fail-ure to pay monies due Lois under the terms of the deal for the song. On the grounds of breach of contract, Lois asks that the copyright revert to its catalog.

Hollywood:

(Columbia)

New York:

Marjorie Hughes, thrush daughter of Steinwayer-batoner Frankie Carle, Marjorie Hughes, thrush daughter of Steinwayer-batoner Frankle Carle, has recovered from her recent illness and will rejoin her father's aggregation for his summer airshow series, Summer Electric Hour—Carle Comes Calling, to make its coast-to-coast bow May 9 on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). She will share the vocal chores with Gregg Lawrence and the Starlighters. . . Paramount Pictures last week extended its option on cleffer Frank Loesser. Latter's I Wish I Didn't Love You So, from Para-mount's Perils of Pauline, was nominated for an Academy Award.

limmy Dorsey plays the annual Santa Monica Firemen's Ball Friday (39) at Casino Gardens. Others inked for the affair are Red Nichols and his crew, Jimmy and Mildred Mulcay and the Melo-Larks. . . Five tunes cleffed by Columbia Pictures' team of Allan Roberts and Lester Lee to be featured in Harry Romm's production, Ladies of the Chorus, include Crazy for You, Every Baby Needs a Da Da Daddy, Anyone Can See, You're Never Too Old, and the pic's title tune. In addition, the Bobby True Trio will present their own specialty, Ubangi Love Song. Jimmy Dorsey plays the annual Santa Monica Firemen's Ball Friday (39)

Orkster Jan Garber and MCA are reaching beef stage over what Garber claims is agency's lack of interest in handling him properly. Garber, MCA 18 years, says he's earned agency nearly \$1,000,000 in commissions but that MCA has not snagged him a commercial radio show. Moreover, Garber says he's been on five record labels, but deals were always set with private parties, with MCA collecting commissions anyway. Current pact ends eight months hence.

Hartford:

Frankie Laine will be guest star for the Holy Name Society minstrel show slated for the Lyric Theater, Bridgeport, May 10. . . Jack Still's orchestra to be house band again this summer at the Pleasure Beach Ballroom, Bridgeport, Conn., opening May 22. . . . Hartford's musicians have voted in favor of forming a Greater Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Michael C. Rogers, president of Hartford Local 400, American Federation of Musicians (AFL), announces.

Cincinnati:

Milt Magel, the Castle Farm nabob, brings the Stan Kenton band into the 2,500-seat Taft Theater Wednesday night (5) for two shows, with ducats scaled from \$1.20 to \$3. The date makes up for one Kenton was to play at Castle Farm some months ago but which he was forced to cancel due to illness... Sam Donahue inked for a week at Joyland Park Casino, Lexing-ton, Ky., beginning June 25... The Modernaires set for Coney Island here the week of July 30 at a fancy 2G.

Horace Heidt and His Musical Knights, who begin a week at the RKO Albee Thursday (6), will do their NBC Philip Morris show from the Albee stage Sunday night (9) in a special show at hyped prices. Advance sale indicates (See MUSIC AS WRITTEN on opposite page)

Mercury's Bally Caravan Set for 2d Tour in Fall

CHICAGO, April 24.—With most of its schedule played, the Mer-cury Caravan, a troupe of the disk-ery's top musickers, has done little better than break even expense-wise and has hit the jackpot promo-tionally. Art Talmadge, the plattery's flack chief and man behind the con-cert package, said the disk entourage will be duplicated in the fall with perhaps two separate packages, while a folk artist troupe will probably work parks this summer. work parks this summer.

While gross figures were unavail-able for the nine dates thus far, the caravan drew an estimated crowd of 1,200 in Buffalo, where a \$3 top pre-vailed. The show was emseed by three local disk jockeys, Bob Wells, Clinton Buehlman and Foster Brooks, but the turnout was disappointing in the light of the fact that the date had plenty of advance ballyhoo, with 13 retail stores posting special window displays, aside from radio plugs and disk giveaway gimmick.

disk giveaway gimmick. Talmadge said grosses indicated that it will be better if the caravan plays a majority of ballrooms the next time, rather than only two out of 12 dates as was the case on the current tour. Stops at Devine's Mil-lion Dollar Ballroom, Milwaukee, and the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, where dance-concerts were held, proved the biggest money makers, with the Mer-cury troupe walking away with \$3,500 net on both dates. Teen-agers, at whom the Frankie Laine, Jan Au-gust, Helen Humes and Jazz-Allstars package was aimed, couldn't afford the \$3.60 top, but found the \$1.50 ballroom stipend to their ilking.

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Evans's Sale of "Ballerina" KING JAZZ RECORDS To P. Maurice Sets a Trend 10 Inch — List Price \$1.05 Inc. Tax NEW YORK, April 24.-Redd Evans sold the English publishing rights

to the Bob Russell-Carl Sigman song hit Ballerina this week and unfolded a significant new technique for independent pub dealers with English music significant new terminate for independent publicaters with English music men. The Peter Maurice firm in England bought the tune for a reported \$3,000 advance against 15 per cent of the retail selling price of sheet music. Orthodox English deals in the past usually have been limited to 10 per cent of the list, but Evans has been a notorious hold-out on the foreign rights to Ballerina, and the upped percentage represented a compromise between the 10 per cent figure and other demands Evans had made.

The Ballerina publisher here originally had balked at English pub feelers for routine advance deals, defeelers for routine advance deals, de-manding a bonus on top of the regu-lar arrangements. The bonus would have been shared with the song-writers, according to Evans, as would have any "earnings of the song," but he felt that delivering an estab-lished American hit called for more than just a fee applied against copy sales of the ditty in England. When England pubs resisted the bonus, Evans held on to Ballerina until Peter Maurice came up with the 3G against 15 per cent offer. The deal includes customary 50 per cent of mechanicals customary 50 per cent of mechanicals but contains a wrinkle in its provision for sale outside of England.

French Negotiations

French Negotiations Evans has reserved the right to negotiate directly with France, altho Peter Maurice is allowed to place the song with the French publisher it chooses; presumably, it would select its own adjunct. The income from the French outlet would be directly negotiated with Evans, however, rep-resenting an improvement over the usual "percentage of a percentage" deals when all rights are vested in the English pub. The Maurice firm holds all foreign rights except for Scandinavia where Evans is nego-tiating separately. tiating separately.

Clinching of the Ballerina deal led observers here to predict that Mickey Goldsen, of Capitol Songs, Inc., would soon make a sale of Manana to an English outlet. Goldsen has held out on his hit reasoning along the lines of Evans's position Goldsen also of Evans's position. Goldsen also claimed that the delivery of a hit tune was worth more than a mere advance against earnings of the song. The Evans-Goldsen resistance has the Evans-Goldsen resistance has been watched on both sides of the ocean, where a 10 per cent advance for the sale of the English rights has been the customary procedure for indie pubs who have no reciprocal ties in both countries.

Local 802 To Get 89G From AFM for Free N. Y. Concerts NEW YORK, April 24. — Local 802, American Federation of Mu-sicians (AFM), will receive \$89,132 from the AFM recording and tran-scription fund with which to stage free spring and summer concerts in the New York area for the second straight year, it was learned this week

Gunning for Bootleg Disks

(Continued from page 16) law enforcing agencies would launch an investigation into the matter.

Lubinsky, who has just returned from a nationwide tour during which he says he conducted a personal investigation of the counterfeit platter biz claims that counterfeiters have turned out a million duplicate disks from the catalogs of some dozen record manucatalogs of some dozen record manu-facturers in recent months. He claims that most of the disks apparently are coming from hideout plants in the Los Angeles area. He also points out that no government excise tax is be-ing paid on the counterfeit merchan-dise and that this alone should be enough reason to bring on a wide-spread federal investigation.

HOLLYWOOD, April 24. — What were said to be "important advances" to the eventual cracking of the counterfeit ring dealing in bogus disks were claimed last week by local indie labels involved in tracking down the violaters. Details were withheld from publication with the statement that they would serve as a tip-off to the counterfeiters.

Labels that have joined forces in an all-out effort to locate, arrest and prosecute the ring include Aladdin, Black & White, Jewel and Specialty. It was reported that Savoy would also come in with the Coast labels, but this could not be confirmed at press time. press time.

Herman Lubinsky, Savoy prexy, last week flew to Los Angeles to in-vestigate reports that his label was being victimized by the counterfeit-ers. Upon arriving there, he discovered that bogus copies of Savoy's hot seller, Thirty-Five Thirty (Paul Wil-liams Sextet), were being circulated. Lubinsky told The Billboard that this disk was in the best-seller class in the East, altho his sales records showed it to be a slow mover on the Coast. Loss in Coast sales, he said, can be blamed directly on operations of the counterfeiters, who have re-recorded the disk and are peddling it cut rate to dealers in this area.

ment to over 5,000 musicians and covered 701 projects in army, navy-and Veterans' Administration hoseek. pitals, public schools, charitable in-Last year's concerts gave employ- stitutions and similar locations.



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a jammed house... Art Mooney, mended from an emergency appendectomy, was slated to be released from Jewish Hospital Sunday (2), with the leader heading back to New York... Tex Beneke one-nights it into Moonlite Garden, Coney Island, August 6, in an effort to top the one-nighter record he hung up there last summer.

Chester Brejnak forming a local band under the name of the Polka Kings orchestra... Lester Shank setting up a new unit under the name of the Les Shaw orchestra... Mary Maiorana and Thomas Coco starting a new record company to bring out a number of Italian operatic records.

MEZZROW-BECHET QUINTET 1: Fitz Weston..... Piano Kaiser MarshallDrums K-140-Gone Away Blues

De Luxe Stomp

K-141—Bowin the Blues Old School

K-142-Out of the Gallion Ole Miss

MEZZROW-BECHET SEPTET:

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Pappa Snow White	Trumpet
Jîmmy Blythe Jr	Piano
Danny Barker	
Pops Foster	Bass
Sidney Catlett	Drums

K-143-Blood on the Moon (Vocal-Pappa Snow White) **House Party**

K-144-Levee Blues Saw Mill Man Blues (Vocals-Pleasant Joe)

K-145-Boogin' With Mezz I Finally Gotcha (Piano Solos-Jimmy Blythe, Jr.)

MEZZROW-BECHET QUINTET

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Sidney BechetCla	rino				
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Wesley 'Sox' WilsonP	iano				
Wellman Brand	Bass				

Warren 'Baby' Dodds.....Drums K-146---Really the Blues-Part I **Really the Blues-Part II**

K-147-Evil Gal Blues (Vocal-Coot Grant) **Breathless Blues**

K-148-You Got To Give It to Me

(Vocal-Coot Grant) You Can't Do That to Me

(Vocal--Coot Grant and Sox Wilson)

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DISK AND DATA . . . Spinners Gil Maurer and Bill Haley, KSLU, Canton, N. Y., are running a one-hour weekly show tabbed So You Want To Be a Disk Jockey. They pick three potential whirlers from letter requests who vie for weekly spinner honors. Winners of the weekly show are invited in for finals on the fourth week, with the final winner drawing a prize. . . . Cal Miller is a recruit for the blossoming spinner ranks on television. Miller is doing a weekly show over WABD, the DuMont station in New York, as part of the Bob Emory Rainbow House presentation. . . Harry (The New) Luke, of WNVA, Norton, Va., has designed a whirl show (especially for women) tabbed Apron Strings Serenade. He conducts a half-hour across-the-board airer which features household, shopping, beauty and fashion hints between wax spins. . . . Waco, Tex., Station WACO, introduced a new show built around ancient wax hits tabbed Juke Box of Yesteryear. Run by spinner Ron Litteral, the show, which is heard Saturday evenings, features patter about the history of the various selections.

FEM DEEJAYS . . . Mary Smith recently teed off a spinner session on WBCM in Bay City, Mich. She became a whirler when her regular bosses, the Hardy Music Company of Bay City, decided to buy some air time and further decided that the regular disk counter girl. Mary, should serve up the disks on the air as she does in the shop. Tabbed Date With a Disk, response to the airer has been strong enough to set it for at least two years. . . to the airer has been strong enough to set it for at least two years. . ; . Another gal spinner from the boss's back yard is Jerry James. of KQA, Denver, who worked for the Raymond Keene Advertising Agency which handled the sale of the spinner show she now is working. It's a three times weekly, 15-minute airer tabbed *Melody Laundry*, which is sponsored by the Denver Laundry Owners' Association, the Keene account. . . . Chicago spinner Rosemary Wayne draws a new wax stanza'via WAIT, Chicago, Monday thru Saturday from 7 to 8 p.m., beginning May 1, which will supplement her regular WID show. WJJD show.

TERRITORY TUNE TOUTING ... Robert Conrad, WXGL Richmond, Va., feels that Peggy Lee's recutting of Why Don't You Do Right? for her Capitol album may inject some new life into the revived ditty "since for her Capitol album may inject some new life into the revived ditty "since the bulk of record fans today remember this oldie and will welcome its new rendition." . . . Louis Hubbard, of WFLO, Farmville, Va., sets the keynote for many other spinners thusly: "King Cole's Nature Boy ought to be the record of any year." . . Bruce Mack, of KSOA, Odessa, Tex., feels that the major diskers aren't reissuing enough of their old catalog items. Among those he would like to see available again are Tommy Dorsey's I'll Take Tallullah and Harry James's I'll Get By. . . . Hank Jacobsen, WKDK, Newberry, S. C., writes that the London disking of A Tree in the Meadow, as done by Sam Browne, has been proving "extremely popular" in his listening area.

SPINNER SPATTER . . . Leeds Music's song plugger. Doc Berger, is taking off on a trip to contact spinners in the Midwest. He will visit Detroit and Milwaukee, among other cities. . . Detroit Station CKW and Casper. Wyo., Station KVOC, are the latest outlets to buy the Duke Ellington Casper, Wyo., Station KVOC, are the latest outlets to buy the Duke Ellington transcribed spinner show.... Former New York press agent, Mort Nusbaum, is a new addition to the deejay ranks with a two-hour across-the-board spinner session on WHAM. Rochester. N. Y., which emanates in the city's Triton Hotel and is appropriately tabbed Meet Me at the Triton... Newest spinner-additions to the staff of WOLS. Florence, S. C., are Robert Snyder and John Evans... The Young's Gap Hotel is looking for a disk jockey to run a two-hour nightly show from the hotel, a la Jack Eigen, during the summer... Bea Wain and Andre Baruch will do their Mr. and Mrs. Music WMCA. New two-hour nightly show from the hotel, a la Jack Eigen, during the summer. . . . Bea Wain and Andre Baruch will do their Mr. and Mrs. Music WMCA. New York, spin show for the New York Museum of Science & Industry Tuesday (27) in a special airer from the cancer exposition there for the benefit of the New York Cancer Committee. . . KFIO, Spokane, expanded its daily disk jockey programing with two new airers: one's a noonday two-hour whirl tabbed Recordially Yours: second is a one-hour morning show by Bruce Davis. . . Jack Eigen celebrates the first anniversary of his New York Copacabana airer tomorrow (25). . . WCSI (Columbus, Ind.) program director Graeme Zimmer presented the station's eighth monthly disk jockey round tables Saturday (24) with seven Midwestern spinners participating. They included Ted McKay, WSUA, Bloomington, Ind.: Paul Buchanan, WTOM, Bloomington: Paul Roberts, WFBM, Indianapolis: Bob Pruett. WIRE, Indianapolis: Jim Lounbsury, WHAS, Louisville: Bill Nimmo, WLW, Cincinnati, and Gene Sheppard, WCKY, Cincinnati. Cincinnati.

GEM'S HUSH MAN... Jockey Jack Lacy, of WINS, launched a con-test Saturday (24) in conjunction with Modern Music Sales and Gem disk-ery. Pitch is for Lacy to play platters of a certain Gem male chanter, billing him as a "mystery singer." Listeners will be asked to send letters to Lacy telling why they like the unknown warbler and his Gem disking of *In the Dark*, which will be aired at about 1 p.m. daily thru May 1, at which time contest ends and singer will be unmasked. Prizes, donated by Modern, con-sist of a radio-phono combination and six table radios for the seven top letters. letters.

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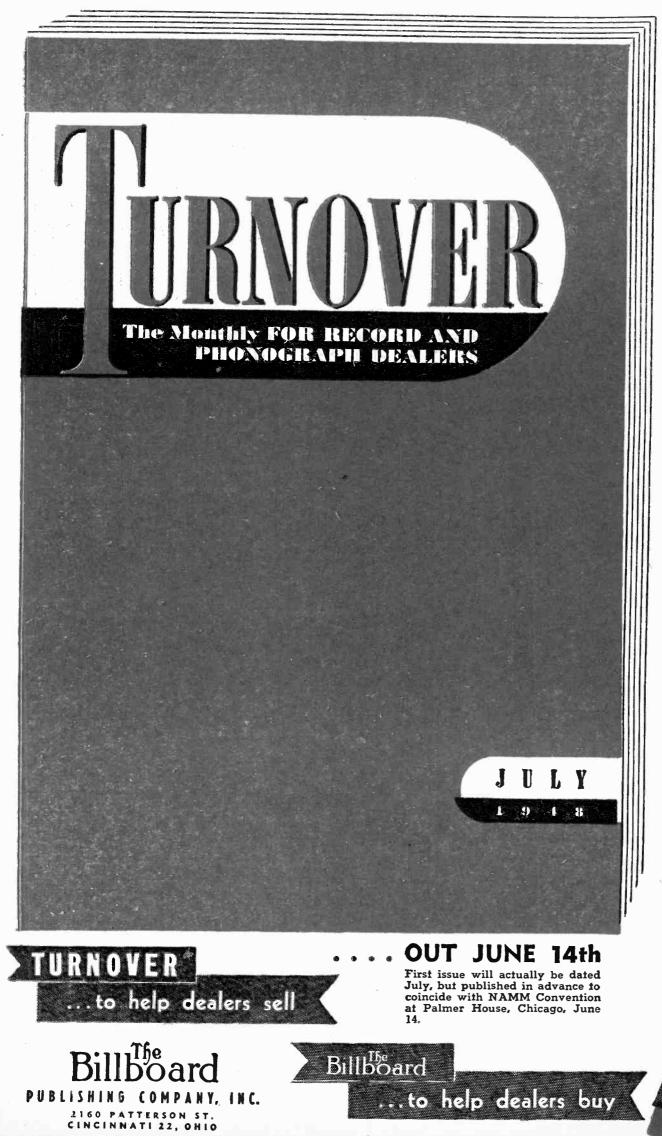
Plans are being laid by disk jockeys in New Orleans and Rochester, N. Y., to organize NADJ chapters. NADJ hereafter will clear and organize all charity drives which ask for disk jockey co-operation. NADJ members have been helping the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans' Association in its drive to push thru Congress a bill providing for special parapeglics' homes to be built with federal funds.

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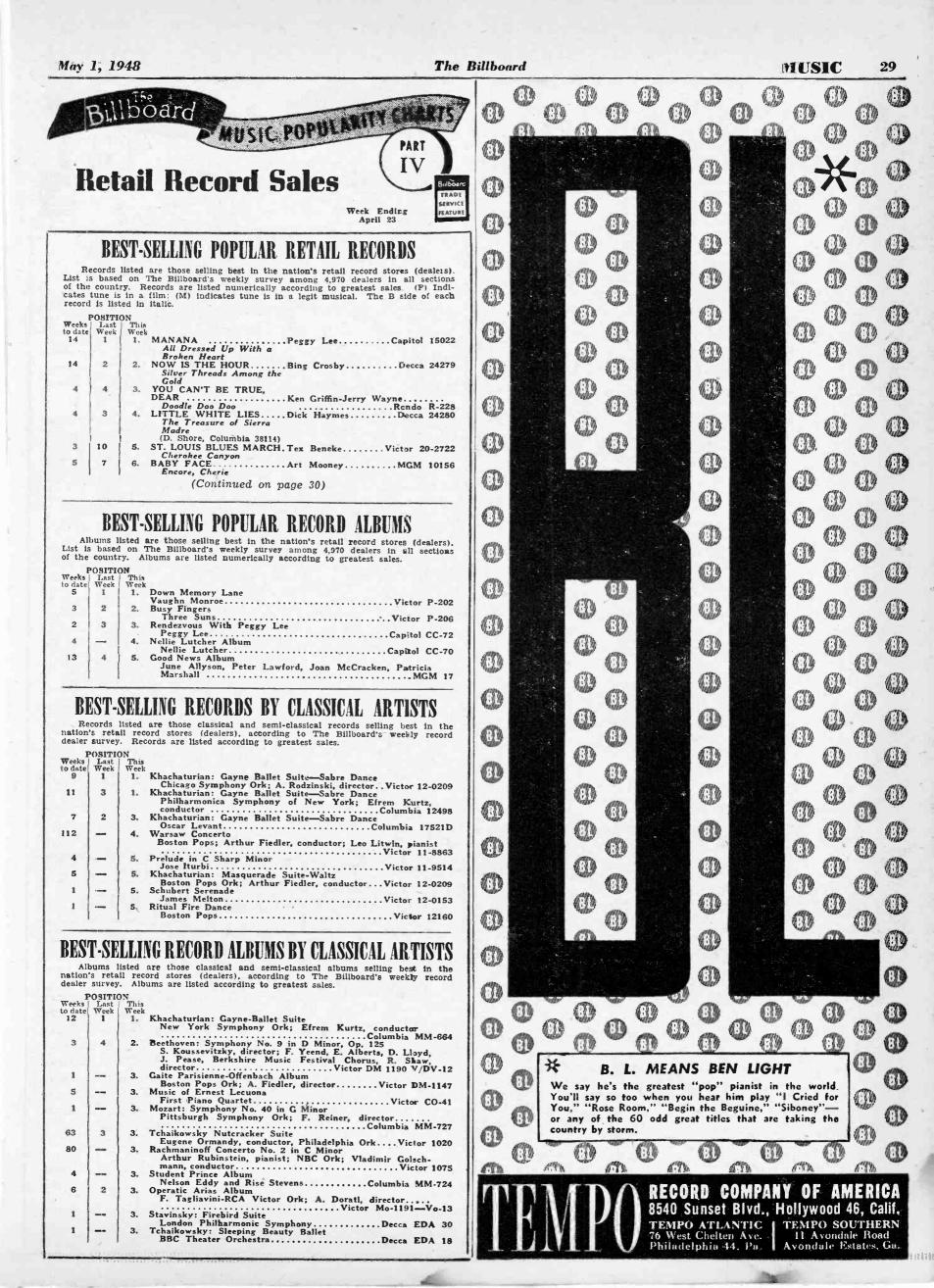
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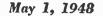
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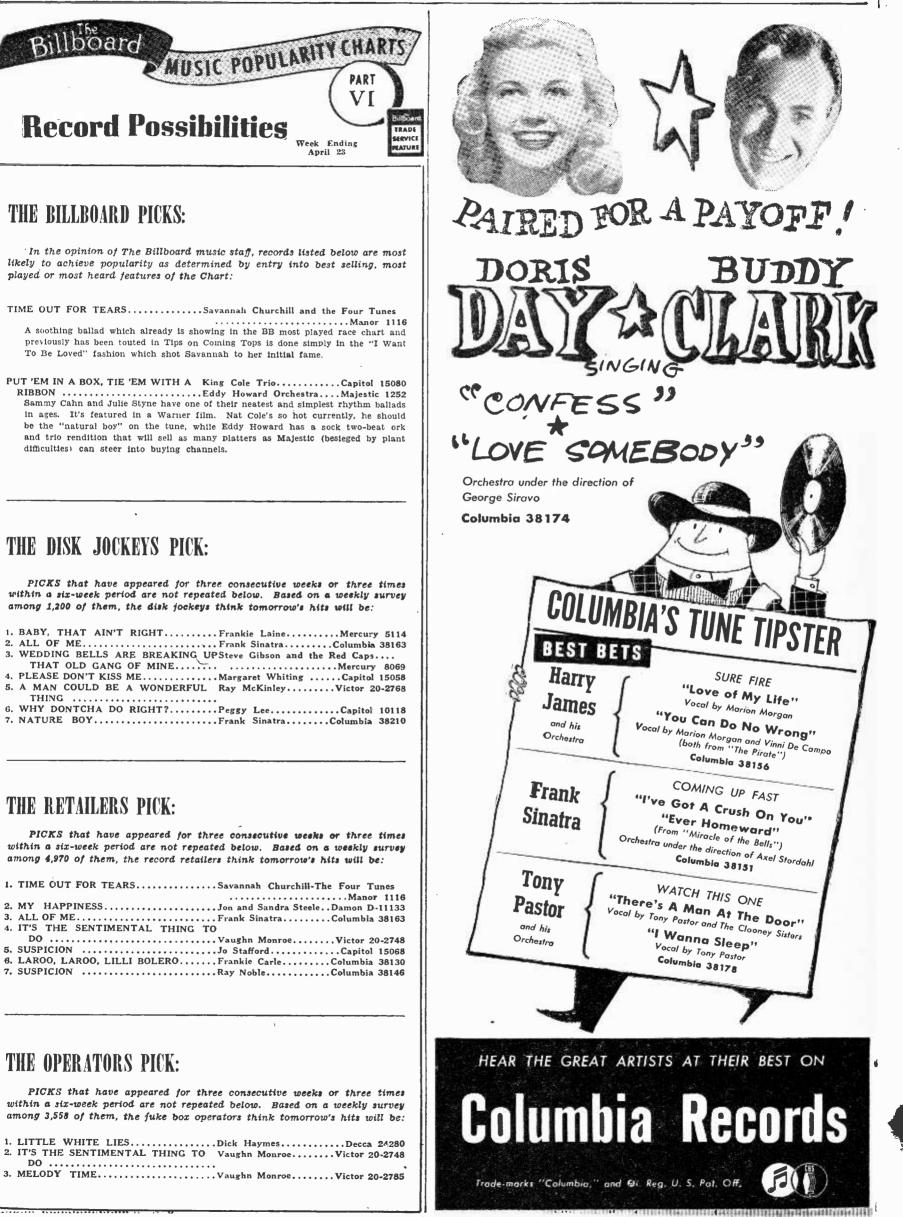


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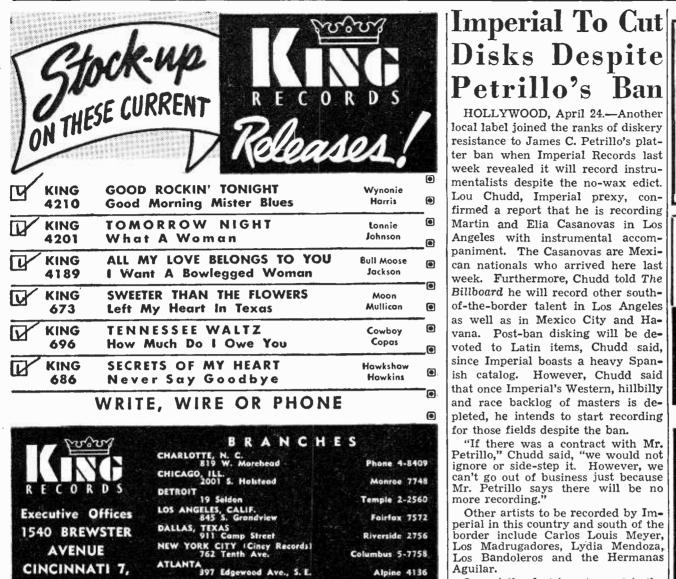
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Disks Despite Petrillo's Ban HOLLYWOOD, April 24.-Another local label joined the ranks of diskery resistance to James C. Petrillo's platter ban when Imperial Records last week revealed it will record instrumentalists despite the no-wax edict. Lou Chudd, Imperial prexy, confirmed a report that he is recording Martin and Elia Casanovas in Los Angeles with instrumental accompaniment. The Casanovas are Mexican nationals who arrived here last week. Furthermore, Chudd told The Billboard he will record other southof-the-border talent in Los Angeles as well as in Mexico City and Havana. Post-ban disking will be devoted to Latin items, Chudd said, since Imperial boasts a heavy Spanish catalog. However, Chudd said that once Imperial's Western, hillbilly and race backlog of masters is depleted, he intends to start recording for those fields despite the ban.

"If there was a contract with Mr. Petrillo," Chudd said, "we would not ignore or side-step it. However, we can't go out of business just because Mr. Petrillo says there will be no more recording."

Other artists to be recorded by Imperial in this country and south of the border include Carlos Louis Meyer, Los Madrugadores, Lydia Mendoza, Los Bandoleros and the Hermanas Aguilar.

Imperial's decision to resist the disk ban comes at a time when others disk ban comes at a time when others in this area have either side-stepped the Petrillo order by recording in Mexico (Black & White, Teleaways recently recorded in Tijuana), have sought to lock horns with the AFM chief (Standard Transcriptions) or openly defied the AFM ruling (Harry Schooler's Mardi Gras label) by re-cording non union more cording non-union men.



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Biltmore To File Edwards Music 'True Dear' Suit

NEW YORK, April 24 .- The Biltmore Music firm, publishers of You Can't Be True, Dear (pubbery is co-owned by Dave Dreyer and Julius F. Bard, the latter a partner in the Rondo Records firm which brought out the original Ken Griffin "hit" platter) will file suit in Federal Court this week against the Edwards Music Company, according to Lew Dreyer, attorney for Biltmore.

The Biltmore firm alleges that Edwards Music infringed on its rights Edwards Music infringed on its rights by publishing a ditty entitled You Can't Be True, which the Dreyer pub-bery claims is an adaptation of the old German waltz Du Kannst Nicht Treu Sein.

Alien Property Claim

The basis of the action according to the plaintiff's attorney, is that his client holds prior exclusive rights his client holds prior exclusive rights from the Alien Property Custodian for a period of six months (period expires September 2) to make an arrangement of the song ditty which bears a German copyright. Edwards was granted a license March 19, the plaintiff charges, but only for the right to reproduce the original music and add its own lwices if desired and add its own lyrics if desired. Dreyer claims that Edwards used the original title, translated as You Can't Be True, but did not adhere to the original music, using a new intro-duction and relocating the verse and

Exclusive "arrangement" rights on Exclusive "arrangement" rights on the tune, cleffed by Gerhard Ebeler and Hans Otten and pubbed in Cologne, Germany, in 1935, were granted the J. F. Bard Company, Chicago. Bard subsequently formed Biltmore with Dave Dreyer and as-signed the song to that firm.

Biltmore will ask the court for an injunction to stop Edwards from pub-bing the ditty as well as damages. Beverly's Affairs **Fixed:** Shore Tunes To Famous - Para

HOLLYWOOD, April 24-Final wind-up in settling affairs of Beverly Music (The Billboard, April 17) came last week when agreement was reached between Larry Shayne, former Beverly prexy and now Coast general manager of Famous-Parageneral manager of Famous-Para-mount, and Dinah Shore. According to new set-up, rights to tunes owned by Miss Shore's inactivated Cosmic Music will go to Famous-Paramount for which she will get an overwrite on royalties. If and when Cosmic is reactivated, rights will be returned to Miss Shore. First Cosmic tune handled by Famous-Paramount will be Love That Boy from RKO's pic, Race Street. Race Street.

London Preems Two New Labels

NEW YORK, April 24.-Still push-NEW YORK, April 24.—Still push-ing forward its American disk enter-prises, London Records will launch two new labels here May 1. One, to be known as the Red Label series, will consist of 12-inch disks to re-tail at \$2 per; albums containing three platters will list at \$7. Red Label material will consist of such works as Franz Lehar's waltzes, etc. According to a London spokesman.

Works as Franz Lenar's waltzes, etc. According to a London spokesman, the series will in no way conflict with the deal between London's parent firm (English Decca) and American Decca for the latter to distribute English Decca classical wax here exclusively.

The other label to be offered by London (Black Label) will consist mainly of foreign language and folk releases. These will be priced at \$1 per 10-inch record and \$1.50 per 12incher.



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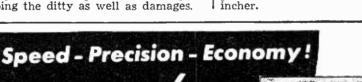
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Embassy Buys 4 Dunham Sides

NEW YORK, April 24.—Embassy Records, local indie diskery, this week took over four sides originally waxed by Sonny Dunham's ork for the Tune-Disk label. The deal worked out between Lou Gray, of Embassy, and Shedd McWilliams, Dunham's personal manager, is re-ported to call for Dunham and Em-bassy to split 50-50 on the record sales. Ork members, meanwhile, have been paid scale on the basis of a three-hour disk session during which the masters were cut prior to the ban. the ban.

The disks, Memories of You, You Gave Me the Runaround, When Sum-mer Comes and It's Just a Matter of *Time*, are part of 16 sides recovered by Dunham about a month ago from Tune-Disk when the waxery couldn't get up some \$3,200 owed the ork for the dates. According to McWilliams, the four sides will be released within two weeks, and if the disks go well, more of the Dunham masters will be pressed by Embassy.

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Confabs CHICAGO, April 24. -- Television and a general speed-up of all types of music sales will be the theme at the convention of the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), to be held here June 14 to 17 at the Palmer House. After a canvas of the industry, William Gard, NAMM executive secretary, said that

the greatest emphasis will be placed on indoctrinating convention dele-gates into the video theme. While actual speakers have not yet While actual speakers have not yet been named for the video confab, delegates will hear discussions on the national outlook, describing the growth, expansion and 1948 plans for television, with set manufacturers, station officials and personnel partici-pating; proper retailing and merchan-dising methods for TV and a forum on installation and repair problems. The NAMM session tees off June

on installation and repair problems. The NAMM session tees off June 13, with registration and board of directors' meeting; opening of ex-hibits and luncheon, 14; meetings on sale assembly and repair workshop, 15; NAMM business meeting and a lacquer clinic, 16; the video confab and general business outlooks, 17, and closes with the banquet that evening (17). While the music inductry fools

While the music industry feels that it now has a \$100,000,000 mar-ket, Gard said that plans will be discussed toward doubling that mar-ket. The entire scles promotion discussed toward doubling that mar-ket. The entire sales promotion theme will deal generally with all facets, ranging from music instru-ment sales to phonograph records, with speakers of national promin-ence making suggestions which can apply to each segment of music sales sales.

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Shelvey - 4A's Stem Competish Is Likely **Court Trial** To Explode This Summer Due in 2 Wks.

One Big Union Sought

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vention plans set by either side. The order provided that neither Shelvey nor the Four A's were to hold meetings, elections or take any steps leading to them.

The order was interpreted various-ly by the attorneys in the picture. The Four A's lawyer said that it didn't mean that ballots now coming in to the Honest Ballot Association couldn't be counted. He even fore-saw a possibility that there was noth-ing in the ruling which prevented the amouncement of the results. announcement of the results.

A meeting of the Four A's commit-A meeting of the Four A's commit-tee, faced with the judge's ukase, saw such a move as laying itself open to contempt proceedings and refused to go any further. The AGVA reps on the Four A's argued that members who didn't understand legalisms would only be more confused than ever by a do-nothing policy but were ever by a do-nothing policy, but were voted down.

Status Quo Okay

Are end result was that the Four A's would issue a new leaflet pointing out that the judge's ruling didn't dis-turb the status quo; that the Four A's were still in control; its various branch offices were functioning as be-fore were content bords and the status fore, were collecting bonds, dues, and nothing was disturbed.

Whether this will satisfy the rank and file is open to question. Mem-bers who recently were informed they could nominate delegates and vote for could nominate delegates and vote for them have now learned their votes were illegal. Already there is smol-dering which may be aimed at the Four A's. So far this is merely Lindy, street corner and backstage talk. But the resentment is there, and the ten-dency is to blame the Four A's for a policy of do-nothing and involving itself in legalisms complicated by un-imaginative leadership.

Meanwhile, the Four A's is em-broiled in a powwow for one big union, with various heads of Equity, American Federation of Radio Actors (AFRA), Screen Actors' Guild (SAG), AGVA and American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) differing on the method, tho not on the objective.

Rank and File Objections

There is little doubt, if complaints that the rank and file want one big union. The objection to paying dues to five unions and going thru red tape when passing from one jurisdiction to another is obvious. The question, in-siders say, is how will the big organi-zation be formed with the toppers re-

Members spoken to who holds cards in AGVA, SAG and AFRA are bitter about the situation and show a grow-

about the situation and show a grow-ing resentment against orders from the top with no voice in decisions. The AGVA situation, coming on top of these plans for one union, compli-cates matters. AGVA has spent a lot of money to fight Shelvey. How much no one will say. Estimates, however, run into the big thousands. It had been housed and expected by

It had been hoped and expected by the Four A's that the court decision, the Four A's that the court decision, when it came down, would clear the atmosphere in the AGVA battle and would permit the Four A's to concen-trate on the big single union plan. The reversal, or rather the confused decision, threw a wrench into the works. And no matter how hard the Four A toppers try to hide it, its ef-fects are annarent to members fects are apparent to members.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Stem, which has been comparatively quiet

which has been comparatively quiet for the past few years, so far as com-petition in niteries is concerned, probably will explode in a rash of bidding for names and big shows before the summer is over. The booking of the Ritz Brothers into the Harem, set to open May 6, is being watched with interest by every major cafe op in New York. If the boys hold up their second week, it's almost a certainty, say trade toppers, that the competition will go after anything, with the sky will go after anything, with the sky the limit.

Against the Ritz Brothers, Bill Miller will have Harry Richman and Jan Murray; the Latin Quarter will have Joey Adams. The Copa holds on with Martin and Lewis and Le Directoire still has Kay Thompson and the Williams Brothers.

No change is expected at either the Copa or Directoire, but at least the Latin Quarter may try to bring in something with enough draft to get it back into the competitive swim. On top of that, at least one club, the Havana-Madrid, which is expected to change hands, will also try to get into the battle for a buck.

While all this, say showbiz toppers, to get into the battle for a buck. is wonderful for the big names, it will mean the smaller priced acts, those in the \$1,000 to \$2,000, and those in the \$300 to \$1,000 class will those in the \$300 to \$1,000 class will be hurt badly. It is pointed out that a club fighting for a box-office name and putting big money on the line, will have little dough left to buy supporting acts. It has long been established that the comic getting between \$1,000 and \$2,000 doesn't between \$1,000 and \$2,000 doesn't mean too much at the box office. Ops have discovered that acts in that price class don't do any more busi-ness than a \$500 act. The only acts which ops say do the biz are those in the \$4,000 class and upward. There being only a handful of such names available, the bidders will be in there raising the antes against each other.

Talent offices say they already have that problem and don't know how to cope with it. They have

Carmichael Set For 1-Niter P.A. Tour in Sept.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Hoagy Carmichael will start a series of one-nighters September 24. This will be the first time the singer-songwriter will do personal appearances in more than two years.

than two years. The package, tagged as Star Dust Review, will carry a 15-piece band, Cardini, the Sensationalists, Acro-maniacs, Rochelle and Beebe; Low, Hite and Stanley, and the Evans Family and will go into auditoriums for \$4,000 against a 60 per cent. In order to tie up the show, Al Borde, who packaged and is selling the unit, deposited \$50,000 with Carmichael's manager. Elliot Gordon

deposited \$50,000 with Carmichael's manager, Elliot Gordon. The show will have its preem in Montreal. From there it will move to Toronto, September 25; then to Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Detroit, Cleve-land, Youngstown, Akron, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, O.; Chicago; South Bend, Ind., and ends up in Des Moines. Moines.

Other dates are in the dickering stage, with Dallas probably getting Carmichael before he gets back to the Coast.

large numbers of acts signed, but ops aren't interested unless they can also deliver something with marquee appeal.

Agencies admit that such a situation is unhealthy, but also say they are helpless except to caution ops against overbuying.

Havana-Madrid, Vanguard May **Change Hands**

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Van-guard and the Havana-Madrid and maybe one other club, will change hands in the immediate future if the deals now under discussion arrive at satisfactory conclusions.

satisfactory conclusions. The big buyer is Tony Colucci, former op of the Downbeat and the Troubadour, who recently bought Don Julio's in the Village. He is heading a syndicate which is apparently well heeled heeled.

The Vanguard, in business for 13 The Vanguard, in business for 13 years under one operator, Max Gor-don, is being dickered for, with \$20,-000 being the understood agreed on price. This will not include the liquor. Gordon, who is co-partner with Herbert Jacoby in the Blue Angel and the recently opened Le Directoire, has found running of his Vanguard too much in recent months, and with his uptown spots taking all and with his uptown spots taking all his time, the shedding of his Village cellar club became a practical neces-

his time, the shedding of his vinage cellar club became a practical neces-sity. The Havana-Madrid, probably the oldest Broadway cafe, in business for 11 years with Angel Lopez operating it, hasn't been doing too well in re-cent months. It hits big grosses Mon-day (celebrity gimmick) nights and Tuesday (Latin dance teacher gim-mick) nights. The rest of the week business is nothing to boast about. Increased competition from the major clubs, Harem and the Latin Quarter, has hurt the Latin club. The deal for the Havana-Madrid with the Colucci syndicate revolves around \$40,000 and is said to be in the signing stage. A liquor license permit has already been applied for, and if granted, sale may be consum-mated in the next few days.

mated in the next few days. Colucci interests are also dickering

for the Flamingo, West End, N. J. The price here is said to be about \$10,000.

The new policy hasn't yet been determined. It is understood, how-ever, that the May Johnson office, with Al Herman, exclusive bookers for Don Julio, will get the nod in the buying department.

Feb. Eatery Biz Worst in Yr.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Feb-ruary business of eating and drink-ing places was the worst in 12 months, the Commerce Department reported this week. Estimated busi-ness amounted to \$941,000,000, mark-ing the first time receipts here follow ing the first time receipts have fallen below the billion-dollar level since February, 1947. Business, however, is still running 418 per cent above the average for the years 1935-39, Commerce's so-called "normal years."

Mass. Spot Resumes Flesh

HARTFORD, Conn., April 24.-The Monson House, Monson, Mass., night club, which dropped floor shows in January, has resumed bookings—on one-night deals—with Gordon's En-tertainment Bureau, Hartford. The spot is using three acts on Saturday nights.

Ops Demand Fem Singles

Buyers not interested in one-job price demand, but how little they must spend

NEW YORK, April 24.-Tho money isn't anything to write home about, the big demand in cocktail lounges is the big demand in cocktail lounges is for gal pianist-singers who have looks besides skill. The main reason, ac-cording to agents, is that a gal, if she's good doesn't cost more than \$200 or maybe \$250, with some to be gotten for less, while a trio, no matter how cheap, still gets scale. Scale in some sonts means \$250 spots means \$350.

In the lush days many spots would go for both, the single as well as the trio—or maybe a couple of trios. Today with money slow in coming in, the buyers just aren't putting it on the line.

This puts trios in a tough competi-tive spot but what is worse, say agents, are the trios who come into New York, manage to stick in a place for a number of months and get their money up to \$200 or \$200 When these money up to \$700 or \$800. When these outfits wind up, they expect their agents to get them more dough out of town, or at least the same that they've been getting.

Percenters Nix Combos

Percenters flatly tell the majority of such combos that they'll have to lower their sights. It is practically impossible to get them the money they think they deserve, and that out of town buyers aren't one bit interested that they stayed on one job for months. What they're concerned with is for how little they can buy them.

Very few of these combos mean anything at the box office unless they stick around long enough and the op spends on promotion. Today with money tight only the op with imagi-nation and business guts spends.

The end result is a demand for a girl who, ops feel, can attract more business than three or four guys making with music.

Agents admit that the demand for girls is greater than the supply. Percenter after percenter has sent out calls for single fems who look good, can play a Steinway and sing a fair song. Gals who come up to even approximate specifications, say reps, can almost get a pick of jobs.

New Org To Give Show Folk Help

NEW YORK, April 24.—A new org, designed to give a hand to show people who are up against it, is be-ing formed by actors' wives and other fems associated or allied to showbiz. The new outfit, which will call it-self the Troupers, using an open trunk as its emblem, will have a clubments. This will be for members who want to chew the fat or try blitzing an opponent. Dues will be

blitzing an opponent. Dues will be \$25 annually. Officers are as follows: Gilda (Mrs. Benny) Davis, president; Bea Kal-mus, first, veepee; Fay (Mrs. Henry Slate) Carroll, second veepee; Lynn (Gilmore's Restaurant) Gilmore, treasurer; Ethel (Mrs. Harvey) Stone, assistant treasurer; Ruth (Mrs. Jerry) Rosen, secretary; Fran (Mrs. Lenny) Kent, assistant secretary; Lael (Mrs. Buddy) Lester, chairlady entertainment committee, and Ceil (Mrs. Al) Beckman, assistant chair-lady of entertainment committee.

NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE 40

Chase Club, St. Louis (Wednesday, April 21)

Capacity, 650. Price policy, \$3-\$3.50 mini-mum. Shows at 0:30 and 11:30. Manager, Harold Koplar, Publicity, Jeanne Dunaway. Booking, non-exclusive. Estimated budget this show, \$6,500.

The current bill at the Chase stacks up as one of the finest presented this season. It is packed with names that offer a fast-moving variety show that never lets up.

Bernie Cummins is on the bandstand with his ork, and an entertaining group it is. Jeanne Bennett is the blond band canary and on show caught did The Gentleman Is a Dope and Beg Your Pardon in good style. and Beg Your Paraon in good style. Walter Cummins, maestro's brother, offers Now Is the Hour, with fine voice and excellent stage presence. The fronter, who capably emsees the revue, does some novelty vocal ver-sions of Baby Face, Minnie the Mer-maid and There'll Be Some Changes Made. The veteran band leader is ctill a fine showman Made. The veteran still a fine showman.

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still a fine showman. Jerry Murad's Harmonicats, now one-man stronger than last time thru here, opened their stint with Tico-Tico and kept up the pace with Sabre Dance and Harmonica Boogie. The outfit is tops for a unit of this kind and climax their act with their fa-mous recorded version of Peg o' My Heart. Besides Murad, the boys are Al Fiore, Don Les, and the newest member, Cappy Lafell. The addition of the extra man has enhanced the act's selling power and improved it greatly. greatly.

Mitzi Green

Mitzi Green Mitzi Green takes over in the final spot to prove she is one of the top entertainers in the business. Her songs are great and her singing alone would make her a star. But it is her impersonations that make her a smash hit. She does take-offs on Jolson, Cantor, Hildegarde, Ted Lewis, Mae West, Sophie Tucker and others. The gal uses material that is

NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

Walnut Room, Bismarck Hotel, Chicago

(Tuesday, April 20)

Capacity, 225. Price policy, dinners start-ing at \$2.50. Shows at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30. Owner, Otto K. Eitel. Publicity, Morry Rott-mann. Estimated budget this show, \$1600.

The unpredictable Walnut Room, which has either very good or very which has either very good or very bad shows, this time has one in the latter category. Headliners Claire Hogan and Bob Hopkins failed to click except at rare moments, with Hopkins faring the worse of the two.

Hopkins admittedly was working an audience that was hard to please, but even if the audience had been good, most of his stuff, with the exception of his laughing jag routine to the tune of Holiday For Strings, would not have scored. Hopkins has been using the same panto routine at niteries here for quite a while. His movie and stage star impressions are particularily old, and he either ought to get new material or give up.

Miss Hogan, former name band singer appearing here for the first time, suffered from poor produc-tion and lack of co-operation from the Joseph Sudy orchestra. Gal works in front of a piano wheeled onto the in front of a piano wheeled onto the floor, with the orchestra then pro-ceeding to drown out her singing and her piano accompaniment. As a result, her I Think You're Wonderful and It Might As Well Be Spring, numbers were lost in the confusion. If the Walnut Room management wants to cast Miss Hogan as a soft-ucied singer with an intimate style. voiced singer with an intimate style, it should give her the chance to work with a piano and have the orchestra take a few minutes out for a short Cy Wagner. beer.

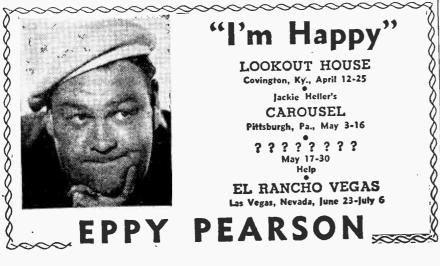
fresh, sharp and fast, and her delivery and timing are tops. The Cummins band furnishes show

others. The gal uses material that is and dance music. Frank Joerling.



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Havana-Madrid, New York (Thursday, April 22)

Capacity, 320. Price policy, \$3.50-\$4.50 mini-mum. Shows at 8:30, 12 and 2:30. Operator, Angel Lopez. Booking, non-exclusive. Pub-licity, Ed Weiner. Estimated budget this show, \$1,500.

It takes imagination and guts to put together a nitery show that departs from the conventional pattern. The effort isn't always successful, but at least it shows original thinking. And if it clicks, it can make a buck.

Winnie Hoveler, who hasn't had a line working in New York for the last three years, has such an idea, and while it isn't exactly startling, it's novel. She has condensed Carmen into a 40-minute tab version and produced it with showmanlike skill. The show carries three props, a bal-cony, a water fountain and a white drop, and is done in two parts.

The opener has the line (6) out in a pleasant beguine-beat number costumed in white and red. This gives way to a balcony scene with William Way to a balcony scene with with an Boehm, a pleasant looking tenor with good pipes. The scene ends with the line back, this time each gal carrying a white dove perched on her out-stretched hand. The effect was orig-inal and completely charming.

Precision Terping Boffo

The acting wasn't particularly dis tinguished, the Boehm gave a credit-able performance. But there was nothing wrong with the line, the choregraphy or the production. In the bull fighting number, the kids were in traditional toreador outfits, were in traditional toreador outfits, executing cape maneuvers in unison. In fact, it was the precision work of the line that made the show outstand-ing. The work was so uniform that the Hoveler kids resemble the Rock-ettes. This effect was particularly good in a middle production number when the line went thru castanet numbers with pin-point unity that won them a top mitt.

won them a top mit. There were a couple of things that need hypoing. Putting props on the floor in full light is awkward. It could be managed in darkness. Also, keeping the house lights on while the kids went thru their flashy black-light cape waving routine detracted from the attempted effect. The house head the blacked out should be blacked out.

Calgary Brothers The Calgary Brothers, standard drunk and slow-motion knockabout act, were as good as ever. They miss the flickering spot for their slow-motion routine, but did a satisfactory job anyway.

The second scene had the white The second scene had the white drop shielding the band, which makes for realistic effect. Orquido Pino did a lusty *Carmen* in acceptable fashion. Jose Duval's *Escamillo* was labored and amateurish. The boy, a Latin type, looks okay and has a fair bary, but his acting left much to be de-sized sired.

Sacasas cut the show competently Argueso relieved. Bill Smith.

Carousel, New York (Wednesday, April 21)

Capacity, 175. Shows at 12 and 2. Prices, \$3 minimum. Operator, Joey Kaufman. Booker, non-exclusive. Estimated budget this show, \$1,250.

There is still doubt that B. S. Pully and his partner Gump will ever make any censor's hit parade. Their ma-terial is about the same as it always has been. However, blue or indigo, the gravel-voiced Pully and his meek little sidekick do the business. That, after all, is why a cafe keeps open.

Town Casino, Buffalo (Wednesday, April 21)

Capacity, 1,000. Price policy, \$1.50 minimum. Shows at 7:30, 10:30 and 1:30. Owner-opera-tors, Harry Altman and Harry Wallens. Book-ing, non-exclusive. Estimated budget this show, \$6,500. Estimated budget last show, ing, 1 show, \$7,000.

Harry Altman, who produces his own shows, changing name headliners weekly, has managed to follow a strong combo bill of Bob Eberle, Ethel Smith and Myron Cohen, with an equally satisfying layout of Gene Krupa and band plus well-diversified supporting acts, running a 1½-hour show with surprisingly few lags.

Krupa opened the show with a spirited Sabre Dance and brought down the house with his finale, Drumboogie, showcasing all groups in the 16-piece ork and solo spot-lighting the drummerman himself in a frenzy of rhythmic sound and mo-tion. The club was well filled with a younger crowd that went wild over Gene. Dolores Hawkins, cute, dimin-utive band canary, contrasts her girlish appearance with a huskyvoiced rhythm-blues delivery of Boogie Blues. She reminds one of June Christie. The band's Buddy Hughes did a passable job on several ballads.

Jordan and Parvis

In the opening slot, terp team Jor-dan and Parvis came thru all right, injecting a song bit, I've Got a Feel-ing You're Foolin', and selling their subsequent routine by using a few spins. They're no kids, but good-looking. A cuffo appearance by Don-ald O'Connor, who got to do an act, hurt the appearance of the show's own Dusty Brooks, a good-looking, blond, young lad with a similar act. Brooks had to knock himself out to get a response, but built steadily with fast-working enthusiasm, fresh looks, In the opening slot, terp team Jorfast-working enthusiasm, fresh looks, hard-punching delivery, and came back to a terrific hand several times. Material is his handicap; *Everybody* Material is his halucap, *Leergooup* Loves My Gal was poor; Rosie, in old-fashioned style, not much better. But when he worked into a Danny Kaye style with Katinka he scored. Mammy a la Jolson was solid with his flitting about in the audience, and Malody in 4F got rousing yocks. Melody in 4F got rousing yocks. Could go places with the right material.

terial. Juggler Bobby Jule sold his clean-cut, smooth novelty act by liberal use of panto and bits of biz. He han-dled balls, hoops and Indian clubs cleverly and held interest to a good hand. Six-girl line, Casino Ador-ables, started off with a Boogie num-ber in cute costumes, and returned for a parade in gorgeous gowns to band's Blue Champagne and Cock-tails for Two. The Krupa aggrega-tion cut the show beautifully and did a solid job on the dance sessions, durtion cut the show beautifully and did a solid job on the dance sessions, dur-ing which drum specials drew dan-cers around the stand in droves. Belva White, gal singer, and Mickey Sullivan's Madhatter Band fill dance lulls with music from a stage atop the

bar at the other end of room. Emsee Lenny Paige does a clean-cut and capable job of running the show with an informality that fits the room perfectly. Eva Warner. the room perfectly.

If on subsequent nights they spend as much as they howled for the preem, Pully will collect a bundle. If not— Pully is still a funny guy to catch. But no kids or prissy maiden aunts.

Rest of the show is made up of stripper Marcia Raye, who worked in such complete blackness nobody knew what was happening; a singer, Virginia Hayes, who sang a couple of numbers after all, is why a cafe keeps open. The fact that Pully and Gump's stuff isn't tailored for the come-all-ye-faithful trade isn't exactly a se-cret. Their charm, however, lies in their throwaway lines, those crazy ad libs that keep customers coming. Opening night the patrons howled. Hayes, who sang a couple of numbers in better-than-acceptable fashion, and a three-piece combo, the Greators, who played a lot of music. Incidental-ly, the trio, a steel guitar, drum and piano, showed surprising ability and a beat to which it was difficult to keep your foot quiet. Bill Smith.

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The Billboard

Montreal Ops Fear Curfew After Law Fuss

MONTREAL, April 24.—The recent suspension of the assistant director of police, Pacifique Plante, has started new fears among nitery ops that this town is again in for some new curfew clamps after a period of laissezfaire on the part of provincial and municipal officials.

Coming at the birth of a tourist season which promises to top even that of 1947, the fear is sparked by the fact that some things night spots have been allowed to do thru "under-standings" with officials will now come to public attention as a result of the report on vice conditions in Montreal which Plante has submitted in defense of his activities until he was booted by Police Director Lang-lois for "insubordination".

Plante submitted his voluminous 500-page document to the city's ex-ecutive committee Wednesday (14) and, tho details of the report have not as yet been made public, it is learned by *The Billboard* that many persons prominent in the city's in persons prominent in the city's in-dustry would just as soon have had Plante let sleeping dogs lie.

What will give ammunition to the city's bluenose groups' (headed by the church-backed Sacred Heart League) charges that the city's night life is again in a chaotic state as a re-sult of Plante's suspension is the fact that Provincial Police Sgt. Pierre Dubuc was suspended Thursday (14) after a drunken brawl at the La Boheme nitery at 5 a.m. Thursday morning in which one man died.

Questions Feared

Why the cafe was dispensing liquor at 5 a.m. when the curfew hour is 2, and what a member of the pro-vincial police (which controls liquor laws) was doing there at 5 are questions which the nitery ops fear. One result of this scare is the at-

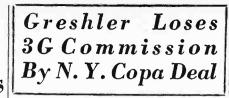
tempt of some nitery owners to un-load their joints, with the top spot, El Morocco, being one of those prom-(See MONTREAL CURFEW, page 48)

Buddy Greco Trio

(Green Room, Hotel Edison, New York) Co-featured with the Alvy West band on the opening bill of a new small-group, smart-music policy at the Green Room of the Hotel Edison, the Buddy Greco Trio displays a tidy the Buddy Greco Trio displays a tidy amount of promise. Built around the keyboarding and vocals of leader Greco, the threesome romps thru a lively variety of novelties, pop plugs and standards in hip fashion with the gusto, enthusiasm and roughness which a good young group might be expected to show.

Greco is a 21-year-old with a sense of humor, an obvious flair for the modern in piano styling and a vocal style that smacks of a combination of Frankie Laine, Billy Eckstine and Mel Torme in delivery sound and phrasing. While dabbling—at times with uncertainty—in the be-bop idiom at the keyboard, Greco rolls off tasteful things like Nature Boy, All the Things You Are, Lillette, etc.. vocally. The guy shows much talent and in time should develop into a fine stylist fine stylist.

The trio's first attention came via Musicraft waxing of Ooh! Looka There, Ain't She Pretty? With the aid There, Ain't She Pretty? With the aid of the disk pact—the possibility of hitting another wax seller ever present— the Greco group potentially could enjoy a healthy future. Cur-rently the group must concentrate on acquiring polish, both musically and in presentation. Bassist Don Sgro fills the plucking bill handily but guitarist Frank Beecher is spotty. They work together okay on the trio's unison chants. Hal Webman.



NEW YORK, April 24 .- In selling Martin and Lewis to the Copa, Abby Greshler lost himself about \$2,600 in commissions. It all came about in

commissions. It all came about in the following manner. Last year Bill Miller, Riviera op, used the two kids with an option for this summer. He crossed out the op-tion with the understanding that he wouldn't stand in the way of the set wouldn't stand in the way of the act so long as he had them back some-time during the summer. When Greshler sold them to the Copa, Mil-

ler did a burn. Meanwhile, the Greshler office had the Catalino band which Miller had promised to buy. When Miller dis-covered that the band's contract with Crechler was on the verge of running Greshler was on the verge of running out, he held off until it expired then bought the band direct for \$1,100 for 24 weeks, cutting Greshler out of the commission.

Greshler admitted that this happened but also pointed out that he refused to sign with the Copa unless it removed the provision that Martin and Lewis couldn't play any New Jersey spot. The removal of this Jersey spot. The removal of this clause, said Greshler was to protect Miller, and he had every intention of having the act work at the Riviera in September.

Det. Van Dyke's New Policy

DETROIT, April 24.-- A symptom of a new reverse trend toward bring-ing in additional talent to offset de-clining business appeared this week at the Van Dyke Club, which has long relied on a strict band and dancing policy. The spot bought Jeanne Rand, singer, who just closed a two-month run at the Town Pump, in the first move away from a straight musi-cal policy in two or three years. The cal policy in two or three years. The Rand booking is being built up into a more significant opening by the addition of Glenn Moore's orchestra.

Southwest Biz Picking Up; Shreveport Tops La. Cities In Local Talent Purchases

Ripe for Big Names, But Ops Unfamiliar With Agencies

west is beginning to pick up again, with cocktail lounges buying units come into the market before the summer is over.

Oddly enough, one city in Louisi-ana, Shreveport, is the biggest buyer of talent in the area, even tho no single spot spends more than \$1,200 or so for a show, usually consisting of quartets, three-piece combos and a single voice and piano. Tho spots op-erate as cocktail lounges, practically all of them have casinos attached which should theoretically make them avid bidders for more expensive colort. Why this heav't caured no talent. Why this hasn't occurred, no one knows, except that perhaps there has been no aggressive selling cam-paign to get them to switch to bigger budgets.

The major spots in Shreveport are

Beverly Club, New Orleans, Will Shutter for Summer

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—The Beverly Country Club here will close down for the summer, tho the date of closing had not been decided. Jimmy Savo completes an engagement Sat-urday (24) and is the last act to be booked. The club, one of the South's finest, has been featuring top name attractions. It is outside city limits

attractions. It is outside city limits and gambling restrictions. Meanwhile New Orleans amuse-ment interests will be watching closely the action of the new Legislature, which meets in May under leadership of the new governor, Earl K. Long.

and the Glass Hat, all running on a seven-day basis, with the back rooms getting good plays almost constantly.

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Other cities in Louisiana are also Other cities in Louisiana are also feeding local clubs, with some places building new spots. New Iberia has two clubs going and three more now getting ready to open. Opelousas, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Eunice and Vinton are also going thru local booms, and cafe ops are installing entertainment in their rooms, with fresh money coming in to open other rooms also using flesh.

Practically all the lounges now runent because of price. With the ex-ception of J. S. McConkey and Music Corporation of America, this area has been almost untouched by the talent offices. In fact many ops are un-familiar with the names of the agencies.

According to one percenter who just returned from making a survey of the area, the region is ripe for real talent. Once one op starts it, the others will fall in line.



Detroit Ops Find Biz Hypo ALEXANDER CHARLES GOI SQ. VERMONT. LOS ANGELES, CALIF. In Percentage Arrangements

DETROIT, April 24.—A solution for tion is strictly a package unit, built ling night club profits may lie in e use of percentage deals with changing acts in support, but the deal changing acts in support, but the deal DETROIT, April 24.—A solution for ailing night club profits may lie in the use of percentage deals with shows of some potential box-office value, according to operators in this territory. The percentage idea has enough appeal to cafes, ops and agents to indicate a definite trend. American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) has shown an interest lo-cally at least, because of the obvious effect upon act salaries. effect upon act salaries.

effect upon act salaries. The average club owner ap-proached on the point has been in-trigued by it because it holds out the possibility of a name to build business at apparently little risk to him. Principal reluctance, curiously enough, has been caused by ops' fear that the act would walk off with too much money, whereas he could buy the act outright for considerably less than the hypothetical percentage if business really got good. Evidence seen here is that the risk

Evidence seen here is that the risk is almost entirely in the hands of the act or producer of the show, aside from whatever guarantee may be in-volved, because he has to foot the salaries for the other acts.

Nan BlaKstone Example

Nan Blakstone Example Typical deal that has drawn great interest around this territory is the package show built around Nan BlaKstone by her manager, Ronald Aaron Gerard, and broken in at the Club Bali here before opening week before last in the Indigo Room at the Hotel Barclay, Toronto. The produc-

changing acts in support, but the deal is not just for the star name as earlier percentage deals have been in many night clubs. Typically, the BlaKstone unit opened here with Billy Kelly, comedian and emsee; Vivian Larri-more, sophisticated commentator; Kolly Kohler, pianist, and the Ze-brairs, trio. The last two remained here, while the rest of the show moved to Toronto, where Raymond LaDouceur, recording pianist from Montreal, and an 11-piece band joined the show. The bands in both cases were handled by the house be-cause of dancing policy. The numerous snares in the way of

The numerous snares in the way of working out a percentage deal were summarized in an interview by Gerard, based on his experience in working out various types of deals. An elementary slip likely to be made is in figuring percentage on liquor gross only and overlooking food, which many managers claim is a low-profit item. Result is likely to be a very unsatisfactory share for the act in the case of a spot which does good biz in food and only fair in hootch. Three Bules The numerous snares in the way of

Three Rules

Three other essential rules were drawn up by Gerard: "1. Be prepared not to make money for a week to 10 days after the open-ing. The night club business is the toughest in show business, bar none. (See DETROIT BIZ HYPO, page 48)

NEW YORK, April 24 .- The South- | the Belvedere, Stork Club, Pelican

NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE

Hippodrome, Baltimore (Thursday, April 22)

Capacity, 2,200. Price policy, 40 to 70 cents. Number of shows, four delly. House booker, Mickey Aldrich. Show played by Jo Lombardi and house band (12).

Following a highly successful week with Gene Autry and his unit, the current show had plenty to live up to. It did all right, except for conflicts.

The Richards-Adair Dancers (6) with their Clyde Beatty fantasy provided a hefty opener. A good act, the dancers use full stage for their adagio and acro work, getting a fine hand. The constant whipcracking, colorful wardrobe and typical motion create an amazingly realistic effect.

Jimmy Burrell did several songs to good applause. Burrell, who could double for Como in looks, works hard and is at his best with the Irish dit-Doubling a pleasant personality with solid bouncy rhythm, he scored best with Donegal.

Pat Henning

The quickie impressions and drawn-out stories of Pat Henning were up to his usual standard, pulling the laughs freely. The little guy, giving out "inside info" on the man-agement in that hushed confidential tone, really got the hands. The in-formality of his delivery, and his seeming efforts to try not to be funny, made him a bit hard made him a hit here.

Keye Luke, the personable Chinese, lost no time, jumping right off with a series of cleverly worked out im-personations tied into a murder drama which went over big. His Barrymore was shown up somewhat with Honning daing and lotr in the with Henning doing one later in the show. Luke returned to warble an ancient Chinese lullaby, a clever intro for *Irish Lullaby*. It, too, was good, but slightly overshadowed by the previous Irish efforts of Burrell.

VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

The Billboard

Oriental Theater, Chicago (Thursday, April 22)

Capacity, 3,200. Price policy, 95 cents straight. Five shows a day, six week-ends. House booker, Charlie Hogan. Show played by Carl Sands' house band.

To make up for lack of draw of an inferior picture, *Casbah*, house has booked in a better-than-average bill for its latest stage presentation. Tony Martin gets double billing as headliner of the stageshow and star of the film, so much so that the result is too much Martin.

Martin, with his large fem follow-ing, got good support from the audience, but with his almost condescend-ing attitude he failed to wring the most out of his songs and his enter-taining imitations of Harry Richman, et al. Martin would do well to re-member that it's foolish to allow fame to go to his head and that it's the public which keeps him in that top bracket which lays a dollar on the line at the box office. Elsa and Waldo, comedy dance team, practically stole the show from

Martin, and much of their material, especially their slow motion satire on ballroom dancers, got top applause. Altho team uses practically the same material month after month, it never

Rounding out the show was the Raymond Scott Quintette, consistent favorites who never get wild ovations; but manage to please most with Scott originals and Scott interpretations of classics and pops. Carl Sands ork backed the show

Cy Wagner. adequately.

Over-all, however, it was a neat routine, well done and well received. Pic, The Noose Hangs High. Jimmy Carter.

"Pearl Eafley is a recommendation in capital letters for the Strand stage presentation . . . one of our best comediennes."

New York Herald Tribune



RKO Albee, Cincinnati (Friday Afternoon, April 23)

Capacity, 3,200 seats. Price policy, 50, 65 and 85 cents. Four shows daily; five on week-ends. House booker, Dan Friendly.

Frankie Carle's 18 skilled musickers rode home a solid winner in this hour's session of topflight entertainment. Grabbing a neat mitt at the outset with its Sunrise Serenade, crew reflects the pianistic wizardry of its maestro in all subsequent of ferings, with Carle leading off with silky-fingered treatment of a pop medley, including I'll Get By and If You Were the Only Girl in the World. There's a fluidity and preciseness about the band that sustains rapt at-tention through tention thruout.

Bouncy bits are as digestible as the regulation numbers, with Carle displaying a smooth and simple, yet colorful pianistic style that garners spontaneous crowd reaction. His keyboard mastery in a medley of pops and oldies at the wind-up left pew-sitters howling for more. Incorpo-rated were ace rhythm section back-ings of *Now Is the Hour*, capably tonsiled by Guitarist Fritz Weston.

Band singers, Gregg Lawrence, a handsome lad who knows his way around a song, and Nan Wright, whose good canarying matches her whose good canarying matches her looks, scored solidly. Lawrence man-ages sock bary treatment on a Jer-ome Kern medley, handling such bits as Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Make Believe and Ol' Man River. Miss Wright clicked handsomely on All Dressed Up With a Broken Heart and Don't Want To Meet People. On the latter she combines talents with those latter she combines talents with those of Lawrence to ring up a rousing mitt.

Lending sustenance to the show is Lending sustenance to the show is Johnny Morgan, comic well remem-bered here from prior nitery and theater engagements. Much of his stuff is familiar but it went over as well as the new. Sharp presentation gets him over the humps. His mono-loging is still punctuated with the in-evitable tin flute. Pulled long guf-forus with his ponsensical bit on a

faws with his nonsensical bit on a concert symphonic conductor. The Carnivales, good-looking mixed team win belly chuckles with their grotesque take-offs of high school jitterbugs and Harlem jive hounds. Gal jumps the laugh meter with her goon-like caperings. Straight stuff clicks as solidly as their grotesque caricaturing.

Pic, Women From Tangiers. Bob Doepker.

Radio City Music Hall, **New York** (Thursday, April 22)

Capacity, 6,200. Price policy, 80 cents-\$2.40. Number of shows, four daily. House booker, Leon Leonidoff. Show played by Walter Smallen's house ork.

The major part of the stageshow the first is the ballet, the second has the Rockettes. The rest of it is pretty, draggish and altogether conventional.

One departure from the house format was an opening piano solo by Richard Tetley-Kardos, who did an outstanding job on Liszt's Concerto in E-Flat. The lad kept it simple and straightforward, and the backing by Smallen's symphony ork was thrilling to hear.

A ballet number with Genia Mel-nitchenko, Robert De Voye, Maria De Baroncelli, Alpheus Koon, Dorothy Berger, William Burdick and Alfredo Berger, William Burdick and Alfredo Corvino, was adequate without much meaning. The scene is symbolic of broken hearts and princes and prin-cesses, but its few bright spots were overloaded with so much of the same that the whole effect was lost. The solos were skillful, but it was the

Paramount, New York

(Wednesday, April 21)

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Capacity, 3,654. Price policy, 55 cents-\$1.50. Number of shows, four daily; five Saturdays. House booker, Harry Levine. Show played by name ork.

Duke Ellington's name packs a good box-office wallop; with Ella Fitzger-ald as the added attraction, it should do business, particularly with The do business, particularly with The Big Clock as the flicker to bring them in.

The stageshow is comparatively short, about 40 minutes. But despite its brevity, it doesn't jell as particu-larly good entertainment. The main fault seems to be that the stuff sold is aimed at either hipsters or corn admirers. There is little in between to amuse the adult theater patron, who wants something understandable and still literate.

The show opens with a couple of bars by Ellington's crew doing the familiar A Train, followed by an over-arranged jazz piece that gave sidemen a chance to ride. The band, in white coats and gray pants, looks good. Seating arrangement, trom-bones with reeds and trumpets with rhythm, is attractive. The 18 guys (including the Duke) have lots of drive even if the result isn't what it might be from a mass entertainment viewpoint.

The band's biggest number was Frankie and Johnny, with Ellington starting with a solo. The opening bars were pleasant but subsequent arrangements degenerated it to a series of musical pyrotechnics that completely hid the melody.

Ella Fitzgerald

Ella Fitzgerald, with Hank Jones on the piano, worked to a beg-off. Her familiar songs brought yowls of glee from the fans. It was noticeable, however, that the rank and file sat

on their hands. The Four Step Brothers were about The Four Step Brothers were about the only act on the bill that proved a solid hit with the majority of pa-trons. Their four-part precision terpery, interspersed with flashy tricks, e. g. flying splits and dancing against each other, got a terrific mitt. George Kirby's impressionistics ran the gamut from Bochester thru Amos the gamut from Rochester, thru Amos and Andy, ending with a falsetto Neland Andy, ending with a falsetto Nel-lie Lutcher. In between he threw in those old stand-bys, Cagney, Robin-son, Bogart and Lorre. The take-offs were adequate, but the material to go with them has been used here time and again. Kirby got laughs here and there tho most were just tepid. Kays Davis a tall slim gal did her

Kays Davis, a tall, slim gal, did her standard *Transbluency* vocal (no lyrics) with five sidemen, including a fiddle, in there backing her. The result was pleasant, tho the presenta-tion was n.s.g. Working in a pintion was n.s.g. point blue and red spot, the gal could barely be seen.

Ellington has a trumpet man (doubles on fiddle) who did some comedy bits on the stand. The gimmick needs working on. The way it was handled it looked like a throwaway.

Bill Smith.

ensemble work of the corps de ballet that gave it what lift there was.

An interior country church scene with kinky-wigged parishioners led

with kinky-wigged parishioners led by the pastor in a series of spirituals, was outstanding for its Bruno Maine set. It finished to polite hands. Bob Williams opened in a picnic scene, coming out with three people and one of his pooches. The produc-tion was good. Williams turned in another of his excellent jobs, with the results coming for his boyish enthus-iasm and "surprise" when his springer spaniel did something. Up to this iasm and "surprise" when his springer spaniel did something. Up to this time, Williams's act was the only light contribution to an over-long show. The crowd gave him a big hand. The finale was the big thing of the show. Framed around the Pass the Peace Pipe number, the Rockettes, (See RADIO CITY on page 48)



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Philly's Rupert Stem Doldrums, 357G Week; In the list of booking and management offices published in MH 110G, Roxy 65, Para 60 the Personal Appearances Sup-plement, Section 2, of The Billboard's April 24 issue, the name NEW YORK, April 24.—Biz last week was strictly on an also-ran basis. The long-run bill at the Cap-itol is fading and the poor first week at the Eoxy contributed to the dim gross picture. The take for the five flesh-pic houses for the week was \$357,000, against \$354,000 the pre-vious frame. Badio City Market With State of the Badio City Market With State of the State With State of the Union. of Allan Rupert was inadver-tently omitted. Rupert is one of Philly's most active agents. His offices are at 263 South 11th • Waterfalis • Braids • Chignons • Page-boys • Top Curis • Switches • Trans. formations • Wigs • Toupees Street. this issue) has Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and The Big Clock. Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$66,-000) is fading. For its sixth week the take was \$64,000 for Naked City, Tex Beneke band and Slate Brothers. Roxy (6,000 seats; average \$89,000) collected a tepid \$65,000 for its first frame with Ed Wynn and Scooda Hay. Harmony Reigns on The house is down to three shows a day. Always-The house is down to three shows a day. Paramount (3,645 seats; average \$76,000) wound up its third and last week with \$60,000 for Buddy Rich band, Mills Brothers, Dean Murphy and Saigon. New show (reviewed State St THE SHOWMAN'S FRIEND in Los Angeles 500 Modern Rooms with bath and radio "Everything New but the Name" IN SHORT **ALEXANDRIA HOTEL** Fifth at Spring • Los Angeles New York: FRANK WALKER, General Manager formerly at the OLMSTED Cleveland. Ohio Al Kelly, who has been with Willie Howard for 11 years, has broken with him. Howard is going into a musical, *Sally*. Kelly goes into the Roxy on the Ed Sullivan show. . . . Kitty Kallen, who was due to open at Philly's Chateu Crillon Monday (26), has been set back for two weeks. COMEDY PATTERNN FUN-MASTER "The Show-Biz Gag File" Nos. 1 to 22 @ \$1.00 Ea. 10 Parodics for \$10.00. "How To Be an Emcee" \$3.00, Including 2 Gag Files. Send for list Comedy Material, Parodiee, Comedy Songs, Minstrel Patter, Black-Outs, Bits, Skits, etc. No C. O. D.'s. PAUEA SMITH Phil Foster was set for Casway's, Philly, but lost out when he did a guest shot cuffo at the competing Latin Casino. . . Murray Weinger, who recently bought out Ben Slutsky, his partner in the Miami Copa, paid off in notes and cash partially financed by the coat room concession. . . Milton Berger bought out Johnny Singer. The latter plans to retire and go to the Coast to live. . . Asking price for Martin and Lewis is now 5G. . . . The Embassy, shuttered 57th Street nitery, is being offered for little dough, provided the buyer takes over outstanding debts. PAULA SMITH 200 W. 54th St. New York 19 over outstanding debts. Dario, dickering for Smith and Dale, apparently a "new" act to him, phoned a theater booker asking for a report. . . . Billy De Wolfe asking \$5,000 for cafe dates. . . . The Frankie Laine publicity stunt Saturday (17) a.m. at the Harem had the cops out. The teen-agers started forming lines ?n Central Philadelphia CLINTON HOTEL 5 P R U C E at 7 a.m. 200 OUTSIDE ROOMS from *2 DAILY Sol Tepper, who sold seven acts to George White for his Coast show at SPECIAL WEEKLY RATES (HOUSEKEEPING FACILITIES the Florentine Gardens, will go out for the opening. . . Curley Miller is now practically out of the Chanticleer, Baltimore operation. After his heart attack Beautiful Air Conditioned COCKTAIL LOUNGE WALKING DISTANCE OF ALL THEATRES in Miami, doctors warned him against too much activity. Sol Lerner (June Taylor's husband) has been operated on for an abscess. . . Eddie Elkort, MCA cafe department, is out of the hospital after an emergency operation for adhesions. . . Lou Wasserman, MCA topper, at the Copa with a stableful of MCA acts. HALL AVAILABLE West 44th St. For rehearsal, auditions and meetings. By hour or day. Abbott & Adams, Inc. 17 Murray St. WO. 4-5540 Martin and Lewis are signed for the Copa until 1951.... Lisa Kirk will double from Allegro into the Copa after Vivian Blaine winds up.... The Broadway nitery which used to make 15 per cent profit now considers a 4 per cent profit a fair figure. Lou Perry became the exclusive booker for Andre's, Syracuse. ... Jerry Rosen is now booking Barclay Hotel, Toronto. . . Julius Monk goes back to the Ruben Bleu to run the spot for owner Tony Mele. . . . Carlos, ex-headwaiter for Ruben Bleu, who also bought the talent and ran the room, has opened his own spot, Club Encore. . . . Donald Richards going back into the Waldorf to open at the Starlight Roof in mid-May. KELLEY'S PANAMA Irving Schneider, representing Ro-NEEDS CIRL SINGLES ACROBATIC STRIPPERS EXOTIC NOVELTY, ETC. MAY 12 OPENING Philadelphia: Club 13 being sold to a New York syndicate, with the entertainment policy slated for a switch... Pat and Grayce terp team televising rumba instructions on WFIL-TV here... Marty Goldberg will add a line of girls (June Taylor) for the first time at his Rumba Room in the Chateau Crillon April 26, with the opening of Monica Boyer and Esy Morales's band... Eddie King new owner of the Charles Hotel and sets up a Stage Club in the midtown hostelry to feature intimate revues. GS STAN WILLIS AGCY. 1650 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. SINGERS - EMCEES - COCKTAIL UNITS -ORIGINAL SOCKO MATERIAL-Rube and Gladys Yocum at the Garden Terrace of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, back from Paris where they produced Frank's first rink show.... Danny Thomas has taken over the Club Hi-Top in nearby Chester, Pa. Band Novelties — PARODIES Sample parody and Catalog, 10 MACK MUSIC COMPANY 808-B Hofman Bidg. Detroit 1, Mich. Here and There: Jack Kahan and Albert P. Kunec, newcomers in the field, have taken over Phil's Music Bar, Detroit, from Phil Kessler. The spot will continue a WIGS policy of music, with Harold Herr as pianist. Dan Finn, division manager for the Warner theaters in the Bridgeport, Conn., area, has resigned to become general manager of the B. & C. Circuit FREE CATALOG in Boston. John Hesse succeeds him. Outdoor and Indoor of all kinds. For night-club, theater, convention, banquet and out-door bookings now. Write, wire, come init RAY S. KNEELAND AMUSEMENT BOOKING SERVICE 75 ½ West Chippewa St., Buffalo 2, N. Y. A.G.V.A. Franchised F. W. NACK ENI

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Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; ARA-EMA Front CHICAGO, April 24. - Reported

harmony between the national Artists Representatives' Association (ARA) and its local chapter, the Entertainment Managers' Association (EMA), took concrete form at a meeting here Thursday (22) open to all agents. In the past there has all agents. In the past there has been plenty of discord, with ARA members showing no interest in EMA affairs.

affairs. According to Jack Russell, first vice-president and chairman of the membership committee of EMA, the meeting was attended by about 65, with about 12 new members being signed. Other EMA officers are Sid Page, president; Paul Marr, second vice-president, and Len Fisher, sec-retary-treasurer. retary-treasurer.

Those speaking at the meeting stressed the need for harmony with ARA in helping it to work out na-tional problems on a national basis. Booking agents here consider significant the fact that the meeting was open to all agents in the Midwest regardless of affiliation.

Waldron Files 100G Suit in Supreme Court Vs. Time

NEW YORK, April 24. — Charles Waldron, working as Ron Ronalde, has brought a Supreme Court action against *Time* mag asking \$100,000 be-cause an article in that magazine (January 19) "humiliated him, low-ered his prestige and affected his earning power and standing."

The article was based on a club date Ronalde did for the Entertain-ment Managers' Association at the Astor which *Time* said indicated that "vaude was dead and that many per-formers were starving, and labeled Ronalde as a \$65 act."

nalde, served papers on the mag April



BROADWAY

SHOWLOG

Sked Outlook of Ballet Review: Summer Barns YORK, April 24.--Herewith

follows the final listing to date of summer theaters operating this sea-son. Additional starters will be re-ported in the legit section as they may appear:

NORTH CAROLINA

Lake Summit Playhouse, Tuxedo. Robroy Farquahar, producer. Seats 200.

Theater in the Sky, Waynesville. Maurice Geoffrey, producer, 609 South Delaware Avenue, Tampa. Opens July 20. Non-Equity. Waterside Theater, Manteo. Pro-duced by Roanoke Historical Associa-

tion. Samuel Selden, director. Also known as "The Lost Colony." Seats 3,200. Does only one show all sum-mer. Non-Equity.

OHIO

OHIO Cain Park Theater, Cleveland Heights. Produced by the City of Cleveland Heights with Dina Rees Evans in charge. Seats 3,000. Dur-ing a top week, can gross \$7,500. Last year's biz was 65G. Will do five musicals and five dramas. Also offers eight-week season of children's plays: Opens last week in June. Non-Equity. Vellow Springs Summer Theater

Yellow Springs Summer Theater, Yellow Springs. Produced in asso-ciation with Antioch College. Paul Treichler, chairman of board. Seats 550 and can gross \$2,000 a week at capacity. Combined academic, community and semi-pro org. Last sea-son's biz was 18G. Season 11 weeks' long. Non-Equity.

Hartman Theater, Columbus. Pro-ducers, F. Beverly Kelley, William Johnson and Beverly Boda. Director, Robert Henderson. Winter stock, but will continue in summer if warranted. Equity.

PENNSYLVANIA Hayloft Summer Theater, Allen-town. Producer-director-owner, Don Dickinson, 235 East 22d Street, New York. Seats 500 and can gross \$4,500 in a capacity week. Last season's biz was 14G. Will open June 21 for 12 weeks. Resident Equity company.

Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. Producer, Theron Bamberger, 1430 Broadway, New York. Seats 422. Probably a 10-week season. One of the top summer stock set-ups in the country. Resident Equity company.

Kenley Deer Lake Theater, Deer Lake. Producer, John Kenley, 869 Jefferson Avenue, Cleveland. Seats 500. Capacity gross for week is \$4,300. Last season's biz was 30G. Will run from 12 to 16 weeks. Equity. Mountain Playhouse, Jennerstown.

Mountain Playhouse, Jennerstown. Director, James MacAllen, of 340 East 58th Street, New York. Producer-owner, James Black Stoughton. Seats 379. Will operate for 15 weeks be-ginning June 12. Resident Equity company. The Playhouse, Eaglesmere. Pro-ducer-owner-director, Alvina Krause, Eaglesmere. Seats 300. Can do \$1,200 in a capacity week. Last sea-son's gross was 11G. Will run for nine weeks beginning July 2. Non-Equity.

nine weeks beginning July 2. Non-Equity. Ebensburg Summer Theater, Eb-ensburg. Producer, Louis Reiser, P. O. 847, Johnstown, Pa. Green Hills Theater, Mohnton. Owner-producer, George R. Snell, 305 Summit Avenue, West Reading, Pa. Seats 308. Opens June 14. Resi-dent Equity company. Pocono Playhouse, Mountainhome. Producer, Rowena Stevens, 40 East 49th Street, New York. Director, Richard Behder. Press, Isadora Ben-nett. Seats 500. Will open June 21 for 12 weeks. Resident Equity com-pany. pany.

Grove Theater, Nuangola. Royal (See SILO CIRCUIT SKED, page 46)

"Legend" Needles Ballet Theater Rep, Despite Handicap

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ditional proof that the BT is the out-standing group of its field. Another handicap to the org's spring dance festival has been the protracted illness of Nora Kaye, which has left the troupe shy one bal-lerina. Alicia Alonzo has fortunately been able to step into the vacated Kaye spots and cover herself with glory. A further instance of this oc-curred Thursday (22), with the world premiere of Agnes De Mille's Fall River Legend, which was patterned for la Kaye. for la Kaye.

Lizzie Borden Yarn

Legend, the second and last addi-tion to the BT rep this year, is some-thing of which they may well be proud. De Mille has adapted the Lizzie Borden ax-murder yarn and twisted it into 45 minutes of interpre-tive maniacal frustration. Ten or 15 minutes lopped off some of the more familiar De Mille routines could make the whole sharper and give it addithe whole sharper and give it addi-tional impact. Nevertheless, *Legend* is the sort of thing that the man in the street can readily appreciate without benefit of program notes, which this corner believes is the essence of approach to modern ballet.

In addition, the whole is a superla-tively integrated job, from Morton Gould's score to Oliver Smith's im-pressively atmospheric drops and sets, ably abetted by Miles White's cos-tumes. Alonzo, even after an ex-hausting top-drawer stint in the opening Swan Lake, contributed a superb performance as the tortured, bewildered lass with an ax on her mind. Fine support was given by Diana Adams as her mother and Ruth Ann Koesun as Lizzie as a child. Ruth Bentley as her stepmother, Peter Gladke as her father and John Kriza as her pastor added competent-It is assured of a definite perma-nent spot in the troupe's rep. It is dance drama, thoughtfully conceived and told with simplicity and impact. Bob Francis.

Jr. Membership **Rule Now Law**

NEW YORK, April 24.—The con-stitutional amendment which lowered the time needed to jump from junior to senior membership in Ac-tors' Equity from 2 years, 1 engage-ment and 50 weeks of playing time (whichever takes the longest) to 2 years, 2 engagements and 30 weeks of playing time has new bacame law of playing time has now become law. The amendment was passed at the last Equity quarterly meeting by a

last Equity quarterly meeting by a vote of 330 to 161. There was more than a good chance that a petition by senior members against the resolution might appear. However, the 30 days of grace al-lowed for such a petition have passed and none has been filed. Therefore, the resolution stands.

Coast Gets an Org Like Theater Guild

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.-Forma-HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—Forma-tion of a permanent legit group on the Coast to be called Repertory, Inc., and patterned after the Theater Guild was announced last week. The group will kick off with six summer stock offerings at Newport Beach, moving to Hollywood in the fall. Ben Kamsler, legit producer and former story editor at Columbia pix, has been named managing director of the org. the org.

the org. Kamsler will direct the first offer-ing, John Loves Mary, which preems June 21 at Newport, using an Equity cast of film and stage players. Char-ter members of the group include George Reeves, Eleanor Reeves, Clancy Cooper, Eve Barrows, Mich-ael Brown, Sandra Gould, Herb Vig-ran and Gilbert Herman. The group will raise funds by stock subscrip-tion. tion.

ANTA, UBO Correction

NEW YORK, April 24.—A gremlin got in a typewriter of *The Billboard* last week, stating that the United Booking Office (UBO) would send American National Theater and Academy (ANTA) shows into towns not getting legit bookings. The fact is that ANTA will set up a booking org of its own and send its own shows into towns not getting legit via the UBO.

Insure Your Vote

Each year for the past four years voting on the part of the people of the theater for the Donaldson Awards has increased. Now as preparations for the Fifth Annual Donaldson Awards get under way, the Awards committee wishes to do everything possible to see that everyone in the theater has an opportunity to vote. Early in May ballots and instructions are delivered by hand to the theaters to all the players appearing on Broadway at the time. In order to get ballots to players who will not be appearing on Broadway early in May, The Billboard, sponsor of the Donaldson Awards, would like to have the names and addresses of such players, so that a ballot may be properly mailed to them. Make certain of your vote for the Donaldson Awards, the thea-ter's own selections of its "bests." Fill out the coupon below and return it to The Billboard today.

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Equity Mulls 350G Fund Plan for Legit

NEW YORK, April 24.—The report of the Actors' Equity economic bet-terment committee will suggest that the theater collectively raise 350G to plough into projects that will again make legit one of the important entertainment mediums. The dough is being asked as a result of a survey made for Actors' Equity by Robert Nathan, the economist, to find ways and means of putting theater back on its feet. its feet.

The money is not expected to come The money is not expected to come from one source or one union but in portions from every org that is con-nected with legit from management to labor. Groups that are interested in the theater from a cultural view will also be contacted for money.

'Inside U. S. A.'s' Boff Adv.

NEW YORK, April 24.—An ad-vance sale of 500G is signposted for *Inside U. S. A.* by Arthur Schwartz, the producer. Already 150G is in the till from 26 theater parties plus eight partial theater parties, and 30,000 mail orders have been received for ducats to the show as of Thursday (22) with no sign of slackening. This will be the third show this season with a terrific advance sale, the other two being Allegro and Mister Roberts.

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Out-of-Town Opening

DECLARATION (Opened Tuesday, April 13)

MUSART THEATER, LOS ANGELES

new play by Janet and Philip Stevenson. Directed by Daniel Mann. Settings by Les Marzolf. Costumes by Barbara White. Stage manager, Frank Callender. Press representative, George Boroff. Produced by Mervin Williams and Sam Gary. Presented by Actors' Lab.

by Actors' Lab. Chronicler.....Jeff Corey Thomas Jefferson....Loyd Gough James Madison....Ned Glass Patsy, Jefferson's Daughter...Melle Mathews Jupiter....Robert A. Davis Pelatiah Lewis.....Fred Briggs Hopkinson....Joe DuVal Mrs. Emmet......Doris Kemper Will Emmet.....Bert Conway

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Toblas Lear.....John Hollady Washington.....Edwin Max Anne, Jefferson's Granddaughter...... Wendy Oser President John Adams...F. Carrington Strang Judge Samuel Chase......Paul McVey Ken Jones, Jan Arvan, Jesse Oser, Frank Bowers, Jim Parker, George Buchanon, Max Lamb, Edward Bajian, Virginia Krolik, Estelle Holmes, Flavis Williams, Genie McDonald, John Dutra and Joyce Otts. The public life of Thomas Jef-ferson is minutely examined in this new play by Janet and Phillip Stev-enson, rating attention as an exacting product of painstaking research

enson, rating attention as an exacting product of painstaking research which reflects early American na-tional growth in the light of today's political problems. Skillfully woven in a series of 18 swiftly moving scenes, and using such devices as narrator, montages and vocal cho-rus, Declaration is moving and tense, neatly clocking its politics in the rus, *Declaration* is moving and tense, neatly cloaking its politics in the-atrical garb. While play at times is weighed down by devices employed to heighten dramatic effect, the writ-ing is crystal clear, bringing basic issues squarely to light with plenty of nursh of punch.

Declaration shows Thomas Jefferson (well played by Lloyd Gough) to have been a man of deep-rooted convictions, sincerity and fanatical devotion to basic tenets of democ-racy as he knew them. A constant target of the Federalists, he is vilified by his political enemies, with Alexander Hamilton spearheading the opposition. As Secretary of State, he fights to prevent war with France. As vice-president, he is gal-led by the Federalists' infamous Sedition and Alien Acts which politicos railroaded thru Congress. Anxious to retire from public life, he agrees to run for President, if only to de-stroy the Federalists and their hold on the people.

Climax tells of the Federalists' last desperate attempt to stay in power after Jefferson wins popular election. Enemies plot to juggle the electoral college votes to force a tie between Jefferson and running mate Aaron Burr. Congress is thereupon empowered to decide who is to be president by vote. Montage staged around congressional vote ends on the 36th ballot when Jefferson finally wins.

Lloyd Gough's portayal of Jeffer-son brings quiet dignity, character and sincerity to the role. Even when making an impassioned plea for tolerance and democracy, he is convinc-ing without resorting to obvious oratory. Supporting cast, however, did not measure up to Lab's acknowl-edged standards. Exceptions were Mervin Williams as Hamilton; Bert Conway as Will Emmet, the youthful zealot whose views reflect Jefferson's own feelings; Edwin Max as WashN. Y. Theaters, Grips Agree on New Pact NEW YORK, April 24. -The stagehands' union has come to a final agreement with the League of New York Theaters and is ready to ink

York Theaters and is ready to ink a pact which will run until July 31, 1950. The grips received a blanket 7 per cent pay hike with heads of de-partments now getting \$120, key men \$99 and the rips, clearers and ordin-ary operators \$80 for an eight-performance week.

However, the efforts of the deck-hands union to save the positions of 10 heads of departments, six in Shu-It heads of departments, six in Shu-bert theaters, two at the Ziegfeld Theater and two at the Mansfield Theater, were of no avail. The man-agement of these houses will put new men into the positions. And the re-quest of the stagehands for vacations hasn't been settled and is still under discussion by the League. However, the grips are getting their retraactive discussion by the League. However, the grips are getting their retroactive pay from February 1, the date the old contract lapsed, almost immediately.

10-Show Strawhatter For Santa Barbara

HOLLYWOOD, April 24 .-- A new summer stock company, composed of resident professionals and augmented by Broadway and Hollywood guest stars will take over Santa Barbara's stars will take over Santa Barbara's historic Lobero Theater and will stage 10 plays between July 15 and August 22. Project has been or-ganized by Broadway director Robert Milton in conjunction with Rogers Brackett and Walter Rathbun.

Stage vehicles skedded will in-clude three new plays, classic re-vivals and plays of more recent vin-tage. Present plans are for the Lobero group to arrange appearances of its productions at top Eastern summer playhouses.

Tasmania May Sink 60G Into Refurbishing Theater

members broached to Premier Cos-grove recently a proposal that the government buy the Theater Royal here because of its long cultural and historical association with the state, Cosgrove expressed sympathy with the idea and agreed to have it in-vestigated by the treasurer.

The suggestions put forward cover The suggestions put forward cover improvements costing some \$60,000. The city council has been asked to grant 52 feet of land on one side of the theater for lawns and gardens and provision for open air perform-ances. The sponsors want to make the Royal a community cultural ances. The sr the Royal a the Royal a community cultural center for legit and music. The lord mayor has promised favorable consideration

\$1,000,000 Goal for AF Fair

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Ac-tors Fund (AF) Fair, which will be held at the 71st Regiment Armory from November 26 thru December 5, is aiming to raise \$1,000,000 to be divided two ways between the AF and the motion picture relief fund. Tickets tentatively are to cost \$1. Every form of entertainment is to be presented by the biggest names in presented by the biggest names in showbiz. The first performer con-tract to appear was signed recently by Gertrude Lawrence.

ington, and Paul McVey, whose por-trayal of demagogue Judge Chase was a standout. Rest of cast was spotty.

Daniel Mann's stylized staging and settings by Les Marzolf passed mus-ter. Use of modernized costumes proved an asset.

Alan Fischler

Broadway Opening

THE CUP OF TREMBLING (Opening Tuesday, April 20) MUSIC BOX

play by Louis Paul. Staged by Paul Czinner, Sets by Charles Elson. Costumes by Natalle Barth Walker. Company manager, Lester Al Smith. Stage manager, Edward McHugh, Press representatives, Willard Keefe and David Tebet. Presented by Paul Czinner and C. P. Jaeger.

C. P. Jaeger. Mrs. Bosshardt.....Beverly Bayne Ellen Croy.....Elizabeth Bergner Dr. Broen....Philip Tonge John Croy.....Millard Mitchell Walter Fowler....John Carradine Jamesson....Iris Mann Gracle.....Hope Emerson A Police Officer.....Robert Bolger A Deliveryman....William Robertson Dr. Denning.....Martin Wolfson William Lundeman...Anthony Ross Sheila Vane....Arlene Francis It is easy to see why Flizzbeth

Sheia Vane.....Arlene Francis It is easy to see why Elizabeth Bergner could have been taken with the notion of playing Louis Paul's study of a fem alcoholic. Certainly, Paul's play-scripting of his novel, *Breakdown*, offers her everything in the way of a frantically emotional field day, of which she takes full ad-vantage. However, in spite of La Bergner's analytical portrayal of the mental and physical tribulations of a lady drunk, Paul might better have lady drunk, Paul might better have left Cup of Trembling safely en-closed by the covers of his novel. Stagewise, even with the drastic cutundergone during a road breakting in, his play is repetitious and tedious.

Storywise, Cup is in the hands of a successful fem columnist with a yen for the bottle. The gal has a good home, a good lawyer-husband and an adopted youngster. She puts them all over the hurdles with her geo-metric progression in black-out tipnine scenes Cup is a study of mount-ing female degradation. Finally, after being most satisfactorily beaten up by her long-suffering spouse (the play's one moment of sock theater), winding up in Bellevue's alcoholic ward after a tavern fracas, and sessions with a psychoanalyst, she dis-covers that the seat of her trouble lies in subconscious hatred of her father dating from the age of four. When this is cleared up, the lady is a ripe disciple for Alcoholics Anonymous and the over-long-in-coming final curtain has her on her way to succor an equally afflicted sister. The sum total is enough to send a Stem audience in quest of the nearest saloon.

Handsome Production

Producers Czinner and Jaeger have framing, with fine sets by Charles Elson and ditto costuming by Natalie Walker. They have also surrounded the star with a competent cast, altho most of them have relatively little to do. Millard Mitchell, as usual, gives a good performance as the bewildered husband, and there are other satisfactory contributions by John Carridine as a high-minded pal and Martin Wolfson as a psychiatrist. Anthony Ross comes thru with a sharp por-trait of a city editor with occupa-tional Barleycornitis, and Arlene Francis adds one of the best scenes of the show as a ballful A member finite show as a helpful AA member. Louis Hector appears briefly as a bumptuous, bullying lawyer and Philip Tonge likewise as the neighborhood medico. Hope Emerson provides what faint touch of comic relief is available, as a gabby maid. However, the script gives most of them little opportunity for more than shadowy backgrounding of the star's histrionics.

Even the Bergner following isn't Likely to rally 'round for this one. It nay be great stuff as a plug for the AA contingent, but as commercial Stem entertainment, Cup could stand a shot or two of double Martinis. Bob Francis.

AE Mulls Plan **To Revamp ELT**

NEW YORK, April 24. — Actors' Equity is seriously considering taking complete financial responsibility for the Equity Library Theater (ELT) next season. Drastic revisions of the ELT are in the works, and one of the plans calls for 90 plays at the rate of three each week in 1948-'49. The project would cost about \$4,000, with \$50 budgets for each script. Instead \$50 budgets for each script. Instead of each show having a different set, one unit set would be used at each theater to save dough. The accent would be primarily on acting and directing and no costumes would be used for shows.

used for shows. It is practically certain that the ELT will return to its former home, the Libraries, next season. It has been playing in neighborhood play-houses this year, and superior shows from the Libraries next year would be routed into those houses. If the plays were top notch, they might then be sent into high schools and a small admission charged. small admission charged.

Ruth Hammond has resigned as head of the ELT committee. Peggy Wood is tentatively being mentioned as her successor. A committee of 10 junior members may also be ap-pointed to the council of the ELT and take over much of the work of action take over much of the work of senior ELT members who are busy with their own problems.

Brumett & Marlowe Added to McConkey, Hypo Biz Potentials

NEW YORK, April 24.—With the addition of Dave Brumett in the South and Southwest territory and Don Marlowe on the West Coast, the McConkey Music Corporation has in-creased its business potentials by no small amount.

Brumett, formerly with Monk Arnold in Atlanta, does a considerable one-night business in the South and Southwest. He has little bands all thruout the territory who get any-where from \$275 to \$400 for a onenighter.

Marlowe's addition to the office means that McConkey will now have Eddie Bracken, Bela Lugosi, Zasu Pitts, Charles Ruggles and Edgar Kennedy for everything except pic-tures. Marlowe will head the Mc-Conkey West Coast theater depart-ment which will take in pictures and television as well.

It is also understood that Mc-Conkey may make an outright buy of the Chicago office of Frederick Bros.



Anna Lucasta (Plymouth) Boston. Annie, Get Your Gun (Home) Oklahoma City,

Anna Lucasta (Plymouth) Boston.
Annie, Get Your Gun (Home) Oklahoma City, Okla.
Antony and Cleopatra, with Katherine Cornell (Blackstone) Chicago.
Blossom Time (Colonial) Akron, O., 28; (Eng-lish) Indianapolis, 29-May 1.
Burlesque (Selwyn) Chicago.
Carousel (Auditorium) Rochester, N. Y.
Doll's House (Shubert-Lafayette) Detroit.
D'Oyly Carte Opera Co. (Shubert) Boston.
Dunham, Katharine (Shubert) Philadelphia.
First Mrs. Fraser (Nixon) Pittsburgh.
Glass Menagerie (Royal Alcxandra) Toronto.
Harvey (Biltmore) Los Angeles.
Harvey (Locust St.) Philadelphia.
High Button Shoes (Opera House) Boston.
Hold I (Forrest) Philadelphia.
John Loves Mary (Harris) Chicago.
Lady Windermer's Fan (Hanna) Cleveland.
Mary Had a Little (Studebaker) Chicago.
My Romance (Great Northern) Chicago.
Oklahoma (Curran) San Francisco.
Private Lives (Music Hall) Kansas City, Mo., 28-May 2.
Red Mill (National) Washington.
Show Boat (Shubert) Chicago.
Student Prince (Cass) Detroit.

29-May 1. Student Prince (Cass) Detroit.

OFF BROADWAY

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH (Opened Sunday, April 18) NEW STAGES THEATER

A comedy by Eva Wolas. Staged by Ezra Stone. Setting by Ralph Alswang. Music by George Karlin. Production supervised by Norman Rosenberg. Stage manager, Lamar Caselli. Press representative, Robert. Hector. Pre-sented by New Stages, Inc.

The experimental New Stages The experimental New Stages group down on Bleeker Street does not come off too happily with its third production. It can be imagined that Eva Wolas's comedy, To Tell You the Truth, might add up script-wise as something that might be fierce fun to do. However, seen and hoord it emerges as a midly amusheard, it emerges as a midly amus-ing genesis sex satire, with the author reaching lustily to manage chuckle combinations. The material is scant

combinations. The material is scant for a full-length play anywhere—and is certainly too thin for Broadway. Miss Wolas's fantasy is concerned with original sin in modified dress in the Garden of Eden. Her protagonists are Adam, his guardian angel Michare Adam, his guardian anger Mich-ael, Eve and a serpentine lady, called Zillah, who may easily be confused with Lilith. In essence it amounts to the ancient battle for sex supremacy —a matter which Mr. Shaw has done better in similar terms. Miss Wolas's Eve arrives as a practical nurse— bent on upsetting the masculine re-gime of a bumptuous Adam. Zillah (or Lilith) is bent upon seeing him (or Lilith) is bent upon seeing him kicked out of the garden, leaving Eve sitting pretty in the spot. To which end she practices a bit of seduction on Michael, and teaches Adam the facts of life, which is apparently why the human race descended from a pair of apple knockers. It is all very gay and whimsical, but un-fortunately gives off an odor of repe-titious padding.

Bizarre Setting

Ezra Stone has staged it well enough for what it's worth, and Ralph Alswang has designed a cleverly bizarre set which gives a splendid impression of depth on a small stage. The cast is uneven with Jean Gilles-The cast is uneven with Jean Gilles-pie coming off best as a cutely sa-gacious and domineering Eve. Judy Somerside is a properly, serpentinely seductive fem fallen angel. Anthony Randall's Adam is somewhat too powerfully exuberant, and Raymond Edward Johnson's Michael can be rated at just about adequate. *Truth* will probably pull some customers to the group's downtown showcase on the basis of the New Stagers' past performances, but it is a frail follow-up to such matters as

a frail follow-up to such matters as Lamp at Midnight and Respectful Prostitute. Bob Francis.

Dowling One-Acters Hit Stem May 10

NEW YORK, April 24.—The bill of one-acters by Richard Harrity that Eddie Dowling will produce, act and direct comes into the Playhouse the week of May 10. Show will cost about 20G to produce, 13G of which is for bonds, and will be presented without scenery. The bill consists of *Hope* scenery. The bill consists of Hope Is a Thing With Feathers, The Home Life of a Buffalo and Gone Tomorrow. Both Dowling and his wife, Ray Dooley, will act in Buffalo. ANTA, which recently presented the first one-acter—Hope—will get a substan-tial portion of the profits.

B'klyn Grips Pass 60 Years

NEW YORK, April 24.—Local 4 of the Brooklyn Stagehands' Union cel-ebrated its 60th anniversary yester-day at the St. George Hotel in conjunction with the biannual dinner of

SOJOURNER TRUTH (Opened Friday, April 22) AMERICAN NEGRO THEATER

PLAYHOUSE

In Sojourner Truth, the final offering this season, the American Negro Theater has come up with a script which is a mature, serious work and rates with the best plays this group has presented. However, for all its merits *Truth* is a play with only a limited audience appeal, and while it should do good business uptown, bringing it to Broadway would be a serious mistake.

The script relates in chronicle fashion the story of the fem Negro aboli-tionist, Sojourner Truth, her life, her struggle for freedom and her final de-termination to carry on her work even while beset with greater per-sonal problems. Out of this material, the scripter has fashioned two strikthe scripter has fashioned two strik-ing dramatic scenes and several others of lesser impact. The play falters badly in several spots, es-pecially in the last scene where So-journer's decision is undramatically decided thru verbal soul searching.

Stunning Performance

Muriel Smith gives a stunning performance in the title role and one which should catapult her into conwhich should catapult her into con-sideration for plenty of work on the Stem. Her playing, in many varied moods, has a strength, force and at-tractiveness which adds greatly to the script. Of the many other play-ers, the standouts include Alfredo Elkins, Leonard Oliver, Ferman Phil-lips, Vincent Rourke, Edwin Breen, Mel Tyler, Marion Randolph, Harold G. Belafonte and Leonard Yorr. How-ever, the director was guilty of mis-casting in two instances with a ma-ture woman playing an ingenue and ture woman playing an ingenue and a juvenile playing a much older man.

Osceola Archer, the director, de-serves a great deal of credit for the handling of this complicated produc-tion. Nevertheless, the staging of a fight scene was very unconvincing. Leon Morse.

the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), 10th District which covers this State. Rev. Francis A. Growney and Rich-ard F. Walsh, prexy of IATSE.

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(Continued from page 44) Stout, producer. Seats 300. Resi-dent Equity company. Civic Light Opera Company, Pitts-burgh. Max Konigsberg, producer. Summer operettas. Equity. Knickerbocker Theater, South Wil-liamsport. Producer, Louis A. Flor-ence, 77 Third Avenue, Franklin Square. L. I. Square, L. I.

Gretna Playhouse, Mount Gretna. Producer, Charles Coglan, 230 West 11th Street, New York.

Bryn Mawr College Summer Thea-ter, Bryn Mawr. Directed by Fred-erick Thon. For students only. Non-Equity.

RHODE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND Theater-by-the-Sea, Matunuck. Producer-owner, Edward Gould, 9110 Avenue, Brooklyn. Seats 426. Ca-pacity weekly gross, \$5,400. Did \$40,-000 worth of biz last season. Will open the last week in June for 10 weeks. Six scholarships for talented

weeks. Six scholarships for talented semi-pros. Resident Equity company. Newport Casino Theater, Newport. Producer-owner, Sara Stamm, 1674 Broadway, New York. Probably Cecil Clovelly will direct. Seats 500. Will open June 21 for an 11-week season. Can do 5G in a capacity week. Resi-dent Equity, company.

Can do 5G in a capacity week. Acon-dent Equity company. The New Yorkers, Tiverton. Alan Lee, producer-director-owner, 336 East 56th Street, New York. Seats about 200.

TENNESSEE

Memphis Open Air Theater, Inc., Memphis. Producer, Victor Morley, 130 West 44th Street, New York. Di-rector, Joseph Cortese. Seats 3,852 and can do 20G in a capacity week. Last season's biz was 120G. Summer operettas. Will run for eight weeks beginning June 28. Equity.

TEXAS

Starlight Operettas, Fair Park Ca-sino, Dallas. Charles R. Meeker Jr., producer. Casting thru Henry Wiese. producer. Casting thru Henry Wiese. Scats 5,239. Capacity weekly gross \$6,784. Opens June 12 for a 10-week season. Equity.

VERMONT

Brattleboro Theater, Brattleboro Producer, Harry Young, Box 347, Brattleboro. Seats 600. Probably Equity resident company. Bennington Drama Festival, Ben-

nington. Harold Shaw, producer. Seats 375. Opens June,28 for eightweek season. Resident Equity company.

Green Mountain Playhouse, Middlebury. Producer, Raymond Hodges, 901 West Franklin Street, Richmond,

Va. Weston Playhouse, Weston. Pro-ducer, Harlan F. Grant, 4. Arlington Street, Cambridge, Mass. Non-Equity.

Barter Theater, Abingdon. Robert Porterfield, producer. He can be reached at 139 West 44th Street, New York, c/o ANTA. Seats 400. Direc-tors will include Owen Phillips and Packett Broom Seater of 14 weeks Robert Breen. Season of 14 weeks. Resident Equity company.

Crossroads Theater, Bailey's Cross-roads. Producer. Irma Gordon, 2301 40th Street, Washington.

WISCONSIN

Port Players, Oconomowoc. Pro-ducer, Wendell Whitten, 20 West 16th Street, New York. Seats 1,200. Opens June 23. Resident Equity company.

MISCELLANEOUS

Touring Package Shows, H. M. Rogers Productions, 224 West 46th Street, New York. Director, Michael Ferrall. Sends out several companies to tour hotels and resorts in the East, Last season's biz was 5G. Season Berkshi opens June 21 and runs about 10 year. S weeks. Non-Equity. Stanley Woolf, 1697 Broadway, Equity.

Foreign Opening

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT COMEDIE-FRANCAISE, PARIS

Capital Punishment (La Peine Capital), a new play by Claude-Andre Puget, was given a gala pre-miere at the Comedie-Francaise. Puget, who maintains that the pres-ext can better be understood by re-Puget, who maintains that the pres-ent can better be understood by re-creating the past, has chosen a theme about a king in the Italian Renais-sance who was so completely de-voted to his people that no sacrifice was too great. This plot has every-thing — besieged villages, plagues, pestilence, prostitution — and purity. However, an old love-wound leads the good king astray and soon turns bim into as ruthless a tryant as any him into as ruthless a tryant as any of the Borgias.

This historical drama is written in the grand manner of the classic trag-edy wherein the author seems never to have heard of simplicity. It is all wrong, all four hours of it. Louis Sue's cardboard set managed to be Sue's cardboard set managed to be decorative, but that was all, with the lighting changed for variety's sake only and Roger Desormiere's music just this side of unnoticeable. Most of the cast play-acted unashamedly. Even the title, which is a universal idea in itself, has nothing whatever to do with the play and the pseudoidea in itself, has nothing whatever to do with the play, and the pseudo-literary language used by Puget is downright boring. Credit must be given, however. to the honesty of the attempt and the diligence with which Puget has worked, even if his play is much too long, talky and uneven. Julien Bertheau's directing left most of the ands untied of the ends untied.

of the ends untied. Renee Faure, who had just rejoined the National Company, gave the only performance of real merit. Her saintly Lucretia achieved dignity, power and radiance. Jean Davy, as tyrant King Lionel, deserved every kudo he got in an impossibly heavy, unbalanced role composed mainly of monologs. He managed somehow to make sense and spoke his lines with clarity and conviction in spite of his clarity and conviction in spite of his weakness for posing.

The French press called this a "brilliant opening." The only thing brilliant about it was the display of magnificent evening gowns swishing thru the lobby during intermission. Jean White.

"Old Vic" Pulls Sock 50G in Perth, 6 Days

PERTH, West Australia, April 24.-PERTH, West Australia, April 24.— The Old Vic Company headed by Lawrence Olivier and Vivien Leigh concluded its stand here with an all-time b.o. high. The six-day stand grossed 50G with thousands of cus-tomers turned away. Vic's stay could have been ex-tended to a month with top profits. Never before in the history of Perth legit has there been such enthusiasm or such a box-office take.

New York. He also tours hotels and resorts with package shows doing one-nighters. Sent out eight com-panies to the Catsskills, Poconoes, Berkshires and White Mountains last year. Season opens June 25 and runs 10 weeks. Last season's biz was 35G. Fourity

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GENERAL NEWS

Magic By Bill Sachs.

RED BECKMAN and Marie have been keeping busy recently in and around their native Montreal. They have just concluded a two-weeker at the newly opened Blue Sky Cabaret-Restaurant, Montreal, and are in their midst of a like enand are in their midst of a like en-gagement at the Savoy Club, that city. On May 10 Beckman's first book, Secrets of Magic, will leave the publisher's presses. It will be the first in a series of four volumes. . . The Amazing Mr. Taylor (Joe Tay-lor) closed April 25 at the Playhouse, Kansas City, Mo., and is current at Scottie's in that city. He follows with the Jungle Club in the same village and then heads eastward. . . Clarence Auskings, veteran agent, has just concluded his third season ahead of the Guy Stanley magic show, just concluded his third season ahead of the Guy Stanley magic show, which is booked up on Michigan dates until May 23. The Stanley unit opened in Michigan October 6 last and since has trekked thru Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida Auskings is Tennessee, Alabama, Onio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. Auskings is resting up in Fremont, O., prior to joining the B. Ward Beam Thrill Show as press agent. He says that business in the South for the Stanley show was the best in more Ausking show was the best in years. Auskings will return to the Stanley unit in the fall. . . Joan Brandon, after a sea-son in Miami, is doing a series of fall. . . Joan Brandon, after a sea-son in Miami, is doing a series of lectures in Connecticut, winding up for the Torrington Jr. Women's Club May 3. She resumes with nitery bookings May 4 at the Hunting & Fishing Club, Pittsburgh. . . Zovello, director of the Hobby School of Magic, discussed the recommended uses of magic for the handicapped and delinquent on the Nancy Craig Woman of Tomorrow program over WJZ and the American Broad-casting Company network April 22. . . Magic lovers will find interest in Maurice Zolotow's Broadway's Strangest Story appearing in the May issue of Coronet. The tale deals with a young dancer obsessed with the lure of magic who sacrifices his career in an effort to perfect tricks never done before. He achieves his end, but on his opening night dies of a heart attack. Nearly two years later his wife, Frederica, carries on his work, opens at the Iceland in New York and proves that the tricks her hus-band invented were worth tumultu-ous applause. . . Jack Herbert was band invented were worth tumultuous applause. . . Jack Herbert was a Magic Desk caller last Friday (23) while in Cincy for a three-day en-gagement at the Taft Theater for an insurance company.

LADY FRANCES, currently show-

ing her nifties around New' York, is set for the Olympia Theater, Miami, week of May 19. While appearing recently on one of Jimmie Hus-son's shows at Memorial Auditorium, Lowell, Mass., Lady Frances was



Caracas Calls for Yank Acts, AllKinds, Indoorand Outdoor burly after several seasons in legit. Among new scenes he brought with

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 24.— An SOS call is being sent out by local night clubs, outdoor spots and theaters for American acts.

While the cost of living is high in Caracas, the pay is good, and playing time is good for two months or more.

Typical example is the Mirths, pantomime act, which has played five weeks here on the Bakerman time, and looks strong for another five. The Mirths, headed by the veteran comedian and stooge, Bill Potter, played Coney Island amusement park, now is in a featured spot in the *Stars and Ice* show, and will play Luna Park nd Maracaibo before leaving. Rae Scott's all-girl band recently

Reno Ops Wail At Brown-Out

RENO, April 24.-Local nitery and amusement spot ops have informed the State Public Service Commission that Reno's bright lights will have to be turned on again or the whole city will suffer one of the worst biz slumps in its history. Reno is cur-rently experiencing a brown-out caused by the drought which has hit the Southwest. Ops told the com-mission the brown-out already has hurt biz and pleaded that they be allowed to determine some other means of cutting power consumption.

Clubs have depleted all stocks of gasoline lanterns. It is estimated that more than 80 lanterns hang over the doorways of clubs and bars after sundown. Two downtown spots have drilled wells near by to provide water for their air-conditioning systems this summer. Diesel-powered electric generators are being installed by other spots in an effort to avoid the electric power pinch.

followed on the bill by Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, who panicked the house with their hilarious take-off on Frances's silk routine and a card trick....Ben Badley, well-known St. Louis magician and hypnotist, has suffered his second heart attack in recent weeks and is confined in Derecent weeks and is confined in De-slage Hospital, that city. . . Judith Johnson and Company, currently at Abe's Colony Club, Dallas, for MCA, head westward following that en-gagement. . . Earl Morgan, is pre-senting his manipulative wizardry, featuring the Magic Smoke Ball, at the Tic-Toc Club, Milwaukee. . . Will L. Lindhorst has opened his new Magic Den on the ground floor of the Mark Twain Hotel, St. Louis. . . Ray-Mond (Ramond M. Corbin) is booked under sponsorship in Mary-land and Virginia until May 7, clos-ing at Frederick, Md. He is mulling several offers to go under canvas for the summer with a company of five

several offers to go under canvas for the summer with a company of five people and 14 illusions. Ray-Mond is a regular Friday afternoon feature on Philco's television program over WBAL-TV, Baltimore. . . Delmar and Marlene are displaying their wares at the Red Men's Club, Roch-ester, N. Y. . . Ernie Heldman, the St. Louis magish who six months ago began a television stint for American began a television stint for American Packing Company and Sunrise Brand Packing Company and Sunrise Brand Meats, has been handed a contract for 52 more weeks. In addition, his sponsors took space at the recent Land, Sea, Air & Television Show at Exposition Hall, St. Louis, when the public was invited to meet Heldman in parson. Dr. Murray Helt Cin cinnati trixster, is set for a string of dates in Chakeres houses thru Ohio. He has been keeping busy in theaters and department stores in the Cincy area the last several months.

finished a three-month booking at El Nacional Hotel roof, and the Skating Earles did two months of good biz

before returning to the States. Stars and Ice, U. S. skating show, is now in its fourth week, and played three solid months in Caracas on its first appearance.

Most of the acts here now are Latins, principally from Mexico, Cuban and Argentina. Some acts have been around for a year or more and are still raking in the coin.

Principal buyers of talent now are Samuel Bakerman, owner of the ice show and amusement parks and car-nivals; Roof Garden, Yumuri night club, Broadway, Mario bar-grill, Ca-pri, Hotel Waldorf, Roof Garden, Maxim's, and the Plaza and Zombie clubs.

Only flesh shows doing the theaters right now are *La Fiesta de la Rumba* and *Rulito*, both of the tab variety of about 12 persons each.

Los Colegiales, Mexican zoot-suiters, are rounding out three months' booking at the Yumuri, after playing theaters and other spots.

AEA Optimistic Over Wash. Belasco Sitch

NEW YORK, April 24 .- Execs at NEW YORK, April 24.—Execs at Actors Equity are feeling quite opti-mistic about the reopening of the Belasco Theater, Washington, for legit next season. One committee composed of Rebecca Brownstein and Edith Atwater has already been to the nation's capital and conferred with Treasury officials regarding the release for legit of the theater now release for legit of the theater now used as a storehouse for Treasury records. A second and much aug-mented committee is going to Washington soon for a conference on the subject.

However, even if the theater is available, it won't be ready by August 1, the deadline set by Equity for the 1, the deadline set by Equity for the National Theater there to relax its segregation policy. This means that Washington won't be getting legit until, and if, the Belasco is reno-vated and that may be later in the season. The deadline in the middle of the summer for the National makes it easy for Marcus Heiman, the lessee, it easy for Marcus Heiman, the lessee, it convert temporarily to films, if he wishes to use a scare technique on Equity, without missing bookings. One of the problems already aris-ing from the situation is the unofficial quiz by Jed Harris as to whether he

quiz by Jed Harris as to whether he can pencil in a date next season at the National Theater for the road tour of *The Heiress* and then cancel it, if some sort of accord isn't reached. He also wanted to know if the union would stand behind him if he union would stand behind him if he were sued for canceling the date. The union didn't give him an answer, and he dropped the question.

Hunt To Op Seacliff Theater

NEW YORK, April 24.—William Hunt has signed contracts to run the Seacliff Summer Theater this season. Seachiff Summer Theater this season. The Long Island hayloft will open about June 28 and feature a star policy thruout a dog-day season of 10 weeks. Ducats will be sold at a \$3 top in the 600-seat theater. Opener skeds Edward Everett Horton in Springtime for Henry.

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him was one on Communism mixed with double talk. . . . Marty Knoff, treasurer of the Hudson, Union City, N. J., was birthday-partied last week by Sydney Schlanger, of the nearby Nest Bar and Grill. Helping in the celebration were J. J. Hornick, Harry Eppie Oakene, Lou Miller, Betty La-Three Osmond Sisters and the Pearl Islanders ork. . . . Gayety, Cincinnati, changed from Midwest circuit shows to stock April 19, with Walter Brown, Milton Hamilton, Mitzi, Ethel Barry, Helen Colby, Eddie Innis and Jimmie Cameron, the opening principals. The feature was Jessica Rogers, who moved the week following to the Avenue, Detroit. . . Princess R'Wanda has been booked for four weeks at Cafe St. Michel. Montreal. weeks at Cafe St. Michel, Montreal.

MONROE (MONKEY) KIRK-LAND'S recently organized burly LAND'S recently organized burly unit opened at the Mayan, Los An-geles, April 15, with Kate Drew fea-tured; Kirkland and George (Bozo) Lord, comics; Bert Spencer, singing-straight, who just closed at Slapsy Maxie's in Hollywood; Velma Cory, talker-singer; Margo Mangus, pro-ducer and Janet McCormack, Beth Neal, Jill Berry, Pat Dorsey and Vio-let Dee, chorines. . . . Rubie (The Broadway Poet) Goldie has been laid let Dee, chorines. . . . Rubie (The Broadway Poet) Goldie has been laid up 10 weeks at his home in New York. . . Lola opened at the Bur-bank and Carol Jane and Sheila Lind closed at the Mayan, Los Angeles. . . . Dolores Dawn and Charles (Red) Marshall celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in Buffalo April wedding anniversary in Buffalo April 13. Besides the cast of the Midwest circuit unit headed by Jessica Rogers, others attending were Ann Blanc, Johnny Winston, Jeanie O'Kelly, Marie Petone, Scotty Burbank, Ida Rose, Henry Austin and Tony Bafo. . . Joe Cowan, comic, after a slight . . . Joe Cowan, comic, after a slight chest operation, returned to the Hirst circuit April 18 in Philadelphia op-posite Billy Ainslee and replacing Dick Bernie. . . Stanley Simmonds, vocalist, completed a season's tour with Chocolate Soldier, featuring Billy Gilbert, and immediately signed for the road edition of High Button Billy Gilbert, and immediately signed for the road edition of *High Button Shoes.*... Robert Freeman, who succeeded Howard Banks in the own-ership of Moonglow nitery, Milwau-kee, has for new principals Alonzo Hunt, tapster, from the Crawford House, Boston; Mabel Hunter, vo-calist, from the Rumboogie Club, Chicago; Ginger and Javoil, dancers, from Classic Gardens, Dayton, O.; Jimmy Fox, warbler; Betty Conley, emsee-producer; Jo Ann Jones and Leonard Gay and his Gayeties ork.

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Slout Maps 1948 Itinerary; Rep Ripples Rehearsals Get Under Way R. T. BOOTH is showing pix in Kan-a three-week layoff in Boulder, Colo.,

-Personnel of the Slout Players began rehearsals here this week preparatory to the show's 1948 bow which has been set for some time in May. Org will play Michigan dates until mid-August when it will move South to Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

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Carpenters and painters have been shaping things up in local quarters for the past month. Ray Snyder handled the paint and letter work. Three new pieces of special paper have been added. Lions Club of Ver-montville is donating the use of its clubrooms for the rehearsals, and the management plans to keep the show out until November.

out until November. Andrew Leigh, who signed re-cently, completes the dramatic cast, which includes Bill Slout, Guy O'Neal, Bobby Brown, L. Verne Slout, Carole Gifford, Jan Squibb and Ora Slout. Vaude acts to be carried include Dr. DeCleo, magic and es-capes; Ken Seely, Western songs, and Klink Lemmon, accordion. Remainder of yaude attractions will be presented of vaude attractions will be presented by members of the cast and Toby and Ora's Tent Show Choir.

Neil Schaffner's play, The Girl Next Door, will be used as an opening

Kenney to Summer Filmers

ERIE, Pa., April 24 .- Following a ERIE, Pa., April 24.—Following a successful season promoting amateur minstrels, Nate Kenney has concluded negotiations to take over a summer film show, with this city as his base.



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Good salary.

VERMONTVILLE, Mich., April 24., attraction, and the mid-week feature will be a new version of the old-

timer, Jesse James, written by L. Verne Slout.

Fremont Tent & Awning Company is building a new terra-cotta-colored top with a two-color stripped sidewall and a special extra color for trim.

Bruce Minstrels Prove Winner

LYONS, Kan., April 24 .-- Wallace Bruce, who settled here last year after closing his Wallace Bruce Players and becoming manager of a local house, successfully directed the second annual Minstrel Show for the Rotary Club. Show comprised a chorus of 32 voices, male quartet, six end men and interlocutor, Bruce says.

Second portion represented a vaude revue with 16 acts. About 50 Rotarians and 50 members of the band paraded at noon on one of the show days, utilizing costumes used by the original Neil O'Brien Minstrels.

DETROIT BIZ HYPO (Continued from page 41)

There are half a dozen 'tempera-mental' bosses to every act tagged as such. What is more, these bosses resent having to operate on a per-centage basis because an unwelcome partner is resented but accepted because of necessity and because there are so many ways and means of see-ing that the act (or partner) collects away below his usual price when the money they take out is based on a percentage of the gross.

"2. An untouchable checker is vital with the above last lines in mind. I with the above last lines in mind. I recall several instances of paying for what I thought was a good checker only to find my gross earnings drop-ping. The boss was paying the checker another \$25 weekly to let him steal.

"3. Advertising is absolutely vital. On some percentages the boss pays all, on others the act pays toward same and therefore is privileged to 'suggest' the correct way to ad-vertise."

MONTREAL CURFEW (Continued from page 41)

inently mentioned as being on the market. Tho business has recently been surprisingly good at the El, it is understood the present owners are a little tired of getting the squeeze put on them every time a joint with a checkered reputation steps out of line.

Ops of other bistros feel the same way, and if the tourist season lays an egg due to new clamps resulting from the Plante report, they'd just as soon throw in the towel now.

The gambling industry, which as everywhere else ties in closely with nitery and tourist biz, is at the mo-ment pretty much at a standstill as a he took over as assistant chief in charge of morality.

Turgeon's Show, films and animals, has started again and will work east. . A. J. Norman has been promoting amateur minstrels in the Muncie, Ind., area. . . Francis E. Dailey will have a show near Watertown, N. Y., and use a local cast. . . . Cauley and Thompson recently closed four months of religious pix in Western Connecticut and will operate a summer circuit near Great Barrington, Mass., showing 16mm. films. Charles and Lee Shirley have 16mm. pix in the Hagerstown, Md., area.... Will A. Ackerman left Tampa early in April for Lewiston, Idaho, where he will open his tent vaude-pic outfit. he will open his tent vaude-pic outfit. ... Costa Show, four people, playing in the Valleyfield, Que., sector, reports fair biz... Ed F. Mathews has 16mm. pix around Schenectady, N. Y. ... Leon Nichols will have a summer theater near Readfield, Vt., after the middle of June... Karl Cartwright, magic and vent, is the stage attraction with Annon's tent-pix theater, cur-rently touring South Carolina... rently touring South Carolina. . . . The Mervins (Charles and Leo) have The Mervins (Charles and Leo) have 16mm. pix in the Muskegon, Mich., area. . . J. R. Willard, who has a vaude-pic unit in Stone County, Mis-souri, reports good takes with films and animals. He will add short-cast bills for the summer which he will present in halls. . . Bailey's Texas Show has been around El Paso lately. . . George D. Conroy has 16mm. films in the Hibbing, Minn., sector. . . Northampton Players will make a summer tour in Northern New Eng-land. . . . Doss & Mae Shows, films and summer tour in Northern New Eng-land.... Doss & Mae Shows, films and vaude, played around Fremont, Neb., recently.... Lanier Players recently closed their season near Atlanta after closed their season near Atlanta after five months of sponsored dates. . . Rollins and Carver are playing spon-sored dates around Birmingham with a six-people minstrel outfit. . . Ar-thur H. Thomas has been playing around Forest Hills, Md., with 16mm. pix under auspices. He has added six feature pictures to take into West Virginia. Thomas, who is presenting his own vaude act, will soon add short-cast bills.

Barber Seeks Old Paper

NEW YORK, April 24.—Red Bar-ber, well-known sportscaster and presently sports director for Columbia Broadcasting System, is a rabid minstrel fan, and is seeking lithos, one sheets, three sheets and other paper used to advertise old minstrel, paper used to advertise old minstrel, tab and rep_shows. Barber wants the paper to decorate a playroom of his home, and would like to hear from any oldtimers who have such paper available. Can be addressed care CBS in New York.

Falls Pic Biz Good in Mo.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., April 24. —Oscar A. Falls, who has been play-ing this area to good business with his 16mm. pic attraction for the past two months, plans to add short-cast bills before beginning his tour of Western Missouri.

Book on Strawhat Biz NEW YORK, April 24.—Blueprint for Summer Theater by Richard Beckhard and John Effrat will be on the newsstands about April 30. The book covers summer theater biz and problems.

Bright Plans Summer Theater

ADAMS, Mass., April 24.-Alfred T. Bright is here dickering for a summer theater he plans to launch in this sector. He plans to use local talent.

Clark Pix Click; Plans Vt. Jaunt

GORHAM, N. H., April 24 .- Freeman Clark, who has been presenting religious films the past two months in this sector to good returns, is completing plans to move his base of operations from Berlin, N. H., to Middlebury, Vt.

He plans to spend the summer making a circuit of 16mm, towns in Vermont.

Spencer Sets Flesher Route

WOODLAWN, Ill., April 24 .- S. S. Spencer has his flesh-pix org ready for its opening in Wisconsin territory June 1. Opening is slated for Beloit, Wis.

RADIO CITY

(Continued from page 42) dressed in Indian costumes, turned in a sensational job. The drop was a king-sized affair showing backs of squaws carrying papooses who turn out to be additional Rockettes. The scene ended with red-blanketed In-dians arranged in tier fashion against a blue sky drop with steam clouds behind them. But even if the choreg-raphy by Gene Snyder was excel-lent, the kids' execution terrific and the James Stewart Morcom set de-lightful, the singing of Sylvia Barry backed by a quartet, wasn't up to the rest's standard. She gave little zing to the number, doing it with a beat that was monotonous. Pic: State of the Union. (Continued from page 42)

Pic: State of the Union. Bill Smith.

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ALDEN--Betty, 50, veteran stage actress and dramatic coach, in Beverly Hills, Calif., recently. She studied at Columbia University and in Paris and Berlin. One of her early stage roles was in *Friendly Enemies* and at various times she appeared in plays produced by David Belasco, Sam H. Woods, William A. Brady and Henry Miller. She appeared in 60 films and co-starred with Wallace Ford in *The* Nut Farm. She was married to Edwin Maxwell, veteran stage actor. Burial in Burbank, Calif.

BAUER—Anna, wife of O. B. Bauer, with World of Pleasure Shows, in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., April 11. She was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Michigan Showmen's Association, Detroit. Interment in River Rouge, Mich April 14

Mich. April 14. BROWN—Marjorie, 28, vaude and circus performer and sister-in-law of Ted DeWayne, teeterboard performer Ted DeWayne, teeterboard performer with the Clyde Beatty Circus, at Queen of the Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, April 6 of a cerebral hem-orrhage. She toured with the De-Wayne Bros.' Circus in 1947. Burial in Inglewood, Calif., April 9. Sur-vived by her sister, Jerry DeWayne, and a daughter.

and a daughter. CAPPEL—Clarence C., 61, man-ager of the Baltimore Symphony and owner of a concert bureau, April 16 in Baltimore. He directed concert tours for the U. S. Marine Band for) years. COOKE-30

30 years. COOKE—Mrs. Harry, concession-aire, April 1 in Winston-Salem, N. C. She and her husband were formerly with the World of Mirth Shows. CRAIG—Robert, 3, son of film actor Robert Craig, at California Hos-pital, Los Angeles, April 19. Survived by his parent: a sister and hother

pital, Los Angeles, April 19. Survived by his parents, a sister and brother. FALLS—John Frank, 58, president of the C & F Theater Corporation, operating theaters in Lynchburg, Danville and Roanoke, Va., and Co-lumbia and Cayce, S. C., April 20 at his home in Lynchburg. Surviving are his widow, a daughter, two sis-ters and four brothers.

FARRINGTON-Mrs. Emma C., 69, pioneer theater operator, in Brattle-boro, Vt., recently. FITZPATRICK—James, 54, acro-

bat, April 20 in Pittsburgh of a heart attack. A performer for 40 years, he had just finished his act at Post 278, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pitts-burgh, when he collapsed. Years ago he and his wife comprised the vaude he and his wife comprised the value and circus team known as James and Vernie Loster. Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Lee James, also a pro-fessional acrobat, of Chicago; five daughters, Mary Jane, Frances, Mona, Elizabeth and Patricia, and three sisters and two brothers. GOODFELLOW — Charles T., 90, formor singer meantly in Philosopet

former singer, recently in Bridgeport, Conn. Survived by his widow and son. Burial in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport.

HICKS-Louis, 61, with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus cookhouse for the past 25 years, April 22 in New York. His sister,

Mrs. A. E. Crisler, survives. KAISER—Henry, 86, treasurer of the Chicago American Federation of Musicians for 28 years, April 11 in Chicago. His widow and son survive

vive. KARF—Allan, 49, well-known Los Angeles theater and legit show man-ager, April 19 at his hotel in Holly-wood of a heart attack. Karf was first a treasurer at a legit theater in his hometown of St. Joseph, Mo.; had handled acts, both as manager and booker, was resident senior booker for M B Shapberg in Kansas City booker, was resident senior booker for M. B. Shanberg in Kansas City, Mo., and managed theaters thruout Missouri territory, Upon going to California he became associated with Warner Bros., managing the Beverly Hills, the Wiltern, and for the past two years, the chain's main Los Angeles theater, the Downtown.

LIVINGSTONE—George H., father LIVINGSTONE—George H., lather of Mrs. L. D. (Doc) Hall, of King Bros.' Circus, April 17 in Lexington, Mass. He was Chief of Clan Camp-bell of Argyle for many years. Burial, with Scottish rites, was in Wood-lawn Cemetery, Malden, Mass., April 21.

LYMAN -- George J., secretary treasurer of the Connecticut State Fifers and Drummers' Association, April 18 in Wethersfield, Conn.

MacDONALD - Grace Maynard, mother of Margaret MacDonald, radio actress, in Los Angeles April 14 of a heart attack. She also leaves her husband. Burial in Denver.

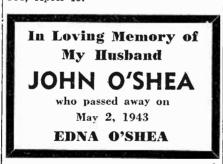
MacMILLAN—F. R., 65, formerly on the racing committee of the Saskatoon Exhibition, April 7 in Vancouver. B. C.

MATHEWS-F. S., outdoor showman for over 30 years, recently at his home in Bedford, O. Survived his widow, Eva, and daughter, Ruth.

McCRAY--Mrs. Edith Chapman,

McCRAY—Mrs. Edith Chapman, mother of Thomas C. McCray, na-tional program manager for National Broadcasting Company, in New York April 14. Her son, a brother and a sister survive. Burial in Hartford, Conn., April 16. McGOLDRICK—Ray, 35, former Cincinnati actor and writer, found drowned in the East River, New York, April 17. He was formerly as-sociated with the Civic Theater in Cincinnati. Burial in Bristol, Tenn., April 24. April

MEYERS-Jack, talker with vari-MEYERS—Jack, talker with vari-ous outdoor shows, recently at his home in Monroe, Ia. He was last with the C. W. Naill Shows. Survived by his widow, Cora, and several sisters and brothers, all of New Orleans. Burial in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, April 19.



-Phil W., 87, of the for-PETERS-PETERS—Phil W., 87, of the for-mer vaude team of Phil and Nettie Peters (his late wife), recently in Meadbrook Hospital, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. In vaude they had worked for B. F. Keith, Percy Williams, F. F. Proctor, Martin Beck, Max Anderson and Mike Shea. They toured Great Britain for 10 years and made three tours of South Africa for the Empire tours of South Africa for the Empire Theaters and the African Theaters Trust. From 1889 to 1891 Peters was Avery's Museum, Cincinnati, and was associated with Kissell's Garwas associated with Kissell's Gar-dens, that city. Survived by a son, Edward, of Freeport, L. I., N. Y. Burial in Greenfields Cemetery, Hempstead.

RINGLING — Mrs. Elizabeth S., widow of Alfred T. Ringling, one of the seven brothers who founded Ringling Bros.' Circus, in South Orange, N. J., April 15. (Details in Circus section.)

ROGERS-Lewis (Cash), 64, former circus and carnival sign painter and concessionaire, in Salt Lake City March 31. He was a life member of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Associathe Pacific Coast Showmen's Associa-tion. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Salt Lake City. No known survivors. RULLO—John, 38, `cabaret singer and trumpet soloist, suddenly April 21 at Toledo of a heart attack. He was appearing at Ka-See's Night Club, that city, when stricken. In-terment in Brooklyn. RUSSELL—Bert, 68, owner-man-ager of a tent show bearing his name.

ager of a tent show bearing his name,

April 16 in Cove City, N. C., of a heart attack. Survived by his widow. SMITH—Andrew E. (Swinging Ball SMITH—Andrew E. (Swinging Dam Smitty), concessionaire with various carnivals for 30 years, recently in Green Cove Springs, Fla. Survived by his widow, Helene, and son, Joseph. Burial in Jacksonville, Fla.

VESTER—Agatha, 71, former the-atrical costume designer, April 17 in Atrical costume designer, April 14 m Receiving Hospital, Detroit, of a heart attack. She was formerly as-sociated with Detroit theaters as a costumer and more recently a chorus line producer with her daughter, line producer with her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Douville, known professionally as Bea Vester. She also leaves another daughter, Honey, for-

mer dancer. Interment in Buffalo. WAID—Norman W. (Pop), 62, con-cessionaire at Lakeside Park, Roan-oke, Va., recently in that city of a heart attack. Survived by his widow

heart attack. Survived by his widow and two children. WILSON—Bryce L., 49, former Cincinnati night club pianist, April 20 in Veterans' Hospital, Dayton, O. 20 in Veterans' Hospital, Dayton, O. He last appeared in Cincinnati at the Kemper Lane Hotel. Survived by his widow, Grace; a daughter, Holly, and five sisters. Burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, April 22. WOOD—Carl (Buddy), 43, stage and screen actor, in Los Angeles April 17. He had just arrived in Holly-17. He had just arrived in Holly-

wood from his home in Chicago when he was stricken. Survived by his widow. Services in Los Angeles April 22. YOUNG—George M., 75, former

theater manager, booking agent and sports writer, April 20 in Philadelphia. He managed theaters in Chicago, Atlantic City, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia for B. F. Keith and the Shuberts. Young's booking agency operated from 1933 to 1943.

Marriages

BURNS-SKIMIN - James Allan Burns, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Betty Skimin, formerly of the Jam Betty Skimin, formerly of the Jam Handy Organization, April 3 at St. Paul's-on-the-Lake, Grosse Point, Mich.

Mich. COLLINS-O'HARA — George M. Collins, Ferris Wheel foreman with the James E. Strates Shows, and Sandy O'Hara, dancer with the Georgia Southern Revue, April 17 in Filtron Md Elkton, Md. DEL AMO-RANDOLPH

Jaime del Amo, nonpro, and Jane Randolph, stage and screen actress, in Las Vegas, Nev., April 20.

HAUENSTEIN - McDONALD David Hauenstein, concessionaire, and Norma McDonald, dancer with the James E. Strates Shows, April 20 in Elkton, Md.

Elkton, Md. LUTZ-PILLOT—Sam J. Lutz, per-LUTZ-PILLOT—Sam J. Lutz, per-sonal manager for Frankie Laine and Lawrence Welk, and Irene Pillot, secretary at Advance Music, April 18 in New York. HOTALING-CROSBY—Stanley E. Hotaling, drummon with Ast De

Hotaling, drummer with Art De-vaney's ork, and Frances Elizabeth Crosby, April 5 in Palm Beach.

MARK-CARTER-Jimmy Mark, agent, and Marion Carter, singer, April 15 in New York. ROBINS-BALABAN-Harold Rob-

ins, exec aid of the Roxy Theater, New York, and Cherry Balaban, daughter of A. J. Balaban, executive director of the Roxy, April 18 in New York

SCANLON-AVARD-Jack Scanlon, disk jockey at Station WLIZ, Bridge-Yonkers, N. Y., April 3. SHENKIN-PRUMBS—Herbert in

Shenkin and Lucille S. Prumbs, play-

wright, April 12 in Los Angeles. STREET-HUGHES—David Street, singer, and Mary Beth Hughes, screen actress, April 25 in Hollywood.

Births

A son to Mr. and Mrs. David Carey April 7 in Pittsburgh. Father is a band leader.

A son, John Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. in Los Angeles.

John Schen April 2 in Canton, O. Father is an engineer for Station WHBC.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Mitch DeGroot April 11 in New York. Father is an American Broadcasting Company copy chief.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lubell April 10 in Far Rockaway, N. Y. Father is an American Broadcasting Company staff artist.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Moss March 30 in New York. Father is a legit producer; mother is actress-author, Thelma Schnee.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nevins April 3 in New York. Mother is former Marion Cahn, publicist; father is head of Bert Nevins, Inc., publicity firm.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redfield April 3 in Phoenix, Ariz. Father is program director of KRUX.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Quaal April 7 in Chicago. Father is a di-rector of WGN.

rector of WGN. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Allen April 8 in Chicago. Father is a commentator and director of news for WGN-TV. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fleischer April 12 in Hollywood. Mother is the former Mary Dickson, legit actress; father is an RKO director.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Allan April 10 in St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Ill. Father operates diggers on the L. B. Lamb Shows. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Briskin in Cedars of Lebanon Hos-pital, Los Angeles, April 14. Father is a company even Mother

pital, Los Angeles, April 14. Father is a camera company exec. Mother is Betty Hutton, film star. A daughter, Stacey Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Smith April 4 in Denver. Father is advertising and promotion manager for Station KOA, Denver. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roberts April 10 in Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y. Father is an announcer on WQXR. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCloy April 9 in Seattle. Father is head of the continuity department

is head of the continuity department at KIRO. Mother is a radio actress. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Lawrence Weber Jr., April 17 in New York. Parents are legit actors. Mother is known as Judith Cargill. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Roen April 15 in Far Rockaway, L. I., N. Y. Father is publicity head for Music Corporation of America. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ke-ough April 3 in Chicago. Father is with Crawford Music.

with Crawford Music. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Shapiro April 13 in New York. Father is head of the vaude department of the

William Morris Agency. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen April 16 in Hollywood. Father

is a former Frankie Carle vocalist. A son, James Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Whitie Richards in Columbus, Miss., recently. Parents are with the L. B. Lamb Shows. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Allen

in Chicago recently. Father has the diggers on the L. B. Lamb Shows.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lynn in Santa Monica, Calif., April 16. Father is a film actor; mother is Robin Chandler, former New York fashion editor.

A son, Edward Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy at Good Sa-maritan Hospital, Los Angeles, April 20. Father is a film writer for 20th Century-Fox.

Divorces

Nancy Ann Schweiger, actress, from George F. Schweiger, nonpro,

in Los Angeles March 23. June Haver, film actress, from Jimmy Zito, bandman, March 25 in Los Angeles.

Christine Shirley, actress, from Jacques Sherman, nonpro, in Los Angeles March 31. Catherine M. (Babe) Keating from

Robert F. Keating in Miami March 29.

Audrey Shamroy from Leon Shamroy, Hollywood cameraman, April 23 **OUTDOOR**



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H-M TABS LUSH NEWARK BIZ

Top Talent Is Featured

Several former R-B featured acts, aerial ballet, lighting highlight show

By Ted Wolfram NEWARK, N. J., April 24.—The Hamid-Morton Circus opened its second annual Salaam Temple Shrine Circus at the Sessex Avenue Armory Monday (19) for a seven-day run ending Sunday night (25). The show has been getting the usual co-opera-tion from Shrine groups thruout the region, which means sellouts or near-canacity houses.

region, which means sellouts or near-capacity houses. The general appearance of the armory and layout of rings, plat-form and rigging this year are a vast improvement over last year, the show's initial appearance at this spot, when floor layout and rigging appeared cramped and confused. The light affects too lighting system and light effects, too, are markedly better. The local com-mittee handling reserved seat sales and the ushering job also is operating smoothly, and getting everybody seated without confusion before Joe Basile's band swings into the overture.

The entire program is excellent, (See Hamid-Morton Tabs on page 59)

World of Pleasure Hit by Rain, Cold At Wyandotte, Mich.

WYANDOTTE, Mich., April 24.— Rain and cold hit the 1948 opening of the World of Pleasure Shows here Thursday (15), with more of the same in the atmosphere Friday before Old Sol finally put in an appearance Saturday, when biz was up to ex-pectations.

Owner John R. Quinn spent heavily

pectations.
Owner John R. Quinn spent heavily for crushed stone, cinders and shav-ings the first couple of days in order to present even a limited show.
Anna Bauer, wife of O. B. Bauer, died Sunday (11) in University Hos-pital. Ann Arbor, Mich., following a lengthy illness. Pallbearers at the funeral Wednesday (14) in River Rouge, Mich., were Eddie Gold, R. A. Nathansen, Frank Randall, Mike Demcoe, Gil Cohen and Buck Allsop. She was a member of the Michigan Showmen's Association Auxiliary, which organization was well repre-sented at the final rites.
Floyd Mellon's cookhouse is draw-ing the praise of all, as is the work of lot superintendent Johnny Moran. Kenneth Lewis and wife joined the org here, the former as master me-chanic and the latter as ticket seller. Selden, the Stratosphere Man, is the free attraction

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The office truck has been equipped with a new heating system and addi-

with a new heating system and addi-tional furniture. Visitors here included Ben Sawyer, of the Saginaw Fair; Al Kelly, former purchasing agent for the show, and wife, Carrie; Mrs. Quinn's mother, Pop and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Curry, Louis Rosenthal; Ray Purcell, of the sheriff's office in Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, of Flint Park.

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Close-Ups: Firing Duffields Shoot Works Still Dates Set With Big Bang for 50 Years

- By Herb Dotten-

This is another in the series of articles on little-known facts about prominent people in the outdoor show business.

THIS is a double anniversary year for the Duffields, a family whose name

In a total and the synonymous with fireworks. It was in 1898 that Charlie Duffield, now living in retirement on the West Coast, first broke into the business as Midwest representative of the Pain Fireworks Company, a British outfit, then the world's top dog in its field. And it was in 1918—30 years ago— that Charlie's brother, Frank P. Duf-

field, now and for many years the head of the Thearle-Duffield Fire-works Company, first entered the field, never to leave it. And that is more than a mild understatement, for he continues to live and revel in a year-round life of selling and enthus-

year-round life of selling and enthus-ing over fireworks. It was 40 years ago this year (October 29, 1908, in Minneapolis) that John (Jack) Duffield was born to Frank and Mrs. Duffield, the for-mer Frances Mahney, of Minneapolis. Son Jack had his introduction to fre-Son Jack had his introduction to fireworks while still in high school. And he has been closely associated, both at work and at play, with his father

ever since. The relationship between Frank, the father, and Jack, the son, is no-table in outdoor showbiz, in which seldom does a son develop the enthusiasm and feeling for the business held by a pace-setting father. What's more, Jack not only has a keen interest, but he and his dad are close pals, with Frank, now 61 (he was born August 07 1007 in Minneopolic) is juning in with an over forwing sort for living 26, 1887 in Minneapolis), joining in with an ever-flowing zest for living matched by few 40-year-olds.

JOHN (JACK) DUFFIELD



It is this enthusiasm which has made Frank one of, if not the best, Midwest attraction salesmen. He en-joys everything about it—the selling, the shows themselves and hosting of

clients and potential patrons. As a host, Frank is one of the best. The cocktail party he and his asso-ciates toss at the annual convention of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions rates as one of

Fairs and Expositions rates as one of the social highlights of the gathering. Frank also enjoys to the full the traveling entailed in the business. Gregarious, he thrives on meeting people new to him. Excepting his fondness for gin rummy and poker— a reflection of his gregarious nature— he never has developed a hobby

he never has developed a hobby. "I haven't had the time. I've been too busy with fireworks," he explains. (See Firing Duffields on page 60)

Hinkle Rodeo Wins in Macon; Draws 18,580 in 4-Day Statnd MACON, Ga., April 24. — Milt Hinkle's Rodeo, with 41 events and cast headed by Col. Zack Miller, drew 18,590 metrons to Dortor Stadium dur

MACON, Ga., April 24. — Milt Hinkle's Rodeo, with 41 events and cast headed by Col. Zack Miller, drew 18,580 patrons to Porter Stadium dur-18,580 patrons to Porter Stadium dur-ing a four-day engagement. Org moved in from Charlotte, N. C., and opened Thursday (15) to about 3,400. Friday's attendance of 7,100 was the largest of any single day. Originally skedded for three days, a holdover Sunday matinee was ar-

Play in City Stadium

It was the first rodeo here in over 12 years and was the first event of any kind, outside of scholastic sports, permitted by city authorities in the municipally owned stadium in a long time time.

a holdover Sunday matinee was ar-ranged after rodeo opened and it drew about 2,000 customers. Capt. Virgil King, chairman of the city firemen's committee, sponsor, (See HINKLE'S RODEO on page 105)

Salt Lake City

Water Follies touch off '48 slate-main show to Coliseum-Beehive on midway

SALT LAKE CITY, April 24.—Still date activities at the Utah State fair-grounds here get under way at the Coliseum Saturday, May 1, with the presentation of *Water Follies of 1948*. Attraction is slated to run thru May 15.

The Follics proved exceptionally popular at last year's Utah Centen-nial Exposition, as did Holiday on Ice, scheduled this season in the Coli-

Ice, scheduled this season in the Coli-seum June 11-20. The annual Days of '48 Rodeo will be presented before the grandstand for a six-day stand, July 19-24. The Beehive Midway will operate the fairgrounds as an amusement park from May 29-September 26. Evication from May 29-September 26.

Extensive remodeling job was done to the buildings and grounds last year for the Centennial, and addi-tional landscaping is planned before the '48 event, scheduled September 18-25.

Several new features are planned for the fair, according to Secretary Sheldon R. Brewster. Among these are an *Enchanted Land*, a kiddies' playground and a nickelodeon show-

playground and a nickelodeon show-ing old-time movies. The main show of this year's presentation will be staged in the Coliseum rather than the grandstand, in order to avoid the possibility of cool or inclement weather.

Akron, Canton **Net New Arenas**

AKRON, April 24. - Both Akron and Canton are nearer today than they ever have been to new arenas. Canton has been seeking a new audi-torium for years, a building to replace the old, many times condemned city auditorium in the downtown section. Akron has had only the armory, a 2,500-seat house with none-too-good accoustics. Into this have gone cir-cuses, concerts, vaudeville and fight and wrestling shows.

But this week both cities made strides toward new auditoriums. The construction of the Canton building at a cost of \$955,000 was approved

at a cost of \$955,000 was approved by city council. The new Canton arena is to be financed by the \$700,000 residue of the Timken inheritance tax fund which was frozen as an auditorium building fund in 1944. The present city auditorium is also to be sold at an expected price of about \$250,000 which will be applied to the new project. Plans call for a 6,000-seat structure with facilities for ice shows. structure with facilities for ice shows,

structure with facilities for ice shows, boxing, wrestling and concerts. The Akron Arena is a private ven-ture, sponsored by the Akron Arena Company, and calls for 9,200 seats, 7,000 of them permanent. Two hun-dred and fifty shares of stock are to be sold. Bill V. Reed, former rink manager of Iceland here; William D. Criffith, sports promoter and radio Griffith, sports promoter and radio commentator, and E. J. Palmer, are listed as incorporators.

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Tenn. and Ky. **Spots Are Big**

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GENERAL OUTDOOR

Ideal weather helps show pack 'em at night-Clarksville proves red one

GLASGOW, Ky., April 24.—Dailey Bros.' Circus's trek thru Tennessee and Kentucky is proving a winner. Show is getting a break from old man weather and capacity houses have been the rule so far, especially at night.

Org moved in here Sunday (18) and showed Monday. Early arrival helped create plenty of interest and with ideal weather Monday the show drew better than a half-house at the matinee. The night was overflow matinee. The night was overflow.

Despite a late arrival in Bowling Green, Ky., with the matinee 45 min-utes late in getting started, show drew a strong house at the matinee and a full one at night.

Clarksville, Tenn., proved a red one, org getting two full ones. At Springfield, Tenn., the matinee was three-quarters and at night the show played to a full house. Org put on an old-time circus street parade in the morning at Springfield which hypoed afternoon attendance.

Show lost a 3¹/₂-year-old elephant (18) before a crowd of 22,000. Fred (See DAILEY PLAYING on page 59) Carpenter, Albany, N. Y., was sec-



BIRMINGHAM.—National Speed-ways (Gaylord White and Al Swee-ney) opened their '48 season here Sunday (18) with a big-car race program at Alabama State Fairgrounds to a crowd estimated at 10,000. Turnto a crowd estimated at 10,000. Turn-out was rated as excellent in the light of shut-downs or reduced operations in many area plants as a result of the coal strike. Deb Snyder, Kent, O., won the 20-lap feature, with Al Fleming, Richmond, Va., second, and Al Ketter, Quincy, Ill., third.

10,000 at Cherry Park Bow

10,000 at Cherry Park Bow HARTFORD, Conn.—Ted Tappett, Manhasset, N. Y., won the inugural midget auto race feature Sunday (18) at Cherry Park Speedway in sub-urban Avon. George Rice, Milford, Conn., was second, with Larry Bloomer, Norristown, Pa., third. The park was jammed with an estimated 10,000 on hand and promoter Ed Otto had to stop selling tickets by race time.

22,000 at Trenton Opener

TRENTON, N. J.—Ted Horn, Pater-son, won the inaugural big car race at the Trenton Fairgrounds Sunday

ond; Walt Ader, Bernardsville, N. J., third; Bill Holland, Reading, Pa., fourth; Johnny Shaackleford, Dayton, fifth, and Hank Rogers, Trenton, sixth. Sam Nunis promoted the meet.

Jimmy Davies Wins

GARDENA, Calif.—Jimmy Davies, taking the lead on the 10th turn after working his way up from far back, went on to win the 25-lap road-ster race feature Sunday (18) at Carster race feature Sunday (18) at Car-rell Speedway here before 6,444 spec-tators. Yam Oka and Don Freeland, finished second and third, respec-tively. The 15-lap semi-main was won by Dempsey Wilson and the trophy dash went to Lou Figaro. Heat winners were Harry Stockman, Wil-son, Puffy Puffer and Freeland.

Rain-Out Date Rescheduled

LEXINGTON, N. C. - The NASCAR-sanctioned stock car races, NASCAR-sanctioned stock car races, rained out here April 11, will be held Sunday, May 2. Other NASCAR events during May include Richmond, Va. (16); Macon, Ga. (23) and North Wilkesboro, N. C. (23).

Open at Springfield, Mass.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—The Midget auto racing season opens at Springfield Speedway Saturday, May 1. Two new steel safety fences have been installed in front of the stands.

Oakes Is Victor CULVER CITY, Calif.—Capturing the lead the first time around, Danny Oakes won the 40-lap main event of the midget auto races at the Stadium here Tuesday (20) before 4.000 fans. Mac Hellings was second and Johnny Decrement third Sami-main was conned Parsons third. Semi-main was copped by Mel Hansen, and Sam Hanks took honors in the trophy dash. Heat win-ners included D. W. McCauley, Hansen, Bob Pankratz and Oakes.

Gilmore Opens May 6

Gilmore Opens May 6 LOS ANGELES.—Gilmore Sta-dium, home of Pacific Coast night speedway auto racing, opens May 6. Since the stadium's construction 14 years ago Gilmore has been the cen-tral point for major speedway activi-ties in the West. The traditional Gilmore gold cup race, this time for 100 laps, will fea-ture the opening night card on the dirt-banked, quarter-mile track. Reg-ular Thursday night speed meets will follow the opener thru Thanksgiving

ular Thursday night speed meets will follow the opener thru Thanksgiving Night, annual wind-up. Familiar Gilmore drivers will be there for the opening, including Danny Oakes, defending triple-A champion; Ed Haddad, Sam Hanks, Chick Barbo, Johnny Parsons, Karl Young, Mob Pankratz and Aaron Woodward.

24,360 at Williams Grove

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — Despite cold, windy weather, an estimated 24,360 watched Ted Horn cop the sea-son's big car opener at Williams son's big car opener at Willi Grove Speedway Saturday (17).

Springfield Track Bow Set WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.— Springfield Speedway, operated by Bill Tuthill, will preem here Saturday night, May 1.

Oxnard, Calif., **Matinee Biggest** For Crafts Expo.

OXNARD, Calif., April 24.—Crafts Exposition Shovs, second unit of the O. N. Crafts Enterprises, largest car-nival operators in the West, turned in its biggest matinee of this season here Saturday (17) when approximately its biggest matinee of this season here Saturday (17) when approximately 4,000 passed thru the gate. Altho tak-ing advantage of the kids' matinee prices, attendance indicated an up-ward trend. Spot here was the fifth played this season with the show moving into the San Joaquin Valley to play Chowchilla.

Exposition Shows, owned by O. N. Crafts and managed by Roger War-ren, opened its current season March 11 when it combined with the Crafts 20 Big Shows to play the National Orange Show in San Bernardino. Exposition has been playing in a highly competitive area including Alhambra, Montebello, Santa Paula and here.

Flash Much Light

Shows use plenty of neon and with the two 60-inch searchlights make a spectacular night appearance. In addi-tion to the spots, 16 towers are placed thruout the midway. Prices include 20-cent gate, 25 cents for major rides, 20 cents for kid rides and a 9-cent gate for kid matinees.

gate for kid matinees. New attractions and rides are being added with Exposition to hit full strength within the next few weeks. A Motordrome featuring Leon Trotter and a Penny Arcade were added at Chowchilla last week. A new Merry-Go-Round soon will replace the one being used and a new Pretzel and miniature train are to be added before the height of the season is reached. Show here had eight major rides, three kid and a pony ride. There are 4 shows and 29 concessions.

O. N. Crafts visited the show Satur-day and left by plane Sunday (18) for the East to look over new rides for the show.

Personnel Line-Up

Personnel Line-Up Personnel, in addition to Crafts and Warren, includes: W. Lee Brandon, general agent (also for Crafts 20 Big Shows); J. W. Gilman, secretary; Harold G. Moak, concession manager; Ruth Gilman, front gate tickets; Leonard Pitcock, ride superlutendent; James Johnson, billposter; George Walters, mechanic; Bill Creamer, towers; Frank McCord, walls; W. P. Patterson, front gate; Allen Leadbitter, electrician; Earl Fox, lot superintendent, and Lawrence Sipes, night watchman. Bides: Kid rides—auto, airplane. boat—

rox, not superimendent, and Lawrence Sipes, night watchman. Rides: Kid rides—auto, airplane, boat— Earl Stoner, foreman; James LaRue, second. Caterpillar, Jerry Parker, foreman; Lucky Gilfillan, second; Bonnie Sarkisian, tickets. Tilt-a-Whirl, Allen Williams, foreman; George DuPont, second; Virginia Parker, tickets. Skooter, Junior Chase, foreman; Gene Bar-ker, second; Mary Gilbert, tickets. Roll-o-Plane, Ronald Toothman, foreman; Corinne Dailey, tickets. Loop-o-Plane, Kenneth Stone, foreman. Ferris Wheel, Rex Inger, foreman; Charles Reed, second; Alice LaRue, tickets. Double Octopus, Frank Carpenter, foreman; Billy Smith, second; Margaret Chase, tickets. Pony Ride, Lawrence Sipe; Vanetta Sipe, tickets. Shows: Girl Show, "India," Paul Nelson,

tickets. Shows: Girl Show, "India," Paul Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Ann Sandelin, Tom Houston, tickets and canvas. Side Show, A. J. Budd, owner: Lawrence LaLonde, manager: Eliza Fawcett, elephant face girl; William Mall, fre-eater: Ray Cascales, tickets: Vera LaLonde, magic and inside talker with Hall. (See Big Crafts Matinee, page 105)

Big Cars for Mineola

NEW YORK, April 24. - Bob Streeter has contracted to present big car auto races at the Mineola Fairgrounds June 12. The meet will be sponsored by the American Legion.



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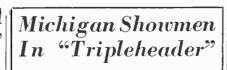


1st Call Is Issued For "Little Brothers" At Prescott, Ariz.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., April 24.—Altho it is still rather chilly in this famed mile-high city, the first call has gone out for an assortment of "little brothers," which are bull snakes used in the annual smoke ceremonial, scheduled August 8. The smaller snake dance fashioned

The smoke snake dance, fashioned after the celebrated Hopi Indian snake ceremonial, has been held here for a number of years, the more than 100 participants being local business and professional more whose identity 100 participants being local business and professional men whose identity remains hidden from the public. Their performance, given the first Sunday in August every year at sundown at the Yavapai County Fair-grounds is so colorful that immense grounds, is so colorful that immense crowds always attend, many of the spectators coming from a long distance.

Live bull snakes, some of them four to five feet long, are handled by the dancers, who hold the desert deni-zens in their mouths as a culminat- haunts.

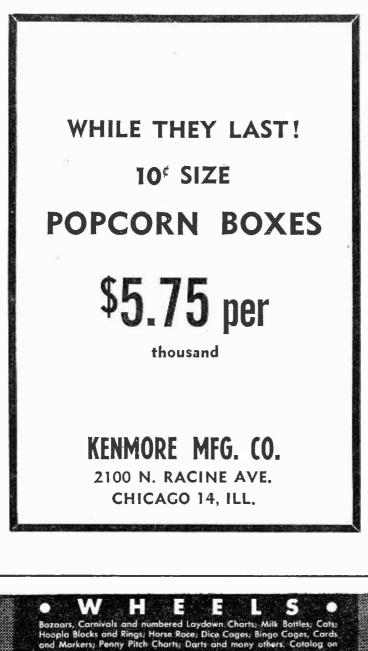


DETROIT, April 24.—The Michigan Showmen's Association and its two affiliated groups — the Joey Moss affiliated groups — the Joey Moss American Legion Post and the Ladies Auxiliary—held a joint business ses-sjon for the first time in the history of the three organizations here Monday night (12).

Officers of each group sat on the rostrum, and a complete business ses-sion was conducted by each body, thus enabling all to observe the dif-ference in the respective procedures.

Ben Morrison, vice-president of the MSA conducted the first phase of the meeting, Commander Art Grzann pre-sented the Legion's part of the session and Mrs. Bernice Stahl handled the auxiliary's confab.

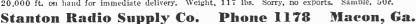
ing feature. As the dance ends, the "little brothers" are turned loose so they can return to their desert



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BUFFALO, April 24 .--- Howard Pot-

BUFFALO, April 24.—Howard Pot-ter, general manager of the Buffalo Shows, announces the inking of the 104th annual Allegany County Fair, Angelica, N. Y., September 1-4. The Sensational Apollos have been contracted thru the Frank Wirth Agency as free attraction. They will join after their appearance in the St. Louis Police Circus. Potter also said that a long season is planned, including a Southern tour lasting thru October. A new main entrance marquee is slated for de-livery by Atwood Tent & Awning Company before Decoration Day. Percy Graham, formerly with the State highway department, has been appointed transportation superintend-

appointed transportation superintendent. Careful supervision of drivers is expected to aid considerably in reducing accidents and tie-ups, Pot-

several concessions will be added to the office line-up. The Bush fam-ily will join shortly with stores. Mrs. Gloria Brick will have frozen cus-tard. Kenny O'Rourke has joined the ride department. Kermit Erskin will again be electrician again be electrician.

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Cavalcade Flashes Potent Back-End at Gadsden, Ala.

GADSDEN, Ala., April 24.—Al Wagner's Cavalcade of Amusements, flashing a potent, entertainment-loaded back-end, opened here Friday night (23) after its first rail run of the season, a move from Mobile, Ala., where it had wintered and where Wednesday (21) it closed its first stand. The Mobile tee-off engagement had been extended to a 15-day run pending rea-sonable indications that the show would not be prevented by the railroad situation from proceeding on its route. On its first night here the Cavalcade uncovered the full length of its back-end units; it was plenty strong. Units are notable not only for their flash fronts but for the solid entertainment served on the inside.

served on the inside.

Harlem Show Talented Charles A. Taylor's Little Harlem Revue broke out with an array of talent rare in midway shows. The cast is large and outstanding for the ability of its members. The unit is figured to register big grosses this season. At Mobile, it opened eight days after the Cavalcade's first night and, as its own new front and top then was not finished, it was pre-sented in the Hawaiian show top and used the front of that unit. Show rolled up excellent grosses.

Mrs. I. Rose's Midget Show, which was with the Cavalcade last year, also opened during the latter part of the Mobile stand, and it is presented even more attractively than the 1947 edi-tion. Costuming is particularly outstanding.

High in Flash

Other back-end units carry much flash and run high in entertainment value. New units include Pandora. a posing show, presented on a spe-cially devised stage, with attractive lighting, eight gals and a record telling the story.

The new girl show, Maison Rouge, plays behind an eye-snaring, arty front, done in pastel shades with sock effect. Stage carries much eve ap-peal, which is heightened by excellent

lighting. Dick Best's Side Show, a holdover, offers 12 features. Best also has the Unborn Show, Snake Show, Iron Lung and Fakatorium.

Business at Mobile was rated at more than satisfactory in view of the extended run while the show marked extended run while the show marked time awaiting the easing of railroad moves. The show, sponsored by the Abbe Temple Shrine in Mobile, was in operation two Sundays, and the week-ends accounted for yielded good turnouts. Only one weekday was lost to rain.

Concession Line-Up

Concessionaires include:

Concessionaires include: Manager, O. J. Weiss; assistant manager, Archie Wagner; auditor, Ed Neville; Sneed's Kentucky Derby, E. O. Sudan; ship clocks, William O. Perrot, with Russell Dennis and Russell Dean; dolls, Julius Turovh, with Art Sullivan, Marty Britz and Nick DeLesandro; bird store, Ernie Wenzik and Harry Bergen; ham and bacon, Joe Surot; shotguns. Ed Glos-ser, with Curtis Jones, Mike Ruff and Sam Kelley; ball games, Doc Reynolds and Marian Warren; Mrs. Lois Reynolds and Jane Brown; Jean Congo, Fidessa Soret and Charles Gal-lagher; mouse game, Mrs. O. J. Weiss, with Lois Turovh and Winnie Major, and toy horses, Jack Goldfarb, Pat Brannan and Paul Bouchard.

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Vi Brady and Clyde Muncher, slum darts; Temple of Knowledge, Frances Deemer, Edith Sullivan, Thelma Olson, Mom Reynolds Wood-ward, Rose Dean and Joe Spano.

Ward, Rose Dean and Joe Spano. Midway cafe staff, Jack Baille, manager, with Ben Bucks and R. C. Burnett, chefs; Albert Green, Allen Doss, A. Myers, Stan Utley, J. H. Reddon, B. Clark and F. M. Pol-lard, waiters and help; grab No. 1, Whitey Miller; grab No. 2, Eddle Keenan.

Ride, Show Personnel

Personnel of the rides and shows follows:

Devore, riders. Funhouse, Tom Bush and Al Thornton. Glass House, Mrs. Tom Bush and Danny

Mildlife, R. A. McCarthy, manager; Bess Wildlife, R. A. McCarthy, manager; Bess McCarthy, Ernest Hall and Jess Corbett. Train porters include Lee Smiles, Eddie Ar-caro, Roosevelt Cooley and Trippi Harder. Main gate ticket boxes, Joe Pearl and Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Bose's Hollywood Midget Theater: Mrs.

Casey Inks Indian Head

INDIAN HEAD, Sask., April 24.-Casey Shows, Winnipeg, have been contracted for the July 1 celebration and sports day here.

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Max Raney Booking A "Circus" Comes Hillbilly Acts for Bar M Ranch Season EAST BLOOMFIELD, N. Y., April 24.—Lulu Belle and Scotty have been 24.—Lulu Belle and Scotty have been booked for August 29 at Bar M Ranch here, which opens its second season Decoration Day, and operator Max Raney reports negotiations are under way to secure Tex Ritter and Eddy Arnold among other name attrac-Arnold, among other name attractions.

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Last year Raney offered Sunday outdoor stage shows at his 104-acre spot, featuring such attractions as Lulu Belle and Scotty, Elton Britt, the Duke of Paducah, the Cackle Sisters, and Smiley Burnette, who drew 7,261, the best crowd of the season season.

Raney's spot has a barn for Saturkaney's spot has a barn for Satur-day night square dances, two cot-tages and a building in which he in-tends to serve meals. There are also facilities for picnics, swimming, fish-ing and horseback riding. This year Raney will also offer outdoor Fri-day night movies day night movies.

Currently the Noontimers program, a half-hour show, is broadcast Mon-day thru Friday from the ranch over day thru Friday from the ranch over WHAM, and five weeks ago Saturday night barn dances were started in the main auditorium which seats 400 people. Two shows, separated by a half-hour broadcast, are offered. The show features Max Raney and His Hi Roys. Die Plant Pate and Bashful Boys, Pie Plant Pete and Bashful Harmonica Joe. Guest stars are also brought in and some amateur talent is offered.

Lavelys Lose Okla. **City Midget Race Site**

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 24. — There won't be any more midget auto racing in this town unless promoters O. D. and Ray Lavely can scare up a track. In a surprise move recently the Oklahoma City School Board threw the midgets out of Taft Junior threw the midgets out of Taft Junior High School Stadium. Last year the races drew 149,160 paying customers. The midgets seemed set as the re-sult of \$30,000 they had contributed

in rentals which was earmarked for use in developing a 42-acre tract In rentals which was each narved for use in developing a 42-acree tract adjacent to the stadium as a recrea-tional area. At school board meet-ing, a citizens' committee showed and offered to "give" the city \$30,000 for the recreational area if midget racing were banned. The school board accepted the offer. O. D. Lavely commented, "We paid 10 per cent during the 1946 season. Last July, when our control expired, we paid 12 per cent rent after a verbal agreement that this year we would be given a five-year contract and pay 15 per cent." Last summer a small group of anti-midget citizens sought an injunction

midget citizens sought an injunction in district court against the racing but was turned down. During this uprising over 6,000 fans at a race uprising over 6,000 fans at a race program signed letters and cards to the school board asking that the rac-ing be continued on the dust-proof, quarter-mile track.

Fayetteville, O., To Get **Midget Auto Race Track**

FAYETTEVILLE, O., April 24. — A midget auto race track, located near Route 52 here, is scheduled to start operating in May. Two Cin-cinnati florists, Theodore C. and Peter C. Nikias, will operate the track, which will be known as Ronnoco Park Speedway, Inc. A 100-acre tract, leased from the Ronnoco Park Realty Co., Inc., will be improved and a grandstand with a 6,000 to 10,000 seating capacity will be erected.

will be erected.

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To Franklin, Pa.

FRANKLIN, Pa., April 24.—Circus history went on parade in this mining town Saturday and Sunday (17-18) when the celebrated P. M. Mc-Clintock theater collection was placed on display.

The event, under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce and planned by Secretary Leora B. Sucher, may prove to be Franklin's only "show" of the season, as there is no circus lot within the city proper.

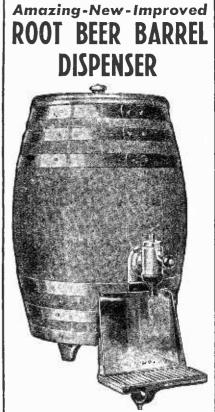
The fete turned out to be one of the most successful of a long line of special events used here for sales promotion, with poster, window cards, tickets, handbills, programs and route books displayed prominently thruout the city's business section.

Merchants' windows, for instance, featured special displays of early Barnum parades, and displays built around such big top greats as Ring-ling, Barnum, Buffalo Bill, Pawnee Bill, Rice, Sells, Wallace, Barnes and Cole Colé.

Letters, photos and scarce cabinet photos from the famed collection proved to be traffic stoppers along Liberty Street, as did the several replicas of old-time circus wagons.

Purtle Hurt Setting Up Drome

NEW YORK, April 24 .- Earl Pur-NEW YORK, April 24.—Earl Pur-tle, owner-operator of motordromes in Palisades (N. J.) Amusement Park and on the Cetlin & Wilson Shows, was severely injured Thursday (8) when the cable broke and cut his leg while he and his assistants were setting up the drome in preparation for the park opening.



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Hamid-Morton Tabs Lush **Business on Newark Stand**

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with special attention being given to lighting of aerial ballet numbers and lighting of aerial ballet numbers and using the Peaches O'Neill Girls as background for several acts. The principal flaws here were the public address system, which worked errat-ically, and the choice of canned mel-odies dispensed before the perform-ance got under way—which sounded like a bick fown hand reheared like a hick town band rehearsal.

Strong Talent Featured

Strong Talent Featured The line-up of acts this year in-cludes several recent Ringling cir-cus features, including the Idalys, whose aerial novelty is one of the highlights of the show. The show opens with clowns, featuring the Ridolas and Hip Raymond in table rocking. Capt. Dick Clemens follows with his usual peppy presentation of seven husky lions. Cimse and Com-pany, novelty aerial act, with Cimse and three fems, is a good flash. Ro-berta's dog and pony circus, good berta's dog and pony circus, good standard fare, take over center stage while clowns, headed by the Geor-getty Brothers, hold down the two rings.

Peaches O'Neill and five cuties up for neat trapeze routines and balanc-ing bits worked on novel neon stars. Janet and Paul score with their aerial thrill act in which they use strobolited costumes to good effect. Hip Ray-mond follows with a miniature auto gag which is good but not equal to that of Lou Jacobs on the Ringling

show. Cooper's (8) Liberty horses are good lookers and nicely presented. The Norbertys, two men and a fem, The isorbertys, two men and a fem, present an aerial novelty with a lot of superfluous rigging, which, how-ever, impresses the audience. Slivers Johnson, on with his crazy Austin auto, has a trailer gag which is defin-itely vulgar.

Theron's Act Improved

The Seven Therons, European bike act, are greatly improved since their appearance on the Ringling show two years ago. The four girls are taste-fully costumed and tricks are good, altho the comedy bits are strictly European corn. Peaches O'Neill's European corn. Peaches O'Neill's Hollywood Girls perform capably on webs, while the Adamsons (man and fem) go thru good perch routines

Monroe and Grant follow in their well-known trampoline zanities. The Idalys work high over center

elty. Clown gags are followed by the excellent and fast-paced contortion number of Miss Florence Hin Lowe, which is marred by rather infantile gyrations of the O'Neill girls. Miss Lowe is plenty good to hold her own sans any production.

sans any production. Hamid-Morton elephants (3) are speedily put thru their paces by Joe Hanson, with one of them riding a tricycle as the climax. The Flying Hartzells click with good flying and unusual stunts. The show closes with Sylvana and Simone Zacchini being shot simultaneously from a cannon. A good flash, and lavishly presented here.

Staff Listed Joe Basile is celebrating his 25th year as baton wielder with the Hamid-Morton Circus and getting an especially warm reception here, this being his home town. Bob Morton, in Shrine regalia, handles the an-nouncing stint in his usual style. Len nouncing stint in his usual style. Len Humphries, business manager, is also

nouncing stint in his usual style. Len Humphries, business manager, is also much in evidence. The H-M staff in Newark includes Lee Barton Evans, public relations; Carl Sonitz, promotional director; Bill Tumber, press and radio; Mike Malos, boss preperty man; A. (Fin-gers) Castle, assistant props; Henry Robinson, tickets; Charles Basile and F. E. Marschner Jr., outside con-tacts; Elsie J. Basile, office manager; Jeanne Brod, secretary; J. F. Koller, sound; Joe Hanson, transportation. A. Hymes has the concessions. Clown alley, headed by the Geor-getty Brothers, includes Hip Ray-mond, Slim Collins, Jeff Murphree, Sa-So, Smoky Rouse, Ray Cosmo, To-To and Rube Simmonds. Len Humphries, Bill Tumber, Carl H. Sonitz and Joe Basile took time out prior to opening here to catch the Big One in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton made a business trip to Miami

Bob Morton made a business trip to Miami.

So far the show has had a very successful season, with highlights being the Buffalo stand, which grossed ap-proximately \$130,000, and Altoona, Pa., where several sellouts were Pa., where chalked up.



Dailey Playing To Bang-Úp Ĕiz

(Continued from page 52) here, the animal being buried in Springfield. Johnny Walling, mem-ber of the Springfield Police Depart-ment and formerly with Ringling-Barnum, went all out in getting ad-vance publicity for the Dailey org, with many of the stories and pictures with many of the stories and pictures hitting Page 1.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., April 24. — Dailey Bros.' Circus, which was to have played here yesterday, was forced to pass up the town due to the poor condition of the lot, which was inundated by the recent flood. The org made Lexington, Ky., Thursday (22) and remained over for the following day. The freight station agent in Maysville stated that the Dailey show was skedded to leave Lexington at 5:30 p.m. Friday (23) for Ashland, Ky., making the run to for Ashland, Ky., making the run to Maysville on the L. & N. and then transferring to the C. & O. The show was scheduled for Ashland for today. Was scheduled for Ashland for today. Johnny Anderson, of the En-quirer Printing Company, Cincinnati; Charles Wirth, of *The Billboard's* home office, and a number of circus fans from Cincinnati made the trip here in vain Friday.



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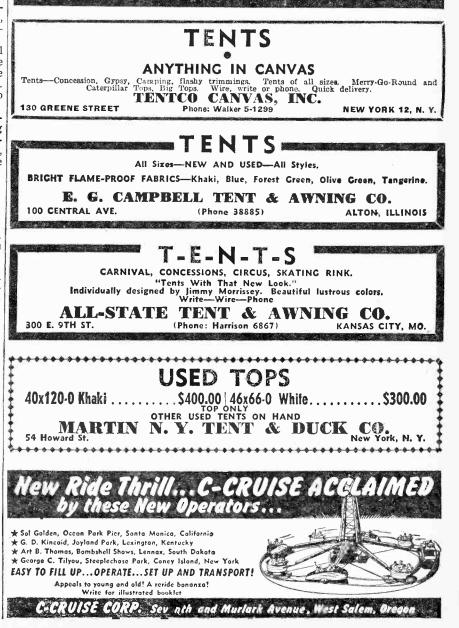
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He doesn't point out that his constant interest in fireworks consists of probing continuously for new business and for better ways in which to present fireworks displays.

But his many years in the fire-works business are studded with outstanding productions. For instance, it was he and his associates--son, Jack, and his long-time aid, Art Briese —who supplied the pyrotechnic dis-plays at most of the biggest world's fairs in the past two decades.

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cers, 2,200 enlisted men and a convoy of some 50 vehicles and cars and which played 101 performances in 17 major cities to raise over \$1,000,000 for Army Emergency Relief.

It was he who developed and staged successful spectacles, much on the Cecil B. De Mille scale, for outdoor presentation. These were the rage and tremendous lures before the advent of the revue type of production now offered at most of the leading fairs.

And it was he who last year headed planning and production for the 100th anniversary celebration of The Chicago Tribune, coming up with the biggest spectacle and the largest fireworks show ever offered in this countrv.

A Pioneer in Technique

And thru the years Frank has been one of the pioneers in the development of fireworks technique, in introducing new methods and new effects. No small achievements, those, and all worthy of detail.

The big expos where he and his as-sociates furnished fireworks include Philadelphia's Sesquecentennial, the Texas Centennial, the Great Lakes Exposition at Cleveland, the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, and the World's Fairs both in New

York and in San Francisco. The Army War Show in '42 not only raised \$100,000,000 for Army Emergency Relief, but it was credited with being a powerful morale factor at that phase of the war. The show itself was gigantic. Personnel and equipment moved on a 100-car train. Virtually every phase of the army was tied into the production, which was enhanced by the ingenious use of fireworks, which gave an added dra-matic touch, and sent the folks home convinced that the nation was rapidly

building a great fighting force. Greatest of all spectacles to be pre-sented by him was the Awakening, rated generally as "one of the great-est outdoor spectacles of all time." It was mammoth in scope and represented the first time a story was told thru a massive outdoor production.

In actual fact, the Awakening had been started by others but had bogged down, and Frank, then one of the key men in the World Amusement Service, was placed in charge when that organization took over. The spec told the story of civilization from Adam and Eve thru the advent of Chris-tianity, the discovery of America, the finding of Indians, the establishment of the U. S., the emancipation of the slaves, and closed with a depiction of imaginary happenings, such as the sending of messages to Mars.

A Succession of Successes

A succession of Successes Of epic proportion, the cast num-bered between 400 to 500. Tied into it were striking ballet numbers. Mu-sic, specially written; pantomime, carefully rehearsed; costuming which was colorful and lavish, and fireworks of the one woven into the show. It all were woven into the show. It proved a tremendous success.

The Awakening was followed in succession by other specs, in many of which Charlie Duffield was asso-ciated in the production. These in-cluded such shows as The Last Days of Pompeii, The Siege of Sevastapol, and The Burning of Moscow. In all of these, huge casts were used, spe-cialty acts worked, and there were artful ballet numbers. Trouping over the country, the show carried much huge scenery and the nucleus of the cast, the hundreds of supers being recruited and rehearsed in the various cities played.

Other specs put on under Frank scored big. Among these were the

re-enactment of The Battle of Na- | Va. Greater Scores tions, The Battle of the North Sea, and Chateau Thierry, all World War I episodes. In all, fireworks played a big part in providing the sock punch.

Confusion Helped in This Case They were, indeed, realistic, as ose who saw them well can rethose member. An amusing aspect of un-scheduled realism is recalled by Frank.

"It was at Syracuse, at the New York State Fair," he reminisces. "Al Smith, then governor of New York, was in the stands. The show was *Tokyo, Thru Quake and Fire.* The supers had been well trained, we thought. But, suddenly a cloud burst. The supers in great confusion de-serted their places and scurried fran-tically for cover. The next day, I was seated at a luncheon alongside of Al Smith, and he turned to me and wid. said, 'I want to congratulate you. That was the most realistic thing I have seen. The confusion and chaos was wonderful.' I thanked him, and let it go at that."

A few years after World War I, by which time interest in events tied in with the war had ebbed, the specs shifted into historical portrayals. Such shows as India, Mystic China, Tokyo, and Panama were presented. No litand Panama were presented. tle imagination and much showmanship were brought into play in these the one on *Panama* projecting a dreamed-up attack on the Panama Canal which called the turn on some of the actual weapons and methods used in World War II.

used in world war 11. These specs were continued when Frank, along with Ed Carruthers, Fred Barnes, Alex Sloan and John Simpson, now all deceased, and Mike Barnes and Sam J. Levy, organized the World Amusement Service in 1923. Idea of the set-up was to serv-ice fairs with all of their major atice fairs with all of their major at-tractions (acts, music, fireworks, specs and auto races), furnish plans for different types of buildings, develop advertising and serve as a clearing house on fair information.

Introduced Grandstand Revue

Simpson, who had been secretary of the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, and manager of the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, was the president of the combine, and it was Frank's job to provide the specs and fireworks.

The group broke up six years after its organization, "due to the rugged individualism of those in it," according to Frank. However, during its existence the combination introduced the first revue-type grandstand pro-duction now widely used. This spelled the death of the specs, and with the combination's dissolution, (See Firing Duffields on page 105)

Mabel Stark Joins Polack Bros. for California Spots

SACRAMENTO, April 24 .--- Polack Bros.' Western Unit, having made a 2,250-mile jump here from Indian-apolis, opened its 13th annual engage-ment for Ben Ali Shrine Temple Friday (23) under promising conditions. Jimmy Rison's promotion and the membership ticket sale both augured business comparable with previous years.

Show remains here thru May 2, with matinees daily starting today. The Western Unit will justify its des-ignation by remaining in the West during the spring, summer and early fall.

Mabel Stark joined here with her tigers and will remain for Oakland, San Francisco and possibly other California dates. She is featuring her wire-walking tiger, Bill, which had (See Mabel Stark Joins on page 104)

In Suffolk Preem: **Personnel Listed**

SUFFOLK, Va., April 24 .--- A red one was chalked up here by the Vir-ginia Greater Shows for the week ending Saturday (10), the first of its 1948 tour. Cool weather the first two nights nixed most of the business but W. C. (Bill) Murray, general agent, reports that the rest of the week was good enough to make this among the best opening stands ever played by the shows.

Since this is the shows' winter quarters, Manager and Mrs. Rocco Masucci played host to a number of Masucci played host to a number or friends. Among those noted were Herb Shive, general agent, Lawrence Greater Shows; Dr. Karland, Kar-land's Circus; Harry P. Taylor; Dr. L. C. Holland; Sam Stallings, post-master; Sheriff Culpeper; Lieut. Fobbs, State police; Larry Briggs; Jack Nurney, president of the Suffolk National Bank; L. Simonetti, Planters Peanut Company, and Bill Sanders, Norfolk Tent & Awning Company. Norfolk Tent & Awning Company.

Personnel Listed

Personnel includes Rocco Masucci, general manager; Mrs. Masucci, sec-retary-treasurer; W. C. (Bill) Mur-ray, general agent; Raleigh Gibson, ride superintendent, and Arthur Gibson, electrician.

Concessionaires are: Bill Penny, 4; Jimmy Winters, 2; Ed Miner, 2; (See Va. Greater Scores on page 104)



Beatty Clicks Despite String Of Bad Breaks

Hit by Row, 2 Accidents

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—Despite a series of unfortunate breaks, Clyde Beatty Circus keeps packing the big top at nearly every performance on its tour of Southern California. Bell-flower, Santa Monica, Huntington Park, Alhambra, Pasadena and North Hollywood all resulted in successful stands. Three shows were given at stands. Huntington Park.

But it wasn't all beer and skittles, tho the red wagon did record business. Two accidents and a row with city officials in Alhambra marred the week following the Los Angeles engagement.

First accident occurred in Hunt-ington Park Wednesday (14) when a big top quarter pole broke at the horn and toppled into the grandstand during the first night show, injuring cive percents. Quick thicking of six persons. Quick thinking of Charles Owings, spectator, was cred-ited with breaking the fall of the 200-pound pole, preventing additional and more serious injuries to spectators, police said. Mishap occurred during the high-bar comedy act. during the high-bar comedy act. Owings grabbed the pole and momen-tarily arrested its fall. He was in-jured, as were Linda Jean Orloff, 3, and her brother, William, 7. Both suffered possible skull fractures. Jan-ice Hendricks, 11; Mrs. Jean Harri-gan, 38, and her daughter, Margaret, 5, suffered less serious injuries. The bars continued after the acaidant show continued after the accident.

Jinx Persists

Trouble next dogged the show at Alhambra, the following day's date. The org narrowly averted being shut down before the night performance when building inspector, Earl Malmgreen, charged the seats were improperly braced. Chief of Police A. F. Cherry took the show's side of the controversy. Cherry countermanded Malmgreen's orders and allowed the show to begin.

The jinx caught up with the show again Saturday (24) in Long Beach when Joseph Moreland, 19, a groom, was struck by a falling padroom center pole while tearing down the top. He was hospitalized with a concus-sion and leg injury.

Since leaving Los Angeles, the circus has been short-handed in the prop and usher departments, many of the crew having left the show after the 12-day stand. The org moves effi-ciently, however, with performers and staff helping out.

and stan helping out. Longest haul of the season to date was the seven-mile trek from the runs, spotted in Burbank, to the North Hollywood lot. Show unloaded in Burbank to obviate the necessity of switching from the Southern Pa-cific to the Pacific Electric Railroad for the North Hollywood engagement for the North Hollywood engagement.

Harriet Beatty Back

Clyde Beatty told The Billboard he Angeles area. Beatty told The Bittoburth he Angeles area. Beatty, who is nego-tiating with several film companies, is expected to sign a contract to star in five films. Pact probably will call for one flicker a year for five straight years.

Harriet Beatty, ill since the Shreveport opening, appeared in the arena with her tiger and elephant act for first time this season at North Hollywood.

Frank Doyle, who was hospitalized in Los Angeles when a bar used in the flying return act fell on his head (See Beatty Clicks on page 70) Frances Whiteman announces the tentative date of August 14 for the second annual Windham County 4-H Club Fair, Brooklyn, Conn.

Fair Dates The following corrections and additions to the List of Fair Dates were received during the week ended April 23.

Balboard TRADE SERVICE PLATURE April 23. The complete List of Fair Dates was published in the issue dated March 27. The next com-plete list will be published in issue to be dated May 29. See of The Billboard for corrections ions. each issue of 1 and additions.

ALABAMA Dothan-Houston Co. Tri-State Fain Oct. 25-30. Mrs. L. J. Lunsford. Jasper-Walker Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 20-25. James D. Dickson.

ARKANSAS -Clark Co. Fair. Sept. 9-11. A.

ARKANSAS Arkadelphia—Clark Co. Fair. Sept. 9-11. A. T. Goodlow. Ashdown—Little River Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 16-13. C. M. Lamkin. Danville—Yell Co. Free Fair Assn. Oct. 20-23. J. B. Briggs. Hampton—Calhoun Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 23-25. L. A. Primm. Harrisburg—Poinsett Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 22-25. Edward S. Maddox. Imboden—Lawrence Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 22-25. Edward S. Maddox. Imboden—Lawrence Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 20-Oct. 2. Austin Stovall. Morrilton—Conway Co. Fair. Sept. 16-18. E. M. Coleman. Mount Ida—Montgomery Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 20-25. Cleo Ray.

COLORADO

Castle Rock-Douglas Co. Fair. Sept. 11-12. Chas. E. Kirk. Littleton-Arapahoe Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 11-15. U. C. Thomas.

CONNECTICUT

Weriden-Meriden Grange Fair. Sept. 16-17. Mrs. Bertha B. Tinkham, S. Meriden.
Rocky Hill-Rocky Hill Grange Fair. Sept. 10-11. Dorothy B. Herrick.
Wallingford-Wallingford Grange Pair. Sept. 11. Flora E. Hough.

FLORIDA

Leon Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 18-23. Tallahassee—Leo Lloyd Rhoden.

GEORGIA CECKGIA Cedartown-Northwest Ga. Fair Assn. Oct. 11-16. Thomas Adamsson. Eatonton-Putnain Co. Fair. Oct. 4-9. George Lawrence.

Monroe-Walton Co. Legion Fair. Oct. 11-16. H. H. Shores. IDAHO

-Western Idaho State Fair. Aug. 24-28. Boise-

Bolse-Western Idaho State Fair. Aug. 24-28.
W. L. Hendrix.
Burley-Cassia Co. Fair & Rodeo. Aug. 26-28.
Saul H. Clark.
Grace-Bannock Co. Fair. Aug. 13-14. Wm.
D. Petty, Swan Lake, Idaho.
Jerome-Jerome Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 7-11.
Chas. Andress.
Lava Hot Springs-Bannock Co. Fair. Aug. 27-28. Wm. D. Petty, Swan Lake, Idaho.
Montpelier-Bear Lake Co. Fair & Rodeo.
Aug. 27-28. J. C. Lewis.
Preston-Franklin Co. Fair. Aug. 27-28. Dan
L. Roberts.

ILLINOIS

Highland-Madison Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 26-29.

Highland-Madison Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 26-29. A. P. Spencer.
Knoxville-Knox Co. Fair. Aug. 10-13. Ray Swanson, Galesburg, Ill.
Mendota-Mendota Tri-Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 4-6. Faul A. Stenger.
Odell-Odell Community Fair. Sept. 9-11. Lowell Burns.
Shawneetown-Gallatin Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 14-18. Chas. I. Oldham.
Stronghurst-Henderson Co. Fair. Aug. 17-20. Ralph Butler.

INDIANA

INDIANA Brookville--Franklin Co. 4-H Fair. Aug. 3-6. Mrs. Merrit Naylor. Brownstown-Jackson Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 16-21. Richard Elliott. Huntington-Huntington Co. 4-H Fair. Middle of August. Fred A. Loew. Peru--Miami Co. 4-H Fair. Aug. 4-8. Don Hostelier. Peru-Mian Hostetler. IOWA

Leon-Decatur Co. 4-H Fair Assn. Aug. 9-12. W. B. Halstead.

KANSAS

-Central Kan. Free Fair. Aug. 23-27. Abilene-Leonard Pike. Beloit—Mitchell Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 7-10. Lyle Lukens. Sylvan Grove—Sylvan Grove Fair Assn. Sept. 8-11. W. A. Buzick Jr.

KENTUCKY

Central City-Muhlenberg Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 6-11. Larry Stone. Falmouth-Falmouth Fair. Aug. 25-28. H. B.

Best. Lexington-4-H Dist. & Fayette Co. Farmers' Fair. Sept. 1-2. Ed Parker Jr. Mount Olivet-Robertson Co. Agrl. Fair. Sept. 24-25. Theo. Schubert.

LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA Coushatta-Red River Parish Fair Assn. Sept. 29-Oct. 2. Lester P. Vetter. Donaldsonville-South La. State Fair Assn. Sept. 30-Oct. 3. Philip M. Sleet. Haynesville-Clairborne Parish Fair Assn. Oct. 7-9. C. L. Cook. Houma-Terrebonne Fair Assn. Oct. 9-10. Andrew Bernard. Jennings-Jefferson Davis Parish Fair. Oct. 21-24. T. E. Owens.

(See FAIR DATES on page 67)

Barnes Pull Below '47; Hopes Up for Final Week

By Hank Hurley –Barnes Bros.' 16th Annual Circus, which opened CHICAGO, April 24.—Barnes Bros.' 16th Annual Circus, which in the Chicago Stadium Friday (16), and runs thru Sunday, May in the Chicago Stadium Friday (16), and runs thru Sunday, May 2, was experiencing some draw trouble the first week, but Arthur M. Wirtz, William H. Burke and Sam J. Levy were confident that next week would take care of the situation. "We are running about 10 per cent behind this year as compared to last year," Burke said Thursday (22), "but we hope it will be different next week." Reason for Burke's optimism was that next week will find the Chicago schools closed for spring vacation and this in week will find the Chicago schools closed for spring vacation and this is expected to hypo matinee attendance,

and, Burke reported, the advance for this week-end, Saturday and Sunday (24-25) is very heavy, which, in itself, is a good sign.

Burke was at a loss to explain the reason for the dip in attendance this year, other than "it's just the times, with people tightening up on their spending." Of course, one could lay the lack of attendance to the fact the show has plenty of repeat acts from show has plenty of repeat acts from last year, that the spec is missing this year and a few more such items. This year's run is a 17-day 33-performance affair, as contrasted with

(See Barnes Biz Under on page 70)

Revived Mo. Event Has Permanent Site

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 24 .-- Successful revival last year, after an 18-year lapse, of Boone County Fair here has prompted officials to pur-chase a 54-acre tract for establishment of a permanent grounds and form plans for program improvements. Negotiations are under way for con-struction of a 10,000-seat grandstand

to be completed in time for the 1948 fair, September 4-7. The plant is being landscaped by Hurst John, and plans call for a half-mile track, shelltype stage, picnic area, kiddie zoo and parking facilities. A feature will be a fox hunt, complete with hounds, horses, jumps, uniforms and horns, to open each night's horse show. The first Boone County Fair, held

in 1835, is said to have been the first held west of the Mississippi River. Columbia, located on two major high-ways, is in the center of the State and is the home of the State university the State agricultural extension and service.

service. Association officers are Wendell Holman, president; Ed Roberson, vice-president; Harold E. Johnson, secre-tary; E. F. Ruther, treasurer; Mrs. Claud Drew, horse show chairman; Horace E. Allen, music director; Jack Hackethorn, publicity director, and Mrs. Harry Garard, office supervisor.

Coal Miners Back On Job, So Show Trains Can Move

WASHINGTON, April 24 .--- With soft-coal miners back on the job in virtually full force, the Office of De-fense Transportation (ODT) has promised to keep its show train ban in moth balls until another "emer-

ODT officials said late this week that since nearly all of the 400,000 miners are back in the pits, there appears no reason for any resump-tion of the han in the foreseeable tion of the ban in the foreseeable future.

future. With the government holding a stick over John L. Lewis and his miners in the shape of a deferred sentence for civil contempt of court for delaying a back-to-work order, assumption is that any new walk-out will bring a harsh penalty. United Mine Workers' Union still is smarting over a \$1,400,000 fine for criminal contempt earlier in the week. Lewis was stuck with a \$20,-000 fine in the same action. 000 fine in the same action.

Brokers Yield R-B Cheap Ducs When Parents Complain

NEW YORK, April 24 .-- An estimated 18,800 circus tickets in the nominal \$1.20-\$3.50 bracket were returned to the Big Show for distribution following a meeting Tuesday morning (20) between Benjamin Fielding, license commissioner, and 10 ticket brokers. The returned tick-ets represented little more than Garden capacity for any one given per-formance and failed to take the edge off the terrific demand for ducats.

Fielding acted when he was ad-vised that parents were registering numerous complaints on not being able to secure tickets, especially in the lower brackets, for their children at the circus box offices. Lyle Van, WOR newscaster, was credited by Fielding with instigating the investigation.

Licensed brokers are allowed to charge a maximum of 90 cents per ticket, regardless of its list price. Of the third the text of the second seco priced at \$4.50 up for resale.

Following the meeting Fielding aid: "They told me that the tickets said: were obtained by purchasing them at the box office---that remains to be seen. I told them that I was very much displeased with the situation, and I recommended that they turn back the tickets."

To Assure Availability

"Next year this will not happen. I am going to issue a general direc-tive, under my legal authority, to the circus people, arranging for proper allocation of tickets so the public ts a decent opportunity to get (See Broke, 5 Yield on page 70)

Inclemency Fails To Crab **Monroe's Season Opening**

BUFFALO, Mo., April 24.—Monroe Bros.' Circus cracked the season here April 8, pulling a good crowd in spite of inclement weather.

Program included Beulah Shearer, Program included Beulan Shearer, aerial ladder; Frieda LaVelda and Her Ponies; Ted LaVelda, balancing; Lucky, wire-walking dog; Dot Bur-dett, devil sticks; Beulah Shearer, web; LaVelda, with llama; Miss La-Velda, balancing, contortion and rings; Sonny Burdett, slack wire and novelties: Dot Burdett, rolling globe. novelties; Dot Burdett, rolling globe. Music for the program was recorded.

Org is under management of Ted and Frieda LaVelda; Sonny Burdett is ringmaster; F. L. Yagle has con-cessions; Carl Lewis, cookhouse; W. V. Shearer, nit Shour, Oklahami cessions; Carl Lewis, cookhouse; W. V. Shearer, pit Show; Oklahoma Shorty (W. V. Shearer), produces the concert and does riding, trick and fancy roping and Australian whips; Bill Thompson is on the advance. Big top, a 60 with two 30's is in charge of John LaVelda who has a 10-man arow. crew.

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LOS ANGELES, April 24. - The Clyde Beatty Circus Side Show fol-Nowed the attendance pace set by the Big Show during the 12-day Los Angeles stand and turned in record grosses thruout the Washington and Hill engagement, according to Marvin Smith, manager.

The Beatty kid show is entirely new this year. According to Smith, grosses exceeded \$1,000 every day of the Los Angeles date and hit \$4,500 at least once during the stay.

At least once during the stay. Staff includes Marvin Smith, man-ager; Leon Smith, assistant manager; Charles Cox and Bob Drake, outside talkers; Frank Whalen, boss canvas-man; H. C. Smith and Jack Arm-strong, ticket sellers, and Oscar La-Vonda, ticket taker.

Vonda, ticket taker. Acts include Mary Webb, fat girl; Bozo, monkey man; Lady Electricia, electric act; Prince Omha, inside lec-turer; Ralph Ward, tattooed man; Louise Little, snakes; Simon Brog-ance, band leader; Marvin Smith, an-atomical wonder; Estelle Drake, in-destructible girl; Leatha Smith, lady sword swallower; Duke Kamakua, June Robinson, Estelle Irene Drake and Marie Armstrong, Hawaiian troupe, and Madame Maria, mentalist. Show, well presented and featuring

Show, well presented and featuring plenty of flash in its wardrobe and props, carries a six-piece band.

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Anderson's Greater: Livingston, Tenn.; Oneida 3-8. Anthracite: Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 29-May 8. Babcock United: Monrovia, Calif. Baker United: Kokomo, Ind. Barkoot Bros.: St. Louis, Mich., May 3-8. Barlow's Big City: (Vandervender & Easton at Evans) St. Louis, Mo. B. & C. Expo.: Dansville, N. Y. Beam's Attrs.: Windber, Pa. Becht, Lee: Hartwell, Cincinnati, O. Be & S. Levis, Mo. B. & H.: Chesnee, S. C. Big Four Am. Co.: Taft, Tex., 26-May 8. Bistany & Martin: Newark, N. J. Bius Grass: Owensboro, Ky. Bright Lights Expo.: Bedford, Va., Covington 3-8. Brownle's Am. Co.: Chelsea, Okla.

Borup's United: Marion, Ky. Bright Lights Expo.: Bedford, Va., Covington 3-8. Brownie's Am. Co.: Chelsea, Okla. Buck, O. C.: Troy, N. Y. Buffalo Shows: Hornell, N. Y. Burdick's Greater: Eastland, Tcx. B. & V.: Carlstadt, N. J., 28-May 8. Caledonia: East Greenbush, N. Y. Capell Bros.: Lindsay, Okla. Capital City: Madisonville, Ky. Carr, Lawrence: Brockton, Mass.; Pawtucket, R. I., 3-8. Cavalcade, of Amusements: Gadsden, Ala. Caravella Ann. Co.: Williamstown, Pa.; Shamo-kin 3-8. Central States: Salina, Kan. Cetlin & Wilson: Petersburg, Va. Chanos, Jimmie: Richmond, Ind. Coleman Bros.: Holyoke, Mass. Columbia: Gardiner, Me., 1-8. Continental: Kingston, N. Y. County Fair: Doniphan, Neb. Crafts Expo.: Los Banos, Callf., 27-May 2; Merced 4-9. Crafts 20 Big: Sacramento, Callf., 27-May 2. Craig, Harry: Lamesa, Tex. Crystal Expo.: Monroe, Ga.; Franklin, N. C., 3-8. Cunningham's Expo.: Byesville, O., 1-8. Curl, W. S.: London, O., 1-8.

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Home State: Ottumwa, Ia. Imperial Expo.: (Grand & Chouteau Sts.) St. Louis, Mo., 30-May 8. Imperial: Virden, Ill.; Bushnell 3-8. International: Ponca City, Okla.; Junction City, Kan., 3-8. Jayhawk Am. Co.: Pleasanton, Kan.; Humboldt 3-8. Jayhaw Am. Co.: Pleasanton, Kan.; Humboldt 3-8. J. & B.: Brookneal, Va. Johnny's United: Waynesboro, Tenn. Jollytime: Berwick, Pa. Jones Greater: Ashland, Ky. Jones, Johnny J., Expo.: Washington, D. C., 21-30. Kaus, W. C.: Greenville, Tenn. Klirgwood, Joseph J.: Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Kuntz Bros.: West New York, N. J. LaCross Am.: Windsor Locks, Conn. Lamb, L. B.: Metropolis, Ill.; Carbondale 3-8. Lawrence Greater: Cumberland, Md. Lee United: River Rouge, Mich., 26-May 9. Leeright, J. R.: Marion, Kan. Lottridge, Harry: Pell City, Ala.; Guntersville 3-8. Magic Empire: Oxford Miss Leeright, J. R.: Marion, Kan. Lone Star: Centerville, Ind.; Hagerstown 3-8. Lottridge, Harry: Pell City, Ala.; Guntersville 3-8. Magic Empire: Oxford, Miss. Manning, Ross: Newburgh, N. Y.; Peekskill 3-8. Majestic: Harrisburg, Pa. Marion Greater: Spartanburg, S. C. Martin's United: Corona, Calif., 28-May 2; Watts 5-9. McBride Bros.: Randleman, N. C. McKee, John: Flora, Ill.; Fairfield 3-8. Merit: Lynn, Mass. Merriam & Robinson: Boone, Ia., 3-8. Merriam & Robinson: Boone, Ia., 3-8. Merry Midway: Greenfield, Ind.; Edinburg 3-8. Midway of Mirth: Carlinville, Ill. Midwestern Expo.: Wagoner, Okla. Mighty Hooster State: Bedford, Ind. Mighty Page: Boone, N. C. M.C.M.: (Horkins Park) Providence, R. I. Moore's Modern: Paragould, Ark. Murray Am. Co.: Bartonville, Ill. Nelson, George W.: Eldorado Springs, Mo. Nessler's: Rantoul, Ill., 30-May 8. New England Am. Co.: Athol, Mass., 30-May 8. Noian Am. Co.: Moundsville, W. Va. Nolan, Larry: Las Animas, Colo. Ohio Valley: Mansfield, O. Oimar's Greater Am.: Pocahontas, Ark. Orange Blossom: Spring Hill, Tenn. Page Bros.: Bruceton, Tenn.; Humboldt 3-8. Page, J. J., Expo.: Johnson City, Tenn. Panetto Expo.: Greenville, S. C. Parada: Olathe, Kan. Paul's Am. Co.: Nonett, Mo. Pearlene: Shidler, Okla. Penn Am. Co.: New Oxford, Pa., 29-May 8. Penn Fremler: Phillipsburg, N. J.; Middle-town, N. Y., 3-8. Peppers All-State: Greenville, S. C. Perry, Jack L.: Statesville, N. C.; Kannapolis 3-8. Piedmont Expo.: Wallace, N. C. Pike Am.: Afton, Okla. Peppers All-State: Greenville, S. C.
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Rosen, H. B.: South Fulton, Tenn.; Jackson 3-8.
Royal Crown: Nashville, Tenn.
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Stafford United: Indianapolis, Ind.
Standard Am. Co.: Lenoir City, Tenn.
Starr, Joe: Stigler, Okla.
Stephens, C. A.: Gate City, Va.
Strates, James E.: Perth Amboy, N. J.
Stumbo, Fred R.: Wesville, Okla.; Stilwell 3-8.
Sunflower State: Colby. Kan.
Sunset An. Co.: Excelsior Springs, Mo.; Sedalia 3-8.
Tassell, Barney: Gloucester, Va.; Tappahan-nock 3-8.
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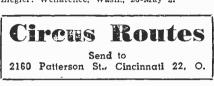
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Tivoli Expo.: Bloomington, Ill.
Turner Bros.: Springfield, Ill.
Triangle: Charlottesville, Va.; Newport News 3-8.

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READING, Pa., April 24.—Events held on the Reading fairgrounds will contribute a sizable part of the 10 per cent tax recently adopted by the Muhlenberg Township school board. All admissions to the fairgrounds, auto races, boxing shows and special events, as well as all events scheduled at the fairgrounds in connection with at the fairgrounds in connection with the Reading-Berks Bicentennial Celebration will also be subject to the township's 10 per cent amusement tax.

Wolfe Am. Co.: Mayodan, N. C.; Rocky Mount, Va., 3-8. World of Mirth: Richmond, Va., 3-8. World of Pleasure: Wyandotte, Mich.; Battle Creek 7-15. World of Today: Jefferson City, Mo. Wrightsman Am. Co.: Dixon, Ill. Zeller's Attrs.: Stockdale, Pa., 1-8. Ziegler: Wenatchee, Wash., 26-May 2.



Beatty, Clyde: San Jose, Calif., 27; Palo Alto 28; Redwood City 29; Oakland 30-May 2; Stockton 3; Pittsburg 4; Vallejo 5; Santa Rosa 6; Eureka 7-8; Ukiah 9.
Cole, James M.: Tamaqua, Pa., 27; Phillips-burg, N. J., 28; Flemington 29; Princeton 30; Montclair May 1.
Dailey Bros.: Logan, W. Va., 27; Huntington 28; Portsmouth, O., 29; Chillicothe 30; Athens May 1.
Dales Bros.: Hazard, Ky., 27; Jackson 28; Salyersville 29; Paintsville 30; Wayland May 1.

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Davenport, Orrin: Winnipeg, Man., Can., 8-15.
Gainesville Community: Denton, Tex., 29-30; Lubbock May 7-8.
Hamid-Morton: Montreal, Que., Can., 1-8.
King Bros.: Hillsboro, O., 27; Wellston 28; Ironton 29; Madison, W. Va., 30; Welch May 1; Logan 3.
Mills Bros.: Muncie, Ind., 27; Anderson 28; Marion 29; Frankfort 30; La Fayette May 1; Plymouth 3; Warsaw 4; Elkhart 5; Val-paraiso 6; Hammond 7-8.
Polack Bros. (Eastern:: Stadium) Tyler, Tex., 28-May 1; (Baylor Stadium) Waco 3-8.
Polack Bros. (Western): (Auditorium) Sacra-mento, Calif., 26-May 2; (Auditorium) Oak-land 6-16.
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey: (Madi-son Square Garden) New York, thru May 9.
Rogers Bros.: Clarksburg, Pa., 29; Masontown 30; Greensburg May 1; Pittsburgh 3.
Stevens Bros.: Eldorado, Okia., 28; Duke 29; Vinson 30; Erick May 1; Sweetwater 2; Sayre 3; Cheyenne 4; Arnett 5.



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Cole Still Packs'EmIn; Moves to Ill.

Ruth Nelson Back in Show

DECATUR, Ill., April 24 .- Off to an excellent opening at Louisville, the Cole Bros.' Circus has maintained outstanding business. Night turnout here was capacity, and the only dent in the otherwise consistently high at-In the otherwise consistently high at-tendance was made at the matinee here as a result of an hour late start caused by the show's late arrival. Delayed performance pulled half a house.

Terre Haute, Ind., contributed a straw matinee and a capacity night crowd. Evansville, Ind., came thru with a capacity matinee and a straw night house. What's more, the concert drew over 1,000, duplicating the concert pull at the Owensboro, Ky., stand, which netted two straw houses.

stand, which netted two straw nouses. Ruth Nelson, equestrienne, aerial-ist and animal worker, who Monday (19) sustained an ankle injury, has recovered and is back in the program.

Record 1st Day For Davenport In Washington

WASHINGTON, April 24. -- The largest first day crowd in the history of the event viewed the opening of

Shrine Circus here Monday (19). Biz, buoyed by a good advance sale, was steady thruout the week and crescendoed into week-end sellouts.

A favorable arrangement with school authorities, which found cer-tain schools being dismissed each aft-ernoon, brought out capacity crowds

for all matinee performances. Howard Foley is general chairman, assisted by Dr. William Mann, of the Washington Zoological Gardens. Frank Cervone is musical director,

Harry Haag equestrian director and Jones Evans announcer.

Costumes for the opening spec are by Languay Costume Company, with Dorothy Davenport and Harriet Ship-ley in charge of the wardrobe department.

Clown alley includes Early Shipley, Clown alley includes Early Shipley, the Sherman brothers, Joe Lewis, George LaSalle, Jimmy Davison, Gabby DeKoe, Bumpsy Anthony, Dick Lewis, Brownie Gudath, Hubert Dyer, Bobby Fleming and Edgar Thomas.

King Registers At Corbin, Ky.

CORBIN, Ky., April 24. — King Bros., despite cold weather, registered a full house at the night show here Wednesday (21), after getting a three-quarter house at the matinee. Business, since the show bowed at Macon, Ga., has been good. Middles-boro, Ky., Tuesday (20), gave with two full ones and the same was true at Anniston, Ala. Poorest spot to date has been Cedartown, Ga., where, despite good weather, the org drew only fair houses at both shows. This is partly explained by the fact it was the sec-ond show here in three days, Dales Bros. having played here Monday (19). CORBIN, Ky., April 24. - King

(19).

Big One Signs for Movie

HOLLYWOOD, April 24.—Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows have been signed to a movie contract by Producer David Selznick, it was announced by the Selznick Studios here. Film, to be titled The Greatest Show on Earth, will be a super production,

to be the ofference shows and it was said. All performers of the Big One will be included, along with a cast of Hollywood stars. Production is slated for early next year, the studio said. Part of the movie will be filmed during the R-B New York showing at Madison Square Garden.

Weather, Promotion Combine To Give Mills Bros. a Good Start in Buckeye Territory

Solid Two-Hour Show Moves Fast

GREENVILLE. O., fair break in the weather and a display of solid advance promotion com-bined to give the Mills Bros.' Circus satisfactory box-office returns on its first week of the new season which got under way at its winter quarter location on the Pickaway County Fairgrounds at Circleville, **O.**, last Saturday (17).

Warm weather and sunny skies at-tracted a capacity house at the Circletracted a capacity house at the Circle-ville matinee opener, with the night show pulling better than a half house despite a drop in temperature to near-freezing. Monday's two performances at Columbus, O., drew half-filled houses, but a good contract there with the 42d Rainbow Division and a heavy program sale mode the stored the 42d Rainbow Division and a heavy program sale made the stand a winner. Xenia, O., Tuesday (20) netted a near-capacity matinee with the use of special school tickets. Night crowd was fair. At Springfield, O., Wednesday, under auspices of the local fire department, show played to a one-third house in the afternoon, with orphans being admitted free and children going for the straight 60-cent ducats. Night show in Springfield brought out a half a house. Troy, O., Thursday, netted two full houses, and Piqua, O., Friday, was satisfactory.

Mills Boys Host Press

At the opening in Circleville, Jack and Jake Mills were hosts at a press banquet served at Memorial Hall be-tween the afternoon and evening performances. Attending were numerous circus fans, including Dr. H. H. Conley, of Park Ridge, Ill., president of the Circus Fans' Association; news-papermen from a four-State area, chairmen of various organizations along the route sponsoring the Mills show, and numerous city, county and State officials. Tom Wilson, publisher of *The Circleville Herald*, presided as toastmaster and paid tribute to the Mills brothers and their organization. Mayor Miller extended an invitation to the show to return to Circleville next winter. Doc Waddell, the circus chaplain who will again travel with the Mills org this season, sent the opening performance away with a prayer.

All rolling stock and equipment has been annointed with the usual coat of paint and the show makes a fair flash on the lot. Motor equipment has been augmented by two sleeper

April 24.—A is a 100 with three 40's but, according ther and a dis-bromotion com-s Bros.' Circus capacity of 4,500, will be brought on returns on its sometime in July.

Performance Topnotch

The two-hour performance stacks up as topnotch circus fare for a show of its size. Show is nicely dressed, moves speedily and will improve even further when some of the new fem recruits become a bit more circusized. Also needing a shot in the arm is clown alley. Brownie Silver-lake does a good job in piloting the (See MILLS GETS OFF on page 70)

R-B Granted Philly Permit for Old Lot; Fire Danger Guarded

PHILADELPHIA, April 24. — The wrangle over circus grounds ended amicably Tuesday (6) when the Ringling-Barnum circus was granted permission to operate during the week of May 24 at its old stamping grounds at 11th Street and Erie Avenue.

Fire Marshal George E. Gallagher, Fire Marshai George E. Gallagher, whose earlier decision that the cir-cus would be a fire hazard barring the show from the old lot, announced that officials of the show had agreed to take all necessary precautions. Waldo T. Tupper, circus general agent was understood to have pledged compliance with three fire preagent was understood to have pledged compliance with three fire pre-vention steps ordered by Gallagher, including the removal of fodder from the grounds, fireproofing of bedding in the animal tents, and use of fireproof canvas for the big top and side show tents. The last regulation poses no problem since all circus side snow tents. The last regulation poses no problem, since all circus canvas is fireproof. Mayor Bernard Samuel also confirmed that the cir-cus would be permitted to use the Erie Avenue grounds despite the earlier refusal.

Earlier refusal. Earlier in the week Zack Terrell, owner of Cole Bros.' Circus, said he would play Philadelphia if the Big One decided to pass it up. "We're friendly enemies and we want to stay away from them," Terrell said.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ringling Dies

flash on the lot. Motor equipment has been augmented by two sleeper buses and several trucks purchased from the former Florida Blossom Minstrels. Big top, menagerie, side show and concession canvas is the same used last season. Biggest im-provement in the show's appearance is in the big top interior, where the blues have been boosted from 10 to 15 high and the reserves from 5 to 8 high, making for greater seating ca-pacity and a better show-casing for the various features. Present big top

R-B Grosses Near 900G In 35 Shows

New Records Likely

NEW YORK, April 24.-The Ring-ling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Cirhigh bross and Barhum & Bailey Cir-cus run at the Garden is hitting on high, with attendance for the past week, up thru tonight's performance (a sellout), approximately 166,600. With the first 21 performances draw-ing an estimated 200,000, the grand total so far is 266.600 which cheveld total so far is 366,600, which should give the Big One a gross of around \$900.000.

Prospects of attendance records being broken are good, as lines headed for the advance sale ticket windows more than doubled in length this week, despite the fact that Garden ticket racks have been practically cleaned out of the better pews, which are only available at some ticket agencies.

Performances are running smoothly. The usual epidemic of minor colds inherent to the Garden has hit some performers but no serious cases are reported.

Annual performance for Bellevue Hospital patients Monday (19) morn-ing scored its usual success. Among ing scored its usual success. Among those working this special show on the hospital grounds were Merle Evans and his band, Hugo Schmidt with seven elephants, the Bostocks and Marion Seifert in their riding act, the Bogino Troupe of tumblers, and clowns headed by Emmett Kelly and Lou Jacobs, with his miniature auto. Friday (23) morning the elephant-drawn chimes float and several pony-drawn miniature circus cages from drawn miniature circus cages from the Christmas spec participated in a parade along Broadway launching the American Overseas Aid-United Na-tions appeal for children.

Bell Equipment to Anderson

GENEVA, Neb., April 24.—During a recent visit to Bell Bros.' Circus quarters here, Bud E. Anderson pur-chased 33 sections of seats, a truck and 30-foot semi, water tank, two sound systems and miscellaneous property which he moved to his quarters at Emporia, Kan., reports Tom Ewalt, Bell Bros. manager. Ewalt said Anderson's show will carry two Liberty acts, one with 12 horses and the other with eight sor-rels, and Dorothy Anderson's ponies. His big top will be an 80 with two 30's and a 40. He has bought new International tractors.

Wright Beef

CHICAGO, April 24.—Rink Wright enters a slight beef about the recent Dressing Room Gos-sip column, written by Dick Lewis, which appeared recently in *The Billboard*. In the column, Lewis wrote: "After a whirlwind finish in Sioux Falls, S. D., Or-rin Davenport loaned his vaude troupe to Rink Wright for his The Davember of the Wright for his stand in Omaha." Wright wrote The Billboard: "I note by The Billboard of April

"I note by *The Billboard* of April 17 an article written by Dick Lewis whereby he states I bor-rowed a vaudeville show for the Omaha Shrine Circus. Now in the first place I do not produce a vaudeville show. This is strictly a three-ring circus and has been for the last 19 years has been for the last 19 years. In the second place I do not borrow shows, nor do I borrow acts. I hire and pay for acts in assembling the show."

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Ringling-Barnum

Everyone seems to have settled down to his working pace and tem-perament as we leave the opening night tension behind.

Bill Ballentine's article on the Big Show appears in the May issue of Holiday mag, with 10 pages of photos

by Ike Vern. Jackie Gerlick's daring roll-over in the breakaway covered wagon of the Westward Whoa gag was cut. Too rough on the wagon is the re-port from Jerry Bangs. The girls got a good chance to talk

to Jimmy Stewart and John Dall when that pair spent most of an aft-

ernoon back stage for picture shots. Jimmy Armstrong held down the entire Garden alone the other night when Lou Jacobs's tiny car failed to appear because of motor trouble. Hear that Hilda Alzana. is on her

feet for the first time since her fall. All send best wishes to her. Patty Cartier and Virgil Kist an-nounce their engagement. Tuffy All

Tuffy

nounce their engagement. Tuffy Genders celebrated his birthday. Visitors: Dr. H. H. Conley, presi-dent of CFA; Bill Day, Jim Hoye, Jim and Muncie Mooney and sons, Jimmy and Billy; Florence and Cliff Baxter, Gerry Hill, Charles Jones, Vicki Bakken, Press Hansen and Red White's parents. Movie stars included Nancy Walker, Ingrid Bergman Nancy Walker, Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer, Dan Dailey. Martha Wallenda is on the sick list. Nancy Bergman,

Backdoor scenes: Toni Concello had Merle Evans guessing about where she appeared in spec one day. . . Charley Bell and his dogs still rate high with spectators. . . . Mars Benhigh with spectators. . . . Mars Ben-nett and Fanny McClosky are trying to outshine each other with their jewelry in the menage number.

We learn from the many European importations that over there the U. S. is rumored to be on short rations and seriously lacking in utilities. Incidently, with the many different tongues these importations speak, one would almost have to be a lin-guist to gather all of their gossip.— MARY JANE MILLER.

Clyde Beatty

Our week of suburban Los Angeles was a busy and an exciting one. In Alhambra labor trouble beset us when the property department left. However, the show always goes on and seen among the willing volun-teers were Col. Frank Walters carrying steel. All departments aiding in visiting friends helped. Howard Mentz took charge of the department in Ventura and under his leadership In ventura and under ins readership another fine crew is in the making. During the lack of workingmen, Charlie Cox was seen everywhere and always at the right time. At this point George Hanneford began looking for shoulder pads.

Returning to the show after her re-cent illness, Mrs. Beatty went into her act at North Hollywood. Henry Growell substituted during her absence. Also returning at Ventura was Sam Fischer, who had been hospitalized in Cleveland with a foot injury, the result of being pawed by one of the cats during the winter date this spring.

The past week saw many visitors in the L.A. area including Gabe Russ, Lalo Codona and Tom Kitchens in Long Beach, along with Al Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skimans, who drove from San Diego; Raymond Behee and family at Alhambra, and Lalo Escalante at Ventura. Shirley Car-roll, accompanied by Doug Rhodes, was chauffered about town during her radio work by Doug Norris Sr. Shir-

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DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP

Orrin Davenport

The 18th week, show playing Washington. All the woes and grievances, which the boys and girls have, been storing up for years, were aired here. You should have seen the witch hunt

for the congressmen and senators. Jimmy Davison demonstrated his version of the Ward Beam Thrill Show when he took the Sherman brothers, Gudat and De Koe, to see the cherry blossoms along the Potomac.

De Koe complains these Washington houses all look too much alike. He carried the banner for two hours the other night, trying to locate his room, gave up the ghost and heeled

in with Snoopy Ike. The following acts joined in Wash-The following acts joined in Wash-ington: the Kays, Shyrettos, Joe Walsh, Waldorfs, Torrelis's dogs and ponies, Sonny and Pat Moore, Hunt Bros.' elephants, La Lage, Valardes, Rudy Rudynoff, Bert and Corrine Dearo, Carl and Babe Solts, Bumpsy Anthony, Mrs. Earl Shipley and Doro-thy Dovennort. Last two named are thy Davenport. Last two named are our capable wardrobe mistresses.

Plenty of prominent visitors, in-cluding Dr. and Mrs. William Mann, Dr. Thompson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Hildreth, Alice Longworth, General Gregory, Congressman Horn, Senator Taylor and Father Ed Sullivan.

Doris Orton had four stitches taken in her scalp when a pole of the high rigging fell and hit her on the head.— DICK LEWIS.

Garden Bros.

Under auspices of the Tweedsmuir Branch of the Canadian Legion, busi-ness in London, Ont., was good. Mat-inees found the kiddies hanging from their favorite spot, the rafters, and night houses were good with turnaways the last two evenings. A big party was staged by the Canadian Legionnaires at the London Country Club and was thoroly enjoyed. Closing on a Friday gave us a three-

day week-end and time to go places and do things. Bill Garden went to Toronto for a conference with his brother, Bob, who manages the office there, and for a visit with his family. The Paiges motored to Ohio to bring back a new member of their troupe, June Fay McLaughlin. Most every-one else crossed the Ambassador Bridge to see picture shows and the bright lights of Detroit.

Johnny Wall cuts quite a figure in his new red uniform with gold braid. He now answers to Captain. Leo Mathieu is doing a swell job as boss property man. The Conleys make an property man. The Conleys make an impressive picture in their new wardrobe that is trimmed with ostrich feathers. Johnny Pratt has been pinch-hitting for our maestro, Ken Good, who has been doing advance work. Tommy Waters gets the chief ribbers badge with this opera. Concha Escalante is practicing every day in mighty chic rehearsal togs.

Old Sol has finally decided we aren't forgotten people. Temperature was 78 degrees the other day.—DOL-LY JACOBS.

ley received a brief case from Mark Anthony, Laurence Cross and Bobbie Kay.

Missing the train in North Holly-wood, Bob Porter had to pay a \$23 cab fare to get to Ventura. The De Wayne troupe, teeterboard, is in the performance. The Riding Hanneford formily left us at Sorth Barbare. They wayne troupe, the Riding Hanneford family left us at Santa Barbara. They leave on a lengthy jaunt to Canada, by Mrs. Elizabeth accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke. Caesar Romera and Virginia Bruce, movie stars, attended the show at Santa Barbara.—DICK ANDER-SON.

Cole Bros.

The show got off to a flying start in Louisville, with ideal weather making for big turnouts and plenty of biz. The org just pitched its big top some 50 feet away from winter quarters and began to do what old-timers with the show hailed as "best ever" business in the Kentucky metropolis.

Biz kept on booming at Owensboro, Biz Kept on booming at Owensboro, Ky., the org's first town out, due in part, at least, to the fact Owensboro is Owner Zack Terrell's home town. Practically the entire populace flocked out to welcome Terrell and bis entourage his entourage.

The show has met with enthusiastic reception all along the line, indicat-

ing it is to be one of Terrell's best. George Churchill has done a swell paint job on and around the lot. New faces in clown alley include Kenneth Waite, Robert Mason, Roy Allen, Lefty Lacelle, Augie Pasquinucio and Thomas Ontko.

Thomas Ontko. Visitors included Ralph Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory, Dot Gregory, Walter L. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Chap-man, Dr. and Mrs. Huebener, Joe Rossi, Pete Cristiani, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brookes, Norma and Corky Plunkett, Jean (The Great) Allen, Tommy (Greek God) Junedes, Ed Floyd and Al Kaufman.—FREDDIE FREEMAN.

Bailey Bros.

Our business continues big. Since

Our business continues big. Since opening we've had eight stands (as this is written), requiring three shows daily. We've also had plenty of that California dew. Bill Miller, who has been on the sick list, is back again doing his barrel kicking. Martin Wingerter, calliope player, is hospitalized with pneumonia. Skinny Goe, band leader, is proud of his new trumpet. Eman-uel Barrangan, hou got Skinny's is proud of his new trumpet. Eman-uel Barrangan bought Skinny's trumpet and is practicing daily, much to the discomfort of the boys in the pad room, who, politely but firmly, requested him to go to the horse tents.

Recent visitors have included Recent visitors have included Charles Clark's daughter, Lethia, who visited the Joe Hodgini family in Petaluma; Ray H. Wheeler and Mr. Ray, of the Ray Circus, who visited the Miller family in Oakland; visited the Miller family in Oakland; Bob Stanley's son, wife and daughter; Leonard Pearson, of Polack Bros.; Mr. Marks and son; Shorty Chase, cornet player formerly with Everett James and Eddie Woeckener, who was a guest of Skinny Goe in Oak-land, and the CFA friends of Albert White.—RUSTY BADER.

King Bros.

The show is running smoothly, playing to sellouts Thursday (15) in Cedartown, Ga.; Friday (16) in An-Fort Payne, Ala. System inaugurated this year finds

the flying squadron, cookhouse and layout crew under Jack Neville de-parting for next stand at the con-clusion of the matinee. Upon arrival clusion of the matinee. Upon arrival of big top, the lot is layed out, stakes are driven and breakfast is ready. Orchids to chief mechanic Walter

Rodgers, Enoch Bradford and his crew and Napoleon Reed for his eats. Clown alley has been increased to 2, with Senor Morales and his ca-12 nines aiding in the walkarounds.

Members of the org are convinced Eddie Hendricks is passing out Annie Oakleys in large numbers as fans galore gather around dressing room asking for him before and after each performance.

Fort Payne visitors included Hu-bert (Hi-Lo) Merk, the Clown of Alabam, who worked matinee; Thomas and Gordon Gribble, press representatives; Ira Gross, former ad-vance man.—BILLIE BURKE.

Barnes Bros

Pink lemonade and green sawdust once again at the Chicago Stadium. new act that has never played Middle West is the Three Bar-Α the

retts. Those boys are fast. Elly Ardelty is in a class by her-self. She looks so radiant and works with such effervescence that you She has a brand new outdoor rigging. A lot of credit goes to Leo Hamilton He works almost as hard as the performers in putting the acts over.

A banquet was given some of the performers at the Golden Gate Restaurant. Our host was Dr. Corbett, who is one of our top circus fans in Chicago.

Whether this match officially was announced previously, I do not know, but the espoused are Lowell Sherer and Mary Stevens. Both take part in two different flying acts. Lowell's consort, Mary, is with Billy Ward, finishing her date in Washington and Lowell is with Fred Valentine. Visitors included Jack Leontini, the

Maschinos, Gene Randow, La Brach and Bernice, Massimilliano Truzzi, Jack Klein, Louis Stern, Josephine Berosini, Mr. and Mrs. Bela Martinis, Mr. and Mrs. Andre Danwill, George Woodbridge, Ross Wyse, the Ortans, Mario Ivanow, Dr. and Mrs. Schlack, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson (newlyweds), Robert Zimmerman, John Billsbury, Alexander Konyot, Helen Billetti, the Jigsaws (Harold, George and Roland), Francis Lederer and Mike Barnes. Mrs. Edmondo Zacchini left her Francis Lederer and Mike Barnes. Mrs. Edmondo Zacchini left her Florida home early this year to wit-ness the show and the debut of her two daughters, Victoria and yours truly.—DUINA ZACCHINI.

Dailey Bros.

We have heard that you can't run We have heard that you can't run away from troubles. Despite this, we skipped Gonzales, Tex., because it rained us out every year. Instead of opening in Gonzales, Paducah, Ky., was chosen and what happens? Right you are. It rained cats and dogs. The populace didn't seem to mind however

band, under direction of Joe Rossi, has added several top-flight musicians. New acts are going over big as is the improved Plunkett trampoline routine. The bareback riders have decided not to talk during the act. One of them shouted, "No, No," and all four horses stopped with disastrous results to the pyramid formation. Visitors have included John Daly,

Visitors have included John Daly, James Watts and family, Mr. Cart-right, Mr. Covington, Ben Kowski, Ernest Otteson, John Welch, Dick Sahler, Mrs. Robert Clay, Ruth Baldrich, Gladys Kaletch, Dr. and Mrs. Schlack, Reno, Rose Westlake and Tommy O'Brein's mother and sister.—HAZEL KING.



FAIRS-EXPOSITIONS

Hamid Inks **12** Annuals

Spartanburg, Augusta buy big revue-type shows Georgia fair plans stadium

NEW YORK, April 24.—George A. Hamid, head of the booking office bearing his name, this week an-nounced the contracting of 12 fairs, several of which are returning to the Hamid books after an absence of one or more years.

George Jr. recently inked the Pied-mont Interstate Fair, Spartanburg, S. C. The contract, signed by Paul Black, fair president, calls for the largest show ever played by this annual. Hamid's Showtime Revue with an 18-girl line will be featured, along with Cervone's band and eight acts. Hamid last booked Spartanburg about 10 years ago.

Other fairs back on the Hamid books include Chattanooga, London, Ont.; Schagticoke and Bath, N. Y.; Fredericton, N. B.; Huntington, Ind., and Bloomsburg, Pa.; Cedartown and Cainesville Ga Gainesville, Ga.

Hamid also announced that the Ex-Hamid also announced that the Ex-change Club Fair, Augusta, Ga., has booked what he believes to be the largest grandstand show ever to play that State. The fair will play vir-tually the same show booked into Charlotte, N. C., and Columbia, S. C., consisting of the Showtime Revue, Cervone's band, and nine acts.

A stadium seating 4,200 is planned for Augusta. In the past the fair has bought only one or two free acts, be-cause it lacked facilities for staging a regular show and charging admission.

Add 16-Acre Tract **To Plumas County**, Calif. Fairgrounds

QUINCY, Calif., April 24. — The Plumas County Fair Broad has an-nounced that an additional 16 acres have been acquired for the fair-grounds here. Tract adjoins the pres-ent property. A water reservoir will be installed on the site, authorities say.

A study is being made of the possibility of moving the rodeo to the newly acquired ground and of erect-•ing a new grandstand.

Martin Sword, secretary-manager of the fair, stated architects are preparing a master plan, to be executed over a period of years, which will inover a period of years, which will in-clude all necessary installations at the fairgrounds. Plan will include a new sewer system, electrical system, ex-hibit building, office, manager's house, cattle sheds, judging arenas, warehouses and museum. Considera-tion is also being given the possi-bility of building an armory at the fairgrounds. fairgrounds.

Griggsville Back After 7-Year Lull

GRIGGSVILLE, Ill., April 24.-Di-Association recently announced that the Griggsville Fair, suspended since 1941, will reopen this year. Dates are July 6-9, which follows the fair at Carrollton, Ill. It will include a fourday program of harness racing, live-stock, general exhibitions and a mid-way. Track will be repaired before fair time.

Officers are Frank Penstone, presi-dent; C. W. Kaylor, vice-president; H. S. Hunter, treasurer; J. R. Skinner, secretary.

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Eastern States Langdon, N.D. (Pop. 1,546) Works Out of Red, Builds Modern Plant

LANGDON, N. D., April 24.—From an \$8,000 debt in 1937, plus a \$10,000 bond issue in 1940, to a debt-free status the first of April is the achievement of the Cavalier County Fair here, with credit going in a large measure to Secretary Dick Forkner. Forkner, who had started working for the fair as a nine-year-old boy and later served as assistant secretary, assumed the financial reins in '37. Two years later the \$8,000 debt was wiped out and the fair, aided by the WPA, was in the midst of a program which in three years introduced improvements to the tune of \$75,000.

Largest Stand in State In 1940 the \$10,000 bond issue was floated to build a grandstand with a seating capacity of 4,000, the largest in the State and outstanding inas-much as the population of this com-munity then was only 1,546. Oppo-nents of the grandstand project

Aid \$\$ Slated For R. I. State

PROVIDENCE, April 24.—Between \$7,000 and \$8,000 of a total State fair appropriation of \$9,000 will go to the Rhode Island State Fair at Kingston, Dr. Raymond G. Bressler, State di-rector of agriculture, has announced. The remainder of the State allotment will go to the Rocky Hill Grange, East Greenwich, which annually con-ducts a three or four-day fair. The State Fair Association is a priv-

The State Fair Association is a priv-ate organization headed by James C. ate organization headed by James C. Muldowney, sportsman and hotel owner. Last year an outright \$10,000 grant was contained in a special ap-propriations bill, but Gov. John O. Pastore ordered the funds withheld. Commenting on the appropriation, Dr. Bressler said it was a good thing for the State to put up funds for the promofair because it encouraged the promo-tion of agriculture.

Muldowney, who operated the fair last year for the first time, is work-ing on plans for one of the largest en-tertainment programs in the New England circuit.

Award 88G Contract For Exhibit Building

ROSEVILLE, Calif., April 24.-Nic ROSEVILLE, Calif., April 24.—Nic Huddleston, Placer County fair man-ager, announces that work will be-gin at once on a new \$88,000 exhibit building. It will be the first major unit in the fair building program. Contract recently was awarded to the Younger Construction Company, San Francisco San Francisco. Structure will measure 176 by 70

Structure will measure 176 by 70 feet and will provide facilities for basketball and other sports. Other units contemplated in the building program include an administration building, livestock barns, a restau-rant and a dwelling for the manager.

Auburn, Calif., Annual **Re-Elects Bert A. Cassidy**

AUBURN, Calif., April 24.—Bert A. Cassidy, local publisher, has been re-elected president of the 20th Dis-trict Agricultural Association board of directors. Election was held re-cently at the annual meeting. Farrell F. Wrenn, Newcastle fruit executive, was named vice-president and Ray Carlisle was re-elected sec-retary-treasurer of the board. L. F. Morgan will continue as manager and Myrel Carman as grounds superin-tendent.

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branded it "Forkner's Folly," but in the years that followed they helped fill the stands to overflowing and pay off the bond issue in eight years.

Besides working its way out of the red, the fair has spent an average of \$4,000 annually each of the last eight years on improvements. These include a complete network of allweather roads, a new race track, new fence around the grounds and a new lighting system consisting of 34 1,000watt floodlights. Other improvements include the planting of many trees by a chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Improvements to be completed this summer are the extension of city water and sewer to the grounds, 200 feet of paving in the main entrance and a new 50 by 140-foot livestock building which will be used as a livestock pavilion during the summer and as a skating rink during the winter.

ter. Besides Forkner, other officers of the fair are John O. Ryan, Langdon, president; J. T. Wild, Osnabrock, vice-president; Victor Sturlaugson, Langdon, treasurer, and Frank Beas-ley, Fairdale; Carl Wild, Mrs. Roy M. Wells and W. J. Murie, all of Lang-don; Ben Evenson, Clyde, N. D., and Louis Schneider, Wales, directors.

Maritime Provinces Plan Biggest, Best Season Šince 1939 ST. JOHN, N. B., April 24. — Spurred by a minor building boom and the opening of heretofore closed sites, fairs, shows, rodeos and ex-positions are looking forward to their biggest season since 1939 in the Mari-time Provinces. Organizations of all types have indicated they are plan-ning to sponsor events. ning to sponsor events.

ning to sponsor events. New rinks have been made avail-able during the spring, summer and fall here, at Fredericton, St. Andrews and Moncton in New Brunswick; Stellarton, North Sydney, Dartmouth. Digby, Antigonish and Wolfville in Nova Scotia. Additional rinks are to be estab-lished this season in St. Stephen, Edmondton, Grand Falls, Sacksville, Campbelltown, Newcastle, Amherst, New Glasgow and Pictou. Many curling clubs are opening

Many curling clubs are opening their doors to fairs and shows for the first time, as a means of paying for construction and new equipment.

Colonna Headlined In Hawaii May 6-9

HONOLULU, April 24.—A grand-stand show featuring Jerry Colonna, the Dinning Sisters, and Harry Owens and His Royal Hawaiian Orchestra will headline the 49th State fair here May 6-9 in Kapiolani Park. E. K. Fernandez Shows will be on the mid-way.

Colonna and other members of the show are scheduled to leave Holly-wood following the comedian's broad-cast with Bob Hope May 4. Show is produced by Don W. Haynes.

Athol, Mass., Revival Postponed Until 1949

ATHOL, Mass., April 24.—Revival of Athol Fair has been postponed until 1949. The committee announced that more time was needed to pre-pare the event. Edward S. French heads the com-mittee charged with completing revival plans. William R. Colton is

secretary.

Re-elect Selby president, Nash, general managerto refinance bonds

1947 Net 186G

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 24. — Announcement of a net profit of \$186,000 for 1947 operations was made to the annual meeting of the corpora-tors and trustees of the Eastern States Exposition Tuesday (20) at the Hotel Kimball.

Kimball. Howard W. Selby, Boston, was re-elected president. Other principal of-ficers re-elected were Joshua L. Brooks, honorary president; R. De-Witt Mallary, George Williamson and Wilson H. Lee, vice-presidents; Robert J. Cleeland, treasurer; Albert C. White and Ernest H. Wheeler, as-sistant treasurers, and Charles A. Nash, secretary and general manager. A plan was presented by vice-

A plan was presented by vice-president Mallary for the refinancing of the gold debenture bonds of the exposition amounting to \$550,000 and exposition amounting to \$550,000 and which would fall due in 1963. The general plan received indorsement and full power was vested in the members of the executive committee to work out the details. The annual meeting date was moved back from the third Monday in April to the first Monday in February. Members added to the executive committee were Kenneth A. Harmon and Edwin H. Weber, of West Spring-field, and Willard Rogers, of Hart-ford, Conn. Stanley G. Judd, commissioner of agriculture in Vermont, was elected

agriculture in Vermont, was elected chairman of the group of trustees from that State and thus became an ex-officio vice-president of the exposition. Raymond A. Loring, of New Haven, was elected chairman of the Connecticut regional group of trustees and also became an ex-officio veepee.

\$18,500 Vancouver Date for Polack; Set Summer Slate

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 24.— Financial arrangements for this year's Pacific National Exhibition here, August 30-September 6, will find Polack Bros.' Circus, Western unit, receiving an \$18,500 guarantee for the eight-day stand, directors of the PNE and Gizeh Temple Shrine, joint sponsors of the show, an-nounced. Refreshment concessions are re-

Refreshment concessions are re-Refreshment concessions are re-served by the exhibition novelty and amusement concessions, to be han-dled by the circus, and will pay 20 per cent of the take to the exhibition.

Hastings Park Forum, scene of the exhibition, will have a \$25,000 bal-cony added this year to house the flower show.

flower show. Summer schedule at Exhibition Park includes ice skating from Jame 15 to August 15, roller skating and box la crosse at all times except dur-ing the exhibition; The Fun Parade, May 13 and 14, and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, May 27. Preceding the opening of the circus, the Forum will house the Exhibition Revue, a stage attraction which last year was presented outdoors.

Battle of Cahuenga Pass Theme of Hollywood Fete

HOLLYWOOD, April 24. — The Historic Battle of Cahuenga Pass will be the feature of a three-day pageant, July 1-3, at Hollywood Bowl here when Los Angeles County joins in the State-wide centennial celebration. The pageant also will depict four eras of California history—Indian, Spanish, Mexican and American.

May 1, 1948 The Billhourd Gilbert-West End Fair Assn. Aug. 25. James F. Shiffer, Brodheadsville, Pa. Hollidaysburg-Hollidaysburg Farm Show Assn. Oct. 13-15. Norman K. Hoover. Meadville-Crawford Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 21-25. L. O. Hotchkiss. Northampton-Twin-Co. Agrl. Assn. Sept. 8-11. Warren J. Dech. Schaefferstown-Heidleberg Community Fair. Sept. 29-Oct. J. Henry N. Wenger. Tionesta-Forest Co. Fair. Sept. 16-18. Karl W. Flowers. Pinconning—Pinconning Community Fair Assn. Sept. 10-11. Meryl A. Bird. Fair Dates MINNESOTA Benidji-Beltrami Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 9-11. Mrs. Hypatia Spangler. Caledonia-Houston Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 2-4. GET (Continued from page 61) Continued from page 617 Livingston-Livingston Parish Fair Assn. Oct. 8-10. Alexander J. Berey, Albany, La. Oberlin-Aller. Parish Fair Assn. Oct. 7-9. G. C. Meaux. Opelousas-Louisiana Yambilee Assn. Oct. 6-7. A. M. Landry. Sulphur-Calcasieu-Cameron Fair. Oct. 18-13. Mrs. Harold Owens. Caledonia—Houston Co. Agri. Soc. 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Mur-Dhy North Leeds MISSISSIPPI MISSISTIT Corinth—Tri-State Fair Assn. Sept. 27-Oct. 2. A. H. Taylor Jr. Laurel—South Mississippi Fair. Sept. 27-Oct. 2. R. B. Jeffries. Vicksburg—Miss.-Lou. Expo. Sept. 20-25. Frank H. Andrews Jr. CHANGE SOUTH DAKOTA Leeds-Leeds Agrl. ASSN. Oct. 7. J. J. Mur-phy. North Leeds. Litchfield-Litchfield Farmers' Club. Oct. 5-6. Chas. H. Harvey, Gardiner, Me. Norway-Paris-Oxford Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 13-18. Elmore C. Edmunds, South Paris. West Cumberland-Cumberland Farmers' Club Sept. 27-Oct. 2. Frederic C. Wilson, RFD 5, Portland. Gettysburg-Potter Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 2-4. Rayburn Butram. 10 TENNESSEE MISSOURI MISSOCIAI Kahoka—Clark Co. Agrl. Assn. Aug. 3-6. Harold Ragnu. Ste. Genevieve—Ste. Genevieve Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 3-4. Chas. H. Rehm. Unionville—Putnam Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 7-10. Marple S. Wyckoff. Vienna—Maries Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 17-18. R. A. Waer. Jonesboro---Washington Co. Fair. Sept. 15-18. Mrs. Paul A. Dillow. 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Franklin Conner, Churchville, N. Y. Syracuse—New York State Limited Fair. Sept. 13-18. Bligh A. Dodds, Solvay, N. Y. Vernon—Vernon Agrl. Soc. Aug. 24-29. James F. Burke. Watertown—Jefferson Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 17-20. Karl Malady, R. 3. Westport—Essex Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 31-Sept. 3. L. H. Lobdell, Wadhams, N. Y. White Plains—Westchester Co. Agrl. Assn. Sept. 9-12. Mrs. P. T. Phillips. **ERNIE YOUNG** America's Finest Trained Horses Y. Fleids. Roanoke-Roanoke Fair. Aug. 9-14. Lester T. Hutson. Rustburg-Campbell Co. Legion Fair. Sept. 6-11. S. J. Thompson. South Boston-Halifax Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 12-16. W. W. Wilkins. Tappahannock-Northern Virginia Fair. Sept. 6-11. Al Porter. Waverly-Sussex Co. Fair. Sept. 6-11. Philip D. Harcum. West Point-Tidewater Fair Assn. Sept. 20-25. B. C. Graves, Providence Forge, Va. America's Finest Trained Horses AND NOVELTY CIRCUS ACTS HAMMOND ELECTRIC ORGAN COMPLETE GRANDSTAND SHOW FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS confact For Your Grand Stand Show 155 N. 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Palisades Battles Cold To Score in Season Bow; **Customers Spend Freely**

First Eastern Park Operating Full Time

By Jim McHugh

By Jim Melligh NEW YORK, April 24.—Palisades (N. J.) Amusement Park almost literally cracked the ice on the 1948 Eastern park season last Saturday (17) with spectacular results which impressed interested observers, if not the brothers Rosenthal, Jack and Irving, co-owners, who know their public better than anyone else. Thousands turned out in winter togs to give the park a height-of-the-season-like play. Despite the weather, patrons stayed late, demonstrating that the park is not only again geared to attract hordes of people, but also well equipped to hold the interest of patrons long enough to get them to give plentifully of their to the season stayed to attract hordes of people. to get them to give plentifully of their recreational dollars.

Perhaps an even more important aspect of the sizable opening, some curtailment of which must have been effected by the weather, altho it wasn't apparent along the crowded wasn't apparent along the crowded midways, was the free spending that went on. The park's numerous con-cessionaires had the customers stand-ing three and four deep at the height of the night action and the rides had folks line up, with the Roller Coaster particularly popular considering the near-freezing temperature.

Good Publicity Helps

The big turnout under adverse conditions wasn't an indication that (See Palisades Battles on opp. page)

Angier Buys . Nipmuc Park For \$60,000

MENDON, Mass., April 24.-Bradford Angier bought Nipmuc Park Tuesday (20) for a reported \$60,000. He transferred the property to Nip-muc Park Amusement Company, of which he is treasurer. Nathaniel Hochberg is president.

The sale ended litigation in an unusual Superior Court case that was heard twice, before two masters. Angier, the plaintiff, who had leased the summer theater at the park, claimed he was being "squeezed out" of his lease thru the sale to a new cornoration corporation.

He contended his lease was renewable annually if the park was sold to a member of the family of Rudolph Mainini, treasurer of the former park company. He charged that the pro-posed sale was to a group, of which George F. Pyne, Mainini's son-in-law, was a member and that his lease, therefore, was renewable.

Vet Chicago Zoo Keeper Bids Pals Good-By After 38 Years

CHICAGO, April 24. — Richard Auer said good-by to 2,600 friends at Lincoln Park Zoo Wednesday (14). Auer, foreman of the zoo, retired after 38 years service. He plans to spend his time gardening at his home.

Auer, musing over changes during his 38-year tenure, recalled there were no lions or tigers in the zoo back when he started his job, but was quite proud to report that the menage now totals 2,600 animals, birds and reaction reptiles.

Motor Maids of America To Gather at Zane Caverns

BELLEFONTAINE, O., April 24.— The Zane Caverns near here will be host to the Motor Maids of America at their national meeting May 1-2. Bernard G. Nebel is the new manager of the caverns.

As New Manager **Of Rocky Point**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 24.— Paul S. Haney has been signed to manage rebuilt Rocky Point Park at Warwick Neck, R. I., which reopens May 30. For 14 years, previous to 1938, Haney was outing manager at Rocky Point. During the past five years he has been associated with food concessions at Crescent Park, Riverside, R. I., and at Lincoln Park, New Bedford, Mass. Rocky Point in its beyday the

Rocky Point, in its heyday the leading park in this area, was badly damaged by the hurricane of 1938 and was sold to the Studley Land and was sold to the Studley Land Company, Providence, during the summer of 1945. It was again sold in August, 1947, to Frederick Hilton, New York, and Joseph Trillo, Provi-dence business man. Hilton recently sold his share in the business to Vin-cent Forlo coefficient large business cent Ferla, another local business man.

Construction work, under the di-rection of Joseph A. Drambour, Springfield, Mass., is progressing satisfactorily, most of the buildings being near completion, tho the 2,500-seat shore dinner hall has just been started. Jack Ray, Toronto, is de-signing fronts and general decoration in the modern manner.

Contract has been let for a \$100,000 Roller Coaster, but construction can-not start until the park closes for the season in September or October.

Attractions for this season include a pavilion offering a beach and a swimming pool, Merry-Go-Round, Cuddle Up, Looper, Caterpillar, Tumble Bug, Laugh in the Dark, Skooter, Crystal Maze; Kiddieland, consisting of five rides; Penny Arconsisting of five fides; Penny Ar-cade, bingo, an 18-hole miniature golf course, photo stand, a "chicken coop," spaghetti house and numer-our games. The Cliff House, for-merly the Rock Cafe, has undergone alterations to provide an enlarged cocktail lounge and has been re-decorated.

Lake Compounce's 103d Season Gets Under Way

BRISTOL, Conn., April 24.—Lake Compounce opened its 103d season Sunday (3) to reported good business

Julian Norton, co-owner of the park and recently elected president of the New England Association of Amusement Parks and Beaches, got some good breaks in the Hartford papers on the opening.

Julian Norton and J. E. Pierce, manager, are descendants of the founders of the park.



CINCINNATI, April 24.-Emerging from the recent flood with little dam-age, Coney Island here will kick off pre-season dances in Moonlite Gardens starting Friday (30) and the first of a series of three week-end preview days starting May 1 and 2. Coney opens for the regular season May 22.

All park attractions are expected to be in operation for the preview days, officials said. The park will open Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sun-days at 1 p.m. Added bus service will be provided between Governwill be provided between Govern-ment Square in downtown Cincin-nati and the up-river park to replace the steamer Island Queen lost in the explosion at Pittsburgh last fall.

Pre-season dances will be offered nightly except Mondays, said Edward L. Schott, Coney's president and gen-L. Schott, Coney's president and gen-eral manager, who reported that be-cause of sturdy construction the dancery floor' withstood the flood water which covered it to a depth of about four feet. "The little dam-age done will be repaired in time for the opening," he said.

Clyde Trask's orchestra will pro-vide the dance music. Johnny Long and his orchestra come in for the May 8 and 9 week-end, to be fol-lowed by the Ray McKinley band for the last of the preview days.

Ideal Beach Preps For May 30 Debut

MONTICELLO, Ind., April 24. — Since March 15, maintenance men have been preparing Ideal Beach Re-sort on Shafer Lake here for its of-ficial May 30 opening, reports T. E. Spackman, manager.

Landscape men are now setting out large trees for the new lake-side pic-nic area located near a concession building under construction.

Full activity of all departments— concessions, beach, ballroom and rol-ler rink—will actually begin May 28, said Spackman. At that time the ballsaid Spackman. At that time the ball-room, now open Sunday nights, will go on a nightly and Sunday after-noon schedule, and the rink, now op-erating Friday nights and Sunday af-ternoons, will begin a daily afternoon and night policy. A name band policy will again be followed, the first set being Eddy Howard's for early June. The open-ing ork is to be chosen from bands being auditioned on Sunday nights

Abe Slusky Invites Expert To Inspect **Playland Coaster**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., April 24. —An expert has been called in to inspect the Roller Coaster under construction at Abe and Louis Slusky's new Playland Park here.

Abe Slusky offered to pay the ex-penses of bringing an expert from

penses of bringing an expert from Chicago. A controversy was stirred over concrete supports for the Coaster uprights. Roy W. Smith, attorney and steady critic of the new park, raised the point. Slusky said the concrete base is not necessary and is not used at St. Joseph, Mo., and Houston, where he has an interest in Roller Coasters.

Fred W. Pearce and son, Fred Jr., of Walled Lake Park, near Detroit, have returned from a vacation in Florida.

Olympic Sets 2 Week-Ends

Guenther starts 30th year as owner-manager --- daily operation begins May 15

IRVINGTON, N. J., April 24.--Olympic Park here will hold two week-end previews, May 1 and 2 and May 8 and 9, prior to the park's of-ficial opening, Saturday, May 15. This is the park's 30th season under the ownership and management of Henry A. Guenther Sr.

The park will continue its policy of presenting two open-air circus per-formances and two band concerts daily, starting opening day. Line-up of acts will be changed weekly, with of acts where changed weekly, with new acts opening on Mondays instead of Sundays as in previous seasons. Joe Basile's band will again provide music for the circus and concerts, with Bubbles Ricardo as vocalist.

Olympic Park has undergone its usual spring primping and the cafe and cafeteria have been completely revamped and air-conditioned. A Tilt-a-Whirl has been added to Eddie Ball's Kiddieland.

Advertising and publicity are again being handled by the local firm of Press Relations Organization, with Allen Durling and Karl Davey in charge of the park account.

Tenn. Valley Units For Florida Resort

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla., April 24.—All attractions of Tennes-see Valley Amusements are up and operating to good business at Panama City Beach Park, and hotels, the pier and Boardwalk are open, reports Una Meadows, show secretary-treas-urer urer.

urer. Ride line-up includes a Ferris Wheel and Memphis Twister, in charge of Heavy Meyers; Kiddie Chairplane and Venetian Swings, Maurice Meadows; double Loop-o-Plane, Don Hutchinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Iron's pony ride. A Merry-Go-Round is expected to be added soon. Among concessionaires are Mr and

Round is expected to be added soon. Among concessionaires are Mr. and Mrs. Hack Allen, hoop-la; Mr. and Mrs. Hack Allen, hoop-la; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Beauchain, snow cones, peanuts and duckpond; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brown, short range and ciga-rette galleries; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Swan, spindle; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Swan, spindle; Mr. and Mrs. John Baggett, ball game; Mr. and Mrs. Costa Sturgeon, cookhouse, novelties and clothespin game; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Koslov, palmistry, age guessing and photos; Jack Allen, pan game, and an office-owned penny pitch. Doc Barfield is installing a new bingc in Patio Casino, which offers a soft drink bar and sandwiches, beer, an arcade and free dancing.

Willow Grove on Week-Ends

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Elmer E. Foehl's Willow Grove Park got under way here today, two weeks later than Woodside Park. Willow Grove will be open week-ends until May 22 when it goes into daily operation. Woodside Park, which is operating weekday nights and week-ends, will go into full operation at the same time. same time.

Calgary, Texas Zoos Swap

CALGARY, Alta., April 24.—Ad-ditions at the Calgary Zoo are a bob-cat from Grand Forks, B. C., and a Patagonian cavy from San Antonio. In return for the cavy, the Texas Zoo got a golden eagle and some silver and cross foxes. and cross foxes.



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New London, Conn., Sues To Oust Gloth From Ocean Beach

From Ocean Beach NEW LONDON, Conn., April 24.— In a cross-complaint filed with the Superior Court by Edmund J. Eshen-felder, director of law, the city asks \$20,000 damages from Joseph Y. Gloth, concessionaire at the city-owned Ocean Beach Park. Gloth is charged by the park board with falsifying his gross income accounts for last summer. The suit, which was filed last week, also asks the cancellation of Gloth's contract. Late last week it was understood that a temporary injunction restrains the board from meeting to consider canceling a contract Gloth claims en-titles him to a hearing to determine whether he owes the city money and an opportunity to redeem himself by paying up if he does. The park board has charged that

The park board has charged that Gloth withheld some \$8,000 due the City of New London on his last year's operations. Gloth holds a five-year contract to operate an arcade on the first floor of the park's recrea-tion huilding. The contract hes the on the first floor of the park's recrea-tion building. The contract has three more years to go. In the contract Gloth agreed to pay the city a per-centage of his gross or a \$12,000 minimum. He paid the minimum for last summer, saying that the city's share on a percentage basis would have been only \$10,719. The board, however, claims the city's share should have been about \$20,000.

Mobile Funspot Bows May 15

MOBILE, Ala., April 24.—Grand View Park, located on Mobile Bay, opens for the season May 15, Joe Palughi, owner, announces. Palughi has installed a Merry-Go-Round and an automobile ride. Bathhouse and pier, leading into the bay, dance hall and other buildings were renovated during this winter during this winter.

Palisades Battles Cold To Score In Bow; Patrons Free Spenders

(Continued from opposite page) the public was overly anxious for the return of outdoor show business following confining winter months. Rather it demonstrated the business-wise. operating policy of the Rosen-thals, along with the usual good promotion-publicity job engineerd by the Bert Newing office with Newing the Bert Nevins office, with Nevins and Sid Schectman handling the details.

The park again opened and sought recognition in the press and on the radio at the same time the Ringling circus was promoting the same out-lets. Batting in that league is big time, but Palisades has long belonged in the first durision. The park's in the first division. The park's billing was particularly strong, with eye-catching snipes plentifully spread thruout the metropolitan area.

Refurbishing Completed

Refurbishing Completed All units were in tip-top shape for opening. A complete repaint job had been accomplished in ample time, altho inclement weather for several weeks prior to opening hampered operations. The spectacular marquee lighting has been further embellished this year, with the outside row of lights colored gold to emphasize the park's golden jubilee. The Funhouse, one of the most attractive park units, has been made even more appealing with the addition of more animated with the addition of more animated figures.

Continuing as the only show in op-eration is the Lion Motordrome, op-erated by Earl and Ethel Purtle. The unit is well flashed and features caged performing lions on the bally platform. Preem performances were handled by Ethel, since Earl is still confined to bed as the result of a severe leg cut caused by a broken cable when he was setting up the Continuing as the only show in op-

drome. The Purtles this year will also operate a unit on the Cetlin & Wilson Shows.

George Paxton and Russ Irwin and their orks handled the music chores, which includes the free dancing pa-trons get for the 25-cent gate admission charge. Customers will also see a George A. Hamid free act, usually of the high thrill variety, changed weekly. Added lure on opening night weekly. Added lure on opening night was the publicized appearance of Maggi McNellis and Herb Sheldon, stars of WJZ's Luncheon at the Latin Quarter; Joey Adams, comedian; Paul Brenner, WAAT; Ed Begley, stage and screen actor, and disk jockeys Jack Eigen, Steve Ellis and Bill Berge Bill Berns.

Vesses Free Act

Opening free attraction was the our Vesses, aerialists. The two Opening free attraction was the Four Vesses, aerialists. The two men and two girls worked well de-spite the adverse weather conditions on a novel rigging about 90 feet high. Not in keeping with the daring aerial acrobatics of the Vesses was the playing of I Love You Truly by the George Paxton ork. The Rosenthals, Anna Halpin, gen-eral manager, and Joe McKee, super-intendent, were kept busy entertain-ing and accepting opening congratu-lations. Herman Blumenfeld and Joe Hughes, of the George A. Hamid office, attended the opening.

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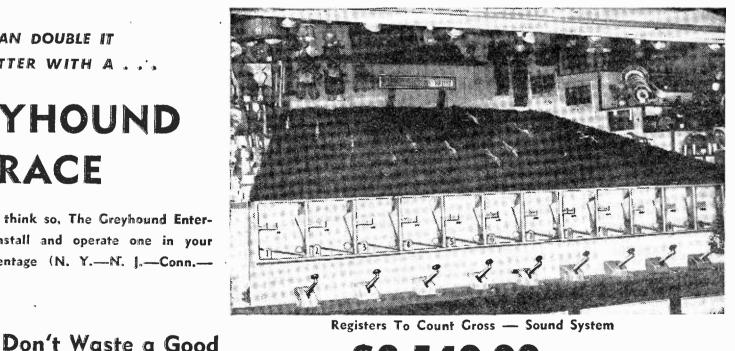
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Beckman Manager Of Rocks, St. Louis

The Billboard

ST. LOUIS, April 24 .- New personnel and new attractions will be in evidence when Chain of Rocks Park here reopens for the 1948 season, re-ports President Carl Trippe. Jack Beckman has been signed to manage the spot, while Joseph Heitman will be in charge of cashiers. Ben Deck will supervise the bar and refresh-ments, with Mrs. Deck managing eating concessions.

Trippe reports heavy bookings of school and commercial picnics. He said 15 new Dodgem cars have been bought, along with a batting base-ball game, Batter Up. The roller rink is getting an aluminum front, and maintenance men are preparing a parking lot.

Trippe said that damage done to West Lake Park by the recent tornado that went thru St. Louis will be repaired by opening date.

BEATTY CLICKS

(Continued from page 61) while he was doing his sensational heel catch, is back on the show. He did not work for a week or two, but is recuperating satisfactorily.

The George Hanneford family closed in North Hollywood to fill in-door and fair dates. Their program spot was taken over by the De-Waynes, Risley and teeterboard act, in Vonture in Ventura.

Clowns Get Space

Clown alley, headed by Marc An-thony, producing clown, is getting a lot of space in local newspapers and continues to garner its share of apcontinues to garner its share of ap-plause. Other joeys include Bobby Kay, Mel Rennick, Laurence Cross, Peggy and Shorty Sylvester, Bill Bailey, Charles Hilderra, Joe Clem-ens, Delbert J. Emery, Arthur Mon-tagne, Wyatt Davies, Lou Walton, Charles Browley, Short Kinkle and Popo DeBath. Art LaRue, Bernie Griggs and Huey Curtis closed after the Los Angeles date. the Los Angeles date.

Inadvertently omitted from the staff line-up previously published, were George Werner, boss canvas-man; Harry Hammond, white wagon; Hartford, Conn. Al Moss, tax box.



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'47 But Hopes Are Up for Final Week

(Continued from page 61) last year's 24-day run. Matinees are given every day this year, only ex-ception being opening day when only a night show was presented. Prices are the same as a year ago, \$1.25, \$1.90, \$2.50 and \$3.80. The kids are given half-price tickets at the weekday matinees.

day matinees. Among the repeat acts this year are Terrell Jacobs and His Wild Animals, Capt. William Heyer and his horse, Starless Night, Elly Ar-delty, the Wong Brothers, Capt. Wil-liam Buschbom and His Liberty Horses and, of course, Aida, to men-tion a few tion a few.

One thing that shouldn't go unsaid is that the show certainly gives with sock finishes at the close of the first half and at the finale. Aida, billed this year as the Star in the Moon, winds up the first half with her flashy act and still draws plenty of oohs and aahs, not to mention ap-plause, from the customers. The Zacchini cannon act, with Victoria and Duina Zacchini the gals shot out of the cannon, make for a sock wind-up, giving the customers plenty to One thing that shouldn't go unsaid up, giving the customers plenty to talk about.

19 in Clown Alley

19 in Clown Alley Clown alley boasts 19 members. This department is stronger than a year ago. Gags, in most cases, are good and the boys do a good all-round job. Clowns are Joe (Cocoa) Coyle, Jack and Ruby Landrus, Billy Rice, Happy Kellems; Flippo Gates and her dog, Peanuts; Van Wells, Jim and Ward Snell, Al Lackerman, Lindsey Wilson, Hersey Rademaker, Roy Barrett, Joe Ambrose, Tad Tosky, Charlie and Mamie Baker and Hop Green. Whitey Harris, another member of clown alley, suffered se-vere burns the second day of the show when a firecracker exploded in his face. He was rushed to a hospital and today the report was "he's com-ing along fine." It is doubtful, how-ever, whether he will be able to get back into action during the showing here back into action during the showing

back into action during the showing here. The line-up of acts: Display 1-South of the Border. Display 2-Pot-pourri, comedy acrobats. Display 3--Terrell Jacob's animals. Display 4-The Three Barretts, high act. Display 5-The Three Dees, Johnson and Owen, the Heerdinks, bar. Display 6-Ethel D'Arcy, Sunny Miller, Bebe Siegrist, Elly Ardelty, aerial ballet. Display 7-Capt. William Heyer and Starless Night. Display 8-Clowns. Display 9-The Brannocks, Ervins and the Lange troupe, teeterboard. Display 10-Capt. William Buschbom's Liberty horses. Display 11-Clowns. Display 12-Aida, the Girl in the Moon. Display 13-Woolford's dachshunds, Loyal's dogs, the Harrisons. Dis-play 14--Clowns. Display 15-Barnes Bros.' elephants. Display 16-Lynn and Linda, high pole act. Display 16-Lynn and Linda, high pole act. Display 10-The Flying Valentines, the Flying Zacchinis, the Flying Romas. Dis-play 18-Clowns. Display 19-Alphonse and Company, Chee Hein Troupe, Wong Troupe, balance. Display 20-Clowns. Display 21-Loyal Repensky Family, riding. Display 22-Clowns. Display 23-Arturo and Heddy, high wire. Display 24-Zacchini, cannon.

BROKERS YIELD

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these circus tickets. I anticipate, as I reach out into other ticket agencies, I reach out into other ticket agencies, that more tickets will be returned and put on public sale. Further than that, this is only the beginning of the investigation, because I am going to further inquire how it is possible that so many tickets go out of the office at the Garden."

Upon being advised of Fielding's statement, Henry (Buddy) Ringling North, circus vice-president, said: Commissioner Fielding's order will Commissioner Fielding's order will have a fine effect on everything. It is too bad that people who come to the circus are unable to buy tickets. I don't know who is to blame but I am delighted this action was taken. People expect to get tickets where the show is playing." Fred DeWolfe, show treasurer, at-tended the meeting.

Barnes Biz Under Mills Gets Off **To Good Start**

(Continued from page 63) joey contingent but he has too little to work with.

Featured acts are the Cathalas (May, Charles, Tony and Henry), who fill several spots with their tum-bling, juggling, teeterboard work and general knockabout comedy, and the Renato Medini Troupe (Bruno, Bruna, Yolanda, Michael and Petromille), who turn in a solid job of head-balancing, hand balancing and unsupported ladders. Both acts were booked by Hans Lederer, New York.

Other turns which were well received were Joe and Annette Dobas, perch and head-and-hand balancing, with the fem as understander; the Silverlake family, trapeze; Allen and Ellen Knight, tight-wire; Big Burma, performing elephant, who gets excep-tional handling from Frank and Virginia Noel; Rubyatte, acro tumbler, and the Liberty horses worked by Capt. Burt Wallace, Jeanette Wallace and Ed Mason. Wallace has done a good job of whipping two sets of new stock into shape.

The Staff

The Staff The Mills Bros.' staft stacks up as follows: Jack and Jake Mills owner-managers: Harry Mills, concessions manager; Rose Mills, secre-tary: Ida Mills, treasurer; Ted Edlin, general press and radio representative, assisted by Fred Stafford Jr., Ray Sohn, Wayne Welde, Edgar Thompson and William Davis. Mickey Pendleton is 24-hour man. I. B. McCoy, big show announcer, also heads the ticket department which includes W. E. Chay-ter, Helen Henshaw and Frank Stiles (down-own). Ticket-takers are Ethel Brady, in charge; Mary Herrick and Mrs. W. E. Chay-ter, C. P. (Brady) Vensel is general super-nitendent, with Tommy Watson, boss can-vasman; John O'Bryant, chief usher; Fraak Noel, menagerie superintendent; Charles Ali, properties; Robert E. Boyd, cookhouse stew-ard; Paul Suddeth, head waiter; Arthur (Hard Times) Leonard, lights and transportation; Ed Burridge, sign painter; Sanford Burnstein, byter, gene O'Bryant, wardrobe; Fred Ab-bott, advance water truck; Blackie Diller, ring-stock; Burt Wallsce, equestrian director and horse trainer, and Eddie Mason, assistant to walce.

horse trainer, and Eddie Mason, assistant to Wallace. Robert A. Mills Heads Band Robert A. Mills, no relation to the owners, heads the big show band, which includes Paul Tweedy, caliope; R. M. (Doc) Clare, baritone; Jack Fogg, bass horn; Jingles Car-sey, trombone; Ray Henshaw, trombone; Robert K. Grant, clarinet; Frank Owens, clarinet; C. N. Van Vactor, cornet; Carl Wood-rich, cornet; Jack Sweetman, snare drums; Ed Burridge, bass drum. Clown alley comprises Roy and Joy Thomas, Willie Clark, Steve Crowe, Brownie Silverlake, Marcus Silverlake, Frankhin Silverlake, Melvin Silverlake, Bobo Jensen, James Anderson and Allen Reid. Wild West concert line-up has Buffalo Ben, Lloyd and Willedean Black, Georgia Sweet, Marie Anderson, Happy (Texas) Thompson and Arizona Silin Jenks. Side show personnel lines up as follows: Paul Hubbard, manager; L. E. (Roha) Col-lins, inside lecturer and magictan; Tommy O'Neal, Dan Scott and Bert Buckley, ticket sellers; Charles Gibson's colored minstrels (8), Riko, reptile exhibit; Tiny, fat boy; Madame Pauline, mentalist; Princess Mary, Chinese torture box; Myrna Karsey, rag pictures, Juanita, headless girl.

Cork O'Keefe is installing a miniature train in the area between Felt-man's and the Boardwalk at Coney Island.

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Strates Okay Richmond Harbors Texarkana, Ark., **In Wilmington**

Georgia Sothern, charging 76 cents, plays to capacity -rain kills two days

WILMINGTON. Del., April 24.-WILMINGTON. Del., April 24.—A successful week was concluded here Saturday (17) by the James E. Strates Shows. The org opened to a big Monday (12), but rain Tuesday and Wednesday (13-14) hurt, altho the midway continued in action. Shavings. cinders and ground cork were used to put the midway in shape

shape. The weather cleared for the last three days and business was good. Georgia Sothern's Revue, at 76 cents

Georgia Sothern's Revue, at 76 cents admission, was packed at each per-formance during the last three days. Warren Murphy's Penny Arcade was well flashed with new canvas and coin machines and a neonized front. The new wagon front for Ed Hollinger's Harlem Boogie, altho not completed wert up here for the first Hollinger's Harlem Boogie, altho not completed, went up here for the first time. Doc Hartwick's Wild Life Show, which already had 45 cages, received additional animals from Warren Buck. Robert L. Wilcox interviewed members of Nate Eagle's midget troupe daily on WTUX. The family of owner Strates returned to their Elmira, N. Y., home. Georgia Sothern's mother visited here.

WOM To Preem May **3** in Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, Va., April 24.—Frank Bergen's World of Mirth Shows will open its 1948 season at the old fair-grounds here May 3.

Work has been progressing rapidly in winter quarters here despite con-siderable inclement weather. Finish-ing touches are expected to be completed before the wagons make the approximate five-mile jump to the lot. Gerald Snellens. special representa-tive, has arrived, as have most other staff members, and is supervising billing.

Edward Howe, last year with the Ringling circus press department, has signed as publicity director. He will take over his new duties Monday (26).

B.&V. Business Okay In Lodi, N. J. Preem

NEW YORK, April 24.-B. & V. Shows opened its season at Lodi, N. Shows opened its season at Lodi, N. J., Thursday (15). with chilly weather holding down attendance over the week-end. First weather break came Tuesday (20), with mild temperature bringing out a big crowd which jammed the midway until near midnight. Bides shows and concess

which jammed the midway until near midnight. Rides, shows and conces-sions all played to good business. Line-up of rides on the lot at Lodi included a Ferris Wheel, Loop-o-Plane, Spitfire, Caterpillar, Merry-Go-Round, Chairplane and two kid-die rides. Only show on the lot here was a Girl Show. Penny Arcade and bingo played to good business. Free attraction with the B. & V. Shows is Miss Torina, top-notch high-pole thriller who does her stuff even under definitely adverse weather conditions.

conditions.

Dinty Moore Sells Arcade

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., April 24.—A. L. (Dinty) Moore sold his arcade here recently to Jack Vin-son, of the Bell-Vinson Shows, Moore is on the road for the first time in five years, as he has booked two sets of diggers on the John R. Ward Shows. Mrs. Moore will remain here to look after 600 acres of land they have rented. have rented.

RICHMOND, Va., April 24.—This ty was virtually surrounded this citv week by three carnivals, each located week by three carnivals, each located on main arteries. The John H. Marks Shows, which winter here, were located on North Broad Street; Majestic Greater Shows were in South Richmond, and Jake Shapiro's Triangle Shows were located on Chamberlayne Avenue.

Fair business was reported for all three when good weather prevailed. J. L. (Eddie) Edwards, former electrician on the World of Mirth Shows, and his wife, Ada, have joined Triangle. James W. Stephenson, veteran circus-carnival agent, reportedly will join the org next week.

Sunset Gets Good **Opening Biz at**

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., April 24.—Favored by ideal weather, Sun-set Amusement Company, owned and operated by K. H. Garman, got away operated by K. H. Garman, got away to a big start in its season's bow here. Org encountered difficulty with lighting and as a result opening was delayed. Scheduled to open at 7 p.m., the show was set when sud-denly the town light plant failed and the show and town were dark for an hour an hour.

Once the lights came on, Mayor C. M. Powell and City Manager William Payne cut the ribbon at the show's entrance and a huge crowd stormed the midway. Show was sponsored by the American Legion Post.

Many floral pieces were at the entrance, gifts from Midwest Merchan-dise Company, Excelsior Springs Chamber of Commerce, American Le-gion and the Business Men's Association

On it's 10-day stand here, the show, which moves to Sedalia next for a week's stand, presented plenty of fresh paint and neon. Show officials

resh paint and neon. Snow officials expect the new Dodgem to be de-livered by June 1. Vaun Flora, org's assistant man-ager, is nursing a fractured left arm, the result of a fall from a truck. Mrs. K. H. Garman and Mrs. Vaun Flora handled the ticket splas of the front handled the ticket sales at the front gate.

gate. Among visitors were Chester and Ruth Ann Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward (Slim) Johnson, Mr. ard Mrs. Verne Dixon, Sid Meyers, Vince Mc-Cabe; Earl G. McDaniels, formerly with Gibbs Shows and now employed by a local newspaper; Moxie Hanley and Harry Altshuler.

Des Moines Bans

Shows in May, June DES MOINES, April 24.—There will be no carnivals showing here in May or June this year, the city coun-May or June this year, the city coun-cil voted. Sponsors of the Hawkeye Holidays secured passage of the resolution to prevent any carnival from showing prior to the event, scheduled the first week in July. Event was established during the 1946 Iowa Centennial year and since has continued annually.

Nessler Shows Ready

For Debut at Rantoul, Ill. RANTOUL, Ill., April 24.-Ness-ler's Shows, owned and managed by Buford V. Nessler, are set for their debut here Tuesday (27), following the completion of preparations at winter quarters in Sheldon, Ill. The org will tour Illinois, Indiana, Miscouri and Arkarage with Large

Missouri and Arkansas, with James Nessler in charge of concessions and Lot Superintendent J. McMullins doubling as electrician.

3 Orgs Same Week ||Yields Fair Biz|| To John R. Ward

TEXARKANA, Ark., April 24. TEXARKANA, Ark., April 24.— Bucking the opening of the night baseball season here, the John R. Ward Fair Shows registered fair business thru Thursday (22) and in-dications were that, given good weather, it would rack up a good play in the final two days of the stand. Now in its third week out, with

Now in its third week out, with Galveston, Tex., its opener, and Tyler, Tex., behind it, the org's per-sonnel is looking forward to the Nashville stand, the first major still date on the shows' route. From here, it will go to Pine Bluff, Ark., then to Nashville, where it opens May 3. Nashville, where it opens May 3. Galveston stand proved disappointing, but Tyler netted a fair week's business.

Excelsior Springs Rivero Troupe Inked By Brydon for Fairs

CHICAGO, April 24 .- The Rivero CHICAGO, April 24.—The Rivero Troupe, globe motorcyclists, has been signed to play four fairs as midway attraction for the Associated Inde-pendent Midway Operations, Ray Marsh Brydon, org's general man-ager-president, announced here. Max Gertz signed for the Rivero Troupe, which will play the Michigan State Fair, Detroit; the State Fair of Texas, Dallas; the Mid-South Fair, Memphis, and the Kansas State Fair, Hutchin-son. son.

Other shows Brydon will have at those fairs are Sam Howard's Water Follies, Terrell Jacobs's Wild Animal Circus, McAskall's Palace of Won-ders, Illusion Show and William Cain's Glass Blowers.

Brydon said he had closed with the Greco brothers, Springfield, Ill., for their Iron Lung, Glass House and Funhouse to play a string of Western fairs, beginning with the Frontier Days at Cheyenne, Wyo., starting July 27.

Fronts for the six shows to go out for Brydon and his group are be designed by Vic Klein at Dallas. being

Besides Brydon, other officers in the Associated Independent Midway Operators are Leona Halligan, vice-president; Ray E. Thomas, secretary, and J. J. Stephens, treasurer, all of whom have been associated with him in the next in the past.

Imperial Expo Bow Set for St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, April 24. — The Im-perial Exposition, formerly Max Goodman's Wonder Shows of America, will make its debut here the week of April 26. The show will be spotted on a large lot located at Grand and Chouteau.

J. C. McCaffery, org's agent, and Martin E. Arthur, general manager, spent several days here recently in making preliminary arrangements, with W. E. (Slim) Wells, special agent, handling the final arrangements.

World of Today Inks Bill Rawlings as P. M.

JOPLIN, Mo., April 24 .- Bill Rawlings has been signed as publicity manager of the World of Today Shows, L. C. Reynolds, co-owner of that org, announced here.

Rawlings has been in outdoor show biz for 28 years, mostly in the East, where he served in a publicity capac-ity with various shows and as general agent of the Isler Greater Shows.

Conklins Ink 5-Yr. Valley Field Pact

BRANTFORD, Ont., April 24.-Conklin Shows have signed a five-year contract to supply the midway at Valley Field (Que.) Fair, Frank Conklin announced here.

Annual returns to operation this year after having been suspended since 1939.

Rain Fails To Nix Biz for Perry Org On Opening Stand CLINTON, S. C., April 24.—Jack Perry, former general agent for sev-eral shows, opened here Saturday (3) with his own attraction, the Jack J. Perry Shows, and got off to a flying start

start. The shows, playing under the auspices of American Legion Post No. 59, drew well despite the rain and cool

weather which prevailed during the first few days of the stand. The American Legion band played in the parade to the main gate, where the mayor cut the ribbon.

Perry was host to 100 tots from the Thornwall Orphanage, each of whom received free rides, popcorn and soft drinks.

The Sky High Alcidios are the free attraction with the shows this sea-son. Brownie the Clown is featured on the midway. He will arrange spe-cial school matinees for the shows.

Charlie Powell, org's general representative, returned here for meeting with other show officials.

Among the visitors were Johnny Tinsley, of the Tinsley Shows; Jack Hartlow, park operator in Richmond, Va., and Charlotte, N. C.; Troy Wil-liams, of the Williams Southern Shows, and L. C. McHenry.

Prell Tabs Red One In Burlington, N. C.

BURLINGTON, N. C., April 24.— This date turned out to be an unex-pected red one for Prell's Broadway Shows, which ended a week's engage-ment Saturday (17). A live-wire committee, together with able assist-ance from Ray Nallie, of *The Bur-lington Times*, kept folks on the lot thruout the week. Kiddies' matinee Saturday was one of the biggest en-countered this season, with 3,000 youngsters on the lot. All trucks made the 33-mile run

All trucks made the 33-mile run here from Durham in fast time, but a local law prohibiting work on Sunday resulted in all of the setting up being done Monday in time for the night opening. Two more trucks have been added to the fleet.

Allan A. Travers, general agent. returned here from a booking trip. Visitors included Monk Rumley, Mel Thompson and Frank Caravella.

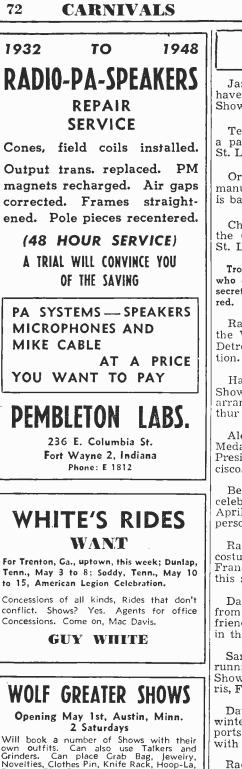
John R. Ward 1st Railroad Show in Butte Since 1941

BUTTE, Mont., April 24.—Pre-liminary preparations are under way for the appearance of the John R. Ward Shows here July 26-31, the first railroad carnival to play here since 1941. Frank Panisko is handling early preparations. Show will be sponsored by the Rotana Club, with proceeds to go toward supplying milk for needy children. for needy children.

Coleman in 30th Anni Bow

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., April 24. Coleman Bros.' Shows opened its 30th anniversary season here Thursday (15). Ivan the Great, a cannon act, was the free attraction for the 10-day run which ended tonight.

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James (Curly) and Francis Nixon Bros.' Circus, which opened in Oak-have signed with Rogers Greater land, Calif., April 15. Shows.

Ted Bachman, outdoor showman, is a patient St. Louis. patient in Ward 4, City Hospital,

Ora A. (Pop) Baker, Detroit game manufacturer, who was seriously ill, is back at work on a part-time basis.

Charles S. Reed, general agent of the Gulf Coast Shows, passed thru St. Louis on a booking tour.

Trouping go-getter is a concessionaire who can get his money back from a fair secretary when a much-touted date isn't

Ray Williams, concessionaire with the W. G. Wade Shows, returned to Detroit April 12 after a Florida vaca-

Harry Schwartz, of O. C. Buck Shows, was in New York April 16 arranging for new canvas with Ar-thur Campfield.

Alecia DuPrey, formerly with Gold Medal Shows, is appearing in The President Theater Follies, San Francisco.

Belle Evans, of Rupee's Midway, celebrated the arrival of a grandson April 14 by passing out cigars to org's personnel.

Rae Terrill has opened a theatrical costume studio in downtown San Francisco and will not go on the road this season.

Dave Stevens, recently discharged from a San Antonio hospital, visited friends playing the Battle of Flowers in that city.

Sam and Moe Walker are again running concessions on the B. & W. Shows and have as agents Babe Har-ris, Frank Glynn and Dave Coppekoff.

David W. Long, who spent the winter in Miami and Milwaukee, re-ports he will join a show this season with his grab stand.

Carl Parks letters that Edgar G. (Rumbling Red) Hart is no longer connected with him on the Majestic Shows.

Chet and Bubbles Reese, Blackie Marks family and Floyd Stocktale were in Rocky Ford, Colo., for the opening of the Larry Nolan Shows there April 19.

After braving the elements for three weeks, Lizzie Glutz, first-season as a native Hawaiian on the Gate & Banner Shows, has returned to her trays at Chicken-inthe-Rough, on Highway 16.

Nessler's Shows, B. V. Nessler, owner-manager, opens in Rantoul, Ill., April 30 and will be there until May 8.

Robert Mansfield, veteran Girl Show operator, who has been ill for two years, now resides at 2217 N. W. 79th Terrace, Miami. He still is confined to his wheel chair.

W. G. (Bill) Bishop, of the Grand Valley Amusement Company, is slowly recuperating from a throat operation at his mother's home in Pueblo, Colo.

Gene Avery, Octopus operator on the W. G. Wade Shows, is recovering from injuries suffered two weeks ago in an auto accident when his car overturned.

Our relations with fairs, observes a trouping husband, couldn't be more delicate if we were married to them.

Marie and Wallace Brunk have a new 30 by 40-foot cookhouse on the 20th Century Shows which opened the season April 6 in Pittsburg, Kan., to fair business, reports Don Foltz.

Helen Barfield, of Miami, recently Mayo's in Rochester, Minn. She is in Room 140, Worrall, Hospital, and will be there several more weeks.

Rae-Terrill has the annex with the from Walnut Grove, N. C., that she Pete Cortez Side Show on Bailey and George (Amber) West have re-

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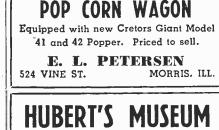
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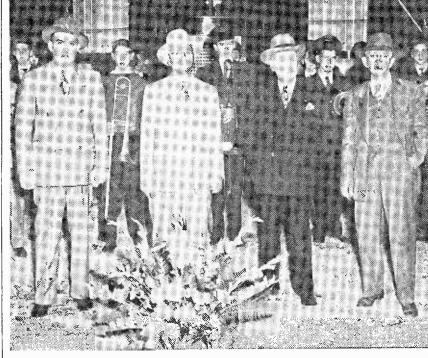
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ON TAP FOR OPENING ceremonies at the preem performance of the James E. Strates Shows in Washington, and pictured above in the front row, left to right, are: C. W. McLaughlin, exalted ruler of the sponsoring Elks; James E. Strates, owner-general manager; William C. Fleming, general agent, and Dick O'Brien, manager. In the background are members of the Elks Boys' Band who paraded on opening night.

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turned from a trip to Winston-Salem, N. C., where they placed an order for a 30 by 50-foot top to house their new Wild Life Show on Queen City Shows. Mrs. Heinrich says that 35 steel cages have been constructed for the animals. KAY AMUSEMENT CO. WANTS CONCESSIONS-Will sell exclusive on Ball Cames (due to disappointment), also Dart Game, Balloon Pitch and any other LEGITI-MATE Grind Stores. No suit case promotions; positively no Mitt Camps. 26 WEEKS SOLID

Curt Hedrick and Joe Mooney have completed two all-aluminum panel fronts for their girl revues which they will have on the World of Pleas-ure and Gem City shows.

Comfort to talkers: Gift of gab is valued at three points; brains at one.

Abie L. Morris, of The Billboard's Able L. Morris, of *The Buttoourus* s St. Louis office, was a recent visitor at the Hot Springs winter quarters of the Hennies Bros.' Shows, where he renewed friendships with show personnel.

Sailor Katzy, with his Side Show, and Doral Deshon's Girl Show joined Rogers Greater Shows in Union City, Tenn., for a few weeks prior to the opening of the World of Pleasure Shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Moores recently purchased a new house trailer and have joined the J. J. Page Shows. They are anxious to con-tact their daughters, Helen and Virginia.

Veteran side show and mitt camp worker, Don Rama, who was with Alamo Expositions Shows in 1947, has retired from outdoor showbiz and will continue in the nitery and lecture will fields.

Now that midways boast of name gals on their revues, someone should write a mag story titled Burlesque Queens Go A-Tentin'.

James Thompson opened his Illu-sion Show in Washington with the Johnny J. Jones Shows. Harvey Houston is inside lecturer and Thompson's daughter, Edith, handles the front.

Mrs. R. H. (Lois) Work is back at her sister's home in Binghamton, N. Y., after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ivan Kinter, in Indiana, Pa., and her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Lemmon, in Rochester Mills, Pa.

Leon Long, magician, advises from McColl, S. C., that he visited Rome Harris at Excelsior Amusement Com-pany's Dillon, S. C., quarters and put up paper for the outfit's opening there April 10.

While in Richmond, Va., James Rapple, special agent for Majestic Greater Shows, was called home to Sharon, Pa., where his wife was in the hospital with pleurisy. He re-joined the shows at Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Verna Schantz will be in charge of concessions at both Triangle Park and Chain of Rocks Park in St. Louis this season, while her hus-band, Edwin, will take their usual string of concessions on the road.

Heard in front of a Geek Show: "Yo' all keep that little ol' thin dime if'n it'll do yo' all any good. I sho didn't see any-thin' fo' it.'

Bob Lohmar, general agent of the Royal American Shows, was a recent Chicago visitor, stopping over from a Canadian business trip while en route to Memphis, where Royal American will open May 8.

Walter K. Sibley, executive secre-tary of the National Showmen's As-sociation, who recently underwent a major operation at the Lencx Hill Hospital in New York, is recuperating pendity and will be back in circulation rapidly and will be back in circulation shortly.

Francine Lee, who completed an engagement at the Wonder Club in New Orleans, visited Margie Flynn

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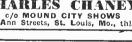
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Red Marcus, who holds the candy ward's World's Fair Shows, is work-ing in the candy pitch at the Barnes Bros.' Circus in the Chicago Stadium. In from Galveston, Tex., where he temporarily left the Ward org, Mar-cus said he also will ready a China-town Show while in Chicago, and that he will rejoin Ward at Nashville, opening the show at that time.

Charles T. Womack, girl show op-erator on the C. A. Stephens Shows last year and the first part of this season, writes that after his wife, Buelah, is released from the hospital in Waycross, Ga., they will play in-dependently thruout Kentucky and Tennessee. Womack took delivery on a new top and front while in Alma, Ga.

During a fair a pitchman demonstrated a device that sliced meat 1/40th of an inch in thickness, which caused 30 cookhouse operators to die of envy.

Charles S. Noell, general agent of Victory Exposition Shows, visited the org during its Corsicana, Tex., stand preparatory to taking over the shows' still-date bookings. Noell reports a good route of fair and celebration dates. Mrs. Noell has the penny pitch on the shows on the shows.

J. D. (Jack) Wright, general agent of the Penn Premier Shows, who was seriously injured in an automoof was seriously injured in an automo-bile accident recently, infoes that he is convalescing rapidly but will be confined to the Petersburg (Va.) Hospital for some time. He has re-ceived numerous floral offerings, tele-grams and letters from show folks ull over the country. Many show all over the country. Many show folks on tour have stopped to visit and the personnel of Cetlin & Wilson Shows, which winters in Petersburg, account for daily visits.

George Harms will have his string of concessions on the Cetlin & Wilson Shows. He will be assisted by his two sons, George Jr. and Russell, and his brother, Russell C. Harms. Agents include Dave Kabacoff, Morris Leavitt. Eddie Crane, Lorry (Cacatum) Landrum, Strings Coan, Johnny Mil-Landrum, Strings Coan, Johnny Mil-ler, Jack Russell, Tommy Wilson, Chink Smith, Lee Carlson, Dick Lewis, Joe Green, Shiel Sakobie, Tommy Fox, Pete Manos, Harry Ben-jamin, Louis Zeelsdorf, Mac Hemp-hill, Gator Campbell, Ruby Wilson, Dolly Zeelsdorf and Claude Sechrest.

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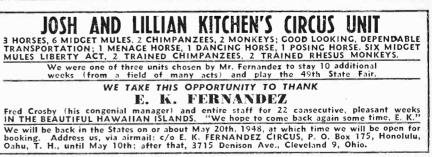
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Eddie L. Wheeler

COPPER HILL, Tenn., April 24.— Opening March 27 at Bowdon, Ga., under sponsorship of the local city hall fund, attractions were able to get some money despite four days of rain and some cool weather. When weather was good people came out and spent. The midway looked neat with new canvas and newly painted rides and concessions.

Staff: Eddie L. Wheeler, manager; Staff: Eddie L. Wheeler, manager; Lois Wheeler, treasurer and book-keeper; Ace Turner, secretary and auditor; Fred Almany, general agent; Jack Townsend, special agent; John-ny Simpson, advertising sound car; Lem Lotton, superintendent of con-struction, and Mickey Stinson, su-perintendent of transportation. Bideg include a Formis Wheel

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The line - up also includes The line - up also includes P. Duitch's Wild Life Show, B. Duitch's Snake Show and Charles Lederer's Side Show. Concessionaires are Joe Rustick with 3; Fred Almany, Bill McGlothin, Gibson, W. O'Monahan, P. Duitch and Ace Turner, 2 each, and G. Mitchell, Mainus and H. Q. Smith, 1 each.—ACE TURNER.

L. B. Lamb

MILAN, Tenn., April 24.—Show opened here, hoping for better weather than it received during twoweek stand in Columbus, Miss.

Rain started upon org's arrival in Columbus Monday (5) and continued thruout the week. Three nights were lost the first week.

Shows stayed over a second week and received excellent co-operation from the press and radio, the news-papers using free ride coupons for a second time in the Monday and Tues-day editions. Whenever weather per-mitted the turnout was good.

Ross Sinderson is on a plane jaunt to Des Moines. Tex Roberts left with his concessions. Mrs. Russell Anders is recuperating from a major opera-tion in Dorset Hospital, Columbus, where she will be confined for six weeks.

Alma and Whitie Richards are the Alma and White Richards are the parents of a son, born in Columbus. Showers were the order of the day in honor of the new arrival, James Michael, one by the ladies of the shows and another by the Cumber-land Presbyterian Church of Colum-bus, of which White and Alma are members. Andy Allen received news members. Andy Allen received news from Chicago that he, too, is the father of a new-born son and that Mrs. Allen and the baby are doing okav.

Oscar Bloom was a frequent visitor and found plenty of pinochle compe-tition. Fitzie Brown was seen sev-eral times around the lot.—ERNIE MURRAY.

Floyd O. Kile

NORCO, La., April 24. — Shows made their 1948 debut with a 10-day stand here under ideal weather conditions. Business was fair. Con-cessionaires include H. Jordan and family, kiddie autos and two conces-sions; Mervin Boden and family, cot-ton candy and blower: Mr. and Mrs. sions; Mervin Boden and family, cot-ton candy and blower; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miltona, popcorn and snowballs; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meisensawl, glass pitch and pitch-till-you-win; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Hoy, grocery and ball game; John Schotzell, fishpond; Frank Arnold, bumper; Nedra Ficco, photo trailer; Dotty Smith, penny pitch, and Frank Abbate, cigarette gallery. gallery.

Pacific Coast

MARINA, Calif., April 24.—Shows arrived here for the first stop on a tour which will carry it up the Red-wood Highway and a swing thru Oregon and Washington. Four contracts have been received for fairs and celebrations in Washington, making the total 14.

The six-week sojourn in the bay area was terminated Sunday (18) in San Lorenzo, Calif., where a two-week stand failed to do be because of constant rains. The org was under the auspices of the San Lorenzo Christmas Fund and the location was ideal, but it was a case of too much rain.

rain. Joining for the Marina engagement were Al Nelson, cookhouse, and con-cessionaires Fred Oberhansli, 2; Ray-mond Dorsey, 2; Pete Stevens, 2; Wil-liam Scott, 2, and Harry Pantier, 1. Mr. and Mrs. E. Lansdowne, of Phoenix, Ariz., took over the photo gallery, replacing Mr. and Mrs. Val Bitz, who left to join the Redwood Empire Shows. Mr. and Mrs. Les Bernstein added diggers. Shows purchased a baby auto ride from Loren Roberts, of Stockton, Calif. Gen. Rep. E. (Pickles) Pickard spent a week at Guerneville making arrangements for the opening of his

arrangements for the opening of his park there next month. W. L. Brown recovered his Packard which was stolen two weeks ago in Hayward. Visitors at San Lorenzo included Mr.

Visitors at San Lorenzo included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weiderman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Feuther, Mr. and Mrs. William Don, Joan Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Collison, Earl Shepherd, Les Hart, Eva Perry, Charles Al-bright, Loren Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davisson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davisson, Mrs. W. S. Davisson, Mrs. Frank Courtmarsh, Pearl de Pellaton, Mr. and Mrs. Ańthony Massie, Joe Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Friedman.—WALTON DE PELLA-TON. TON.

Eddie L. Wheeler

COPPER HILL, Tenn., April 24. All attractions were ready Monday night (5) for the six-day stand here under American Legion auspices, and show-hungry natives came out in droves opening night. Fair but cool weather followed Tuesday and Wed-nesday rains and everybody got money.

Art Spencer joined here with his lion Motordrome for a week's stand to break a jump north and did good business. Concessionaires joining in-cluded Whitey Steuber, clothespins and grind store; Joe Spears, duck pond and cats, and Brock with a nail joint. The Octopus also arrived, giving the show 8 rides, along with 4 shows and 25 concessions.

Many of the personnel visited shops of local merchants who commented favorably on the patronage. Excel-lent co-operation was received from the sponsor. The sheriff and his deputy, friends of the writer, were nightly visitors.—ACE TURNER.

Paul's Amusement

WALDRON, Ark., April 24.--Shows opened here to good business and weather. Date marked org's fifth week out. Org moved in from Charleston, Ark., where business

Charleston, Ark., where business also was good. In the line-up are Mr. and Mrs. Gus Tucker, corn game, candy floss, popcorn and kiddie ride; Mr. and Mrs. Bunch, hit and miss, milk bot-tles, fishpond and over-and-under; Mr. and Mrs. Riley, glass pitch; Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, blower, snow cone and pea pool; Mr. and Mrs. Beam, Girl Show, shooting gallery and penny pitch; Mr. and Mrs. George McAllen, duck gallery, ping pong and photo gallery. Shows also carry seven rides and monkey and snake seven rides and monkey and snake shows.

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FROM THE LOTS

Midway of Mirth

MADISON, Ill., April 24 .-- Rain and cold slowed patronage to a vir-tual standstill at the org's first two spots this season—the first at Sparta, Ill., starting March 27, the other at Murphysboro, Ill., opening Monday (5). The org then moved here under sponsorship of the American Legion. Shows are routed thru Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri.

Ride operators are James Rogers, Merry-Go-Round; Frank Winstead, Ferris Wheel; Marvin Hill, Spitfire; William Ellis, Mix-Up, and Dad Waters, baby ride.

Waters, baby ride. Concessionaires are Van Tanker-sley, cookhouse; W. B. Reese, 5; Babe Goodrich, 1; Mrs. Georgia Ellis, 1; Roy Spears, 1; Edyth and Heavy Seals, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Ware, 1; Ralph Mulkey, 1; Frank Lavall, 2; Jackie Mulkey, 1; F. R. Shoultz, 1; B. C. Hines, 1; Margaret Ware, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Goodale, 2; L. Silhamer, 1; Shorty Brashaw, 1; Richard Steele, 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, 1; and Eva Rogers, 1. Carl and June Pope have bingo. have bingo.

Tommie Davis is general superin-tendent, Billie Goodrich is in charge of mail and *The Billboard* agent, Frank Lavall is lot superintendent, L. Silhamer directs the sound car and Frank Yehle is special agent.

Visitors during the Murphysboro stay included Joe Stoneman, Whitey Valasuka and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mulkey gave a dinner in honor of the Burns's eaventh wedding appiversary seventh wede ROSIE DAVIS. anniversary.wedding

Playtime

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 24 .-Altho Playtime Amusement Corpo-ration opened here last week in cold ration opened here last week in cold weather, there was enough business to indicate prospects for a good year. Staff includes E. W. Burr, manager; John Burr, assistant manager; Mary Burr, secretary; Billy Burr, trans-portation manager; Harry Peavey, advertising manager; Friday Patrick, ride superintendent; Bob Nelson, electrician, and Red Fuller, in charge of the Kiddieland

electrician, and Red Fuller, in charge of the Kiddieland. On the midway were a Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Fly-o-Plane, Octopus, Chairplane, Tilt-a-Whirf, miniature train, Rolloplane and kid-die autos. Show line-up included the Gangler Circus, Side Show, Motor-drome and Jungleland. Among concessionaires are Whitey

Among concessionaires are Whitey McTague, H. Reese and Hazel Scarif, 4; Sam Frye, 3; Nat Winestine, Mason and Fred McLaughin, 2; T. Thornton, J. Mitchell, James Bell, Nat Gartz, Al Rabetaille, Kitty Halt, Ziggy Sabatka, D. Taylor and Dan Farris, 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poole, floss, popcorn and candy apples. The of-fice has 10 stores. Mr. and Mrs. John Kilonis, former carnival owners, were on hand for the opening.—HARRY PEAVEY JR. Among concessionaires are Whitey

W. C. Kaus

LEXINGTON, N. C., April 24.-The 217-mile move here from New Bern, N. C., winter quarters and opening stand, was made in good time. Date here (12-17) was under auspices of AMVETS and business was excellent.

AMVETS and business was excellent. Sponsoring committee, headed by Fred M. Elkin Sr., was most co-operative. Elkin is a former trouper. Sid Alcido's *Sky Rocket Revue* proved popular with midwayites here, and the *Swingland Minstrel Revue*, produced by Lewis and Thomas, and Karl Alzara's Circus Side Show are expected to be two other all-season winners. winners.

Concession department is functionagement of George R. Whitehead, business manager and general assist-ant to Manager Russ Owens.

Capital City

FRANKLIN, Ky., April 24. — The Capital City Shows opened their '48 season at Woodbine, a suburb of Nashville, under the auspices of the Woodbine Civic Club. Despite cold weather, business was good. The Three Fearless Stars, free act, scored solidly.

solidly. All rides and shows had been over-hauled and painted and made an at-tractive appearance, putting Owner J. L. Keef on the receiving end of many compliments. Org moved to Franklin, Tenn., where more cold weather was encountered, but the last part of the week the weather was fair and the natives came out and spent and the natives came out and spent money freely and Saturday night's business topped expectations.

Dusiness topped expectations.
Concessionaires include John Ethridge, cookhouse; Roberts, 1; Miller, 3; Russell, 2; Smothers, 3; Ancher, 2; Dews Jr., 1; Drennen, 2; Collins, 1; Beal, 2; Mrs. Ethridge, 3; Stephens, 1; Millard, 1; Bright, 1; Apple, 1; Rainey, 1; V. Collier, 4; Fryou, 1; Elliot, 2; Lanko, 1, with five office-owned.—JACK SNOW.

J. B. Gentsch

PICAYUNE, Miss., April 24. — Shows opened here Monday (5) to a good crowd, and attendance increased nightly through the week, with busi-ness reaching its peak at the Satur-day matinee and evening perform-ances. The stand here was under auspices of the American Legion.

Art and Peggy Walker, now in business here, were nightly visitors on the lot and also entertained friends from the shows at their home.

Linda Crews, of Miami, and L. B. McLaughlin were married Saturday (10).

Many members of the shows took advantage of the proximity of New Orleans to do their spring shopping and buy supplies .- RAY NICKLES.

Crystal Exposition

Crystal Exposition GRIFFIN, Ga., April 24.—Biz was good for the org here April 12-17, the committee giving excellent co-operation. Five thousand tickets were given to school children for Kids' Day. A birthday party was given Darlene Staunko on her fourth birth-day. Guests included Jerry Weston, Nancy and Jeane Bell, Janet Bunts, David and Irene Roberts, Jimmie Doyle and Billie Parker. Refresh-ments were served by Mrs. Staunko. Art Carver and Ernest Wicher visited the Carver family in Crystal River, Fla. Jimmie Holt has taken over the Funhouse. Billie Shaeffer draws the crowds with his free at-traction. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Shapiro and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthews. Helen Colden's Side Show topped the shows, with Toddy Porter's Darktaym. Strutters a

Charles Matthews. Helen Golden's Side Show topped the shows, with Teddy Porter's Darktown Strutters a close second.—ALTA MAE ROB-ERTS.

Prell's Broadway

BURLINGTON, N. C., April 24.— Ladies of the shows held a party in Shoemaker's cookhouse. Dottie Miller and Agnes Grosso were hostesses.

Halifax Sam passed out cigars up-Halifax Sam passed out cigars up-on receiving news that he had be-come a grandfather.' Paddy Finnerty, business manager, has an order in for a new Cadillac. Owner Sam Prell's ankle has healed sufficiently for him to once again take part in the daily pinochle sessions with Jack Russell, Joe Grosso and others.

Red Russell had to return to Florida when he was taken ill here. Abe Prell's wife, Lorraine, sustained a broken foot and four broken ribs in an auto accident near Baltimore recently.—ALLAN A. TRAVERS.

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FROM THE LOTS

Bullock Amusement Co.

TROY, N. C., April 24.—Show is in its fourth week, and despite the cold and rain, business has been satisfactory. New paint and added lights give

New paint and added lights give the show a new look. Org consists of five rides—Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Chairplane, kiddie train and aeroplane swings—a Wild Life Show, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stoffel, and 25 concessions. Manager Bullock added a new Gen-eral Motors Diesel light plant and light towers this season, in addition to all new canvas. Mrs. Bullock took delivery of a new Vagabond house trailer.

trailer. The Wild Life Show is top money getter. Concessions all report good business.

Recent visitors included Louis Bright, Gid Spillers and Wilma Stimson

Bright, Gid Spillers and Wilma Stim-son. Shows are routed thru South Caro-lina, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Roster follows: J. S. Bullock, owner-manager; Mrs. Bul-lock, secretary-treasurer; Clarence Poplin, as-sistant manager; J. S. Ramsey, agent; May-nard H. Baker, electrician; Robert L. Edison and Luther Stump, Ferris Wheel; Foster Wells and W. E. Campbell, Chairplane; Tex Eanes and Nelson Benfeld, Merry-Go-Round; R. J. Vincent, owner aeroplane swings, E. L. Crews, operator; A. C. Phillips, kiddle train; Ollie Eanes, cookhouse and bumper, assisted by Clarence Lyman and Iris Ainsley; W. J. Counter, popcorn and heart pitch-till-you-win. Kenneth Hixon and Charles Cox, candy floss; L. E. Watley, penny pitch; Hettie Lou Watley, clothespin pitch; Clarence Confehr, ball game; Chris Jernigan and Frank Moss, pan game; Mr. and Mrs. Al Lefebver, fish 'n chips; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Perry, photos; E. R. Matison, long-range gallery; J. W. Red-fern, balloon darts and sound truck; Thelma Redfern, fish pond. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stacy, bingo, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Wrae Chambers and Joe Edueards; Albert Henderson, chuck Joint; E. L. Moss, color joint; Slim and Ruth Clark, cigarette gallery; Clarence Poplin, set joint; J. W. Redfern, mail and The Billboard agent. --VIRGINIA COUNTER.

Mighty Hoosier State

VINCENNES, Ind., April 24. — W. R. Geren, owner-manager, had everything loaded on his fleet of 35 semi-trailers Sunday (4) for the move to the opening stand here (10-17). Move was made without mishap and our thing was on the lot by lot and everything was on the lot by late evening (4).

Many of the shows' personnel were already here. Mr. Geren soon had the lot laid out and by Thursday (8) was in readiness for the opening. The was in readiness for the opening. The special kiddie matinee, which will be a feature this season, with a bicycle given away, started off with a bang, with a crowd that thronged the lot thruout the evening. In spite of cool weather and a freakish wind, Mr. Geren was pleased with the take and elated over the spring prospects. He intends to use the giveaway kiddie tickets weekly for his Saturday matinees

Hugo Zacchini, the human cannon arrived from Mexico where he has ball and feature attraction this year, arrived from Mexico where he has been appearing with a circus. He will also operate his animal circus. Special paper will be used exclusively by Mr. Geren for Zacchini and the show is being billed circus style, with two men on the advance in charge of M. G. Stokes, agent.

Fred Haines is also here with his sound car to augment the publicity department. Shows are proud of the new cookhouse operated by Dale Pas-ley, who has an all stainless steel kitchen and steam tables which are mounted on semis.

Brownie's Amusements

BEGGS, Okla., April 24.—Show opened here April 10-17, losing night of April 12 due to cold weather. Biz was fair on the week. Lot was small and three rides did not operate. Org carries 1 show, 6 rides and 17 concessions.

Dobson's United

WILLERNIE, Minn., April 24.—Org is virtually set for its 1948 bow here Saturday, May 1. The debut will be followed by three dates in St. Paul.

A feature of Kiddyland this season will be a new train with built-toorder marquee. Office trailer will have both an

office and a conference room this season.

Owner W. C. Dobson expects the delivery of a new Chrysler any day. Fred O'Neil has the cookhouse in operation here and will continue with the org thruout the season.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Hooper were in an acci-dent while en route here from Florida. Happy is in a hospital. The ex-tent of his injuries and details of the mishap are not available.

Misnap are not available. Recent visitors included Billy Col-lins, of W. T. Collins Shows; George Kush, Leo Ctibor and Chet and Peggy Judkins .- DOROTHY PICKERING.

Virginia Greater

SUFFOLK, Va., April 24.—Shows wound up a fair opening stand here Saturday (17) despite some cold, rainy weather. Raleigh Gibson visited his home at Charlottesville, Va. James Gibson Jr., who is in the navy and was ride man with the shows, is spending a week of his furlough with his dad, Merry-Go-Round foreman. Mr. and Mrs. Chet Klinetop's son was hospitalized here as the result of a sudden illness. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bagby have joined. Ronald Prue is assisting in the cookhouse. Mike Matina, of the midget troupe, was ill for several days. Joe Conley has recovered from a bad cold. Several hundred underprivileged children were guests

from a bad cold. Several hundred underprivileged children were guests of the management. Youngsters were entertained by Walter Walters, hobo clown, and Dr. L. C. Holland, local dentist. Manager and Mrs. Rocco Masucci were guested at several local officier affairs.

Louis Augustino's Wild Animal Show is popular. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jones report that they will join soon. William Gist and Claude Johnson have joined the ride crew. Jimmy Munroe, of the Ferris Wheel crew, spent several days at his Sumter, S. C., home visiting his wife and baby. H. W. (Happy) Arnold, his wife and daughter will join shortly. He has two concessions and is *The Billboard* and mail agent. Arthur and Fletcher Gibson have completed a new body for the show's cookhouse truck. Sidewall Smiddy is in charge of the canvas and sanitary department and of getting the marquee up and down. Jack Pinner and committee repre-senting the Seafood Festival, Hamp-ton, Va., visited, as did Kenny Moore, of the Norfolk Tent & Awning Com-pany. Louis Augustino's Wild Animal

pany.

Metro and American Banner

PROVIDENCE, April 24.--Com-bined forces of Phil Ray (Metro Shows) and Joseph E. Shiner (American Banner Shows) made their 1948 debut here Friday (23).

The lighting plant has been over-hauled by electricians Al Emery and Rocky, with the latter also handling the Diesels.

Jew Murphy arrived with his kiddie fire engine ride, as has Mrs. Gratz from Long Island with her eating emporium.

Pop Fearn once again will have the popcorn and apples, and Charlie Davenport is due to check in with his four games.

four games. Angie Desire will run a wheel and Joe Hale the teddy bear wheel; the Ryder family is on hand with its ponies, games and geek show. Merry-Go-Round organ has been overhauled.—RUTH RAY.

GAFFNEY, S. C., April 24.— Shows' office and a truck were de-molished in a wreck during heavy rains and fog while en route from Royston. Ga., to Woodruff, S. C. Both have been replaced with new ve-hicles, and new lighting equipment has been mounted on the 24-foot semi. semi.

New arrivals include concession-aires Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hausner, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Trout and son, with clothespins, and Irene Halsted, who has added a penny pitch, giving her three games.

Visitors included Marion Spillers and Rose, of Marion Greater Shows. Bill Warren is headed for Michi-gan with his de luxe arcade. Mrs. Warren, here with her diggers, will join him early next month.

The org has added two shows-Anna Lee King with minstrels, and

P. T. Barnum Jr. with freaks. Itinerary calls for a tour of West Virginia, following the stand here.— ERNEST SYLVESTER.

Twin City

AURORA, Mo., April 24.—Shows opened here April 10 for a week, weather being cold and spending slow. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rodgers, concessionaires, are the parents of a girl. Jack and Virginia Barnes, Jewell and Odis Cannon and Trixie and Curly Clark spent a day at Branson, Mo., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zugg who are opening a park there. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Evans Jr. and children and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burns and sons, all of Spring-field, Mo. field, Mo.

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WINTER QUARTERS

Strong's Amusement

OMAHA, April 24.—Equipment is ready for the road. A new Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round and kiddie auto have been added to the ride line-up, making a total of seven.

line-up, making a total of seven. Shows will open here June 1 and Manager Strong reports the inking of the local Bellevue and St. Alfo fes-tivals. Swede Anderson will be in charge of the new Ferris Wheel, Jimmy Bill Karvoneu, the Merry-Go-Round, and Jack Strong, kiddie autos. Norman Karvoneu will have the Glider autos. Norr the Glider.

Jo Ann and Jean Strong will han-dle ticket sales. Blackie Davies is scheduled to join with his show. Fox scheduled to join with his show. Fox brothers have 5 concessions; Lyle Horner, 3; Dutch and Irma Hanz-lick, 3; Tommy Strong, 2; Lee and Irma Wilson, 2; Slim and Opal Reed, 3, and Earl Schalhamer, 2. Eight other stands will be office owned.

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Garden State

NEW HOLLAND, Pa., April 24.— Rides and shows are being prepared here for the opening at Coplay, Pa., May 1. The fleet leaves quarters April 26. The new office trailer, tractor, and trailer housing a 25-kw. light plant have been delivered. Fuzzy-Wuzzy Murphy arrived with his concessions. Peg Van Camp is preparing his con-cessions in quarters. Kenneth White-head, ride superintendent, has a crew of 12 preparing the org's six rides. Matthew Roberts, who will handle *The Billboard* and have charge of the marquee, is working on the front. The Sky King will be the feature act. New tops have been ordered for office-owned shows. Outfit will carry 7 rides, 5 shows, 30 concessions and plans a 26-week tour of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Events contracted include a July 4 celebra-tion, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Kimberton (Pa.) Fair; Eagleville (Pa.) Firemen's Fair; Decoration Day Week Celebra-tion sponsored by the AMVETS. Nor-NEW HOLLAND, Pa., April 24.-

Fair; Decoration Day Week Celebra-tion, sponsored by the AMVETS, Norristown, Pa.; St. Mary's Church Cele-bration, Wind Gap, Pa.; Port Provi-dence (Pa.) Fair, and Beansoup Home-Coming, McClure, Pa.

Staff at quarters includes R. H. Miner, owner-manager; Mrs. R. H. Miner; R. H. Miner Jr., assistant man-ager; Mrs. R. H. Miner Jr., secretary: Raymond Parker, electrician, and K. C. McGary, lot superintendent and advertiging advertising.

adverusing. Concessionaires under contract are Al Boxall, bingo: Mr. Cooper, 2; Mr. Rice, 2, and his Ridee-O; G. Ward, 2 and 2 shows; Mr. Hudgins, 2; Mr. Stollmer, floss; Mr. Klapper, 2; Mrs. Atterbury, 1; Mr. Jones, 3, and Still-man 3. man. 3.

man, 3. Lester Barber, while inflating truck tire, was struck on the forehead by a rim which flew off. He is in Lancas-ter Hospital.—R. H. MINER JR.

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Grind Shows that are worthwhile. Can place Fat Show, Snake Show and Unborn Show.

WANT

Workingmen in all departments. Can place experienced Train Help.

Will place all Legitimate Merchandise Concessions.

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My entire Show Equipment: One tent (Army Hospital), 20x30, no poles, \$65.00; one my entire snow Equipment: One tent (Army nospital), 20x30, no poles, \$65.00; one tent (up once, perfect shape), 16x20, with poles, \$150.00; one aluminum banner line for three 12x10 banners, \$15.00; Bally Stand (portable), 4x4x10, 2 ticket boxes for \$25.00; three new 10x12-foot Giant Jungle Rats Banners, \$75.00; one Thayer Head on Sword Blades Chair with special trunk, like new, original cost \$650.00, now \$300.00; Living Half Girl Illusion, \$50.00; Head on Tray Illusion, \$25.00; 25-watt Stromberg-Carlson Amplifier with University Horn, like new, \$125.00 (originally cost \$310.00); tent stakes, iron fence, various 2x4's, other banners, etc. Anyone buying the whole lot this week may have for \$650.00 (original cost over \$2,000.00). Write

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 WANT SHOWS—Animal, Wild Life, Unborn, Snake, Fat Show, or any other Show of merit not conflicting. Interested in High Arial Pree Act.
 Curley" Graham wants Grind Store Agents, head of store open to reliable party; one Skillo Agent wanted. Joe Roth and Albert. "Peewce" Roti, join at once, Eddie Exline, contact Doc Anderson. Mac McCray, contact me at once. All replies:
 A. M. PODSOBINSKI, Phoenixville, Pa., April 30-May 8.

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OPENING MAY 1-8 Want Shows with own outfits and transportation. Concessions: Lead Gallery, String Store, Hoop-La, Cane Rack, Pan Game, Darts, Bumper, Guess Your Weight, Guess Your Ake, Bird Store, Candy Floss, Candy Apple, Mouse Game, Bowling Alley. Want Foreman on Octopus, Second Men on Octopus, Eli, Merry-Go-Round that drive Semi Tractors. Charles Haas, wire if conting. Don Justus, James McMullin. Merry-Go-Round that drive Semi Tractors. Charles Haas, wire if conting. Don Justus, James McMullin. Come on, Manager will be on lot April 28. I have some open dates, Fair Secretaries and Committeemen. Wire or write JOHN CUNNINGHAM'S EXPO. SHOW, Byesville, Ohlo

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SALINA, KAN., this week.

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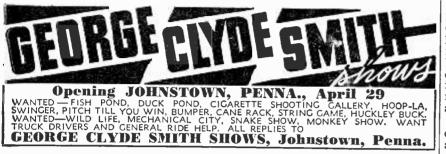




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Ball Games, Fish Ponds, Duck Ponds, Pitch-Till-You-Win, Cork Galleries, Scale and Age, Photos, Six Cats, Bowling Alley, Swinging Ball. Will book Snake Show, Fat Show or any non-conflicting shows. FOR SALE-Dayton Park Train. This week, Charlottesville, Va.; then Newport News, Va., week of May 3.

JAKE SHAPIRO, Triangle Shows





Duck Pond, Guess Your Weight and Age, Short Range Gallery, Darts, Pitch Till You Win and Novelties open. Can place Side Show, Snake Show or any Grind Show for balance of season. Want P.C. Agents. Also Man to take charge of Fun House. Can place sober Ride Men who can drive semis. This show has 12 bona fide fairs already booked. Route sent to interested parties. Monroe, Georgia, this week; Franklin, N. C., May 3-8.

FREE JOLLYTIME SHOWS OR GYPSIES **GATE** "BUILDING AMERICA'S CLEANEST MIDWAY"

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 SHOWS—Unusual opportunity for GIRL SHOWS with own transportation; LEW DUCHENE, wired you! Can place Wild Life, Unborn, Snake, 5-in-1, all with own transportation and equipment.
 CONCESSIONS—HI-STRER, String Game, Age and Scales, Hoop-La. ESPECIALLY GOOD opening for CYSTARD. Willam Carlson, join on wire. Others that work for stock.
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 FLOYD SHEAKS wants the following to contact: Henry Pallison (Mechanical City). Agents for Pea Pool—Will Rusty Zontini and Marvin Hughes, wire at once. Also Agents for Fish Pond and Watch-La.

Naslor Hatrison Jr. wants Agents for Milk Bottles, Cat Rack and Add-'Em-Up Darts. NOTICE: Will Johuny Eck (Penny Arcade) please contact at once? All Replies to BERWICK, PA., this week: W. R. "WES" PRICE, General Manager G. C. "MITCH" MITCHELL, General Agent

SUNSET AMUSEMENT CO. WANTS SHOWS WITH OWN EQUIPMENT

For Fairs starting July 3. Can use Ride Men who drive Semis. EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO., this week; SEDALIA, next.

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Agents, man and wife, man for Pan Game and wife for Penny Pitch; must be white, sober and reliable. No drunks. Concessions—Will book Basket Ball, Hoop-La, Scales, Snow Cone and Penny Arcade. Plenty of good Fairs and Celebrations coming up. Ride Help wanted. No drunks or agitators.

JAYHAWK AMUSEMENT CO. Pleasanton, Kansas, this week; then Humboldt, Kansas



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C. G. LAUBE, care of Royal American Shows

COUNTY FAIR SHOWS WANT OPENING SIDNEY, NEBRASKA, MAY 1.

This show positively the strongest route in Nebraska. First in every spot. All Slum Stores wire. Doniphan, Nebraska, through April 30; then Sidney. Want Show Help, Girls for Cirl Show and Illusion. Capable Agents and Ride Men, come on. **O. F. GRAY, Manager County Fair Shows**

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Showmen's League of America

400 So. State St., Chicago

CHICAGO, April 24. - President Bob Lohmar presided at the regular meeting Thursday (22). With him at the table were Vice-President Lou Keller, Treasurer Walter F. Driver and Secretary Joe Streibich.

The welfare committee reported that Orval (Whitey) Harris was resting comfortably after his recent mis-hap at Barnes Bros.' Circus in the hap at Barnes Bros. Circus in the Chicago Stadium. Marshall L. Green has moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., to recuperate. Walter K. Sibley, Tom Vollmer and W. C. Deneke are still confined. John A. Sharbaro is rest-ing in Miami Beach. Elmer Byrnes reported that Ed Murphy is coming along fine.

Morris A. Haft is getting the nec-essary work done at Showmen's Rest essary work done at Showmen's Rest and reports all work will be com-pleted by Decoration Day. George B. Flint has been named managing editor for the league bulletin. He will name his staff shortly. Walter F. Driver is in charge of the Poppy Day work for the Al Sopenar Post of the American Logian of the American Legion. The final meeting of the spring will

be Thursday (29), with the first fall meeting set October 7. All membership applications accepted after May 1 will be issued 1949 membership cards. Members of the league will be guests of Barnes Bros.' Monday (26). Circus

Walter Maring, of Miami, was the guest of Al Rossman recently. Cana-dian brothers who called during the week included Joe Backman, Frank Lindover, Harry Wonnacott and Bert Murray, Bub Liebman was in town Murray. Rube Liebman was in town for a few days. Al Kaufman left to join Hennies Bros. Callers at the rooms have included

Callers at the rooms have included Cecil and William Meyers, Jacob Yonover, Harry Asheron, Ed Sopenar, Sam Pers, Petey Pivor, Max Brant-man, Jack Benjamin, Oliver Barnes, George Brooks, Ed Wall, Ed Korn-rumpf, John Wulf, Mike Wright, Abe Raymond, Al Cherner, Charles Owens, Al Boscanan David Maladim Chief Al Rossman, Dave Malcolm, Chick Schloss, Bob Edwards, Whitey Lehrter, Arthur Morse, Morris A. Haft. Foxey Goldfen, William A. Hetloch, Leo Sennett, Ray Oakes and F. C. Proper. Jack Hawthorne is with Cole Bros.

Circus.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Carmelita Horan was hostess at the social April 15. Ida Chase won a manicure set, donated by M. Richard Horan. Guest Lorraine Johnson won the second raffle.

Mae Sopenar, recently returned from Providence and Boston, was among those present. Ida Chase, past president, has re-

covered from a recent accident and once again is busy with her duties as chairman of the relief committee.

Caravans, Inc. P. O. Box 1902, Chicago

CHICAGO, April 24. - President Lucille Hirsch presided at the Tues-day (20) meeting, assisted by Edith Streibich, first vice-president; Pearl McGlynn, second vice-president, pro

McGlynn, second vice-president, pro tem; Mae Oakes, third vice-president; Claire Sopenar, treasurer, and Mari-anna Pope, financial secretary. Chaplain Lorraine Dugas delivered the invocation. Corresponding Sec-retary Josephine Glickman read communications from Estelle Reagan, Paddy Ann Hall, Myrtle Hutt Beard and Mary Ward. The group voted to issue a paid

The group voted to issue a paid up membership card to Joicy Wil-liams Gray, former club-mother who has been confined to her home for many months.

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Pacific Coast Showmen's Association

1106 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—Vice-President Joe Krug conducted the short business session Monday (19). Also on the rostrum were Treasurer Al Weber, Chaplain Jack Hughes and Secretary Ed Mann.

David E. Bradley, Los Angeles amusement park manager, and Charles G. Crouse were elected to membership.

Ray Riggs, guest, was introduced and gave a short talk. A moment of silent tribute was ob-

served in memory of Lewis (Cash) Rogers, life member, who died March

Rogers, life member, who died March 31 in Salt Lake City. Frank Murphy and Harry Wills are on the sick list. Wills is recuperating at home after being hospitalized for several months. Murphy is in the Veterans' Hospital at Sawtelle. It was announced that the General Floating Compare the based to

It was announced that the General Electric Company has leased the ground floor of the club building. The Ladies' Auxiliary invited the men to join them for a buffet lunch-eon in the clubrooms following the meeting. Eddie Tait, down from San Fran-

cisco, attended for the first time in several months. He reports that his brother, Stuart, is in the States trom Manila.

Drawing was won by Al Weber, who donated his winnings to the furniture fund.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Florence Lusby, Doodles Demars and Maree Rhodes were hostesses following the Monday (19) meeting at which First Vice-President Charmeeting lotte Cohan presided in the absence of President Madge Buckley. Peggy Forstall read the financial report in the absence of Treasurer Peggy Steinberg. Vivian Jacobi, second vice-president, has left for the summer, and Estelle Wampler, third vice-presi-dent, is on the sick list.

Correspondence was read from Past President Margaret Farmer, who re-Work, Ida Deleno and Cecil Bowen, the last-mentioned also including a donation for the piggie bank and a tablecloth for the raffle. Emily Bailey won the raffle. Vivian Gorman, Lodabelle Scarce,

Past President Marie Tait, Norma Burke and Dot Cronin delivered short talks.

On the sick list are Gladys Mackey.

On the sick list are Gladys Mackey, Tillie Palamateer and Past President Alerita Foster. Door prizes, donated by Mora Bagby and Dorothy Enfield, were won by Ethel Krug and Peggy Forstall. Bank award went to Norma Burke, and donations for the bazaar included an apron from Ethel Krug and tea towels from Maree Bhodes.

from Maree Rhodes. A party is scheduled May 19 in the home of Rose Rosard, with Norma Burke and Peggy Forstall also acting as hostesses.

Bingo was played and refreshments were served, the men being included in the latter.—PEGGY FORSTALL.

Irene Coffey reported members on

Irene Coffey reported members on the sick list include Pat Seery, Billie Lou Freeman and Mae Taylor. Billie Cooper, of Royal American Shows, and Mary Lou, daughter of Margaret Filograsso, are hospitalized, the latter for an appendectomy. Past President Pearl McGlynn an-nounced plans for a rummage sale May 10 at 2818 Lincoln Avenue. Members having articles for the sale may contact Pearl at 326 S. Bacine may contact Pearl at 326 S. Racine Avenue.

Evening's awards were donated by Ann Doolan, Elizabeth Jacks and Ruth Clinton and were won by Becky Daniels, Lorraine Dugas and Violet vatson respectively.

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BALLYHOO BROS.' CIRCULATING EXPO **A** Century of Profit Show

-By Starr De Belle

Sandbar, Fla. April 24, 1948.

Dear Editor:

Members of this org believe in mixing business with pleasure, gasoline with stewpots, and a variety of indoor and outdoor sports known as in-and-out-of-money festivities, with the out overshadowing the in. When a new member brings his lettuce salad with him, he is positively in, but after mixing business with pleasure he joins the big winter quarters army of outs. With us money isn't everything, as there are such things as friendship and loveat-first-sight.

Last week a beginner, heavily loaded with in, joined. We took a great dislike to him, because he is the type who puts money above asthe type who puts money above as-sociating with us who would troupe with and love him as a brother all season. He is the type who believes money goes to money and proved it by putting his bending-dough in the office strong box for safe keeping. The boss gave him a receipt along with this info: "You just got under the wire. Had you been a day late in anyiving, I couldn't have favored you this way. Kindly remember that the time lock on this safe is set for July 4." We try to make life beautiful for

We try to make life beautiful for We try to make life beautiful for the new faces that arrive in quarters daily. Our slogan is, "He must have money—he hasn't any clothes," even tho we later learn that the new face has neither. It is always a case of playing hunches and depending on a 50-50 break with no one laying the odds. We deal in grain commodities, legally, without inside information, by separating the chaff from his oats, and oats in our language doesn't mean hay. They don't arrive here with bales. A geek arrived last week and was

A geek arrived last week and was listed as "oats-less-chaff." The only pleasure we derived thru his presence pleasure we derived thru his presence was making book on how many times he'd scratch while walking from the cookhouse to the coaches. He had the appearance of being a poor horse so we pleasure seekers and hand-shakers gave him a brush-off without currying any favors. Today the also-trop original in the cookhouse with a ran arrived in the cookhouse with a new look from his hat to his shoes. That awakened us to the fact you might find some oats around a broke-at-the-post."

Our winter quarter clubs run from the upper crusts on down to the cooks that pan them. The center-location concessionaires claim that their club is the inner circle, and shun the in-the-line-up concession-aires as Outer-Fringers. The Outer-

Bedford, Ind., Plans 100G **Cele Starting June 14**

BEDFORD, Ind., April 24.—A gala celebration feting the limestone in-dustry, for which civic interests re-portedly will spend 100G, is sched-uled here the week of June 14. Plans call for the presentation of live talent, carnivals and concessions.

Kent Bass heads the committe. He will be aided by John McGee, who staged the Monon RR's show last year.

Make Concesh Wheels

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NEW YORK, April 24. — Morris Mandell, Inc., of New York, who for several years have been manufac-turing bingo cages and cards as well as other carnival supplies, recently began turning out concession wheels, rhade up on regular stock lines or to special specifications special specifications.

Fringers never mix with the ride boys' club, using the alibi that it's a Lonely Hearts organization. The Lonely Hearts Club and the Showmen's Clique are closely linked, the first acting as a booking agency for the latter. We have the "Waitingfor-it-to-open gang," that meets daily around a stew can behind the horse barn. The last named wants no truck with the other clubs, claiming that they are company-fed. The Showmen's Clique is welcomed by the other clubs that have to depend on it for talent at their festivities. It mixes and mingles—it assists with the oats threshing by having its dancing members blow off the chaff. Join this happy fraternal midway

family. Bring your cereal grain with you-we'll furnish the combine.

Hoosier State Bow Okay in Vincennes

VINCENNES, Ind., April 24 .- Despite cool weather and a freakish wind, the Mighty Hoosier State Shows opened the season here Saturday (10) to business that brought optimistic predictions for the spring tour from owner W. R. Geren, re-ported M. G. Stokes. Helping the gross was a kiddle matinee, to be a regular Saturday feature, offering a bicycle giveaway to a throng of kids coming in on free tickets.

Completely overhauled, the show left Greensburg, Ind., quarters April 4 on 35 semi-trailers, making the 4 on 35 semi-trailers, making the move here in time to set up the same day. Many of the personnel were here awaiting the shows' arrival. Also arriving during the engagement was Hugo Zacchini, whose cannon act will be free attraction and who will have an animal circus on the midway.

Special paper will be used to advertise the Zacchini act and the show is to be heavily billed, with two men in advance under the supervision of Stokes. Fred Haines also arrived with his sound car to augment the with his reaction of publicity department.

Dale Pasley's new cook house, with stainless steel kitchen and steam tables mounted on semis, drew praise from local officials. Owner Geren has been undergoing treatment for a back aligned back ailmenţ.

Capell Bros.' Shows Score In Swing Thru Oklahoma

DUNCAN. Okla., April 24.—Open-ing of the Capell Bros.' Shows re-cently in Shawnee, Okla., was ham-pered by cold weather, but Old Sol put in an appearance when the org moved to Ada for its next stand. Chamber of Commerce sponsored the show there and all enjoyed a success-ful week ful week.

The Elks are sponsoring the one-week stand here and once again the weather is fine.

All canvas is new and paint has been applied liberally to most of the equipment.

Celebs at Starr Inaugural

HUGO, Okla., April 24.—Joe Starr Shows, combined with the Casey Smith Shows, recently opened the season here at the second annual cir-cus round-up. Weather was okay and attendance estimated at 10,000. Joe E. Brown, comedian, and Gov. R. J. Turner of Oklahoma were on band hand.



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and Fish Pond. Must Be Neat and Well Stocked. Will Frame Six-Cat Store for Good, Capable Head of Store With Good Agents.

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Useful carnival people, can always place you. Address all communications.

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R. E. GILSDORF, General Manager

W. S. CURL SHOWS

Opening May 1 to May 8. Two Big Saturdays. London, Ohio

Want Legitimate Concessions: Pitch-Till-Win, High Striker, Scales, Penny Arcade, Basket Ball, Darts, Ball Games. Want Foreman for Chairplane and Kiddie Auto Ride, also Second Men on Ferris Wheel, Tilt-a-Whirl, Merry-Co-Round and other Ride Help. Good salary and good treatment. Prefer men who can drive Truck and Semis. No playboys or drunks wanted.

W. S. CURL

Box 27, London, Ohio

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ROBERT L. HETH, Mgr.

MT. VERNON, ILL., this week; then per route.



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RipGreenwayNamed Three Civic Groups Sponsor Rodeo in E. Pasadena Mav 14 To Boss B. C. Rodeo PASADENA, Calif.,

CLOVERDALE, B. C., April 24.-Clarke (Rip) Greenway has been named general manager of the third annual rodeo and carnival here May 22-24, it was announced at a meeting

Plans have been completed for the Boys' Club Rose Bowl Rodeo, sched-uled here May 14 under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs of East Pasadena.

April 24.

Monty Montana, screen and rodeo performer and his wife and son, both trick riders, will head the bill, with Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz, mounted groups and Western film celebs also participating, it was announced.

AM5 Contra

Open Johnstown, Pa., May 1 Want Riders and Talker for Motordrome, Managers for Snake Show and Fun 1 wants Stock Concession Agent. Will book Age, Scales, Shooting Gallery, Novel Animal Show, Mort Messios no longer connected with show, Write or wire Fun House, Frank Nelson Novelties, Arcade, Photos, windber, Pennsylvania M. A. BEAM

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or Rides and Concessions for last of August or early September for Annual Gasconade County Fair. Contact D. V. FRAME, Owensville, Mo.

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Chairman, Frank Robertson Fairfield, Illinois

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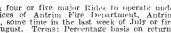


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Clubs.

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—The an-nual Southern California Sportsmen's

Show climaxed its 11-day run be-fore a closing day crowd of 21,600 at Gilmore Stadium here Sunday (18). Total attendance for the entire ex-hibition was estimated at 206,500.

Annual event. staged in conjunction

with a large trailer show, was pro-moted by Mel Morrison and H. Wer-

ner. Show was sponsored by the Southern Council of Conservation

95G for Canadian

Bi-Centennial in '49

HALIFAX, N. S., April 24.—Ap-proximately \$95,000 will be spent for the bi-centennial celebration in this area for 10 weeks during the sum-mer of 1949, it is announced.

The city of Halifax, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Dominion of Canada will split the cost.

Kirkwood Predates Strates

WILMINGTON, Del., April 24. — The Big One plays here Monday, June 7. Mayor Joseph S. Wilson Saturday (10) sent permits and confirmation to officials of the Ringling circus. As in former years the Big Show will

play the parking lot adjacent to the ball park at 30th Street and Governor Printz Boulevard.

Season. Common Pleas Court Judge P. Warren Green Friday (9) found Henry Jobkowski, Flenolden, Pa., in-nocent of the charge of keeping and

exhibiting a gambling device on the Kirkwood show. Jobkowski operates a short range, charging 25 cents for three shots, with prizes for hitting specified targets. This, Judge Green ruled, was not sufficient to sustain the

MELBOURNE, Australia, April 24. —A combo ice show and circus is planned by the newly formed Testro

planned by the newly formed Testro Theaters, Ltd. Key figures, Rex C. and T. K. Testro, members of a well-known acrobatic family, plan an ice show with performing polar bears, seals and penguins, plus a 20-girl skating line. The company has capi-tal of \$50,000. The Testros have been appearing with the Tivoli circuit the control of the testrol of the test of test

R-B Skeds Pittsfield July 4

PITTSFIELD, Mass., April 24.— Ringling circus is seeking a permit

for a matinee performance here Sun-day, July 4. The show itinerary, ac-cording to Waldo T. Tupper, general agent, includes Springfield, Mass., July 3, and Albany, N. Y., July 5.

appearing with t thruout Australia.

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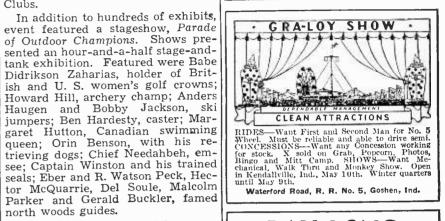
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RAY LONG WANTS ALLEY AGENTS For newly flashed Fuzzy Bear Joint. Red Brooks, Mac McDonald, Jimmy Nolan. Popeye Hunt, Roy Kelchum, contact me. Also need Help for Line-Up Store. Harry Craig Shows, Lemesa, Texas, or per route.

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Small Grab, \$15.00; Mug Outfit, Snowball and Popcorn, small Bingo, Agents for Swinger and Set. SHOWS—Fat and Snake. Rides not conflicting, 25% after first \$200. Cumming, Ga., April 26 to May 1; Dahlonega, May 3 to May 8. 2700 college students, mostly G.I.'s; paid the 3rd.

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Rides that don't conflict. Ride Help, Concession Agents, come on. Showmen with own outfits, wire. Fish Pond, Ciaret Gallery, Pitch-Till-You-Win, Bowling Alley, Coke-Milk Bottles. Hanky Panks, all kinds open. Sell exclusive small Cook House, Lead Gallery, Photo. Address: Pulaski, Tennessee. For Sale — Ten-Car Auto Ride. Reason: Have two,

Wallace & Murray Shows WANT

Bingo for season. Also Cook House, or will turn over office-owned Cook House to re-liable party. Can place Stock Concessions of all kinds. Address: Bessemer City, North Carolina, this week.

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Exclusive Kiddie Land Concession. Ocean Beach Park, New London, Conn. Four new Kiddle Rides, Office Trailer and Ticket Box, Selling because of other business interest, Reasonable price, Good location, Inquiries:

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Association, Inc.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 24.-Newest member is the Concession Supply Company, application filed by B. H. Brockway, manager, bringing

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature to safeguard the safety of riding devices, which bill provides for licensing of devices, inspection, and requires the carrying of insurance. The administration of riding devices is delegated to the New Jersey Department of Labor and, if passed, the bill would become effective January 1, 1949. A copy of the bill is on file.

The War Assets Administration advises it has for sale varieties of alumi-num, bronze, stainless steel, steel cable, plexiglas and lacquer, as well as quantities of electrical cable available by negotiated sale. The Adminis-tration also announces the remaining war surplus machinery and industrial equipment on hand will be sold subject to a percentage reduction of original acquisition cost.

A research service announces development and availability for sale of a new type of ladder grip, a liquid and fabric; a type of transformer which eliminates the necessity for junction boxes, fuses or circuit breakers; a two-speed hoist for operation with motive power, and a patented process for concentrating fruit juices. The same service has a booklet on the

in Dublin, Tex., conferring with Frank Moore, rodeo manager, and Garden officials about this season's rodeo, which is tentatively set to open

Ind. Old Settlers' Confab

ODON, Ind., April 24 .- The 63d annual Old Settlers' Meeting will be held here August 19-21. Heavy rains

A feature of the annual will find lo-

J. Brennan Headed for U. S.

PRELL'S BROADWAY SHOWS Alexandria, Va. RIDES WANTED Want to book or lease 4 or 5 lides for season. All good spots. Address: BOX 172, c/o Billboard 390 Arcade Bldg. NEW YORK, April 24.—J. Bren-nan, well-known British showman, has disposed of his interests in Lon-don and is headed for Miami. Bren-nan intends to enter the amusement field in this country and will act as representative of the Supercar Com-pany, English manufacturer of Scooter cars and equipment.

American Carnivals

By Max Cohen

the membership roll to 225.

adhesive for cementing metals, wood, care of copper, brass and bronze.

Now that the tax reduction bill has been passed, another tax bill is in the been passed, another tax bill is in the making which would affect many technical changes in the tax laws. While the amount of actual reduction involved in the new tax bill is small, it is expected that so-called small business may obtain certain conces-sions on earnings between \$25,000 and \$50,000. If adopted, this would affect many shows in the industry.

Colborn, Moore Plot Rodeo; Autry Again Likely Feature The James E. Strates Shows were on the circus lot last week. The Jos-eph J. Kirkwood Shows completed a week's engagement Saturday (10) on the South Market Street grounds. It was the first outdoor show of the

NEW YORK, April 24.—Everett E. Colborn, managing director of the an-nual Madison Square Garden rodeos, is in town from his Lightning C Ranch

September 29. Probability is that Gene Autry will again be the feature attraction at the Garden rodeo but contracts have not as yet been signed.

Set at Odon, Ind., Aug. 19

have stalled the painting program at Old Settlers Park, scene of the celebration, but the decorating is ex-pected to be completed well in ad-vance of the show.

cal business men vying in a beard-growing contest. Contestants are ex-pected to abandon their razors on or about July 1.

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COVINGTON, VA., WEEK MAY 3RD. Place Shows of all kinds, have complete outfits. Good opening for Motor Drome, Penny Arcade. Girls for Girl Show, Working Acts for Side Show. Also man to make openings. Place Minstrel Show People, also Musicians, Pay your own wires. Place Concessions of all kinds, must be Legitimate. Will give Exclusive on Fish and Duck Ponds. Opening for Photos, Devil's Bowling Alley, Huckley Buck, Balloon Darts. Novelty, Gallery, Coke Bottle, Basket Ball, Jewehry, Snow Balls, Darts, Bumper, String Game, or any Concessions not conflicting. General Ride Help. Write or wire: Bedford, Va., this week; Covington, Va., week May 3; Charles Town, Jefferson County, W. Va., week May 10. P.S.: Our Big Celebrations start in two weeks.

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 Due to late delivery of new Octopus, can place one Flat Ride, prefer Tilt or Octopus. Will book for 25%, also pay S50.00 per week to right parties. Need Ride to fulfill 20 weeks contracted.
 Want Wheel Foreman, Help on Chairplane and Kiddie Rides. Want man to operate huge Army Searchlights, and man or woman to take charge of Fun House built on Semi. Will book Shows with own outfits, 25% ; or will Frame for worth while Attractions. All replies to: ANDERSON'S GREATER SHOWS, LIVINGSTON, TENN., this week.

ROBERTSON BROTHERS' SHOWS

All Stock Concessions open. Will sell "X" on Custard, Novelties, Jewelry, French Fries, Pronto Pup. Good opening for String Game, Slum Blower, Bowling Alley, Balloon Dart, Hit and Miss Ball Game.
 SHOWS: Will place Motordrome, Side Show (Have 30x60 Top), Fat Show, Crime, Life, or any other Show of merit,
 RIDE HELP: Working Men in all departments, Foremen for #5 Eli, Tilt, Octopus, Spitfire and Swings. Best of treatment and long season. All Useful People, come on, will place you. All replies to:

BOB ROBERTSON KINGSPORT, TENN., this week.

UNITED EXPOSITION SHOWS WILL BOOK OR BUY

KIDDIE AUTO RIDE, LITTLE TRAIN, FUN OR GLASS HOUSE, MECHANICAL SHOW.
 WANT MANAGER FOR ATHLETIC SHOW (Franky Corbett, wire; good proposition.) Girls, wire Dick Hyland for Girl Show. Lon Davis can place Side Show Help. Want man to take charge of Snake or Geek Show. (New Front.)
 CONCESSIONS: Harry (Horty) Brown wants Count Store Agents. J. M. McCurdy wants Hanky Pank Agents. Wire or come on, you will be placed. Will book good Arcude (flat or percentage). Will buy or book large Bingo. Can book Cork Gallery, String Game, Basket Ball, or what have you? Wire NOW!

Address: UNITED EXPOSITION SHOWS, PRESCOTT, ARK., this week; then per route.

SILVER STAR SHOWS Want

Capable man to frame two Girl Shows. We have one new 15 by 20 Top suitable for Posing Show. Operator must have own Banner Line and Wardrobe. Must be first class in keeping with the rest of the Show. Will also book Grind Shows or 10-in-1. Good proposition for reliable Showmen with own equipment. This Show carries 10 Rides, including 6 Majors. We have a beautiful Front, plenty of lights from our three light plants. Search Lights and the sensational Aerial Hustres Free Attraction. We will book a few more Legitimate Concessions that don't conflict. Fair Secretaries in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming, contact us. This is a brand new Show purvering the best of good, clean, wholesome entertainment for the entire family. Be sure with the newest and best. BISHOP, CALIF., APRIL 27-MAY 2; then as per route.

The Billboard

'47 Admissions **To Be Continued At Sacramento**

SACRAMENTO, April 24.—Cali-fornia's State Fair directors have de-cided against raising admission prices. The ticket committee has set up this schedule: General admission, 50 cents; grandstand general admission, 50 50 cents; reserved seats, \$1; boxes, \$1.50; bleachers, 25 cents and no charge at night; parking 50 cents.

There had been some speculation that general admission to the fair would be increased this year because of generally higher operating costs but members of the ticket committee voted to keep the fair within the means of as many persons as possible.

At their March meeting, the direc-tors put ceilings on prices which may be charged for children's and adult rides, on soft drinks and beer and decided to fix food prices follow-ing a conference with their advisory beard of California rectaurant oper board of California restaurant operators and food dealers.

The directors also decreed that all drinks must be sold in paper cups to eliminate the litter of bottles which caused considerable trouble and in-juries last year.

Also officially approved was a ten-tative premium list for this year. List generally increases the total to be awarded winning exhibitors, ac-cording to Fred H. Bixby, president of the board of directors.

Premiums Up 25%

Premiums totaling \$65,000 would be offered in the livestock division, about 25 per cent more than the \$52,000 paid last September. In the junior division, a 40 per cent increase was approved, from \$18,000 to \$30,-000 000

Horse show premiums would be over \$30,000, with added money from entry fees bringing an increase of possibly 20 per cent. The \$7,500 for poultry, pigeons and rabbits, and \$2,500 for dairy products awards was unchanged.

E. P. (Ned) Green, secretary-manager, said livestock awards were boosted to permit extensions of awards for some breeds and to in-crease top awards in other cases to attract more exhibitors.

The directors voted to underwrite, to the extent of \$4,500, the educational exhibit at this year's fair.

Retains Parking

Director Daniel W. Beattie, chairman of the educational committee, said school authorities had notified

said school authorities had notified him that a last-minute ruling by the State Department of Education made it impossible for county school funds to be used for fair exhibits. The board also voted to control parking facilities at the fair and use fair personnel to park cars. Last year the concession was awarded to a San Francisco firm a San Francisco firm. On the recommendation of Hal G.

Hotchkiss, fair director, the group voted to delay letting the contract for the midway concession until later. Two large carnivals have bid for the contract, it was said.

No Action on Midway

Director Harold McCurry, Sacra-mento, chairman of the press and radio committee, reported the year-round use being made by the fair-grounds has resulted in the event re-ceiving valuable publicity the year the ceiving valuable publicity thruout the State.

McCurry pointed to the use of the fair's facilities for stock sales and the use made of Governor's Hall by Sacramento organizations.

The chairman also announced his committee and the centennial committee plan to stage an historical character contest during the fair. Re-productions of the photos of such 24th of that month.

It Goes To Show

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif., April 24.—When Claude and Pauline Webb, former owners of Russell Bros.' Circus, visited the Clyde Beatty show during its local date, they didn't expect to experience parking difficulty, in-asmuch as the Webbs own a large tract of vacant land adja-cent to the show grounds.

Pulling onto their property, however, they noted that the lot was crowded with autos lined up in neat rows. Finally locating a spot at the back end of the property just big enough to park their car, the Webbs were fur-ther surprised when a burly in-

dividual accosted them and de-manded 50 cents parking fee. "I was so surprised," declared Pauline, "that before I had a chance to think I paid him the four-bits!"

Belle Vue, England, '47 Net \$183,478

MANCHESTER, England, April 24. -At the general meeting of the shareholders of Belle Vue, Ltd., it was announced that this year-round fun spot had enjoyed a record-break-ing year in 1947, with net profits of \$183,478.75, an increase of \$58,471.25 over the preceding year.

Gross income of Belle Vue hit an all-time high, but this was offset by increased cost of operation. Taxes nicked the gross for a sum of \$306,370. A dividend of 50 per cent on the deferred ordinary shares was declared.

Belle Vue is a combination zoo-circus-amusement park which operates all year, with its best incomeproducing period during the Christ-mas-New Year holiday weeks when a top-notch indoor circus and carni-val occupies the large building on the grounds. The take during this win-ter's indoor circus run was double that of last year. Fireworks displays on Saturday nights until the end of November also drew record attendances the past year.

personages as John Sutter, General Vallejo, Lotta Crabtree and others will be sent out, he said, and Cali-fornia residents will be encouraged to attempt to resemble them in cos-tume and make-up. Prizes will be awarded winners.

Dr. James E. McConnell, centennial committee chairman, reported prog-ress is being made in locating old-time vehicles for a fair exhibit.

Progress on Improvements

Director William G. Wright, Sac-ramento, chairman of the building and grounds committee, said the work of getting the fairgrounds in shape is progressing more rapidly than ex-pacted. He said considerable universe pected. He said considerable wiring is being replaced, new power lines are being installed, new flood lighting is planned for the junior division and remodeling work is under way in the Hall of Flowers.

The directors accepted Wright's recommendation that the fair install a foundation and fence for a new transformer to provide better light for the grounds. The work will cost \$3,700.

It was decided to make the fair a fashion center during its 11-day run next fall. Officially approved was next fall. Officially approved was a proposal to invite California de-signers to submit models of every type of clothing for exhibition. The board also agreed to invite some 200 of the nation's leading newspaper and magazine fashion writers to be guests at the fair.

The board set its next meeting for

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becomes an increasing major operation. And, unless the patron receives courteous and speedy attention, the attendant makes a dissatisfied cus-tomer even before he sees what the

fair has to offer. The old hit-or-miss parking all over the fairgrounds is in the class with sideburns, the horse and buggy and hoop skirts. It just isn't coun-tenanced on the modern fairgrounds.

To begin with, parked cars should be located within the area of the fair-grounds. The reason for this is that cars parked in this manner are subject to more strict police protection, families can make their cars their headquarters, picnic lunches and three-cornered trousers for the babies can be left in the cars and obtained without first having to secure pass-out tickets. Since this type of ticket is subject to much abuse, some fairs have abandoned it, forcing outgoing customers who have paid once to pay again for readmittance.

Best Site Near Entrance The renting of vacant lots or park-ing areas in land adjacent to the en-trances of the fair is resorted to only in the case of necessity. In such cases, police protection should be pro-vided for the cars and the parking

well-supervised and governed parking lots are a joy and a pleasure. The best location is directly in front of or on either side of the entrances. Lacking such space, parking lots on either side of or in the rear of the grounds are the next best location. These areas should be served only by roads situated at either side of the fair that do not cross a main line of nedestion traffic pedestrian traffic.

Parking cars in long lines heading in toward each other is probably the best method to park altho it takes up a maximum amount of space due to the area which must be available for the backing up and turning of cars. A distance of not less than 60 feet A distance of not less than of feet between the front lines of cars headed in opposite directions should be al-lowed under normal circumstances. With careful parking, this distance can be cut somewhat.

Tickets for Parkers Diagonal parking—two rows of cars—does not require so wide a parking area. A minimum width of 45 feet between lines formed by the fronts of the cars thus parked is re-quired. It is necessary for all cars to leave in one direction, thus requiring a cross road at the end of the lines of parking lanes.

parking lanes. Five-foot posts, set firmly two feet in the ground, at four-foot intervals or connected with a cable, sometimes are used to define the lines at which the cars should be parked. Cement blocks, set on solid concrete bases, also serve as good markers. Some-times, just two furrows, plowed four feet apart, designate the definite place where the front wheels of the cars should be placed. cars should be placed.

Each row should be marked with a Each row should be marked with a letter and each car block or post-marked with a number. Each driver, when parked, should be given a ticket designating the row letter and the post or block number where his car is located. The attendant can do this in a matter of seconds. This eliminates the confusion of hunting for cars at night or in a rainstorm or by those who forget where they parked.

WITH the increasing number of and second to be able to locate one's family autos passing thru the fair gates, the handling of these cars sion. The best lighting method is to heat and a second to be able to locate one's car and drive away without confulocate poles not less than 20 feet high with floodlights on top. Such lights need not be expensive, but they should have a reflector which projects light in the direction the driver is going to avoid a glare. A good 300-watt light bulb inside a reflector will light a territory approximately 300 feet wide and 400 feet long. The lights should be placed at the head of the parting lines parent to the fair's the parking lines nearest to the fair's activities and throw the light away from the center of the fair.

If the parking lanes are 60 feet wide, then the lights should be placed about every fifth row at the head of the row. Exit lights should be placed carefully to show ditch lines and culverts.

Aid to Participants

If possible, parking areas should be provided near the zone area which attracts the patrons. For example, the livestock men should be allowed to park near the livestock exhibits and industrial patrons near the in-dustrial exhibits. Parking areas should be allowed as near to the exhibits as possible.

Many abuses have been made of this privilege, but local rules must be made and adjusted to meet the requirements. One injustice to a worthy exhibitor hurts the fair more than a dozen abuses of the privilege. Getting-by is a common American practice, and adjustment of iron-clad rules often is a method of solving the problem.

Courtesy Is Vital

Courteous service by parking at-tendants is vital. They should be instructed firmly on this point. They also should be told to give whatever aid possible. And they should be ad-vised that thru suggestions to patrons they can obtain better, closer parking.

Laying out parking areas is no job for an amateur. Careful study should be made of each area by one skilled in this work to avoid mistakes and also to provide for the service of the maximum number of cars in a given area.

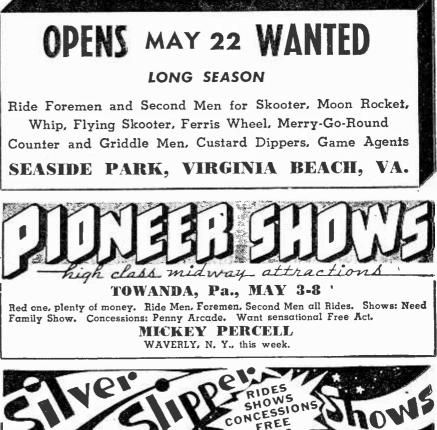
Crosby Steps Into Racing; Thrill Show Bookings Big

TRENTON, N. J., April 24.-Lucky Lee Crosby, operator of Crosby All-American Hell Drivers, is branching who said a contract has been signed with Vernon (N. Y.) Fair for a pro-with Vernon (N. Y.) Fair for a prowith vernon (N. Y.) Fair for a pro-gram of summer races. The first will be held May 2 in the new speedway there, with 30 racers appearing, Lowe said. Bob Laurie, Morristown, N. J.. well known in race circles. has joined the Crosby outfit and has gone to Vernon. Vernon.

Lowe said Crosby's Hell Drivers have been sought by eight New York and seven Pennsylvania fairs in addition to a number of speedway engage-ments in the East and six still dates under auspices.

Philly Pyro Show to Duffield

NEW YORK, April 24.—Jack Duf-field, of the Thearle-Duffield Fire-works Company, Chicago, announced Thursday (15) that his firm had con-tracted the *Philadelphia Bulletin* show which will be staged July 5. Jack and his father, Frank, were on Illuminating parking areas is a Jack and his father, Frank, were on prime necessity, first for protection an extensive business trip in the East.



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WANTS-JACK KORIE-WANTS

SIDE SHOW HELP, ONE FEATURE FREAK Christine, Alhoa, and Grace McDaniels, contact. ONE NOVELTY ACT AND INSIDE LECTURER. Top salaries. FOR W. G. WADE SHOWS, OPENING PONTIAC, MICH., APRIL 27TH. Zombie and Bumps and Red Ferris, contact me. JACK KORIE, Gen. Del., Pontiac, Mich.

WILSON FAMOUS SHOWS OPENING MAY 1ST, GALESBURG, ILL.

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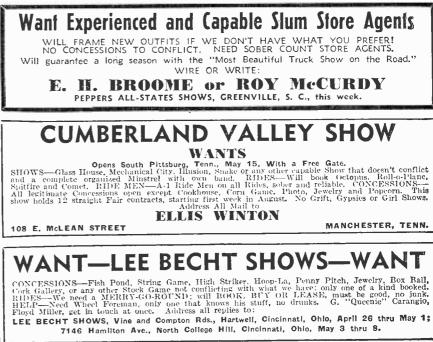
Manager for new Fun House, Foreman on No. 5 Wheel, Second Men on other Rides that drive. Can use Help in all departments. Also can place Agents. A few Concessions open. Join at once, we leave Quarters April 29th. Don't wire, come on; we can place you.

RAY WILSON, Astoria, Ill.

TWIN CITY SHOWS WANT

Clothes Pin Pitch, Cigarette Gallery, Glass Pitch, Hoop-La, Popcorn, Frozen Custard, Basket Ball, High Striker, Guess Your Age and Weight, Dart Balloon, Fish Pond, Ice Cream, or any good Stock Concessions. Can use any good Shows with own transportation for Committee Percent. Wire:

CEO. CRABLE, Lebanon, Mo., April 26 to May 1; California, Mo., May 3 to 8. Attention, Celebration Committees: We have July 4 open for lowa or Missouri. 7 Rides.



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WANT FOR DAWSON SPRINGS, KY., week MAY 3 with PORTLAND, TENN., STRAW-BERRY FESTIVAL TO FOLLOW AND THEN NORTH:

STOCK CONCESSIONS of all kinds. John Ethridge wants Agents for Ball Games and Hit or Miss.
 SHOWS: Have new Side Show (20x80), with 110-foot Banner Line. Want someone who can put something inside. Ruby & Francis and Bill McIntyre, contact. Good opening for Fun House or Glass House or any good Grind Show. Snake Show open for good operator. We hold contract for Stearns, Ky. Fourth of July Celebration. Join now. Route to interested parties. All replies to:

J. L. KEEF, CAPITAL CITY SHOWS

MADISONVILLE, KY., this week.

P.S.: For Sale, 2-abreast Parker Merry-Go-Round, in perfect condition. Can be seen in operation.



Want for Canton, Ga., this week; Marysville, John, Holl, and Kontucky. Celebrations in Virginia, West Virginia and Kontucky.
 RIDES: Can use one Flat Ride or Roll-o-Plane. Will furnish two Kiddie Rides to someone with Kiddie Rides to make Kiddieland.
 CONCESSIONS: Want Crustard, Jewelry, Novelties, Popcorn, Sno Kone or any other Legitimate Concessions; also a few choice Concessions open. Some P.C. open with other Concessions.
 SHOWS: Want Fru Honse, Glass House or any Show with own equipment. Want Manager with Girls for completely furnished Girl Show. Will book Minstrel with or without equipment. Ken McVan tor completely furnished Girl Show. Will book Minstrel with or without equipment. Ken McVan tor south Acts for Side Show. Good proposition to man who can handle Inside; also Half-and-Half.

wants Acts for Side Show. Good proposition to man who can handle inside; also Half-and JOHNNY CARUSO, Mgr.—FRED WEBSTER, Bus. Mgr.—JOHN SMITH, Publicity Address: CANTON, GA., this week. P.S.: Can use one Nail Store Agent, one Skillo and one Count Store Shan.

VIVONA BROS.' AMUSEMENT SHOWS 10 RIDES, OFFICE OWNED; 35 CONCESSIONS

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SCALE AND AGE AGENTS WANTED AT ONCE GEORGE A. GOLDEN, C/O CETLIN & WILSON SHOWS PETERSBURG, VA., THIS WEEK

BARNEY TASSELL UNIT SHOWS

Can place, account disappointment, Roll-o-Plane. Good proposition, sho Want Ride Men all departments, those driving Semis preferred. Good proposition, short jumps. Week May 3, Tappahannock, Va.; 10, Orange, Va.; 17, Culpeper, Va. .Can always place something good. Write, wire, this week at Gloucester, Va.

Circus Season Gets Going in Sweden

The Billboard

STOCKHOLM, April 24 .- The circus season in Sweden is getting into full swing, with Circus Schumann tull swing, with Circus Schumann winding up a 40-day indoor run here Sunday (25) and several tent shows already on the road. Schumann, who played a two-week stand at Gothen-berg prior to his local appearance, will return to Denmark where the show will celebrate its 100th anni-versary at its indoor arena in Copen-bagon hagen.

Principal acts on the Schumann program this season are the Schumann Liberty and high-school horses, Mlle. Lona, antipodist; Viggo Benny's chimp, Banbi; Vikings Trio, trapeze; Luzia, dancer; 5 Vikingarnas, acro-Luzia, dancer; 5 Vikingarnas, acro-bats; 2 Wilcos, comics; Tay-Ru, equili-brist, and Andreff and Luzia, Swedish comics.

Among the larger Swedish tent circuses already on the road are Circus Scott, which opened at Malmo April 11, and Circus Altenburg, which opened in Helsingfors.

Circus Mijares-Schrieber, still in Circus Mijares-Schrieber, still in winter quarters in Karlskoga, is get-ting set to hit the road with the biggest circus in Sweden. The show will have a big top with a 300-meter hippodrome track, two rings and a stage. In addition to standard circus acts the program will feature old-time chariot races and cowboy num-bers. The show is owned and operbers. The show is owned and operated by Chuy Mijares, former Ring-ling circus wire-walker.

New Group at Moundsville Elects Dorsey 1948 Prexy

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., April 24.-Marshall Fair, Inc., at an organization meeting here recently, elected officers for 1948 and took over the old Mar-shall County Fair Association, which had been conducting community fairs locally for over a decade. Lloyd Dorsey heads the new org, with A. H. Reber, vice-president; L. George Reber, vice-president; L. George Ellis, secretary; C. B. Allman, as-sistant secretary, and Jesse D. H. Sullivan, treasurer.

Sullivan, treasurer. New corporation has sold stock thruout Marshall County and pur-chased the 40-acre plot on the edge of the city where fairs had been conducted a third of a century ago. Detailed surveys are under way and some permanent buildings will be erected in time for this year's fair. The race track also will be put in condition. condition.

B. C. Fairs Group Elects Whyte President: Dates Set

VICTORIA, B. C., April 24.—E. M. Whyte, Victoria, was elected presi-dent of the British Columbia Fairs dent of the British Columbia Fairs Association, succeeding T. W. Currie, of Surrey. Vice-presidents are A. H. Pepper, Iocco; R. H. Martin, Abbots-ford, and H. P. Tyson, Haney. W. J. Boavia, of Victoria, is secretary.

Exhibition dates already set in-clude Victoria, tentative, September. 11-18; Vancouver, August 25-Sep-tember 6; Chilliwack, September 8-10; Armstrong, 13-15; Nanaimo, 16-19, and Kamloops, 21-23.

Los Angeles County Spring Annual Skedded June 16-20

BELLFLOWER, Calif., April 24.-Los Angeles County Spring Fair will be held here June 16-20. The event will be closely tied in with centennial celebrations held all over the State. The annual will feature a children's

The annual will feature a children's day for the opening date, with a juvenile parade and equestrian con-tests. Fair exhibits of farm and mer-cantile products, horse shows, mid-way and entertainment programs will follow, climaxed by a parade and *Review of Champions* horse show.

With the Circus Fans -By The Ringmaster

May 1, 1948

A number of members of the Con Collenao Tent No. 19, Sheffield, Mass., turned out for the R-B opening in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Among those attending were Les Among those attending were Les and Bonnre Ulrich. guests of William Fields, of the Big Show's publicity department. William Montague, CFA publicity director, also was there. Jennie Fields, daughter of William Fields, and Mrs. Daniel McSerry, Sheffield, took in the show's first matinee matinee.

Altho Mr. and Mrs. John Kries, CFA members of Hamden, Conn., could not make the preem, they caught the telecast of the perform-ance, reporting excellent reception. Kries has made a number of the electrical gadgets used by Paul June and Paul Jerome, of R-B's clown alley.—LESLIE B. ULRICH.

Phil Sleet Manages Revived Donaldsonville Annual

DONALDSONVILLE, La., April 24. —Philip Sleet, manager of the local Chamber of Commerce, has been named secretary-manager of the revived South Louisiana State Fair Association. He replaces R. S. Vick-ers who held the post for 35 years.

Other officers are L. A. Borne, Raceland, president; G. J. Autin, Houma, vice-president; Sidney L. Harp, Donaldsonville, executive vicepresident, and Joe Mistretta, Donald-sonville, treasurer. Dates are Septem-ber 30-October 3.

New buildings and remodeling of the old plant are under way follow-ing the sale of the front portion of the old grounds for a residential subdivison.

Rogers Bros. Pulls Good Thru Va., W. Va., Tenn.

BIG STONE GAP, Va., April 24.— Rogers Bros. racked up excellent business here, pulling full houses at both performances. Oak Hill, W. Va., yielded good business, as did Kingsport, Tenn.

Savannah, Ga., and Lawrenceburg and Crossville, Tenn., also proved good for the Rogers org. At Crossville the show played to a full one after a strong matinee. At Lawrenceburg, despite threatening weather, which turned into a flash thunderstorm and a tormutial downnous 15 minutes. a torrential downpour 15 minutes be-fore the close of the program, the show had near capacity at night after a fair matinee. Org attracted a three-quarter house at Savannah.

Wirth Inks Sandy Creek, Little Valley, N. Y., Events

NEW YORK, April 24. — Frank Wirth, local booker, announces the inking of two New York fairs, Sandy Creek and Little Valley.

The Sandy Creek contract, which calls for a revue, band and acts, was inked by Paul Woodard, president. Dr. Ralph W. Knight, president of the Little Valley annual, signed for his event.

W. J. Campbell Secretary Of Vinton, Ia., Annual

VINTON, Ia., April 24. — W. J. Campbell, vice-president of the Iowa State Fair board, has been appointed secretary of the Benton County Fair board for the 1948 exposition. Camp-hall is a former secretary of the bell is a former secretary of the Benton fair and also has handled fairs in Buchanan County and last year conducted the All-Iowa Fair at Cedar Rapids.

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RSROA's Martin Denounces FIPR Report, "Suspension"

(The Billboard, April 10) is issued by Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association, of the United States. Ac-cording to Martin, "this obviously is another blind on the part of Schmitz to confuse the issue and an attempt to mislead readers of The Billboard. "The WRSC has no connection with Schmitz or his organization," said Martin. "The WRSC was formed by BSBOA organizations and affiliates

Martin. "The WRSC was formed by RSROA organizations and affiliates two seasons ago when our good will team visited England. It is partic-ularly amusing to observe the actions

ularly amusing to observe the actions of Schmitz and his outfit since they operate true to form on all occasions. "He was to be a delegate-guest at the Federation Internationale de Patinage a Roulettes meeting (not World Congress) in Switzerland. Yet, while Schmitz was to be in attend-ance at this meeting, we can not fail to point out the fact that he is a pro-fessional rink man, and the Separafessional rink man, and the separa-tion of the RSROA from the FIPR was based upon the very attitude of the FIPR toward all rink men. "Does this not show up the type of politics which is prevalent thru-

out the usual amateur sports organi-zations today? Isn't this another double double-cross like that put over by the Olympic organization in hand with the Amateur Athletic Union? Their attitude was: Ignore the consequences to a sport and the sports-men as long as the 'face' of the AAU men as long as the face of the AAO and ASU can be preserved. In this case, we find that rink men of the RSROA were not acceptable in the 'high society' of the FIPR, but Schmitz and his crowd are welcomed with onen arms

with open arms. "It is plain to note the double

Del Monte Plans Show For Pre-Contest Party

MONTEREY, Calif., April 24. — Paul Gilbert, manager of Del Monte Rollerdrome here, reports plans for a May 2 party in honor of Del Monte Skaters who are scheduled to com-pete in the California championships of the United States Amateur Roller Skating Association to be held May 8 and 9 in Bill Black's Roller Pal-ladium, Pomona. Feature of the afternoon affair will

8 and 9 in Bill Black's Koller Fal-ladium, Pomona. Feature of the afternoon affair will be exhibitions by the club's com-petitive skaters plus a comedy num-ber by Margaret Ridge and Gilbert, Del Monte professionals. Those slated to take part in the exhibitions include Barbara Ann Henriksen, Claudette Colbert and Dennis Earl, juveniles; Rose Marinello, Eva Doran, Frankie Manning, Kenneth Merker and Rexford Murray, novices; Bar-bara Ziem, junior, and Joe Hottinger, senior. There will also be pair num-bers by Miss Ziem and Merker and Miss Manning and Hottinger.



DETROIT, April 24.—A vigorous challenge of reports on attendance of William Schmitz, of America on Wheels, at (World Roller Skating Congress) meetings in Switzerland (*The Billboard*, April 10) is issued by Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer is not hampered in its stoody drive to striking out on its own, the RSROA is not hampered in its steady drive to serve skating better.

"Let's get this point cleared up tho: Schmitz did not attend a World Roller Skating Congress meeting. He was visiting his buddies, the FIPR. We note also that the FIPR has 'sus-pended' the New Zealand Roller Skating Association (our affiliate). It appears that New Zealand never actually reached the state of being a real member of the FIPR because a real member of the FIFR because it paid no dues to that body. Now, after 10 years and two years since New Zealand really broke with the old outfit, it is suspended. That is another joker.

"New Zealand is and has been al-lied with the World Roller Skating Congress for two years, and since affiliating has made excellent prog-ress and has received steady co-operation in its efforts from the PSPOA RSROA.

"Very plainly, we of the RSROA hesitate to take anyone to task, but when Schmitz makes misleading statements, we can and must publish the correct information as we have here for the public record and for the information of all concerned."

Parties, Events Win For Dallas Deubacks

DALLAS, April 24 .- A policy offering parties and prize games and contests has been paying off in in-creased business at Deuback Skating Rink here, report Vincent and John Deuback, operators.

A successful promotion the week of March 28-April 3 offered nightly races, games, Easter and tacky par-ties, and a floorshow featuring Johnny and Peaches, pro skating act. The winner of each night's race among men was awarded \$1 if he was able to best John Deuback in a special race and also was eligible to compete in the Saturday final, winner of which skated against Victor Deuback for a skated against Victor Deuback for a \$10 prize. Races for girls were held each night also, victors receiving an admission ticket and the right to com-pete in the Saturday night final, win-ner of which raced against Peaches for a \$5 prize. Winner of the Saturday for a \$5 prize. Winner of the Saturday for a \$5 prize. Winner of the Saturday final for men failed to defeat Victor Deuback, but Mary Robbins was suc-cessful in winning the \$5 prize for girls. John Deuback also won a handicap race that night. A special attraction was a race between Rena Metcalf, age 6, and Marie Deuback, 4, won by the former

Metcalf, age 6, and Marie Deuback, 4, won by the former. The Friday (2) floorshow included waltz, two-step and graceful skating demonstrations and the Johnny and Peaches spinning act. Prizes for cos-tumes were offered at the Thursday (1) tacky party. Other prize events included three-legged and cradle races, grand march and the catching of pigeons, roosters and guinea pigs which were turned loose on the floor.

Redondo's Free Bus Rides

REDONDO, Wash., April 24.—W. J. Betts, operator of Redondo Skating Betts, operator of Redondo Skating Arena, has instituted free bus service for customers who otherwise could not attend. Two 59-passenger coaches carry passengers to and from the rink each night. Redondo Dance and Fig-ure Club instruction sessions this year are under the supervision of Pat Pat-tison, pro. The initial class drew 78 skaters and the membership continues to grow. to grow.

No 2 in a Series 25 Factors Govern Biz Volume In Today's Tussle for Dollar; Solicitation of Biz Important

By Carl C. Johnson-Owner, Skateland, Denver

I WERE to have headed this period of employment. IF IF I WERE to have neaded this subject on my check list merely "new business," it would probably have been more understandable to rink operators in general. That word "solicitation" is new in the vocabu-lary of rinksters, but is one they will grow to be familiar with before in-creased volume of box-office business creased volume of box-office business is universal. To my mind, this roller is universal. To my mind, this roller skating business should never under-go a single period of a month or a day when it is not increasing, for it has never tapped its sales potential with energetic selling. Solicitation means selling—no more, no less. It means getting out and making sales calls just as any other kind of business does. And unless those sales calls are made, and made effectively, rinksters can expect the same sort of slump an insurance agency could expect if it were to call off its sales program. program.

It is a serious condemnation of rink operators in general that they have no organized plan for solicita-tion. When it comes to going out and getting new business the minimum in tion. When it comes to going out and getting new business, the rinkster is like a giant who never used his strength for anything more fatiguing than supping a cup of tea. There is no business you can name that has such unleashed sales potential as roller skating. We haven't even scratched the surface of sales oppor-tunities because we don't, as a whole, employ business methods in our sellemploy business methods in our sell-ing. Soliciting roller skating and ing. Soliciting roller skating and selling new customers into the rink is the easiest and most pleasant kind of selling you can undertake, but like any other sales effort, it must be well planned and well organized.

well planned and well organized. My good friend and former part-ner, J. W. Norcross, of Greeley, Col., used to say that a skating rink and a swimming pool (he owns both) were exactly alike in two respects. First, both the pool and the rink need a new supply of "fresh water" contin-ually, and second, if the water gets stagnant, business will drop off. I never spend a thoroly sound night's sleep unless I see almost as many strangers (fresh water) of an evening as familiar faces in the rink. I haven't the statistical basis for my

I haven't the statistical basis for my conclusion, but my firm opinion is that if all the faces I see in the rink are recognizable as regulars (stag-nant water) I won't need my bookkeeper's record to tell me that bus-iness is off. Years of crowd-watch-fullness in this important respect has led to my formation of a well-organized new business department.

No High-Pressure Selling

A new business department does not mean the mere employment of a high-pressure party salesman. Within the last 20 years I have invested considerable in these overdressed pres-

The solicitaperiod of employment. The solicita-tion of new roller skating business does not require high pressure. It requires a plan more than a man. The way we are now selling party business could be handled by any clean-cut young man who has no impediment of speech. In presenting the plan, all the young man is re-quired to do is extend an invitation. If they accept, okay. If they refuse, okay—but no high pressure, no over-selling, no overpromising, no disapselling, no overpromising, no disap-pointments, no headaches.

We hold the parties-the prospect doesn't. We plan the entertainment and the program and issue the invita-tions. And it's up to us to make that invitation so interesting and that invitation so interesting and make the program so desirable that they will accept our invitation. But I'm running slightly ahead of my story. We solicit four kinds of party story. We solicit four kinds of party business—churches and clubs, firms or industrial institutions, junior schools and high schools. Each of these groups requires a special kind of solicitation.

I have a pleasant-voiced young woman who spends an hour each evening phoning the heads of young people's church groups and club officers. She tells the person with whom she talks that the very nicest people we have in our rink are young (See 25 FACTORS on page 90)

Conn. RSROA Kids Set for Regionals

HARTFORD, Conn., April 24. Connecticut amateur roller skating championship competitions were held championship competitions were held last week at Hartford Skating Palace, under sponsorship of the Richland Skating Club here and the sanction of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' of the United States and the United States Federation of Amateur Roller Skaters.

Winners: Figure skating, senior Winners: Figure skating, Senior men, Elio Ambrosini; intermediate, Fred Poisson; novice, Raymond Schmidt, and junior, Richard Cant-well. Dancing, senior, Josephine Fiducia and Thomas Ritchie; inter-mediate, Barbara Kelly and Nicholas Zacarelli; novice, Audrey Burns and Robert Kirschner, and junior, Joy Fontana and Joseph Pollicito. Judges included Mrs. Helen Sokol

Fontana and Joseph Pollicito. Judges included Mrs. Helen Sokol Eckert and Charlie Rubens, New York, and Charles O'Connell and James Hanlon, Boston. Referee was Edwin Hodder, chairman of the USFARS. Chief tabulator was Mrs. Pore Hodder Rora Hodder.

Winners are eligible for the regional championships, to be held in Gay Blades Roller Rink, May 17-19. Irving Richland, of Hartford Skatsuce men that infest the amusement business and I have always taken a beating from them in one form or another, thru their usually brief Cleveland this summer.

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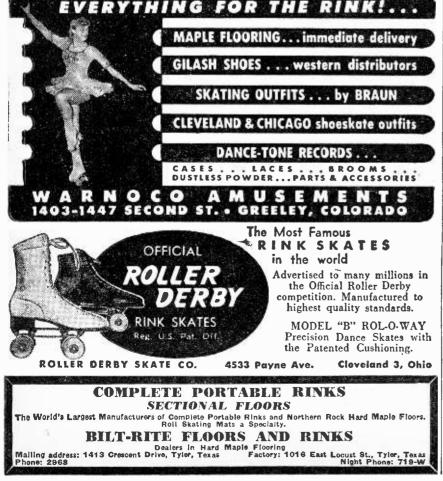
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ILLINOIS ATHLETIC SUPPLY



25 Factors Govern Business In Today's Tussle for Dollar

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(Continued from page 89) people's groups and private club members, and that we make a special effort to announce their presence over the mike and identify them with a short piece of white ribbon so that our regulars will introduce themselves and aid the guests in having a good time.

a good time. The catch here, of course, is in compiling the list of heads of youngpeople groups and club officers to phone. It took us several years to compile this list and we keep it up to the minute in accuracy. These groups are generally quite small, ranging from 25 to 50. But there's hardly any limit to the number you can handle of an evening. We rarely pass a night without at least one and have had as many as 10 on the same night. They mix well and we see that each group meets the other, and we're really sincere when we say that these church and club folks are the nicest people we attract to the rink. We deliver party tickets to the head of the group a week in advance of the party, and make sure that we stamp enough so that if they want to give a few to non-members, they will have enough.

"It's Our Party"

Business institutions present an entirely different sales problem. Denver is a small enough city for me to know most of the 1,000 some odd firms that employ over 100 people. By the word "know," I mean that altho I may not be personally acquainted with the company heads, I at least know who they are and direct my sales staff. Our sales representative visits these firms with printed invitations for a company party to be held in their honor on such and such a night. We explain that on that day we

Products, Midwest and cords. Champ Skate ks, Skaters' Jewelry, price list. Skate Outfits ORIES, SKATE PINS: PRICE LIST. ETIC SUPPLY NEW YORK 67, N. Y. making Denver the important city it is. We get out the white ribbons and insist that our "good skaters club" turn out in full force and act as hosts. We pick the night. We extend the invitation. We hold the party in their honor. We entertain them. It's our party and they're invited.

This angle is very important in booking industrial party business and it will work for you just as well as it has worked for us. For the past seven months we have booked four parties a week from blue book firms in Denver. In a smaller city you can work the same idea with smaller groups—even small retailers. Play it right, and they'll eat it up. In this industrial work it is important to attend and play an active part in your Chamber of Commerce.

School Biz Another Problem

School business is still another sales problem. Our work in this direction is largely centered around the building and maintaining of an active interest in school roller clubs. These clubs are at liberty to skate in either one of the two large Denver rinks, but naturally, they are disposed to come most often to the rink that gave them birth. But to keep interest in the clubs, we encourage them to visit other rinks. If we can't hold our own in showing them a good time, we deserve to lose their patronage.

their patronage. We have a large meeting room on the second floor of our rink with chairs and a speaker's platform. Each week the schedule of activities for the next seven days is announced. We hold midnight skating sessions for these clubs, picnics and get them special rates in other amusement establishments. We hold dance contests between clubs with a cup for the winning team. Each club has a faculty sponsor who attends all meetings. We hold interest all summer long in these clubs even tho school is closed, thru the weekly meetings and thru postcard notices to members. Every few weeks we encourage membership drives which involve a school-wide party during which club members give a short show with appropriate rink decorations in the school colors. Working with faculty sponsors, we can make announcements over high school sound systems and stage demonstrations of good skating in high school gymnasiums.

gymnasiums. Junior schools are another matter. Here we stress teaching and invite the student body from one junior school into our Saturday class in plain vs. sidewalk skating every week. There are about 50 junior schools in Denver, and the principals of these schools know that on one certain Saturday each year their students are our guests in a class to teach them the difference between a smooth rink glide and a sidewalk strut.

strut. In concluding this brief outline of our methods of soliciting new business, I shall stress the point that it is equally important to handle a skating party in such a way that the group will repeat, as it is to get them in the first time. This article deals with the problem of getting them into the rink. Everyone of the 25 factors listed in my last article must work together in such a way that a repeat party needs less sales effort than the first. Your repeat parties are the real test of the firing power of each factor, even so seemingly an unimportant one as the speaking system, which I discussed in my last article.

In my next sincere attempt to help my fellow rink operators, thru *The Billboard*, I will explain the matter of rink advertising, as we have solved it to our satisfaction. _____

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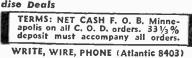
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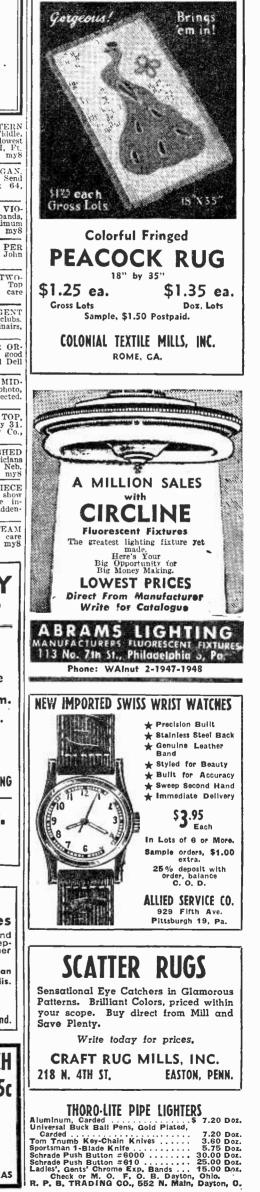
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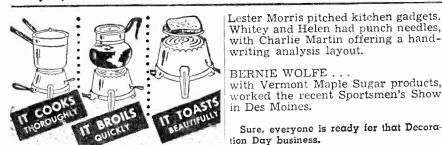


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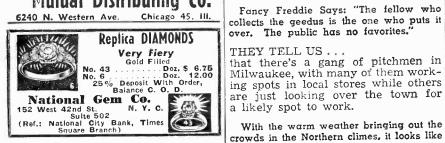
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SALESBOARD SIDELGITS

Harold Boex, vice-president of Pioneer Manufacturing Company, Chi-cago, is currently touring the Southern States on a two-to-three-week trip. Harold, when he left Wednesday (21) got behind the wheel of a new Crys-ler on which he had just taken delivery. Board business at Pioneer has hit a higher level recently, and the firm's recent display at the Palmer House during the NATD meet is given credit for a portion of the order boost.

Globe Printing Company, Philadel-phia, reports its new six-tickets-in-a-hole boards (Wham, Jumbo Jack, Double Saw Bucks) are drawing both good operator and player response. Boards are going on to fill orders as they are received, officials say. . . Har-lich Manufacturing Company, Chicago, found the past week a top-notcher, Sam Feldman, sales manager, states,

2-Year Hiatus **Over**, Rola-Pix **Now Delivering**

NEW YORK, April 24.-Rola-Pix NEW YORK, April 24.—Rola-Pix Designs, originators and producers of the Rola-Pix board, have begun limited deliveries of their product after a two-year delay caused by production deliveries, Joe Samulin, company executive, announced this week. The board originally was of-fered to the trade in 1946, and back orders will be bonored at the original orders will be honored at the original price quoted. The newly-established price increase will take effect only after back orders have been filled.

Recently, Samulin dispatched announcements to customers offering up to 60 per cent delivery on original orders. But, once smooth operation of the plant is restored, expanded production facilities will be installed and the board promoted on a quantity basis.

At that time the firm plans to introduce "an entirely new, low-priced novelty." But, taking a lesson from the history of Rola-Pix, Samu-lin declared: "We won't make the same mistake of making advance offers of our items until actually ready to deliver. Our new items are ready to deliver. Our new items are in the process of manufacture right now, but announcement will be with-held until they are ready for delivery upon order."

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Business took a "tremendous upturn," Sam says, but advances no definite reason for the boost.

Robert Kolinsky, Superior Products (Chicago) sales manager, is due back Monday (26) from his three-week tour along the West Coast. Superior is readying a complete new spring line of boards for early presentation. Group will include every type of salesboard, officials state. . . Dave Rice, Empire Press (Chicago) vice-president, stopped in Pittsburgh last week on another leg of his Eastern jaunt. Dave gives word that business is promising; response at a good level Robert Kolinsky, Superior Products is promising; response at a good level on all contacts so far, he says, Firm's general manager, Micky Ellyne, re-turned this week from his New Or-leans honeymoon. Staffers report he is suntanned and happy.

The McNamara Company, Chicago, has added a new board to its line this past week, Big Top Charley, a 5-cent-play board. Golden Bowl, a quarter play item, has been out three weeks now and is pulling nice comments, according to Walter McNamara, production department head. New addition to the sales force is brother Bill, who is now assisting Philip, sales head, contacting the trade over the country. Both are currently on the road: Philip is on the third week of a four or five-week trip and sends in a note to the effect that the illuminated board stand idea is being accorded a good acceptance. Meanwhile, firm is preparing a number of new boards for future fill-ins for the aluminum stands; they will be of the pellet type, also.

VA. GREATER SCORES

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(Continued from page 60) Tommy Delph, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pan-nizza, 1; Mrs. Donald Kline, 1; Mr. and Mrs. W. V. (Kid) Bagby, 2; Kate Augustino, 4; Mrs. Chet Klinetop, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gerald, 3; Ed Curtin, 1; Joe Conley, 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coleman, bingo. Joe In-grassia has the cookhouse. Leo Ma-tino is chef. Dides and their foremen and Whin

Rides and their foremen are: Whip, Rides and their foremen are: whip, Chet Klinetop; Merry-Go-Round, Fletcher Gibson; kiddie auto, Bob Poole; train, Dad Noxon; kiddie air-plane, John Smith; Chairplane, James Clyde; Ferris Wheel, Jimmy Monroe; Rolloplane, William Dixon.

With Louis Augustino's Wild Ani-mal Show are Walter Walters, hobo clown; Tex Allison, ringmaster and emsee; H. Baker, trainer; James Leto, tickets; Hector Mordeuth, props. Ardie L. Palmer is bandling Austino's analysis L. Palmer is handling Austino's snake farm. Carl Harvey, assisted by Paul Jones, is handling the Wild Life Show. Cotton Club Minstrel Show is man-aged by Cynthia Speight; the Miss America revue by Herman Seamon; the Parisienne revue by Marion Seamon, and the Funhouse by Bob Milligan.

MABEL STARK JOINS

(Continued from page 60) an important part in Man Eaters of Kuamoan, recently filmed. Program otherwise remains the

Heinzman), whose sway pole was omitted in Dayton, O.; Kalamazoo, Mich., and Indianapolis because of building limitations, rejoined here, accompanied by his wife. He has been under a doctor's care at his home in Rochester, Ind., for a stomach ailment.

The baggage car carrying the MGM The baggage car carrying the MGM elephants and Konyot's horses was delayed a day en route, but reached here Sunday (18). Most of the per-sonnel, including trailerites, arrived by the first of the week and enjoyed a layoff of several days.



Wins in Macon

(Continued from page 50) Bob Hold, bucking Ford; Johnny Rivers, trick riding and roping; Jackie Rinehart, roping; Jake Rine-hart, comedy, roping and riding; Ollie Rinehart and her husband, Stan Ollie Kinehart and her husband, Stan Garber, trick and fancy riding, rop-ing and bull whip; Chief Crazy Bull, bow and arrow number, assisted by Cherokee Kid; Bob Cobb, trained Brahma bull; Chip Morris and horse, Black Fox, and Cherokee Kid, Indian vocalist.

Top Hands Named

Top Hands Named Tophands included Roy Correll, Jack and Veryl Jackson, Gordy and Barbara Smith, Betty and Wiley Elliott, Tony and Ed Kimberly, Tex Shepard, Runt Smith, Midge Sloan, Marjorie Merritt, Wimpy Clark, Cot-ton Mouser, Jack and Lorraine Yale, Eva Rogers, Edna Turner, Chuck Turner, Ed and Dorothy Rais, Shorty Porter and the Brahma Twins, Brahma Rogers and Snake Horse Rogers. Rogers.

Rogers. Mrs. Bye Rinehart, mother of Jackie, Jake and Ollie, travels with the show, handling reserved seat tickets. . . The Rineharts, who formerly lived in Macon, visited here with Jewel Rinehart and her hus-band, Charles Poplin, equestrian di-rector of King Bros. . . Cherokee band, Charles Poplin, equestrian di-rector of King Bros. . . Cherokee Hammond, assisted by his wife, Rose, is manager for Hinkle. . . Hammond owns some of the 91 head of stock carried by the org. . . Chip Morris is announcer on the show. While he works his specialty number his wife, Densen bandles the mike Doreen, handles the mike.

Hetherington Injured

Sam Hetherington one of the top-hands with the show, was critically injured in a truck accident en route from Charlotte to Macon. He is hosfrom Charlotte to Macon. He is hos-pitalized in Royston, Ga., where the mishap occurred. His brother, Wimpy, riding with Sam, suffered a broken collar bone but is up and around. Their panel truck was destroyed. Hinkle announced he will take the show to Eastern Canada this summer. Hinkle said he had contracted for several rodeos in Ontario and other Eastern Canadian Provinces.

48G Gross in N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 24.-Despite three days of rain, Milt Hinkle's rodeo grossed \$48,640 in five days here in Memorial Stadium un-der auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of menor commerce for the benefit of men-tally retarded children. Altho rain continued until the 3 p.m. starting time, Hinkle reported a turnout of 6,000 people to see the Sunday (11) finals. He had expected a Sunday gross of \$20,000.

General admission prices were 65 cents for children and \$1.25 for

cents for children and \$1.25 for adults, with reserves scaled at \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.50. Winners were Ruth Smith, bull-dogging; Shorty Porter, bronk riding; Dickey Dyer, bull riding; Sunny Heatherton, bareback riding, and Margie Merrett, bronk riding. Other attractions and contestants included a queen contest, a \$1,000 public bull-riding event, Rod Cameron, "Lone Star Ranger," Col. Zack Miller, Sonny Rivers, Jackie Rinehart, Roy Cor-rells, Bob Cobb, Chip Morris, Betty Thompson, Chief Crazy Bull, Doreen Morris, Jack Jackson, Merle Jackson and Naomi Hewitt.

BIG CRAFTS MATINEE

(Continued from page 52) Moon Express, Paul H. Breese. Dickey Mouse, Paul Nelson, owner: Bob Perdew, tickets. Concessions: Louis Cecchini and Johnny Levaggi, 2 ball games, shooting gallery, bal-loon darts, toy wheel, baby duck wheel, glass pitch, bingo, plaster. Diggers and race horse derby Jack Dyke. Hoop-la, Jimmy Ryan. Ice cream, B. B. Bassford. Guess-yoru-age, cork gallery, pitch-till-you-win, Murray Poland. BB gallery, Bill Perry. Two hamburger stands, candy floss, candy apple, popcorn, two pan games, rat game, block game, grocery wheel, ham and bacon, Roger Warren. (Continued from page 52)

Hinkle's Rodeo Firing Duffields Shoot Works With Big Bang for 50 Years

(Continued from page 60) Frank turned to specializing in fire-works. His firm, since that time has been the acknowledged leader in the business in the Midwest and its operations have extended beyond that area. Each year it fires shows in Canada and along both Coasts, as well as in the Deep South.

Over the years, it has presented many huge shows. The biggest was *The Chicago Tribune's* anniversary celebration, in which the firing line spanned 4,800 feet, and which at-tracted a crowd estimated at over 300,000.

Sold on fireworks as an attraction, Frank and his associates have developed wide use of them, and have done much to stimulate the develop-ment of the events in which they are offered. A keen showman, versed in many fields of the outdoor business, Frank lends his guidance to the start and development of many events, and his business has paced its growth in part on this.

It is characteristic that when the Chicago Railroad Fair, scheduled for a six-week run on Chicago's lake front this year, was first in its talking front this year, was first in its taiking stage last summer, that Frank was in on the pow-wows. Regardless of where he may be, his hotel room in-variably becomes the center for the top showmen of the area, and this is a tribute as much to his engaging per-sonality as to the respect in which he is held as a showman.

Always keenly alive to determine new ways of utilizing fireworks, he has played a big part in their use at sports events and at unusual spec-tacles, such as the annual St. Paul Winter Carnival, at which shows sometimes are fired with the mercury

down to 15 degrees below zero. Frank takes pride in the fact his firm has been one of, if not the leader in the introduction of animated, mov-ing set pieces and in the fact that no ing set pieces and in the fact that ho one has lost his life firing a show for his firm. His employees who refer to him as "F. D." are staunchly loyal to him. Many who joined "only tem-porarily" have stayed with him for years. Nellie Vaughan, his secretary, for instance, was given a "temporary" ich 14 years ago and she's still at it. job 14 years ago, and she's still at it. This loyalty also is prominent among his customers, many of whom wouldn't think of taking their business elsewhere.

Enthusiastic as Ever

Much of this loyalty is traceable to his enthusiasm over fireworks. He maintains firmly that they are growmaintains infinity that they are grow-ing as a major attraction. And he points modestly to the advances that fireworks have made thru animated, moving pieces, electric firing, and the ingenious use of flood lights to point up the coloring and effects of pyroup the coloring and effects of pyrotechnics.

He attributes part of the growing lure to the clamp-down on commer-cial fireworks. An increasing number of communities, he explains, are haltor communues, ne explains, are nait-ing the sale of firecrackers, substitut-ing community sponsored shows. Il-lustrating the hold such shows have, Frank cites the growth of Chicago's July 4 Soldier Field event which was first started in 1934 and which in recent years has drawn 65,000 to 75,000 persons and would draw still more people if it were possible to accommodate them. The program offers circus acts and band competi-tions in addition to fireworks. Jack joins his father in an opti-mistic view on the future of fireworks. And the son, like father, is well-grounded in the business. Jack first helped out with shows when in his teens, and went thru all of the phases, ing the sale of firecrackers, substitut-

such as the operation of the Roby, Ind., plant, moving of fireworks, the routing of equipment and personnel, the firing and the selling.

During World War II, Jack's knowl-edge of fireworks stood him in good stead. He went into the army as a private and emerged 40 months later as a first lieutenant in chemical warfare.

Meanwhile, the Duffield plant was turning out chemicals used in camou-flage work and his father supervised that operation while also heading the war show.

war show. Frank is a member of the Show-men's League of America, of which he is a past president; the National Showmen's Association, the Chicago Variety Club, the Chicago Union League Club and the Chicago Rotary Club, and is a Mason. Jack is a member of the Showmen's League of America and the International Show-America and the International Show-

men's Association, St. Louis. Neither, tho, have time for club activities, they say, for their opera-tions—selling in the cold months and delivering in the warm months keeps them on the go.

Likes Railroading, Too

Frank's time-outs from his business are likely to be for letters to Charlie, his only living brother, whom he keeps abreast of the latest trade de-velopments and the growth of a firm first started by Charlie back in 1914, in association with Harry Thearle, long since dead.

When Frank huddles with his eronies of his railroad years—1909 thru 1918—men who since have soared high in railroading, he talks nostalgi-cally of those years but, somehow or other, the conversation invariably swings back to fireworks, for which he turned his back on railroading.

Even when Frank and his wife visit Even when Frank and his whe visit their only child, their daughter, Mrs. E. P. Meyercord, and the Meyercords' four children in Mobile, Ala., Frank takes along some fireworks to thrill the youngsters and perhaps to spur metheor generation in the family to another generation in the family to go into the business.



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COIN MACHINES

DENY NEW YORK STAY ORDER **Ops Vigorously Protest**

Steel, Electrical Components May Get First Price Cutback

PITTSBURGH, April 24, -- Three nually in a move which he claimed printisburgh, April 24. — Three major developments took place this week in this area which might event-ually lead to the solving of one of, the coin machine operators' peak problems—lower prices on equip-ment. They were the reduction of ment. They were the reduction of prices, effective May 1, by the nation's largest steel producer, a similar re-duction by one of the major supplier of electrical component parts and the return of soft coal miners to the pits. In making the announcement on

steel price cuts, Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel Cor-poration (USSC), stated that his firm had reduced prices \$25,000,000 an-

was aimed at stabilizing or reducing the cost of living. He pointed out that the reduction was more than twice the total increases effected in February in prices on semi-finished steel.

Another Drop

Another Drop Electrical supplier announcing a decrease in prices was Westinghouse. Spokesmen for this large-scale elec-trical producer stated that new prices bookesmen for this large-scale elec-rical producer stated that new prices will save industrial users an esti-nated \$3,125,000 per year. While the reduction on electrical components will not fall to the coin machine trade lone, the fact that there is some in-(See Steel, Electrical on page 128) the police department from seizing coin-operated amusement machines, on the ground that they meet all re-quirements of New York law, was denied late Friday (23) afternoon by the New York County Supreme Court, which set another hearing for Monday (26). The action was will save industrial users an esti-mated \$3,125,000 per year. While the reduction on electrical components will not fall to the coin machine trade alone, the fact that there is some in-

By Is Horowitz NEW YORK, April 24.—A motion for a temporary stay order to restrain the police department from seizing pinball and rolldown games, with an

Despite industry's desire to fully co-operate, games operators and distributors in city find business in jeopardycounsel charges "extra legal" campaign

City Government Action

game distributors and operators after a week during which nearly 2,000 pinball and rolldown games, with an estimated value of more than \$500,-000, were removed from locations and jobbing firms under direct or-ders of Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander.

Filed by Samuel I. Rosenman, for-Filed by Samuel I. Rosenman, for-mer justice of the Supreme Court, in behalf of the distributors and oper-ators, the action charged that the police embarked upon a "capricious, unlawful and extra-legal campaign to destroy the business of all coin amusement machine distributors, job-bers and operators."

"The police," the complaint con-tinued, "harassed and intimidated location owners to cause them to re-(See Deny N. Y. Stay on page 130)

ICC Permits New Freight Rise: 3.6%

Third Hike Since June, '46

WASHINGTON, April 24. — The cost of shipping coin machines via rail or water carrier has been in-creased 3.6 per cent, to be effective while the Interstate Commerce Com-mission (ICC) mulls further requests for a general increase, the ICC an-nounced here this week. Rate rise marks the third general increase since June. 1946. June, 1946.

June, 1946. Latest interim authorization brings to 30 per cent the aggregate rise over basic rates since the end of the war. However, despite the seemingly large hike, it is still 11 per cent less than the 41 per cent requested by the rail-roads. In all, the combined 30 per cent increase is expected to add \$180,-000,000 to the average revenue re-ceived by the rails before June, 1946, rates went into effect. The railroads originally sought \$300,000,000 to meet added revenue needs and maintain a reasonable earning position, accordreasonable earning position, accord-ing to railroad spokesmen.

Minimize Effect Altho the latest increase in rail freight shipment rates is another roadblock to reducing coin machine equipment and overhead prices, the over-all effect of the rail freight rise over-all effect of the rail freight rise will not prove too serious, most coin-men believe. They point to the fact that some firms use motor truck ship-ments entirely, while others depend upon rail or inland water shipments for a very minor percentage of their (See ICC Permits on page 126)

Ga. Expecting **Many Tourists**

Look for Record Summer

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 24.— North Carolina and Georgia antici-pate a top tourist season for 1948, according to spokesmen for both States, who based their predictions on increased tourist accommodation construction and the fact that "vaca-tion money" always materializes somehow altho other spending slack-ens. Only "fiy in the lush tourist rush," however, was seen in the curtailment of motor travel should there be a summer shortage of gaso-line, brought on by government stockpiling of aviation fuel as part of (See N. C., Ga., Expect on page 126)

Advise Tampa's Ops To Supervise Mchs.

TAMPA, April 24.-Two local cit-TAMPA, April 24.—Two local cit-izen groups indirectly warned amuse-ment machine operators that unless the operators saw to it that their equipment was properly supervised so that children could not play pin-ball games an organized effort to have the equipment abolished en-tirely thru referendum would be attempted. tirely thru attempted.

attempted. In petitions signed by residents of Seminole, Tampa Heights and the Hyde Park area, the two urged that. the city board take appropriate action to prevent minors from playing amusement games or "if need be, we request a referendum to coincide with the next election on whether pinball machines are to be abolished entirely." Local operators, in answering the complaint, stated that they knew of no instances whereby any of their locations permitted amusement play by minors. They added that if the alleged charge were true it was only because of the fact that some loca-tion-owned equipment was not being properly handled.

properly handled.

No. Carolina, Joe Calcutt, Veteran Coinman, **Dies Suddenly in Fayetteville**

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 24.— Joe Calcutt, coin machine pioneer, and one of the best known distribu-tors and operators in the business, died suddenly Tuesday (20) at his home here. Word of his death reached coin machine circles in Chicago and New York carly the following day, and representatives of many of the firms whose products had been hanfirms whose products had been han-dled thru Calcutt's firm, Vending Ma-chine Company, planned to either

O. D. Jennings Appoints Four To Key Posts

CHICAGO, April 24 .-- O. D. JenchilcAGO, April 24.—O. D. Jen-nings Company has appointed four widely experienced coinmen to the newly created posts of division su-pervisors, J. Raymond Bacon, Jen-nings vice-president, announced yes-torday (23) terday (23).

Those named are Arthur Neyens, Those named are Arthur Neyens, who now becomes supervisor in the New York, Pennsylvania, New Jer-sey and New England States terri-tory; Dick Mathews, supervisor for the Southern States from the East Coast as far west as Louisana; Pat-rick Collins, supervisor for the Mid-west territory, and Connie Pickert, supervisor for the Western States area. Mathews will have headquar-ters in New Orleans, Collins in Chi-cago and Pickert in Las Vegas, Nev. In explaining the important ap-

In explaining the important ap-pointments, Bacon pointed out that the supervisors will be responsible for contacting all Jennings dealers and distributors in their respective territory divisions, for the purpose of idding the going in their individual aiding the coinmen in their individual problems.

Bacon also stressed the fact that each man has been thoroly trained in Jennings factory methods and is well versed in the handling of functional problems of the firm's equipment, should they possibly arise.

attend the funeral or arrange for representation. Known thruout the trade as "Box-

car" Calcutt, because in the old days his orders to manufacturers were in-



JOE CALCUTT

variably for carloads of equipment, Calcutt's operations extended thru North Carolina, South Carolina, Vir-ginia, and other Eastern and Southern States, and included bells, consoles, pinball games, scales, music and vending equipment. He was also known as a hard fighter, who was in and out of court on numerous occa-sions, most of the time fighting to legalize various types of equipment thruout the area his operations cov-ered. ered.

ered. Raised in Hope Mills, a village near Fayetteville, Calcutt began driving for his father's livery stable at an early age. One of his customers was an itinerant coin machine operator. From acting as the operator's driver, Calcutt advanced to his assistant, and finally into a full-fledged operator. While still in his teens he went to Hopewell, Va., during the days of the first World War, and there developed his own bell route. From Hopewell his own bell route. From Hopewell he expanded his scope to Charles

(See Joe Calcutt on page 128)

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To Be Shown With Record, Needle Products in Mpls.

Capehart To Give Key Speech at Convention Banquet

MINNEAPOLIS, April 24.—Shap-ing up as one of the biggest music machine (together with record and needle) shows since the Coin Machine Industries, Inc. (CMI) convention in Chicago last January, the two-day 14th annual Northwest Regional Con-vention Monday and Tuesday (26 27) vention Monday and Tuesday (26-27) was assured of record attendance, both of visitors to the convention, and of exhibitors at the Radisson Hotel headquarters of the meet.

On the list of manufacturers scheduled to be at the showing was the National Filben Corporation, which would unveil to the industry for the first time its new Maestro '48, the juke box which was announced a few weeks ago as going into production. On hand at the convention to intro-duce the new unit will be William W. Rabin, president, and Sam Drucker, Filben executive, as well as several Filben engineers.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Amuse-ment Games Association, the Wis-consin Phonograph Operators' Asso-ciation, North Dakota Operators' Music Association, and the South Da-kota Operators' Music Association, the convention will feature, among others, the following items of special interest to the music machine opera-tored AML Push Distributing Cotors: AMI; Bush Distributing Co.,

Eye Completion Óf Chi Coin's **New Structure**

CHICAGO, April 24 .- With construction plans moving ahead of schedule, there is a strong indication that the new manufacturing plant being constructed by the Chicago Coin Machine Company as an addition to its present quarters will open sooner than expected, Sam Gensburg and Sam Wolberg, firm heads, an-nounced this week.

nounced this week. New edifice will give the game manufacturer an additional 80,000 square feet of production space, will be a one-story steel frame structure with concrete floor and roof. Present plans call for the covering of the brick front of the building, which is virtually completed, with stone veneer. Address of the new plant is 2726-34 N. Paulina, which is adjacent to Chicago Coin's present quarters at 1725 Diversey Parkway.

Chicago Coin is currently in production on a new five-ball flipper game, Trinidad, which embodies such game, Trinidad. which embodies such player appeal features as special play lanes, single and double bonus se-quences, kick-out and a 50,000 point bonus hole. Trinidad's flipper bump-ers are actuated by two individual player control buttons. The fact that the player must exert skill all during the game to gain a high score. and especially during the final stages of the game has made the game one of the most successful produced by Chicago Coin, say Gensburg and Wolberg. Wolberg.

Minneapolis, Aireon distributors; Capitol Records; F. C. Hayer Co., RCA Records, Minneapolis; Jacobs Novelty Co., Stevens Point, Wis., tone arms; LeBeau Novelty Co., St. Paul, Rock-Ola distributor; Mercury Pagarda; December Newstry Co. Records; Peerless Novelty Co., Spoon-er, Wis., phonograph stands; Permo,

(See 4-State Meet on page 118)

"Hobby" Poor Fun

ST. LOUIS, April 24.- When Wal-ter Ballance, laborer at the Suessdorf Copper & Iron Company here, went the slug-making profession reinto cently as a hobby, he not only found himself with a lot of unusable "coins" on hand but became involved with the Secret Service Bureau.

Ballance was apprehended as а slug maker when an employee of the Suessdorf firm noticed that holes in quantities of scrap copper were the same dimensions as nickels, dimes and quarters. The cause was traced to Ballance, who was found to have been "minting" out the slugs on a company punch press.

Rolldown Not Pinball Game

L. A. Ops Demonstrate

LOS ANGELES, April 24 .- Seeking to show that rolldowns are not pinball games and that the "minia-ture bowling games" are operable ture bowling games" are operable under a decision handed down by the Municipal and Appelate courts in 1945, a group of operators staged an exhibit of the skill games in the Rodger Young Restaurant here Thursday morning (22). Altho "proper representatives" of the city council, mayor's office and police de-partment were invited to attend, only representatives of the local press turned out. Sponsors of the show, headed by Gordon Roper as chair-man, said they were happy over the turnout and grateful to the local newspapers for giving their side a hearing.

newspapers for giving then side a hearing. With reporters and photographers on hand from *The Daily News*, *Times* and *Herald Express*, Art Crane, local factory representative for Genco, conducted a demonstration on the Total-Roll and Bing-a-Roll games, contending that they are games of skill in the same sense as bowling contending that they are games of skill in the same sense as bowling and billiards. Crane stressed the fact to reporters, who enjoyed themselves playing the games while the group waited in vain for the city's repre-sentatives, that the games were free from mechanical control and that scoring is achieved only thru accurate rolling and banking. rolling and banking.

Set Court Hearing

Set Court Hearing Move to bring city officials, press and operators together came after the games were picked up by local officials, with operators claiming them "definitely on the legal side of the city's anti-pinball machine ordinance." Headed by Gordon Roper, the operators have retained attorneys Tom Howard and Joe Al-tagen to represent them in court. A (See L. A. Ops Contend on page 126)

Four Protest Result In N. C. Pinball Test

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 24.-North Carolina's bell machine law is headed for a State Supreme Court test following the fining of four men on charges that they either possessed or leased allegedly illegal amusement equipment. Notice of appeal has been filed by defense attorneys following the hearing of the case here Saturday (17)

Pointing out that pinball machines Pointing out that pinball machines are not gambling machines, the de-fense attorneys asked the presiding judge to set aside the verdicts re-turned by the jury in the Charlotte Superior Court. The attorneys also claimed that the pinball equipment was duly licensed by the city of Char-lotte and that the defendents had

was duly licensed by the city of Char-lotte and that the defendants had done everything possible to make certain that the pin tables were not in violation of local law. In the games in question, there were no coin chutes attached to the equipment. Method of playing the game was as follows: A customer paid a nickel to the clerk behind the coun-ter. The clerk then pushed a button. ter. The clerk then pushed a button, which, by remote control, turned five balls onto the playing surface of the table.

Report Faint Ray of Hope On Federal Excise Taxes

WASHINGTON, April 24.--- A faint! ray of hope that the federal coin machine tax may be lifted in the next year or two has appeared on Capitol Hill where the Senate Executive Ex-penditures Committee is recommend-ing that Uncle Sam leave the coin levy strictly to the States.

In a recent report, the committee warned that continuation of high federal taxes in the excise field, coupled with an accumulation of State and local taxes, "is overburdening the subjects to which they apply." The group report pointed out that "with rising costs, States and locali-ties are being compelled to find addities are being compelled to find additional revenue. Whether or not the federal government reduces its war-time excise taxes, local governments will continue to be driven into this field."

There has been much talk in Congress about the advisability of co-ordinating tax procedures among the federal, State and local bodies, but the committee report is the first official disclosure that such a plan is under consideration. The Senate group recommends that a joint con-gressional committee study the en-tire tax situation, calling in finance experts from State and local governments to express their views

In an accompanying table illustrat ing tax changes in city and State pro-cedure, it is pointed out that a total of 39 States and 35 cities now have a cigarette tax piled on top of the federal levy. In the past year, 8 States and 16 municipalities have added cigarette levies for the first time.

Williams Starts **Deliveries on 5-Ball Game**

CHICAGO, April 24. — Williams Manufacturing Company is now pro-ducing and delivering its new flipper action, five-ball game, Virginia, Ful-ton Moore, firm sales manager, has announced. In addition to having new anycement game factures the new amusement game features, the Williams game has a new coin chute, new plunger spring and also a new ball drop or out-hole.

ball drop or out-hole. Virginia has three sets of flipper-action bumpers, eight numbered bumpers, four key roll-over switches, two kick-out pockets, and one roll-over button, all located on the play-field in such a manner as to challenge (See Williams Starting on page 128)

Calendar for Coinmen

April 26-27-South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin State operators' associations, convention and exhibit, Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis.

April 26-30—American Management Association (AMA), annual packaging conference and exposition, Cleveland Auditorium, Cleveland.

May 7-8—National Automatic Merchandising Association. Regions III and A (Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), Mayflower Hotel, Washington. Neill Mitchell, chairman Region A, Aaron Goldman, chairman Region III.

May 23-27-Super Market Institute (SMI), Stevens Hotel, Chi-

cago. June 13-19—National Dairy Council (NDC), convention, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. June 14—National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).
convention, Palmer House, Chicago. June 14-16—National Candy Wholesalers' Association, Inc.
(NCWA), convention and exposition, Sherman Hotel, Chicago. June 14-17—Radio Manufacturers' Association (RMA), convention and exposition, Stevens Hotel, Chicago. June 28-30—National Small Business Men's Association (NSBMA), convention, Palmer House, Chicago. July 6-10—International Store Modernization Show, Grand Central Palace, New York.

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TWO NAMA REGIONAL MEETS

Show Clinics Will Aid Ops

Meet in N. Y. July 6-10

NEW YORK, April 24.—With vending machines scheduled to play an important role this year, plans for the Second Annual Conference on for the Second Annual Conference on Store Modernization and the accom-panying International Store Modern-ization Show at Grand Central Palace are rapidly rounding into shape, ac-cording to John W. H. Evans, man-aging director. Conference and show dates are July 6-10 inclusive. Dr. Charles M. Edwards, dean of the Graduate School of Retailing, New York University, is chairman of the advisory and planning committee of the event. the event.

Clinics will be conducted daily at 1:30 and 4 p.m. for the five days, it was reported by Evans. Scheduled subjects, all of which will help the operator and manufacturer of vend-ing equipment designed and placed or location in vetsil ctores include: on location in retail stores, include: Store layout and traffic; store light-Store layout and traffic; store light-ing and color; displays and fixtures; store fronts, and planning and budg-eting for modernization. Each panel will be conducted by retailing execu-tives, store architects and designers, and manufacturers of modernization equipment. Slides and visual aids will be used.

Supplementing the clinics will be (See RETAIL STORES on page 112)

Cocoa Price **Stops Climb**

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Aver-age price of a pound of cocoa on the age price of a pound of cocoa on the New York Cocoa Exchange remained unchanged in February from the January price of 43.6 cents, the Com-merce Department announced this week. Estimated imports increased slightly to about 20,000 long tons, Commerce said.

Trend of cocoa prices in the past few months has been to level off, Commerce statistics disclose. In November, a record high of 51 cents per pound was reached. Average De-cember prices, however, decreased to 43 cents. January showed a slight increase to 43.6 cents, the prevailing price in February.

Cancel NAMA Meet

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.-The meeting of Region IX of the National Automatic Merchandising Association, scheduled for the St. Charles Hotel here April 30-May 1 has been postponed be-cause of the critical hotel situa-tion. The region will probably meet in the autumn in some city other than New Orleans.

other than New Orleans. Decision to call off the month-end regional was made by R. G. Jones and Tom Vaughan, chair-man and vice-chairman respec-tively of Region IX. Vaughan was in charge of the local com-mittee planning the most

mittee planning the meet. Region IX is composed of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Retail Store Venders Prove Big Attraction **At National Restaurant Meet**

CLEVELAND. April 24.—Display-ing a marked interest in vending ma-chines, especially hot and cold drink machines, thousands of visitors jammed into the Cleveland Public Auditorium here last week to attend the 1948 National Restaurant Show. Running from Wednesday (14) thru Saturday (17), the exhibits this year for the first time featured more than just a smattering of coin machines, with five soft drink, one orange juice and one hot-coffee vender among those units shown the restaurateurs from coast to coast who were in attendance. attendance.

Among the largest exhibits in the auditorium were the Rudd-Milikian Company booths, featuring the Kwik Kafe coffee vender. Cy Mili-kian, partner in the firm, headed a delegation of approximately 15 sales-men and engineers from the Phila-delphia headquarters who manned the exhibit during the show.

Drink Venders

Drink Venders Cup and bottle venders were dis-played by Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Cola, Canada Dry, Hires Root Beer and Orange Crush at their booths, with the machines attracting much atten-tion. While many of the attendees had at one time seen the Coca-Cola nad at one time seen the Coca-Cola machines, the new models displayed by this firm, as well as the modern, streamlined venders shown by the other soft drink concerns, were com-pletely new to most of the persons attending the meet.

Florida Citrus Commission, Lakeland, featuring a Cobb vender, drew large crowds to Booth 1602 thruout show's run, the first time a vender of this type had been displayed at a restaurant show.

Another coin machine exhibitor, also with one of the largest displays at the show, was Tradio, Asbury Park, N. J., with Victor Trad and Harry Rockafeller heading the firm's delegation. Tradio featured in its displays substantially the same ex-hibit which was seen at the Coin Machine Industries, Inc. (CMI) showing in Chicago last January. However, to the restaurant repre-

showing in Chicago last January. However, to the restaurant repre-sentatives at the show not acquainted with Tradio products, the exhibit was one of the most popular in the auditorium. Featured were the Tradio coin-operated radios, Tradio-ette, the wall box offering multiple abaics including music radio and telwas one of the most popular in the auditorium. Featured were the Tradio coin-operated radios, Tradio-ette, the wall box offering multiple choice including music, radio and tel-evision, and Tradio-Vision, firm's new 3,000 packages, is 1 cent.

large-screen television receiver. Of special interest to restaurateurs special interest to restaurateurs with locations resemb⁴ mig clubs, was the large console Tradio-Vision, in a mahogany cabinet, and including, in addition to the television, AM and FM radio bands and an automatic record player.

record player. Other exhibitors, directly identi-fied with the coin machine industry, who were on hand at the show in-cluded the Amcoin Corporation, Buf-falo, which was located in booths 511 and 512; Groetchen Manufacturing Company, Chicago, which makes, in addition to coin-operated devices, kitchen ware for restaurants; the Lily-Tulip Corporation, New York, the National Dairy Council, depart-ment of program activities, Chicago, and the public health committee of in Paper Cup and Container Institute, New York.

California Co. **Plans 6-Choice** Ice Cream Mch.

OAKLAND, Calif., April 24. — Frosted Food O'Mat, Inc., here, is preparing to turn out two models of a six-flavor packaged ice cream dis-penser, one manual and one coin operated, according to company offi-cials. Machine, permitting a six-flavor selection of "take home" pack-ages, is called the Ice Cream O'Mat. Unit, both coin and manual, in-cludes a series of six buttons on its side so that the patron can choose his flavor. The package is delivered without the need for opening or tilt-ing a door, and as delivery is made from the bottom of each compart-ment, "first in" packages are first out. Unit loads thru the top. Unit loads thru the top.

A high porcelain back on face of A nigh porcelain back on face of machine permits product advertising to be spotted. Cabinet design is said to follow "easy shopping" require-ments as outlined in merchandising surveys over the past few years, the firm states firm states.

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Ohio Hosts Region V at First Meet

Region IV in Carolina

CINCINNATI, April 24.—For the first time in the region's history, Re-gion V of the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) met in Cincinnati. The meeting Wednesday (21) was attended by over 60 operators, manufacturers and sup-pliers who spent the day discussing legislative and operator problems and heard four representatives of locations express their likes and dislikes on automatic merchandising.

Actually, a good percentage of those who registered for the regional meeting at the Netherland Plaza Hotel here came in Tuesday night (20) for a special meeting to discuss the Ken-tucky tax situation. Last month, the Kentucky Legislature pushed thru a measure placing a ner meeting to measure placing a per-machine tax on most types of merchandising equipment. Tuesday's meeting sounded operators on the effect of the new law which all termed unfair and discriminatory.

Howes Re-Elected

At the luncheon meeting, Hugh C. Howes, Howes-Shoemaker, Detroit, was re-elected regional chairman for his second consecutive term. Howes's nomination and election won the (See Ohio, N. C., Hosts on page 112)

Mass. Cig Ops To Feature P-R Program at Meet

BOSTON, April 24 .- Discussion toward setting up a public relations program in a new move to gain added support for the industry will highlight the program at a meeting of the Cigarette Merchandisers' Association of Massachusetts (CMAM) at Hotel Kenmore here Tuesday (27).

Dinner will be served at 7, and the meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock by Samuel Goran, president. Operators of 22 firms, including the Worcester Cigarette Service Com-pany, Inc., Worcester, Mass., CMAM's newest affiliate, will attend.

P-R Plans

Lucius F. Foster, director of CMAM, told *The Billboard* that the associa-tion has felt for some time the need of a strong public relations program. Projects contemplated are tying up with special drives and promotions and getting space in locally published business sections of papers and magazines for the purpose of telling the public the nature of the industry.

Cigarette operators' problems in Massachusetts are still varied, with the price-cutting factor still to be reckoned with.

Big problem is the keen competition for locations, which is steadily driving commissions up. The in-creased availability of new machines seems to be one factor responsible for this situation.

The match situation, which caused tempest a few months back, is not (See MASS. OPS on page 112) a

Bottler Praises Venders As Modern Sales Outlet

FOND DU LAC, Wis., April 24.— Vending machines proved to be one of the major sales promotion aids to absorb the recently expended pro-duction facilities of the Henry Nehr-ing & Sons soft drink bottling plant here, according to Henry Nehring La firm bood

Jr., firm head. Faced with the need for creating greater demand for their product, after adding two floors to their plant,

by the firm were installed in neighboring industrial plants. According boring industrial plants. According to Nehring, the vender in one plant was soon distributing over 200 cases (4,800 bottles) in a 30-day period. During summer operation, he esti-mates the machine will vend 600 cases per month. According to Art Nehring, son of the firm head, and who is responsi-

after adding two floors to their product, Nehring placed venders first in im-portance when considering ways to increase sales. "... Let's get out and promote thru vending machines, sales campaigns and wider distribution," he said. First venders (six) to be operated be for placement and operation of venders, "the venders do a remark-able sales promotion job. The plant workers get acquainted with our product on the job, and when they want soft drinks for individual use or home use they call for our soda by name."

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Invents Alarm For Cig Machs.

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CINCINNATI, April 24 .-- A unique alarm system, for all types of cigarette vending machines, is being tested on the routes of the Stern Cigarette Vending Machine Company. Maurie Levitch, of Stern, who invented the alarm system, reports it is now installed in half a dozen of the firm's Cincinnati locations.

Called Vend-Alarm, the unit is flat and compact, operates from a dry cell battery. The alarm is mounted just behind the cigarette vender's columns and is enclosed in a flat, rectangular box which can be locked. flat. Once the alarm has been set, it will be touched off if the machine is roughly handled or if the door is pried as much as one-sixteenth of an inch.

The alarm makes a siren-like noise The alarm makes a siren-like noise which can be stopped only when the machine is unlocked, the columns pulled forward and the protective case around the unit is unlocked. Levitch, who intends to put the Vend-Alarm on the market for other opera-tors, says the battery generates enough energy to keep the siren going for at least six hours. Tentatively. Levitch says he ex-

Tentatively, Levitch says he ex-pects the alarm will be marketed for approximately \$25. On his own routes, Levitch has placed decals on the machines which are alarm-equip-ped, pointing out that the unit is pro-tected by Vend-Alarm.

Vendors, Inc., Preps Two New Units; Will **Appoint Distributors**

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Vendors, Inc., has just completed the first phase of a program aimed to give complete national coverage of its products and also is readying two new small venders for introduction, D. C. Gleeson, firm official, has an-nounced nounced.

Distributors are now being estab-Distributors are now being estab-lished in key cities thrucut the coun-try, with franchises already given to firms in Indianapolis, St. Louis, try, with franchises already given to firms in Indianapolis, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Des Moines, Seattle, San Francisco, Denver and Cleveland. As an aid to further de-velopment of a nationwide distributor moun Vendors has appointed C. Van group, Vendors has appointed C. Van Duyn and James C. Mack, both veteran vending machine men, as field liaison representatives.

New venders to be introduced are New venders to be introduced are a ball gum and a nut machine. For-mer, a new type of gum vender, ac-cording to Gleeson, is called King Target Game, while the nut machine, Mighty Midget, is designed to handle almonds, has a 1½ pound capacity and features a detachable tray. Firm's Model C Conducts has

Firm's Model C Candyette bar vender is now in full production, incorporating a number of refine-ments, Gleeson stated.

Ban on Prize-Giving Venders in Detroit

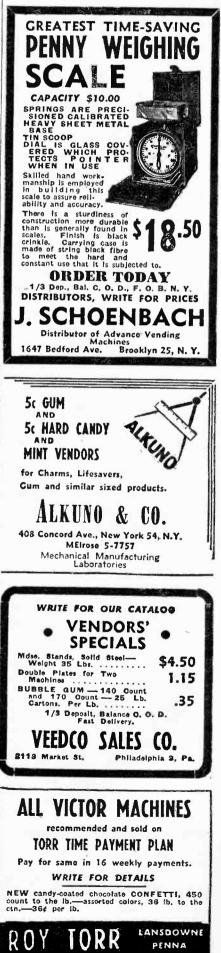
DETROIT, April 24. - Automatic merchandising machines which offer sales of candy or nuts will be con-fiscated when found on location, po-lice officials here have warned.

The officials issued the warning following reports that prize-offering venders were appearing on locations. Officials said, however, that they had found no recent instances of venders using prizes in the city.



WASHINGTON, April 24. — February cigarette consumption was the lowest in 18 months, Commerce Department disclosed this week. Cigar consumption was also off from January, but was still higher than for 10 other months in the last year and a half.

half. Cigarette consumption amounted to 23,349,000,000 units —a drop of some 4,000,000,000 from January figures. Consump-tion of cigars totaled 460,141,000 as compared with January con-sumption of 461,398,000 stogies.



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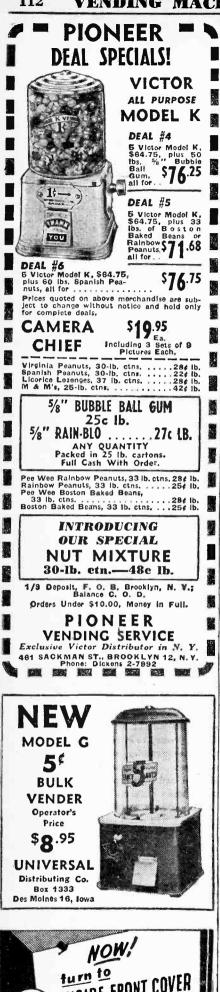
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(Continued from page 109) unanimous approval of the members present. Region V includes Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Michigan.

At the Wednesday morning session, At the Wednesday morning session, operators heard addresses by C. S. Darling, NAMA's executive director, and Ray J. Vonesh, NAMA legislative counsel. Darling outlined the associa-tion's plans for the future, while Vonesh traced the group's legal ac-tivity both past and future, and urged close co-operation between all mem-bars of the industry bers of the industry.

Immediately following these two addresses, operators broke up into groups to participate in round-table discussions. Special tables were provided for operators interested in the following kinds of equipment: cigarettes; candy, gum and nuts, and beverages.

Candy, gum and nuts and cigarettes attracted the largest groups of opera-tors, and discussions often paralleled. Among the cigarette operators, for example, principal topics were com-missions and selling practices among certain manufacturers of cigarette vending equipment. As in the candy discussion, cigarette

operators agreed that no one could set up an over-all normal for commis-sions. But they likewise agreed that experienced operators pay as high a commission as possible. For that reacommission as possible. For that rea-son, the operators concluded, any operator who paid exorbitant com-mission rates merely to take locations away from other firms would shortly find himself out of business. Several operators participating in the ciga-rette round table reported that they had been approached to buy out, or had bought out, operating companies who started out paying higher com-missions merely to jump locations.

Urge Standardizing Count

Candy operators reported that candy is back to normal, but they, too, had suggestions for improvement. Most of the operators agreed that candy bar manufacturers could help automatic manufacturers could help automatic merchandising by standardizing their large-count packs. Currently, manu-facturers are putting out a variety of large-count packs, the operators re-ported, and the differences in count make for inventory headaches. Some operators, who have been using special lightweight vending bars, expressed concern for the future use of lightweight bars now that standard weight candy is reappearing in the nickel market. These operators pointed out that the vender customer,

in the nickel market. These operators pointed out that the vender customer, buying candy thru the machine at a nickel when over-the-counter sales were pegged at 6 and 7 cents, did not mind the fact that some of the vender bars were smaller in size. Now that many over-the-counter sales are back to a nickel, however, the customer expects and is entitled to full weight. At the luncheon session, regional At the luncheon session, regional members heard an address by Reuben B. Hayes, executive vice-president of the First National Bank of Cincinnati.

b. Hayes, executive vice-president of the First National Bank of Cincinnati. Hayes outlined the national economic picture and traced the effects which national and international economic trends have on the individual. In the closing session, at which Marty Gluchow, East Liverpool, O., presided, four representatives of the public told operators what they thought of automatic merchandising. On the panel were Mark Walke, ex-ecutive secretary of Armco Associa-tion, Armco Steel Corporation, Mid-dletown, O.; Harry Ulmer, Cincinnati Times-Star promotion manager; Art Neuman, manager, Dutch Mill Restaurant, Cincinnati, and E. A. Schwoeppe, vice-president, American Institute of Chemical Engineers and a student of the University of Cin-cinnati. Restaurant, Cincinnati, and E. A. Schwoeppe, vice-president, American Institute of Chemical Engineers and a student of the University of Cin-cinnati. To top off the day, operators at-

At 2 NAMA Regional Meets tended open house at Automatic Can-teen, Stern Cigarette Vending Ma-chine Company, and W. W. Tibbals Company.

Region IV at Swank North Carolina Inn

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 24.-Swank Grove Park Inn here was the scene of a meeting of the National Automatic Merchandising Associa-tion's (NAMA) Region IV, Friday (23) and today. Some 30 operators and manufacturers' representatives were on hand for the two-day resort meeting but association officials were meeting, but association officials were disappointed at the turnout.

disappointed at the turnout. At this morning's session, Bill Cut-cliffe, Cigarette Service Company, At-lanta, was elected chairman of the region to succeed J. Herman Saxon, Charlotte, N. C. Region includes the States of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Both C. S. Darling, NAMA execu-tive secretary and Ray Vonesh, legis-lative counsel, addressed the meeting.

and their speeches were followed by a round table patterned after the dis-cussion at the Cincinnati meeting. Friday night, North Carolina oper-ators met in special session to discuss the North Carolina tar situation. The

the North Carolina tax situation. The meeting adjourned Saturday at noon.

NACGM Re-Elects 2; **Adds New Members**

NEW YORK, April 24.—At the re-cent annual meeting of the National Association of Chewing Gum Manu-facturers (NACGM) at the Hote at the Hotel

facturers (NACGM) at the Hotel Commodore here, Carlton S. Drols-baugh was re-elected secretary and A. D. Scheaffer re-elected treasurer. New members of the association are the Star Molding Corporation. East Aurora, N. Y., and the E. P. Fenimore Company, Philadelphia.

Mass. Ops Feature P-R Set-Up at Meet

(Continued from page 109) being discussed anymore. Operators feel there is nothing that can be done about it, and they have absorbed the

13 per cent increase in cost and still give free matches. CMAM is also planning a member-ship drive, and Foster expects to tour the State calling on operators. "The peed for the association is definite and need for the association is definite and it is to the advantage of operators to belong to it," he pointed out. "We feel that many operators would like to belong if they knew more about the benefits of CMAM, and we intend to get the information to all non-members with a viou toward gotting members, with a view toward getting together a good big strong organization."

RETAIL STORES

(Continued from page 109) exhibits of the latest equipment for modernizing of all types of stores, all on display at the Grand Central Palace. An example of the type of Palace. An example of the type of vending tie-in with this show is the Coca-Cola Company, which will again hold down one of the larger booths at the show, featuring various types of bottle and cup vending equipment.

Nutrine Reports Earnings

Ohio, North Carolina Hosts List Life Savers Earnings PORT CHESTER, N. Y., April PORT CHESTER, N. Y., April 24. —Life Savers Corporation here re-ports a net profit of \$2,636,893, equal to \$3.76 per share, for 1947. Earnings are compared with \$1,940,553 or \$2.77 a share for 1946. Net sales for last year amounted to \$12,283,502, while 1946 sales were \$8,444,932.







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SSPROFITSSS · **NATD Meet Discussions Place Question of Cigarette** Sales Up to Wholesaler

bacco distributor must determine for himself whether or not it is profitable or desirable for him to deal in cigarettes. That was the conclusion reached by the National Association of Tobacco Distributors (NATD), meeting in convention in Chicago April 12-17, during which the problem was thoroly aired. This decision was embodied in a resolution passed by the membership and released this week, which reviewed many factors affecting cigarette distribution and offered recommendations for improv-ing that vital phase of the tobacco industry.

Discussion of cigarette distribution received prime billing at the NATD conclave in order to delve into the elements behind the recently noted trend of wholesalers to abandon that traditional phase of their businesses. Several large wholesalers have al-ready given up cigarette distribution as unprofitable (*The Billboard*, April 17), and others are known to be considering the same action.

Stating that the task of making cigarettes easily available to con-sumers thru retailers rests primarily on members of the wholesale tobacco on members of the wholesale tobacco trade, the NATD resolution did not completely absolve distributors of blame for abuses, but declared that all would welcome standardization of proper distribution practices. And further, it urged wholesalers to shelve, for the time being, plans to eliminate the handling of cigarettes until a concerted effort can be made to combat destructive practices. to combat destructive practices.

Distrib Practices

A large part of the responsibility for influencing a change in many current cigarette distribution prac-tices will fall on a new NATD com-mittee on distribution. It will urge mittee on distribution. It will urge the adoption of the following recom-mendations upon all levels of the tobacco industry:

(A) Abandonment of the loss-leader practice wherever it is con-

Coan Mfg. Completes Move to New Factory; **Gives Special Bonus**

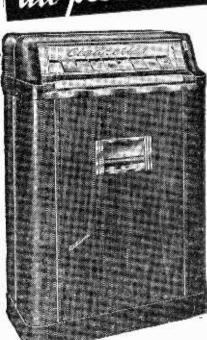
MADISON, Wis., April 24. — All employees of the Coan Manufacturemployees of the Coan Manufactur-ing Company here participated in special bonus payments this month when the vending machine manufac-turing concern closed its books for the fiscal year. J. W. Coan, presi-dent, said some 54 employees received bonus payments amounting to 31.8 cents per working hour cents per working hour.

Computed at this basis, bonus payments to each employee amounted to approximately \$700 for the year. Meantime, Coan announced that his firm has now completely moved

into a new factory addition. The move was accomplished without in-terrupting production on the firm's Standard 74 candy bar machine.

With the new plant, total manufac-turing space, exclusive of offices, totals more than 16,000 square feet.

By June 1, Coan expects to start production on the firm's cigarette machine and the de luxe model candy vender. Both of these machines were shown in Chicago last week at the National Association of Tobacco Dis-tributors convention.



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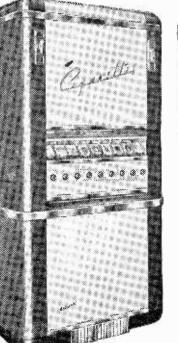
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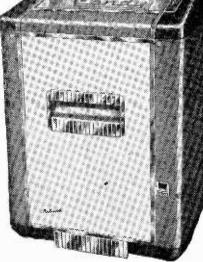
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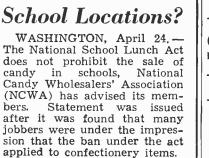
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'47-'48 Tobacco Crop Near All-Time High

WASHINGTON, April 24.-U. S. Department of Agriculture has re-ported that the flue-cured tobacco crop produced during the 1947-'48 season has been the second highest in history and has been sold on 81 auction markets located in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Net warehouse sales totaled 1,304,600,000 pounds, only 37,000,000 pounds less than the all-time high volume produced in the 1946-'47 season. The 1947-'48

flue-cured crop brought a total of \$541,000,000, compared to a total of \$650,000,000 the previous season, which was a record high. The over-all average price, the department reported, was 41.5 cents per pound, compared to 48.5 cents a pound the previous season. Flue-cured is one of the two major cigarette types produced in the United States, with burley (grown chiefly in Kentucky and Tennessee) ranking second. About 53 per cent of the leaf used in manufacture of ciga-rettes in U. S. is flue-cured.



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All - American **Shine Machine In Production**

Appoint Four Distribs

NEW YORK, April 24.—With a current production schedule of 600 shoeshine machines a month, the All-American Electric Corporation is now setting up its distribution net-work for sales east of the Mississippi, Robert Fletcher, president and general sales manager, announced here this week. All-American was formed from the Ace Shoe Shine Company early this month, with headquarters at 306 Stoker Drive, Saginaw, Mich.

Several modifications are incorporated in the All-American machine over the earlier Ace model. Among these are a coin counter, fluorescent lighting, an enclosed cash box and a light switch. The machine is avail-able in a variety of colors. Altho it is supplied adjusted for nickel play, operators can replace the coin chute for dime play. Distributors already appointed to

Distributors already appointed to handle the machine were listed by Fletcher as follows: Binco Distributing Company, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Markepp Sales Com-pany, Cleveland; Seacoast Distribu-tors, Inc., Newark, N. J., and Uneeda Shine Machine Company, New York. Uneeda has just been organized by Uneeda has just been organized by Sam Sacks, owner of the Acme Sales

Company here. Otis D. Babcock is associated with Fletcher in the All-American Electric Corporation as vice-president and treasurer. The shoeshine machine is manufactured for them by the Jackson & Church Company, also of Sagi-

Amer. Vendors Ind. **Plant in Production** LOS ANGELES, April 24.--Amer-

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—And ican Vendors, Inc., has stepped up production on its selective bottle vender with the addition of manu-facturing facilities in East Chicago, Ind., as a companion production line for the plant here, officials announced recently recently.

recently. New production facilities are pro-vided by the General American Transportation Corporation's plant in East Chicago, and are intended to supply machines for the eastern por-tion of the U. S.

Kwik Shoe Shine Sets **Midwest Distributor**

CHICAGO, April 24. — The Jack Nelson Distributing Company here has been appointed distributor for Illinois and Indiana by the Kwik Shoe Shine Machine Company, Sacra-mento, it was announced last week by firm officials. Jack Nelson Sr. heads the distributing company, while George Budget is the current of the George Rudorf is the owner of the Kwik Shoe Shine Machine Company. The new coin-operated shoeshine machine has started to appear on many locations on the West Coast and is expected to be placed on locations in the Midwest in the near future.

Tobacco Tax Take Increases MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 24.— Alabama tobacco tax collections for March totaled \$658,229, compared with \$548,685 for the same month in 1947. State revenue commissioner 1947, State revenue commissioner James A. Stephens announced recently. Returns for the first six months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$3,748,414, compared with \$3,454,-626 during corresponding period in the 1946-'47 fiscal year.





May 1, 1948



Shelled Nuts Use in Candy In Decline **Going to Other Markets**

WASHINGTON, April 24. — The percentage of shelled peanuts going into candy is on the decline, Agricul-ture Department reported this week. The soaring production of peanut butter is accounting for most of the diversion from candy, it was indicated.

For the past three years, an average of 20 per cent of all shelled peanuts has been going to the candy trade, but the department disclosed that in Feb-ruary only 18 per cent was used in candy, while the figure dropped to 16.9 per cent in March.

In turn, the percentage of peanut butter used in candy also decreased in March. In February, 11.4 per cent of the nation's peanut butter was used in candy, but in March, the candy trade's consumption had dropped to 7.6 per cent of peanut butter pro-duction duction.

Production. Production of edible peanuts is also on the downgrade, according to Agri-culture statistics, some 500,000,000 pounds having been produced since September 1. This is 10 per cent below production for the same period last year, and 25 per cent below pro-duction in 1945-'46.

Set Production Line Schedule Of Berco Mach.

CHICAGO, April 24. - With field tests completed thruout the country, the Berco Manufacturing Company this week reported full details on its new Hilco ice cream bar (on a stick) vending machine. According to Berco, no distributors have been appointed. selling price of the unit is \$545, and single units only will be available to 125 operators thruout the country for field testing, with delivery scheduled for either May or June.

Production schedule as set up by Production schedule as set up by Berco for the Hilco vender for the next six months is as follows: May, 25 units; June, 100; July, 200; Au-gust, 300; September, 400, and Octo-ber, 500. It was stressed that only single-unit orders will be accepted at this time for the first 125 venders.

Features of the new machine, as listed by the manufacturer, include: Return coin receptacle; push-button for coin return; empty sign—mech-anism automatically returns the coin; A. B. T. slug rejector; easily remov-able cover, plus quick, easy loading; 100-bar capacity; collapsible service table for the operator; folding foot step, making access to the storage chamber a simple process; all work-ing mechanism outside the freezing chamber; a simple, foolproof mech-anism; all parts in contact with the ice cream bars are made of stain-less steel; a two-tone finish; ¹/₄-horsepower hermetically sealed compres-sor; inside conveyor so arranged that it can easily be removed for clean-ing; convenient drain for defrost-ing and cleaning; temperature in storage chamber maintained at zero no matter what the outside tempera-ture may be; outside plastic window for sanitary purposes; delivery chute sealed off by special hydraulic-op-erated stainless steel door to protect



Over Nickel Price For Candy Venders Hits Maritime Ops

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 24.—An 8-cent retail price for chocolate bars and 12-cent price for small cello-phane bags of candy are handicapping sales of candy by vender operators thru the provinces.

For the first time since 1939, there is a large supply of the packaged candy available but the record high price has cut down candy consump-tion, both by adults and particularly children. It is claimed here by operators that if the price reverted to a nickel, the consumption would be easily doubled in volume. With the peak in the cost of living for all time, economy has to be practiced in candy

The necessity of pennies for the buying of packaged candy is also a detriment in patronizing the venders and between the high price and the lack of pennies, venders have been far off winning back the place they had occupied before the World War

Scores of theaters, bowling alleys, poolrooms, hotels, restaurants, serv-ice stations, rinks and garages, which found candy venders a profitable venture in pre-war, have held off re-storing the machines until the prices go down to a nickel. Altho sales of the candy in the theaters have in-creased this year at counters installed in lobbies, candy customers claim that it is far more convenient to hanthe the coppers personally than by the machines. Even the gum ma-chines are affected adversely by the price advance above the normal nickel and pennies. The gum is as taboo as the candy is welcome at the theaters, because of the parking habit. age chamber maintained at zero ho matter what the outside tempera-ture may be; outside plastic window for sanitary purposes; delivery chute sealed off by special hydraulic-op-erated stainless steel door to protect against outside tempera-ture may be; outside plastic window for sanitary purposes; delivery chute sealed off by special hydraulic-op-erated stainless steel door to protect against outside temperatures, and

CAN PROMOTION UP INCOME? **Operators Beset by Slumps**

MUSIC MACHINES

General economic picture aggravated by high material costs and upped commissions — find conditions vary thruout country according to local problems

Still Avoid Self - Plugging

By Norm Weiser CHICAGO, April 24.—As many remaini music machine operators in some sec-tions of the country find themselves erations with their backs to a financial wall, and other operators report play holding up, but not increasing at the same tempo with which costs are rising, a survey of the field indicates that in only isolated cases are operators mak-ing a concentrated promotional effort ing a concentrated promotional effort to place their business on a more profitable basis. Reasons for the lack of initiative in promotion vary ac-cording to the local situation, but the general economic situation, plus a highly competitive picture in most areas which has, in many instances, shoved commissions to as high as 70 per cent or more for the location, are evident thruout the country.

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evident thruout the country. The financial picture, as far as the operator is concerned, varies accord-ing to locale. On the West Coast, for instance, out of 350 operators con-tracted by a moior distributor only tacted by a major distributor, only two were in what could be termed a sound financial condition. One of the latter two operators, according to the distributor, was purchasing his equip-ment on time. Few, if any, of the

Appoint Filben Distributor in Fla., Cuba, S. A.

CHICAGO, April 24.—William W. Rabin, president of the National Filben Corporation, this week an-nounced the appointment of the Shayne Dixie Music Company, Miami, as Filben distributor for Florida, Cuba and South America. Appoint-ment, which becomes effective im-

ment, which becomes effective im-mediately, was set by Rabin, who met with William Shayne, head of the distributing firm, in Miami last week. Shayne Dixie Music Company will handle the complete Filben line, in-cluding the new Maestro '48, Mir-rocle Music and parts and accessories. Meanwhile the Maunort Distribu-

Meanwhile the Mayport Distrib-uting Company, Filben representative in Portland, Ore., this week reported it would hold a showing of the Maestro for operators in that area May 2. This is one of the first dis-tributen showings scheduled for the tributor showings scheduled for the new juke box which was recently announced as going into production.

Mayflower Sales Co. Opens in New York

NEW YORK, April 24.—A new jobbing firm, Mayflower Sales Com-pany, opened for business this week at 572 10th Avenue. Danny Subarsky, owner of the new outlet, said his company will carry a complete line of music equipment and offer oper-ators full service facilities. In addi-tion to handling juke boxes, May-flower will custom-build sound sys-tems to suit special location require-ments, he stated. ments, he stated.

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remaining 348 operators, as well as the two with the sound financial op-erations, were involved in any way with promotion.

Here in the Midwest, while many here in the Midwest, while many operators have also been hit by the general drop in play, more use of promotional aids, both within the lo-cation and within the operating or-ganization, has been noted, and has paid off in the weekly over-all in-come. Yet, despite the successful use of promotion by some ops, the wide-spread use of promotion to attract additional play to the music machines is still not evident.

On the East Coast, operators are faced with multiple problems that have affected their music operations. The novelty game situation, which (See Can Promotions Up on page 120)

(Continued from page 108) Inc., needles: Midwest Coin Machine Corp., St. Paul, Filben distributor.

Also included were Reinhard Bros

Also included were Reinhard Bros. Co., Minneapolis, MGM Records; Roxcroft Co., Minneapolis, Columbia Records; Twin Port Sales Co., St. Paul and Duluth, Packard phono-graphs, and others.

While the preponderance of music

While the preponderance of music machine equipment and supplies ex-hibited at the Radisson is expected to highlight the Northwest Regional meet, vending machines and amuse-ment games are expected to receive an unusual amount of attention also. Among the leading vending machine exhibits will be the showing of equip-ment by the United States Vending Corporation (USVC) with Clarence Bayne, USVC official, in charge. Game producers who have an-nounced representatives for the four-

Whatta Life!

CHICAGO, April 24.-David Condon, sports writer for The Chicago Tribune, had himself a Chicago Tribune, had himself a time Monday (19) with a play-by-play report of an inter-city baseball game played by the White Sox and Cubs, which he witnessed in one of the city's 1,837 tele-equipped taverns. "What a wonderful method to cover baseball," wrote Condon, "a seat right on top of home plate and three stools away from the juke box." After devoting considerable lineage to the rethe juke box." After devoting considerable lineage to the re-actions of the customers and the location owner, Condon wound up his piece with: "The opening day's attendance at Schubert's (the location) was 23. The gross was \$47.50. Win-ning pitcher — Schubert." He also explained that the game ended in the location in the eighth inning when an excited customer threw a pop bottle at the umpire, and put the tele set out of commission. So — without bucking any

So — without bucking any mobs, everybody had another round while the juke box took over.

State show are Marvel Manufacturing Company, represented by D. A. Wallach, sales manager, and a top representative of United Manufac-

Ken Ferguson, Stillwater, Minn.

when reguson, Stillwater, Minn., publicity chairman for the regional event, disclosed yesterday that ad-vance hotel reservations in the Twin Cities hotel indicated that at least 800 coinmen would be on hand for the two-day showing.

Exhibit floor was scheduled to open

Exhibit floor was scheduled to open at 10 a.m. Monday and remain open until 1 p.m., then reopen at 5 p.m. for five hours. On Tuesday the floor was to be opened at 10 a.m. and re-main open thru 6 p.m., when the banquet gets under way. Homer E. Capehart was scheduled to make the main address of the evening, with an entertainment program set to follow the banquet.

Newly Organized Rex Lee Firm To Rep Rock-Ola

NEW YORK, April 24.—Featuring a feather-weight pick-up and ampli-fier suitable for installation in any standard juke box and specially de-signed to lengthen the life of records, Rex Lee Enterprises, a new firm servicing music operators in this area, opened for business this week at 767 10th Avenue. The firm's part-ners, Tony (Rex) DiRenzo and Leo Knebel, also stated that their com-pany will act as a sales agent for Rock-Ola music equipment in New York City, Westchester County and Long Island. The pick-up and amplifier, pro-

York City, Westchester County and Long Island. The pick-up and amplifier, pro-duced in their own plant to the rear of the Rex Lee offices, will increase the life of records up to 2,000 fidelity plays, DiRenzo and Knebel claimed. Since the device does not use a needle, scratching of records is im-possible, and previously scratched records may be played without any distortion, they added. It was re-ported that the device is similar to the one used as standard equipment in the Aireon Model 400 juke box. However, the Rex Lee pick-up and amplifier will be supplied with a variety of fittings permitting attach-ment to any standard coin-operated music machine, they pointed out. As part of the service the new firm will offer, operators may have the new Rock-Ola coin mechanism in-stalled on 1946 or 1947 Rock-Ola models, DiRenzo and Knebel stated. The firm will also handle Emerson's 15-inch television set for public or home installation, thru an arrange-ment with the Videograph Corpora-tion. DiRenzo's most recent association

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DiRenzo's most recent association (See Newly Organized, opposite page)

Aireon Appoints, New Eng. Distrib

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 24.— Melody Phonograph Company here has been appointed to handle Aireon music equipment in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont, Ben Palastrant, Aireon's Eastern regional sales manager, announced this week. To cover the territory adequately, the distributor plans to open another of-fice in Boston.

also balance for the service department, and F. W. Tim-mons, sales.

Michigan Ops in Campaign To Aid Cancer Fund Drive

4-State Meet Shapes Up as

Major Music Machine Show

turing Company.

DETROIT, Mich., April 24.—A bàl-anced campaign to support the cur-rent cancer fund drive is being undertaken by the Michigan Auto-matic Phonograph Owners' Associa-tion (MAPOA), tieing in the over-all drive with their individual machines right at the "point of sale."

anced campaign to support the cur-rent cancer fund drive is being undertaken by the Michigan Auto-matic Phonograph Owners' Associa-tion (MAPOA), tieing in the over-all drive with their individual machines right at the "point of sale." Unusual feature was the adoption of a particular number, My Sin, re-corded by Don Pablo, orchestra leader at the Palm Beach Cafe, on Vargo records, as theme song for the drive. Vocals are done by Bunny Paul. To tie in directly, a special vocal trailer was made and placed on the record, by Edgar A. Guest, newspaper colum-nist and popular poet, making a direct A special colored title strip was

-A bal-he cur-being a Auto-tion, each member was assessed one associa-over-all achines doption agter of the special color strip is draw-ing attention to the record, and it is going over well according to reports from Roy W. Clason, business man-ager of the MAPOA.

WMG Now Includes 98% of City's Ops

DETROIT, Mich., April 24.-

The Billboard



box.

ren and His Western Rangers on Famous Records. Song was recorded pre-ban and will be released about

Ramblin' Tommy Scott, handled by the Bert Levey Theatrical Agency, has purchased a new custom-built trailer which will be added to his road equipment. On its personal ap-pearances the Scott unit makes the hops on two house trailers, two-ton beggget truck and a bus. The Bullet baggage truck and a bus. The Bullet recording artist had, a new song book released last week by Wally Fowler Publications, Nashville, and will have another book released soon by Dryer Music Company, New York. All songs in the books were written by Tommy Scott and his gang.

Counter Boxes Increase Juke **Income for Op**

CHICAGO, April 24.—Juke loca-tions featuring television are the tar-get of a play hypo program that is boosting weekly earnings by an average of \$10, according to Floyd Pedone, of Little Amusement, an operating

Pedone states that the television crowd at a tavern bar, at the termination of a video program, can be con-verted, to an unexpectedly large de-gree, into juke patrons simply by placing several counter selectors within convenient reach. A good average is one box for every three or four stools, Pedone says. He thinks the presence of the bar boxes will result in many additional plays that would not be made if a patron had to leave his seat, walk to the juke, select a tune and then return to the bar. ation of a video program, can be con-

to the bar. The ending of one form of enter The ending of one form of enter-tainment (tele) leaves the average person in the mood for a continua-tion of "more of the same" if not in video then recorded music, is Pe-done's philosophy. He says that the average customer finds a certain sense of relaxation in listening to the juke after a session of watching a tele broadcast (often under adverse conditions, on a small screen, etc.) and welcomes the fact that it does not require him to use both his eyes and his ears to enjoy it. He can relax. In addition to tavern locations, Pedone has also made it a practice to install counter boxes in restaurants and hamburger stops. He claims one small location, of the latter type, with a 10-stool counter, showed an increase in weekly gross from \$15 to \$35 after the installation of four counter selectors.

Meritone Launching Promotion Campaign

NEW YORK, April 24.-The International Merit Products Corporation here will shortly inaugurate the most extensive advertising drive in most extensive advertising drive in its history for its imported (Switzer-land) phonograph needles, known to the trade as Meritone. Campaign, which is expected to start within the next week, will include space in such national publications as Life, Satur-day Evening Post, Liberty, Collier's, Look and Sunday supplements in newspapers thruout the country. Meritone needles are manufactured

Meritone needles are manufactured from Swedish steel, and are turned on Swiss screw machines, not ground as is the usual procedure. Retail price range includes 10 needles for a dime; 25 needles for 25 cents; 135 needles for \$1.25, and 275 for \$2.50.



May 1, 1948 **CAN PROMOTION UP INCOME?**

The Billboard

Operators Beset by Slumps Still Avoid Self - Plugging

General economic picture aggravated by high material costs and upped commissions — find conditions vary thruout country according to local problems

(Continued from page 118) has kept operators in New York on a fence for months, has had a definite effect on their juke routes, and teleenect on their juke routes, and tele-vision, too, has hit the operators hard. In Boston, operators, who for the past year have done little in the way of promotion, are now awaiting the start of regular television in their city chout Mar 15. An entimietic not in about May 15. An optimistic note is struck in Boston, as most operators report business holding up, and dis-tributors reveal steady movement of equipment thruout the New England area.

West Coast One of the major reasons why op-erators in the southern part of California have steered clear of such proposters, etc., is the fact that most operations in the area are too extensive. Many operators feel that by spending money for motion picture trailers, radio spot announcements, etc., they would be promoting their competitors, as well as their own routes. With the competition keyed to a peak, practically nó operator wonthe the money for what he

to a peak, practically no operator wants to spend his money for what he terms "institutional promotion." E. F. McGlone, Clark Distributing Company, Wurlitzer distributors, said the firm was continuing to offer menus, cocktail stirrers, back bar signs, etc., but that as far as he knew, none of the operators were using them. McGlone pointed out that the economic situation might have some economic situation might have some effect on the non-use of the promotional aids.

Jack Gutshall and Harry Snod-grass, of Pantages Maestro Music, both said they had used menus prior to the war, but did not intend to re-turn to them now. Fred Gaunt, Gen-eral Music Company, distributors, also said he did not know of any opwho were using promotional erators

aids in the Los Angeles area. Many operators in this area are convinced that, as the juke box takes seek a post-war level, the major is-sue at stake_is to arrange for larger commissions from locations. A re-cent study (by operators) showed that most were opposed to the six-plays-for-a-quarter idea, but more recently many ops have swung over to the dime play. However, once again the competitive angle forces its way into the picture, with operators and distributors agreed that either the larger commission or the dime play movement has to be unanimous, or it will not work.

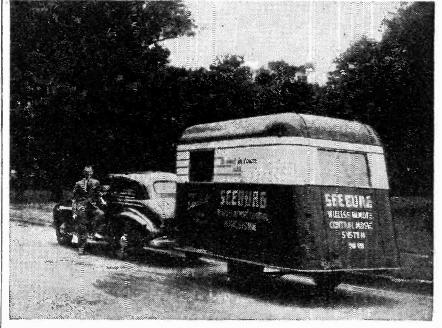
Nashville

Operators here have run into a se-Operators here have run into a se-ries of problems recently which in-clude a new \$2 tax, known as an "inspection fee," and juke boxes are not allowed to be played after mid-night. Most operators have not at-tempted any type of promotion to help hypo their play, but there are several notable exceptions.

Louis Buckley, one of the largest operators in the area, sponsors his own program over WLAC and WKDA. Jim Hitchcock, owner of Hermitage Music, uses newspaper advertising to promote his machines, and Siebel & Company also does some advertising locally locally.

Des Moines While operators in Des Moines proper have not been using any pro-motional aids recently, Bill Garrett, who has a music machine route in Ottumwa, has been using radio spot announcements, and augmenting them with newspaper ads to stimu-

late play on his equipment. Dave Johnson, Sioux City operator, jumped into publicity in a big way this past winter, when he sponsored a basketball team which was called the



ELECTRO-BALL COMPANY. Dallas, uses this trailer to bring remote control music to the operators serviced by the firm. The trailer is equipped with a complete Seeburg remote control system, including a wall box and phonograph.

Johnson Jukes. Playing in a strong semi-pro league in Iowa, the team spread publicity around a wide area for Johnson, promoting juke box play in general, and especially in those locations where a Johnson juke was in operation.

Indianapolis

Most operators here have developed Most operators here have developed a unique type of promotion that has payed off in higher grosses. This consists of a careful selection of rec-ords and frequent changes of rec-ords to keep up with the latest hits at all times. Cleanliness is another factor in the program, with jukes undergoing a regular polishing, and collector thoroly cleaning the case each time he makes a stop. A spot check of lights and all workable parts is also a must on each stop.

A few cases of tie-ins with radio stations and some theaters have been noted in the past, but ops find little or no co-operation on this score in the area. The six-plays-for-a-quar-ter play is per conceptual. the area. The six-plays-for-a-quar-ter plan is not generally acceptable to the local operators. The ops point out that in view of equipment and

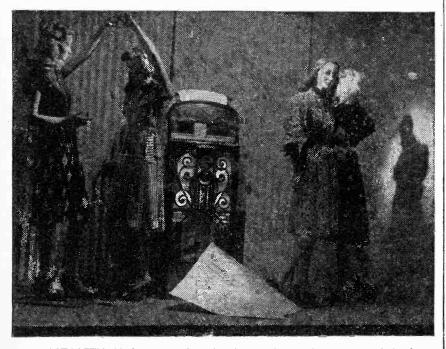
operating costs, the take does not warrant any reduction in the price on play at this time.

Detroi

Detroit operators have been rela-Detroit operators have been rela-tively inactive in special promotion work on juke boxes. A principal rea-son has been the individualistic type of operation here, with some 150 ac-tive operators, and relatively few very large routes any more—accord-ing to trade authorities this may be the largest number per conits of any the largest number per capita of any large city territory.

Result is that each man has wanted to program his own machine, and that some types of general promotion, such as posters and radio tie-ups which are dependent on a considerable amount of joint programing, have not worked out too successfully.

The reduced price on multiple play is being tried out on a small scale, with a few individual operators now placing stickers on their machines offering six plays for a quarter—in a few cases, they are offering three for a dime, but that is considered extreme



ELIZABETH, N. J., ops profited by this display in the window of the Levy Bros.' Department Store some time ago. The Rock-Ola phonograph tied in with a teen-age dress display, catching the attention of young juke box patrons.



BERNIE-BLACHER, Buffalo operator, uses these novel, personalized posters to boost the play in his locations. Picture of the talent is pasted on the printed poster, and the location name is then handpainted on the sign.

more conservative operators at ness is good, while distributors say s time. they are selling machines thruout the this time.

Actual general promotion here is being centered largely thruout the Michigan Automatic Phonograph (MAPOA), Owners' Association which has concentrated on civic interest programs—such as the cancer fund drive, (separately reported in this issue) with a projected recordthis issue) with a projected record-of-the-month program to be started in June, along lines in use in other territories.

Washington

Washington Music Guild (WMG), which includes about 98 per cent of local juke operators, is launching a promotional stunt based on the Hit Parade idea. From Hit Parade, Inc., in New York, the Guild receives a list of the 10 top tunes of the month. This list is placed in a metal frame 29 inches high and 20 inches wide. The frame is attached to the back of the juke and rises above it in billboard fashion. Photos of popular band leaders are inserted in top of the frame

The plan has been tested in a few selected jukes for the past three months. According to Hirsh De La Viez, Hirsh Coin Machine Company, these boxes have showed an increase in take ranging from \$2 to \$6 a week. In addition, record costs were cut about 40 per cent, since many of the hits hang over from month to month.

WMG has tied up with disk jockey Eddie Gallaher, of WTOP. Gallaher features a nightly hit parade of the 10 tunes, making frequent references to jukes along the lines of "these are the 10 top tunes featured in your Washington juke boxes."

Washington juke boxes." The Guild is now making plans to buy space in Washington papers to play up the promotion. In addition, they hope to work out some free newspaper plugs thru the use of feature stories on the plan.

Minncapolis The Twin Cities area has never The Twin Cities area has never been overly promotion minded, ex-cept for an occasional placement of the juke box in a downtown theater. At the present time a Seeburg pho-nograph is operating in the Or-pheum Theater lobby thru a tie-up between Hy-G Music Company, dis-tributer and Lek Seles compared. tributor, and Jak Sales, operator.

Boston

Juke box operators in this area have done little in the way of pro-motion for the past year. While vari-ous promotion ideas have been considered, they were held up the past few months pending the start of the city's first television station next irst television station next Many operators report busimonth.

New England area. Music machine routes are being bought and sold, and, in general, the report is that business is normal.

"We are going to wait and see what television is going to mean to our business," said an operator, "but so far we are not particularly worried. First of all, most of the locations First of all, most of the locations taken over and installed with video sets are places where we never had juke boxes installed. Of course we expect to lose some locations to tele-vision. But even the most optimistic tele engineers here are only promis-ing broadcasts of not more than 35

ing broadcasts of not more than 35 miles. That means there will still be plenty of locations which can't have television for a long time." The majority of the operators in Boston do not use posters or stickers on juke boxes. Many of them, how-ever, have tried these aids in the past, but here mot with location resistance. but have met with location resistance. On the six-for-a-quarter deal, the

On the six-for-a-quarter deal, the Mills machines, for which Ed Ravre-by, of Associated Amusements is dis-tributor, have that feature, and are getting a good play. However, aside from the Mills machines, all other jukes in the area are set for a straight nickel play.

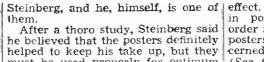
New Orleans

New Orleans While operator promotions in this area are practically negligible, the Fab Distributing Company has been active with Wurlitzer promotions which include music notes for win-dow displays, table tents for loca-tions, coasters, mixer sticks, poster locations which are placed near the juke box, and supplying "Wurlitzer" uniforms for softball baseball teams. These are purely Wurlitzer promo-tions, however, and few operators with other makes of equipment par-ticipate. ticipate.

A promotion that helped the play in general some time ago was the placement of a Wurlitzer phonograph in front of the St. Charles Theater, to tie in with a personal appearance at the theater of the Dinning Sis-ters. Kramer's Music Store entered into the three-way deal, featuring records by the sisters in their window and enling attention to the personal and calling attention to the personal appearance and the juke box promotion.

Newark, N. J.

Newark, N. J. Dick Steinberg, head of the Ster-ling Music Company here and spokesman for the board of directors of the Music Guild of America (MGA), said that at the present time the only on-location promotions are the Hit Parade posters. Approx-imately one-half of the MGA mem-bership subscribe to the service, said bership subscribe to the service, said

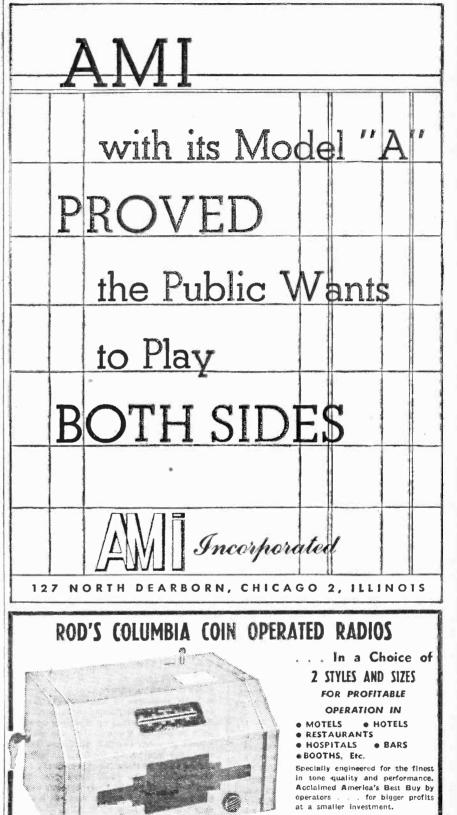


The Billboard

This means slotting records Steinberg, and he, himself, is one of them. After a thoro study, Steinberg said he believed that the posters definitely helped to keep his take up, but they must be used properly for optimum (See Operators Beset on page 126)

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CLEVELAND PHONOGRAPH Merchants' Association used this sign on the front of streetcars in their city to promote an affair given by the association, as well as to publicize the juke box industry in general. The posters got plenty of attention from Clevelandites.

WRITE TODAY FOR LITERATURE ON HOW TO BUILD UP YOUR OWN BUSINESS WITH VERY LITTLE TIME, EFFORT AND INVESTMENT. PRODUCTS CO. CHICAGO 10, ILLINOIS DIVISION ST. NATIONALLY-KNOWN RELIABILITY

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New York:

The drama of a town going down gripped city coinment his week as the "cold war" begun by the police de-partment several weeks ago erupted into decisive action against pin games and rolldowns. With day-to-day cam-paigns of the authorities kept closely guarded secrets, coinmen didn't know what to expect next. First they hoped that steel ball rolldowns would be spared, then that wooden ball roll-downs would escape the drastic police order. But, in succession, pins, steel ball rolldowns and wooden ball games all traveled the same road-to the station house.

What rankled coinmen even more than the severe financial losses sus-tained was the bald statement that a sizable percentage of the key men in the industry were ex-convicts, who might make of the coin-operated game business a gangster-controlled racket, if allowed to remain in business. . . . This hurt . . . And these unsupported charges came after local coinmen had exerted all possible efforts to keep their operations within the meaning and the spirit of the law.

They recalled that they had gone to considerable expense to remove free-play features from old games, that manufacturers had built special equipment to conform with local ordinances and that they had cautioned location-owners not to award prizes for high scores. And, thru self-regu-lation via their own association, ops had voluntarily kept games away from the immediate vicinity of schools and churches.

Coinmen felt the charges were an undeserved slap in the face. Many had participated generously in the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund drive, under the sponsorship of Coin Machine Industries, Inc. And many others in the industry had co-operated with the Veterans Administration and the New York City Board of Education by donating free games and technical advice for the coin mechanics school, spon-sored by the National Association of Automatic Machine Owners. . . . But the town was going down.

Anxious groups of coinmen clus-tered on 10th Avenue and exchanged experiences, with each newcomer quizzed as to the latest news. And, with an injunction, restraining police from picking up games until the courts could rule on their legality, expected from day to day, the ques-tion most asked was ... "Anything new on the injunction?"

One of the busiest men on the avenue was Nash Gordon, office manager of the Associated Amusement Machine Operators of New York (AAMONY). His telephone at association headquarters rang constantly. And altho the news he had to report to AAMONY members was mostly discouraging, he retained his good humor and patience.

Old-timers in the industry were re-assuring, each other. "We've been thru this one before," they said, "and we survived." Many were confident that the courts would rule in their favor, but nothing will be known defi-pitely until the many cases come until nitely until the many cases come up for trial.

The week didn't pass without a few examples of ironic humor. Take the op who was driving home last Saturday night from a movie. Passing by one of his locations he saw a crowd in front of the entrance. Curious, he stopped his car and entered the tavern just as the police were removing a game of his. As he left the location he heard the juke box, also his machine, prophetically playing . . . Now Is the Hour.

Or the case of the Bronx operator who was removing a game from one of his locations. Staggering under this burden on the way to his parked station wagon, he saw two plain-(See NEW YORK on page 125)

COINMEN YOU KNOW

Indianapolis:

Abe Fleig, president of the Indiana Music Operators' Association, Chapter 1, is not in favor of the three for 25-cent play on juke boxes. Fleig, in a statement, said: "It will never happen here." Machines cost too much, and the take is too small, he says. . . . Paul Jock, head of the P. J. Distributing Company, Inc., distributors of AMI phonographs, spent several days in Chicago, and before returning will visit Grand Rapids, Mich., on business. . . . Ford Barrick has entered the local operators group. He has several locations and is out after more. . . Chester Goins has joined the service department at Indiana Automatic Sales Company. . Peter Stone, Rock-Ola distributor, is busy in the southern part of Indiana calling on ops and doing a good job introducing the Rock-Ola Magic Glo.

Operators here are busy looking for the new Ken Griffin record. You Can't Be True, Dear. . . All motion picture exchanges in Indianapolis have installed a new model of soft drink vending machine. . . William Bolles, advertising manager of Packard Manu-facturing Company, is hitting the high spots in the State of Oregon.... Dan Brennen, regional sales manager for Aireon Manufacturing Corporation, is visiting operators in Southwestern territory.... Anna May Bannister, Bannis-ter Distributing Company, is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. Peter Stone, Indiana Automatic Sales Company, remains taped up trying to recover from a recent accident, when she suffered three broken ribs... Installation of park-ing meters to relieve traffic congesat a recent meeting of the city coun-cil, and passed. The estimated cost cil, and passed. The estimated cost of the meters is between \$48,000 and \$50,000. Payment for the meters will come from receipts, altho the city may appropriate the cost price and receive payment from meter earnings.

Los Angeles:

Howie Freer, of Empire Coin Machine Exchange, reports that L. I. Baker is sales manager of Empire's distribution of the Landis Aristocrat in Illinois. Baker is now setting up a strong sales staff to handle the sales of the wellknown popcorn vending machine. Em-pire now has 28,000 square feet at its Milwaukee Avenue headquarters. . . Operators in the local area are virtually unanimous in their opinion that the remainder of spring and all summer will be good play months.

Phoenix:

The Minthorne Music Company here held a three-day showing of the new Seeburg Select-o-Matic 200 Linew Seeburg Select-o-Matic 200 Li-brary in the Maricopa Room of the Hotel Adams, and reported that at-tendance was above expectations. Tom Tarbox, a writer on the *Re-public*, a local newspaper, wrote a lengthy piece on the showing, com-plete with photo, which helped publi-cize the event. Demonstrations of the environment were held for visiting equipment were held for visiting newspaper and radio representatives, as well as industrialists and the gen-eral public.

Baltimore:

Aaron Goldsmith, of Hub Enter-prises here, has been hospitalized for the past few months due to a broken hip. Aaron last week reported that he will be leaving the hospital soon, and hopes to be back in the swing of things in short order. While he has been laid up, Aaron heard from many of the members of the coin machine field in New York and Chicago.

New Orleans:

Griffin Distributing Company here has been closed and the AMI dis-tributorship for this area has not been re-established. Les Griffin, Jackson, Miss., who owned the business, was seriously injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago but is reported to be recovering in a Jackson hospital. Griffin operated offices in Jackson and other cities Jackson and other cities.

Howard Buncher, who runs H. B. Enterprises, reports his new distributorship for Aireon has been successful to date and a number of the new Coronet "400" machines are on loca-tion. The formal showing of the model in the Roosevelt Hotel here was at-tended by Aireon representatives and operators from thruout the Louisiana. Mississippi and Alabama territory.

F. M. Mitchell, mechanic at Southern Music Sales Company, Inc., Rock-Ola distributors, has returned from the factory school on wireless remote control. Frank Romaguera, manager, is stirring up business on an extended tour of Louisiana, Northern Missis-sippi, Alabama, Florida and the Gulf Coast, says his brother, Ralph Romaguera.

M. A. Bartles, general service man-ager with the Wurlitzer factory, was a New Orleans visitor at Fab Distributing Company, according to Bob Dupuy, sales manager. F. A. Blalock, who runs the company, has been traveling in Chicago, Atlanta and Co-lumbia. Dupuy says business is show-ing signs of picking up.

Frank Anselmo, the "old man" of Johnny's Music House, has bought a Johnny's Music House, has bought a large boat and is spending consider-able time fishing. He, Sam Anselmo and Frank Catalanotto, son-in-law, who also works on the company's route, landed 48 speckled trout on a recent week-end. Marie Vigadamo, of the firm's office, isn't denying she bad are offer from a Hellwwood talent had an offer from a Hollywood talent scout, but hasn't announced any deci-sion. She sings and dances.

Detroit:

Ward Lamb is organizing the J & W Music Company, with offices at 671 King Avenue. . . Albert A. Wied-man and Edward A. Gorney are incorporating the Mercury Athletic Scale Corporation with a capitaliza-Athletic tion of \$25,000. H. Gordon Wood is forming the Vendomat Corporation of Michigan here. . . Morris Gold-man, Louis Fisher, Jack Baynes, Roy Clason, Frank Alluvot and Irving Ackerman are back from the Cleve-land music operators' convention, held last week.

The Michigan Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association (MAPOA) been presented a certificate of merit by the Disabled American Veterans for the work the association has done in placing disabled veterans in the field, operating their own routes and working in various capacities for other operators. . . Irving Ackerman, MAPOA counsel, was hospitalized · (See DETROIT on page 125) MAPOA

Des Moines:

Irv Sandler, of the Sandler Distributing Company, announces the ap-pointment of Tony Fursee as a salesman for the firm. Sandler, who recently returned from a trip to Omaha, reported business on the upgrade in Nebraska.

Jacksonville, Fla.:

T. B. Holliday Company, Inc., here, distributors for the new Seeburg industrial, commercial music systems, this week announced the appoint-ment of C. Carter Nice Jr. Company, also of this city, as exclusive dealers of the music equipment.

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Chicago: Sam Wolberg and Sam Gensburg, heads of Chicago Coin, are enthused over the rapid progress being made on the firm's new addition which, when completed, will add 80,000 square feet of production space to the firm's manufacturing facilities... Local music operators, now faced with the televising of all home baseball games (both the Cubs and White Sox) stated that thus far they had noticed little change in play results since the stated that thus far they had noticed little change in play results since the 1948 baseball season started here Tuesday (20). They are awaiting the real test later in the year when night games are telecast.

Nate Gottlieb is due back from his Florida retreat Monday (26). His brother is still in New York keeping the firm posted on the latest developments in the big town's amusement game situation. Gottlieb firm brought out a new five-ball game last week. In addition to many new player appeal features the new product— called Jack 'n' Jill—has a bottom tilt that the firm fully expects to be a big hit with operators in all parts of the country.

Considerable interest is being generated here concerning the four-State convention that will take place in Minneapolis Monday and Tuesday (26-27). Thus far the event is shaping up as one of the most important gatherings of music machine men in the past year, with the possibility that at least two new jukes will be debuted in a surprise move. Despite the fact that music machines may steal the spotlight in Minneapolis, local game firms are also showing an unusual amount of interest in the conclave.

Lyn Durant, United Manufacturing Company head, returned to the City Wednesday (21) from a two-week trip to Bermuda, sporting a pre-season tan. Lvn got back just in time to watch the Lyn got back just in time to watch the firm's new five-ball novelty game. Wis-consin, catch on thruout the country. According to Billy DeSelm, sales man-ager, production on Wisconsin is now going ahead full blast, and the games being shipped as fast as they roll off the production line.

Dudley Ruttenberg, Coin Machine Industries, Inc. (CMI), executive, and John Pickering, the association's ad-visor on public relations, are sched-uled to attend the four-State meet in Minneapolis next Monday and Tuesday (26-27).

Louis J. Fink, acting secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Candy Club, has sent out a memo advising members that the next meeting will be held Tuesday (27) at the Furniture Mart here. Members will see a 20-minute color motion picture, Ozark Holiday, and will also make further plans for their annual golf and outing party which will be held June 3 at the St. Andrew's Country Club. Tuesday's meeting will be a dinner session, with service scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Clayton Nemeroff, Monarch Coin Machine Company, says staff is cur-rently preparing a shipment of pin games for Syria. The spring buying of arcade equipment by arcades and shows has started, with a good amount of this tune of acuimment going out of this type of equipment going out, Clayton adds. Monarch's Roy Bazelon is busy in the Chicago office lining up over-all plans for continued high level activity. Among the callers last week were Bob MacLean, Kenosha, Wis.; Doc Howington, Freeport, Ill., and L. Holbrook, Huntington, Ind.

Coin Machine Service is now featuring its new flipper kit, firm head Seymour Golden reports. Kit is available in three voltages, 30, 16 and 45, with two price tags. Seymour adds a four-bumper flipper kit will be available in about 60 days....Bob Gnarro, A B C Music Service, has just set up a separate record division, headed by Sol Cohen. Sol, who has wide wax experience and formerly was with Samson Record Company, Chicago, where he dealt.out the.disks.ta.juke.operatore...

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is now putting into effect a new record placement and selection program. Bob feels that all will benefit from the increased emphasis on disks, from the location owner and routeman right thru to the customer. Purchase of new wax, distribution to routemen, and handling of location race, nationality and popular requests will be channeled thru Cohen.

neled thru Cohen. Atlas Novelty Company, via officials Nate Feinstein and Harold Schwartz, also comes up with the word that purchase of coin equipment for resort use has blossomed into high gear during the last two weeks. Bells, used jukes and pin games are leading demand items, Harold says. It's usual for this type of buying to run well into July and August, boys state. An influx of visitors were greeted at the Atlas headquarters this week, with many seeing the new showrooms and offices for the first time.

Coinex Corporation's secretary, Ida Brotman, says the new Dodge boss Murray Rosenthal took delivery on last week is the apple of his son's eye. Included in the visitor list last week were George Bishop, Streator, Ill., and Lou Danly, Menton, Mich.

Vic Comforte, Biltmore Distributing, tells of the increased number of Aireon Coronet 400's coming thru these days. He says the steadily rising number of 400 locations are proving the popular acceptance of the little juke with the big voice. . . . Jimmy Johnson, Globe Distributing, reports the pleasing comments Vince Shay, Bell-o-Matic Corporation, has passed on to him about the new Lightning Changer. Vince's firm is national distributor for Jimmy's versatile coin unit, and Bell-o-Matic's regional distributors in turn talk up the new



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changer. Globe's electric coin counter is tripping the sales scales for a good measure of orders, too, Jimmy adds.

New Vendall Company sales manager, William F. Fuller, is striking out on some original promotion odeas of his own, President A. Garrick Alex states. Fuller, who took over the position when Bert Riel resigned recently, was with the Victor Adding Machine Company before joining Vendall about a year ago. Alex says the firm's new candy carrying tray is being well received by operators.

Perry Rose, of Robot Sales, Maywood, Ill., specializes in industrial locations for his candy venders, but says the battery of machines in a local hardware store is proving to be a good coin catcher. . . Adolph Raymond, A & M Music, reports his previously hinted "play promotion gimmick" for his juke box locations is now out . . it hasn't as yet been identified with him, tho. By next week he states he will have some detailed information to give on the whole idea. 'It's the answer to an operator's need for a play-booster," Raymond avows.

William W. Rabin. National Filben Corporation president, back in town after a plane trip to Miami where he signed the Shayne Dixie Music Company as Filben rep for Florida, Cuba and South America, is staying in Chicago until Sunday (25) when he and Sam Drucker take off for Minneapolis to attend the Four States meet. Sam reports Filben headquarters will be at the Radisson Hotel during the two-day convention Monday and Tuesday.

Jack Nelson, of Jack Nelson Company, is the bearer of a double portion of good news this week. Jack says that his coinman friend, Lou Cassola, of Rockford, Ill., became a two-time daddy Friday (16) when his wife presented him with twin boys. Lou, who is well known as the major domo of Cassola Coin Machine Distributing Company, Rockford, reports that mother, both babies and himself are getting along fine. Seems that Jack won a bet with Lou; he wagered that that Lou would become the father of twins.

the father of twins. John Neise, sales manager for O. D. Jennings, reports that trade is brisk at the house of Jennings. Recent firm visitors include Fred Anderson, and Phil Burgeson, who was in from his Iowa territory. Phil reports that his uncle, Fritz Burgeson, who handles Jennings products in Northern Illinois, is feeling much better these days following a lengthy illness. Neise also proudly reported that his favorite son is getting to be quite a lad. Firm made four important appointments last week. (See separate story, this issue.)

H. T. Larrimore, head of Kalva Venders, got back from a brief out of town trip April 23. . . . Sudden death of Joe Calcutt in Fayetteville, N. C., was the sign for prominent old time commen to bombard all of The Billboard's offices with wires and phone calls reporting the sad incident. Calcutt, whose firm is the Vending Company, was well liked thruout the trade for being a pioneer, and staunch battler for commen's rights.

Vic Johnson, sales manager for the J. W. Coan Manufacturing Company, Madison, Wis., reports that the firm expects to deliver its first production line output of cigarette venders in the early part of June. Vic says it was thought that the recent coal strike would cause some delay in the long awaited vender, but action this week on coal and steel have made the outlook very promising.

Marvel Manufacturing's sales manager, D. A. Wallach, left by plane for Minneapolis to attend the 14th annual Northwest Regional Convention at the Radisson Hotel. The four-State event was just the beginning of a busy week for Wallach, for after the show he left (See CHICAGO on page 124)



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The Billboard

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Chicago:

(Continued from vage 123) for brief stops in Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis before getting back to the Marvel plant. Wallach, and Ted Rubenstein, Marvel president, are singing a merry tune over the recorders on their latest five-ball game, Leap Year.

Clarence Bayne, U. S. Vending Corporation, is another prominent coinman who believes that present equipment prices will prevail for an extended period tho some supplies may drop in price later in the year. He says that people in any business needing equipment are better off buy-ing it now — while they are still young—rather than waiting for the eventual day when some prices do come down.

Lindy Force and Monte West were scheduled to represent AMI at the four-State convention in Minneapolis Monday and Tuesday (26-27). Force, and John Haddock, AMI president, just completed a whirlwind tour of the South and Southwest. They called on coinmen in Memphis; Jackson, Miss.; New Orleans, Dallas and Fort Worth. Lindy claims that the trip will prob-ably result in some important distribu-tor appointments. While in Jackson, the two AMI officials called on Les Griffin, head of Griffin Distributing, who is recuperating from serious injuries sustained in a recent auto acci-Force claims that Griffin looks dent. exceptionally well considering what he has been thru. Joe Caldron, also of AMI, reports the sad news that his mother passed away last week.

Herman Duenisch, Duenisch Music, Inc., is back on the job again after being a hospital patient. His music operation thruout DuPage County, with headquarters in Glen Ellyn, Ill., has shown a trend to increased play during the last few weeks, Herman reports. With the warm weather out-ings and additional motor traffic on all highways during summer months, play will climb to a more satisfactory level soon, he feels.

Al Stern, president of World Wide Distributors, Inc., is justly proud of his son. Mark, who is displaying some prodigious athletic prowess as a student at Senn High School. Scholastically, he has made the honor society and plans to become an M. D. after gradu-ating. Al reports World Wide activity is running high and looks for a good summer.

Clarence Bayne, United States Vending Corporation executive, re-turned to the city last week after traveling thru the southern part of country. However, the stay at home was brief, for Clarence was scheduled to lazve over the week-end to attend was brief, for Clarence was scheduled to leave over the week-end to attend the four-State convention in Minne-apolis Monday and Tuesday. Inci-dentally, the firm has issued a multi-colored brochure on its air-condi-tioned candy vender that has caused a considerable amount of comment around the country around the country.

Chicago firms played host to several viistors from the East last week. Joe Ash, head of the Active Amusement Machines Company in Philadelphia. visited the United Manufacturing Company headquarters to look over the firm's new game, Wisconsin. Another visitor from the East was Joe Stella, vell-known coinman in New York and Philadelphia.

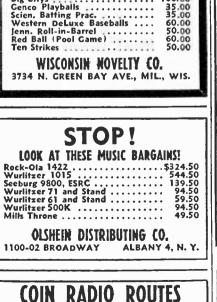
Bally Manufacturing Company chalked up a number of names on the visit list this past week. Herb Jones gave the hello to. among others, Ben Becker, Ben Becker Sales Corpora-tion, New York; Virgil Christopher, Chris Novelty Company, Baltimore, and Lee Moore and W. R. Cowan, both from Fort Worth.

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(Continued from page 122) (Continued from page 122) clothesmen approach. As they flashed their badges and wrote out a sum-mons, he said wryly: "Well, I almost beat you to it."

Bob Fletcher, president and general sales manager of the All-American Electric Corporation, spent a few days in town last week as he closed a deal with Sam Sacks to handle his firm's shoeshine machine. Fletcher, who is in the middle of an extensive tour to set up distribution outlets, heads for Florida next week before returning to cover New England.

Sam Waldor, president of the Mu-sic Guild of America (MGA), is cir-cularizing music ops in Northern New Jersey pointing out the benefits of MGA membership. . . . Max Levine, prexy of the Scientific Machine Cor-poration, was in Philly Thursday (22) in connection with his new game, Pitch 'Em and Bat 'Em. . . . Max Weiss, of Brooklyn's Roni Sales, hints at an important announcement to be made soon.

James Kendig, president of Eastern Engineering & Sales, Philly, reports that he has just signed up two dis-tributors to handle his ice cream vender, Kenro, in Massachusetts and New Jersey. Morris Nirenberg, of the Golden Meadow Ice Cream Company in West Medway, is Kenro distrib in Massachusetts, and Martin Elfenbein and Max Greenwald, in Passaic, will handle the vender in New Jersey.

Abe Benjamin, Massage - o - Mat exec, has put one of his coin-operated massage machines in the Mariano Beauty Salon on Broadway. He says he soon will announce his distribution policy for the new device. . . . Two who went south to Florida for short stays last week were Nat Cohn, of Modern Music Sales, and Sal Trella, of Elkay Amusement Company.

The firm of Banner & Grief, who have been active in publicizing not only coin machine accounts, but who also are the leading trade show public relations team in this area, have moved from their Madison Avenue offices to the penthouse in the Fiske Building at 250 West 57th Street, the same building that houses the Drink-products.

Detroit:

(Continued from page 122) briefly at Cleveland when accidental-ly hit in the eye with an umbrella which broke his glasses and caused cuis over one eye.

Lewis Heidenfelder and Vaughn J. Roney are going into business as the Wayne Coin Machine Company at 11831 Kilbourne Avenue. . . George Hellmuth reports production set to start May 15 on Training Device's new Quizzer at full scale. Production for the first two months has been presold, Hellmuth claims. . . . Carl An-gott has set up a new record departgott has set up a new record depart-ment with pick-up music service for operators. . . Vic Christopher, of Enterprise Novelty Company, Albion music operating firm, was a Motor City visitor last week.

William Hall has been doing a strong selling job of Tradio coin radios in Southeastern Michigan. . . Charles F. Andrews out on the road constantly in recent weeks handling sales and and delivery of the new Packard Man-hattans in up-State towns. . . . Ruth Wallis, DeLuxe recording artist, and her husband and manager, Hy Pastman, were recent visitors, for a second time, to the Angott Sales shop.

John Lotus, salesman for the King-Pin Distributing Company, has left for the summer to manage an arcade at a lake near Lansing, but will re-turn to the company in the fall. Hazel Richlin, branch manager for King-Pin, is planning to expand the office-staff. Dale Sauve, of A. P. Sauve & Son, reports sales slowing down in both new and used amusement equip-ment. Arthur P. Sauve, founder of the firm, is due back soon from a six-week Florida vacation. . . Wil-ton W. Minto Jr., has taken over the Band Box Music Company, and is es-tablishing new headquarters on Long-fellow Avenue. John Lotus, salesman for the Kingfellow Avenue.

O-Mat and the Coin-Metered Washing Machine Operators' Association headquarters. Jack Banner and Ed Grief will handle the International Store Modernization Show to be held





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Operators Beset by Slumps Still Avoid Self - Plugging

(Continued from page 121) take the time to do the job right. But the story in a larger operating company is quite different.

In large outfits, according to op-erators here, the serviceman is usually charged with handling the poster duties. He is often in a hurry, and can not spend more time in any one location that is absolutely necessary. Shuffling records to correspond with the posters is time consuming, so in some cases he doesn't bother. This, of course, defeats one of the main purposes of the poster, which is to inform the player at a glance of the proper button for the tune he wants to hear. Steinberg pointed out that if route-

men were fully informed on the im-portance of the poster and the record positions, they would realize that it is a measure of hypoing the take, and if the man is on a commission basis, it will be reflected in higher earnings

over a period of time. According to the MGA executive, revenue has been down since the first of the year in this area. Higher operating costs are one of the most important factors in this situation, but fewer hit records, said Steinberg, have also had an effect on the overall play.

There have been spurts of operator promotions in this area, the latest

N. C., Ga. Expect Tourist Influx (Continued from page 107)

the defense program. In North Carolina, a gas shortage is not slowing down plans of hun-dreds of resort operators. They say if the shortage does not materialize, they will realize one of their biggest seasons.

According to hotel and motor court owners in a seven-county area west of Asheville, the summer tourist trade has already started and is at a good level. All counties in the State report additional hotels and tourist

report additional hotels and tourist courts, recently completed, ready to receive the flood of expected vaca-tionists as the summer advances. In Swain County, on the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, resort operators are "fairly bursting with enthusiasm about the possibilities for the tourist season." It is stated that as many tourist courts and other facilities are being built in this county as in the other six counties combined. In recognition of the value of tour-

six counties combined. In recognition of the value of tour-ist business, North Carolina's Gover-nor Cherry, at a conservation board meeting last week, went on record as stating that "many people in our in-dustrial and agricultural regions do not know the value of the tourist trade, but it is a business that has been a valuable sustainer of numer-ous communities." He urged greater development of the State's tourist trade. trade.

Georgia tourist income for 1948, according to a forecast recently by Erle Cocke Jr., of the State Agricul-tural and Industrial Development Board, would reach \$105,622,240. He based his estimate on a study just completed by the Highway Depart-ment Division of Planning. This survey indicated that 193,000 more out-of-State cars would come thru Georgia in 1948 than during 1947. Those communities in the State that are "alert and prepared to satis-factorily accommodate" the expected visitors will benefit from this huge Georgia tourist income for 1948.

factorily accommodate" the expected visitors will benefit from this huge vacation-born spending, Cocke said. Along this line, he added that the board is awarding special merit cita-tion for tourist facilities meeting such maniferations. specifications.

undertaken by Bernie Blacher, who recently conceived a novel tie-in be-tween his juke boxes and his locatween his juke boxes and his loca-tions. Blacher tested his plan when the Three Suns made a personal appearance here. He had a number of signs run off on a silk screen process, then pasted in an 8 by 10 photo of the Suns on each poster, and finished them off by having the loca-tion name hand-painted on each poster. poster.

Blacher reported that many loca-tions that maintain a strict policy against the use of any type of poster in their establishment, made an ex-ception in this case, mainly due to the fact that it included their name.

"This sturt proved to be an excel-lent booster of good will among my accounts," said Blacher, "and in gen-eral, it is a good ad for the juke box business as well."

Chicago

Operators here, in many cases, attempt self-promotional programs, with usually successful results. Among the more recent was the "tailored service" program developed by the A. A. Swing Time Music Com-pany (*The Billboard*, March 27) and a preventative reconditioning pro-gram set up by Melody Music (*The Billboard*, April 17). Each of these promotions has jumped takes con siderably, and has paid off for the operator since its inauguration.

A promotion that is just developing here, and one that is just develop-ing here, and one that is expected to be pushed nationally, is tied in with a song written especially for juke box play, and called *Juke Box Jamboree*. Recordings of the tune are expected out shortly, and ops believe the lyr-ics, tailored to increase play, will be a helpful promotion in their locations. a helpful promotion in their locations. In Cleveland, a Hit Tune of the Month promotion, which has been reported in *The Billboard*, has been paying off for ops over a long period of time, and the pattern has been picked up by other associations thru-out the country. The Ohio State Automatic Phonograph Operators' Association has long been promotion Automatic Phonograph Operators' Association has long been promotion minded, its latest program tying in with the American Cancer Society drive for funds.

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(Continued from page 108) hearing is set for April 26. Altag said a request would be made Altagen of said a request would be made or the court to continue the case until the matter of appeal is determined. The game in question, Altagen said, is a Pokerino. Roper said that taxes are still being collected and licenses paid on such

Roper sale that taxes are still being collected and licenses paid on such equipment that may be picked up by police and the operator arrested under \$500 bail. It was pointed out that bail recently was increased from \$100 to \$500\$100 to \$500. In staging the demonstration,

the In staging the demonstration, the operators had on display, in addition to Bing-a-Roll and Total-Roll, Box Score and Pokerino. A pinball game, not operable within the city and county limits, was placed in the dis-pay to show the obvious difference between the two types of machines.

ICC PERMITS

(Continued from page 107) total shipments. The only instances where firms send a particularly heavy quantity of coin shipments by rail is over the long haul, such as coast-to-coast or from the North to the Deep South. On this basis, the advances in freight rates is more likely to af-fact West Coast manufacturers. fect West Coast manufacturers ship the preponderance of their out-put to Eastern markets—or other coin machine manufacturers who are situated any great distance from their principal markets and therefore use rail freight for the shipment of their wares.

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Gottlieb & Co. **In Production On New 5-Ball**

CHICAGO, April 24 .--- D. Gottlieb & Company is now in full production on its new five-ball game, Jack 'n' Jill, Alvin Gottlieb announced this week. In addition to several new play and scoring highlights, game features a bottom "tilt" mechanism.

Scoring features of the new Gottlieb product include two entirely independent sequence series, three pairs of flipper bumpers, two roll-over buttons which are actually the eyes of a nursery rhyme face painted on the game's playfield, three kick - out pockets and three roll-over switches that offer replay possibilities if the player has first skillfully completed sequence scoring leading to the spot-"Jill" as it appears on the scoreboard. Player can score up to 200,000 addi-tional points if he successfully builds up the bonus scoreboard to 100,000 points, can spot the word "Jack" and also get a ball in the bonus kick-out pocket. Placing a ball in the latter hole transfers bonus points from the bonus scoreboard to the main scoreboard.

Several Chances

Players of Jack 'n' Jill have several chances of getting a winning score. One method would be to hit bumpers "J" and "K" (both located at the top "J" and "K" (both located at the top left and right of the playfield) and also bumpers "A" and "C" (top center of playfield). Completion of this se-quence sets up a roll-over switch lo-cated between bumpers "A" and "C" for replays. Second way player may run up a high score is guide a ball in kick-out pockets "J" and "I" (lo-cated toward the bottom of the new game's playfield) and also hit bumpers "L" and "L" (lower left and right of playfield). A ball going thru two roll-over switches at either side of roll-over switches at either side of the game's mid-playfield will also spot "1" and "J" on the scoreboard. Each time the player hits any of the lettered bumpers the main.score ad-vances 10,000 points. Game also has a 50,000-point bumper in the mid-play-field field.

Each time the player hits the rollover buttons on the game the bonus advances 10,000 points up to a maxi-mum of 100,000 points. However, if the player can get the J-a-c-k se-quence before putting a ball in the bonus kick-out pocket he gets double the score that appears on his bonus scoreboard.

Mystery Feature

Another strong play feature of the new flipper-action game includes its mystery scoring feature. This is built around the two roll-over switches that spot "I" and "J" on the score-board. If the player runs a ball thru these roll-over swhen they are life these roll-overs when they are lit he receives a free play.

While the game has a side conven-tional tilt mechanism, the firm's newly developed bottom tilt should prove a welcome feature to operators who have watched their players contin-ually hitting the bottom of games, sometimes resulting in damage to the equipment. Bottom tilt will go into action if the player hits the bottom of the game even slightly.

Jack 'n' Jill game lights up portions Jack 'n' Jill game lights up portions of the nursery rhyme of the same name as the player's score advances. With each new portion of the rhyme the two central figures of the story gradually advance (in animated lights) up the hill with their pro-verbial pail of water.

Gottlieb officials also announced that first deliveries on the new five-ball game have already begun.

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127 **COIN MACHINES** State Tax Calendar **New Mexico** May 1: Franchise tax due. May 15: Occupational gross income tax report and payment due. May 25: Use or compensating re-port and payment due. New York May 15: Franchise (income) tax re-turn and first installment. North Carolina May 15: Sales tax report and pay-ment due. Use tax report and payment due. North Dakota May 10: Cigarette distributors' re-NOW \$150.00 port due. Ohio 5c-10c-25c ROL-A-TOP May 10: Cigarette wholesalers' re-ports due. BELLS May 15: Cigarette use tax and report due. The Above Prices Are Net F. O. B. Chicago Oklahoma May 10: Cigarette wholesalers, re-WATLING MFG. CO. tailers and vending machine owners' reports due. 4650 W. Fulton St. CHICAGO 44, ILL. May 15: Sales tax report and pay-ment due. Tobacco wholesalers, jobbers and warehousemen's reports Est. 1889-Tel.: COLumbus 2770 Cable Address "WATLINGITE," Chicago due. May 20: Use tax report and payment due. PHONOGRAPH BARGAINS! Pennsylvania May 10: Soft drinks tax report due. May 15: Employers' return of tax, WURLITZER 616'8 WURLITZER 24'5 WURLITZER 500'8 WURLITZER 850'8 SEEBURG CADET, E.S.R.C. \$ 39.5 withheld at the source under Phila-delphia income tax law, due. 185.00 115.00 **Rhode Island** RACE HORSE CLASS For ADVANCE ROLL \$10.00 ea. May 1: Franchise tax report for the calendar year due. Income tax report and payment for the calendar 1/3 Deposit, Balance C. O. D. HUB year due. DISTRIBUTING CO. 632 Tenth Ave., cor. 45th St. New York 19, N. Y. Circle 6-9570 May 20: Sales and use tax return and payment due. Tennessee May 20: Sales and use tax report and payment due. WANT TO BUY Texas May 1: Franchise tax calendar. BALLY TRIPLE BELLS "DRAW BELLS, Regular "DRAW BELLS, DeLuxe "VICTORY DERBYS "VICTORY SPECIALS "ENTRYS KEENEY BONUS SUPER "BONUS TWIN MILLS MINT VENDORS Utah May 15: Sales tax return and pay-ment due. Use tax return and payment due. Virginia May 1: Individual income tax return due. Phone for Quick Action or Send List. Washington EMPIRE COIN MACH. EXCHANGE May 15: Gross income tax return and payment due. Sales tax report and payment due. Use tax report and payment due. Wholesalers' drop shipment reports due. 1012 Milwaukee Ave. CHICAGO, ILL. Phone: Everglade 2600 West Virginia May 15: Cigarette use tax report and payment due. Sales tax report SEE SPEEDWAY'S and payment due. Wisconsin May 10: Cigarette wholesalers' and manufacturers' reports due. **TELE-JUKE** Wyoming May 15: Sales tax report and pay-ment due. Use tax report and pay-Speedway Products, Inc. ment due. 502 W. 45 Street New York 19, N. Y. **Cortland Raises** LOngacre 5-0371 Al Bloom, President **Coin Game Tax** FOR SALE OR LEASE CORTLAND, N. Y., April 24.-_The **PENNY ARCADE** city council here this week increased POKERINOS SKEE ROLLS the license fee levied on operators of pinball games from \$200 to \$500. In the same action, location license fees were upped from \$10 to \$25 per machine displayed. Both increases go into effect May 1. All located in one building BOX 335, Palisade, N. J. WANTED It was reported that the council

also was preparing a tax schedule affecting juke boxes, pool rooms and bowling alleys.

Alabama

May 10: Tobacco stamp and use tax report and payment due. Tobacco wholesalers and jobbers reports due. May 20: Sales tax report and payment due.

Arizona May 15: Gross income report and payment due.

Arkansas

May 15: Income tax return, information return and first installment due.

May 20: Gross receipts tax report and payment due.

Colorado

May 1: Franchise tax due. May 14: Sales tax report and pay-ment due. Use tax report and payment due.

May 15: Denver sales tax report and payment due.

Florida May 10: Agents' and wholesalers' cigarette tax reports due.

Georgia

May 10: Cigar and cigarette whole-sale dealers' reports due.

Idaho May 15: Cigarette wholesalers' drop shipment reports due.

Illinois

May 15: Cigarette tax return due. Sales tax report and payment due. Indiana

May 10: Cigarette distributors' interstate business reports due.

May 15: Cigarette distributors' drop shipment reports due.

Kansas May 15: Compensating tax report

and payment due. May 20: Sales tax report and payment[°]due.

Kentucky

May 10: Amusement and entertainment report and tax due.

May 20: Cigarette wholesalers' reports due.

Louisiana May 1: Soft drinks tax report due. Tobacco tax report due.

May 15: Income tax return and first installment due. Soft drinks tax report due. Tobacco tax report due. May 20: New Orleans sales and use tax report and payment due. Sales and use tax report and payment due.

Maryland May 15: Sales and use tax report

and payment due. Massachusetts

May 20: Cigarette tax report and payment due.

Michigan

May 15: Sales tax report and pay-ment due. Use tax report and payment due.

May 20: Cigarette report and tax due.

Minnesota

May 20: Cigarette tax report and payment due. May 31: Royalty tax due (last day).

Mississippi

May 10: Admissions tax report and payment due.

May 15: Manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers of tobacco reports due. Sales tax report and payment due. Use tax report and payment due.

Missouri

May 3: Merchants' and manufac-turers' property tax returns due. May 31: Soft drinks manufacturers' reports and payment due.

Nebraska May 10: Cigarette distributors' reports due.

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Vender Reprint

CHICAGO, April 24.—Coffee venders were the subject of a reprint feature story in the current issue of *Reader's Digest*, taken from *Forbes* magazine, when the history and develop-ment of Rudd-Melikian, Inc. Philadelphia, was described. Firm's founders, Lloyd Rudd and Cy Melikian, came in for detailed mention during article's description of the coffee vender, its operation and production.

Joe Calcutt Passes In Fayetteville, N. C.

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Town, W. Va., where he also operated bells. He continued his operations for a while then dropped out of the field for a year and resided in Philadelphia

He later re-entered the operating end of the business in Danville, Va. Then, after successfully building up the route he moved back to Fayette-ville, where he organized the Vending Machine Company, and again ex-panded the scope of his activities by becoming a distributor.

In December, 1938, Calcutt was appointed a member of the advisory committee of North Carolina for the New York World's Fair, the first member of the coin machine industry to be so honored.

Among the firms which Calcutt's firm represented were Mills, Bally. United, Buckley and practically every other major manufacturer in the in-dustry. A feature story in *The Ra-leigh News and Observer* in the summer of 1939, reported that the vend-ing machine company represented nine major manufacturers of the same type of equipment at the same time, a concession to the usual exclusive clauses demanded by the major producers.

Calcutt is survived by his widow, the former Margaret Melvin; two children, Mrs. E. G. Woods and Charles Calcutt, of Fayetteville; a brother, Edward J., of Fayetteville, and five sisters, Mrs. A. M. Smith, of this city; Mrs. N. J. Holder, Wilming-ton; Mrs. Leighton Williamson, Lum-berton; Mrs. Felton Baldwin. Raleigh, and Mrs. John C. Reece, Greensboro.

Boston Mayor Weighs Television Licenses

BOSTON, April 24.-Mayor Curley has indicated that Boston will impose a license fee on television sets when they are ultimately installed in hotels, they are ultimately installed in notels, cafes, taverns and other locations. He is not prepared to say what amount he has in mind, but says a new city ordinance calling for a \$12 fee a year on automatic devices will have to be revised when video sets begin operation.

In the meantime, the mad race on tele goes on in the Hub, with set manufacturers opening new show rooms daily.

New Pin, Juke Taxes Start in Pa. Borough

CARLISLE, Pa., April 24.—New taxes levying \$25 a year on each pinball machine and \$15 on each juke box in Carlisle Borough became effective April 15. In addition, a 10 per cent amusement tax, which ex-tends to taverns providing "live" mu-sic, was put into effect. The new taxes are in line with "home rule" legislation passed in 1947, under which municipalities thruout the State are authorized to levy a tax on anything not already taxed by the commonwealth.

Steel and Electrical **Components May Get** First Price Cutback

(Continued from page 107) dication that rising costs for some suppliers are being cut might lead to similar reductions for other types of materials used in the output of coin machines.

Third development, return of virtually 100 per cent of soft coal miners to the pits, in all probability greatly influenced the price reductions by both U. S. Steel and Westinghouse. Naturally, with the coal miners not producing coal them producing coal three was little if any chance of quantity production of steel. Only last week steel firms an-nounced that they were shutting down some of their blast furnaces because of depletion of their soft coal reserves.

Coin machine manufacturers, contacted immediately after the price re-ductions were made public, pointed out that while both moves were enout that while both moves were en-couraging there was little chance that prices on coin machines would be lowered because of them. They said that their current production is based on supplies purchased several months ago and added that any reductions on supplies brought on by the cut in costs of both steel and electrical compoof both steel and electrical compo-nents would probably not even be no-ticed until at least the end of the year. Even this optimistic note, the manufacturers explained, would have to be tempered by the fact that no further strikes or shortages in sup-plier industries develop.

Williams Starting **Delivery on 5-Ball**

(Continued from page 108) player skill and keep player interest until the final ball has dropped out of play.

Change Value

Change Value Once the player has succeeded in hitting bumpers 1 thru 4, at the top of the playfield, he receives 50,000 points on the main score board and 25.000 on his premium score board each time he later goes thru the roll-over switch under bumper 3 or drops in the kick-out pocket under bumpers in the kick-out pocket under bumpers numbered 1 and 2. If the player had not made the 1 thru 4 series he would have received but 5.000 points on the main score and 5,000 on premium score. Player can also make the 50,000 and 25,000-point combination by making the game 5 thru 8 bumper series. Making the latter bumper series will also light up a roll-over switch in the middle of the game's playfield and spot the 1 thru 4 series.

The center roll-over button of the new Williams game is worth 5,000 points on the main score and 5,000 points on premium score when not lighted. However, once the player hits all the numbered bumpers, this roll-over button changes to 50.000 points on the main score and an addi-tional 25,000 points for premium score.

Premium scoreboard on Virginia is set up in the shape of a wheel. Each marker is worth 5,000, and since there are 10 markers the top marker is 50,000. This premium score can be run up two times so that it is possible run up two times so that it is possible to have 100,000 points on the premium score at one time. Collection, or transfer to main scoreboard of the premium points is accomplished by getting a ball in the kick-out pocket in the center of the premium score markers. This pocket lights up when the 1 thru 8 series is made and when the 1 thru 8 series is made and when lit gives double premium score. Thus if the player has run up the 50,000-point cycle twice on the premium score and the player makes the 1 thru 8 bumper series, he can collect double premium or 200,000 points by putting a ball in the premium score kick-out pocket. kick-out pocket.

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DETROIT, April 24.—First unit of a complete laundry and cleaning service centering around a Jacobs Launder-All installation is being readied for opening on the west side of Detroit by John Milich under the name of Laund-Robot. The firm is located across the road from the Herman Gardens Housing Preject, a federal-aid development which which federal-aid development houses some 6,000 persons.

houses some 6,000 persons. Machines will be placed in bat-teries of four down the middle of the room—two pairs of two machines each placed back to back. The four machines approximate the maximum size desired by the average house-wife and are hooked up for complete off our discount as far as possible. self-sufficiency as far as possible. A drier is installed along the wall to operate in connection with each bat-tery, while an ironer is being installed toward the center of the room, also matched off, one to each battery of

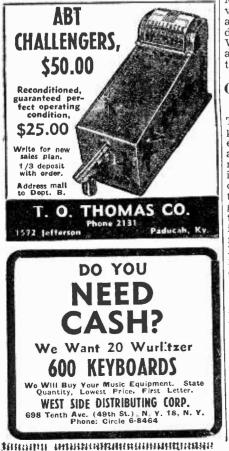
matched off, one to each battery of four machines. Special services will be an im-portant feature of the Laund-Robot development, including two extrac-tors designed to process flat work and similar laundry preparatory to ironing. A special cleaning sink will be installed for use with special stains and the like. Complete array of cleaning chemicals for extreme

of cleaning chemicals for extreme conditions will be an added feature. Another part of the store will be devoted to a regular cleaning branch devoted to a regular cleaning branch service, while a shirt ironing service will be provided at the rear. This, will permit women who are using the laundry section to turn the shirts over to the special ironer for finished shirt work.

shirt work. Milich, who was formerly with the United States Employment Service, is associated with his father in the ven-ture. He has designed and largely built the entire structure himself and plane it make first of a small plans to make it the first of a small chain of similar specialized laundry operations. Original installation will be manually controlled, but he plans to convert to coin control as the operation develops.

Set '49 Dairy Convention

CHICAGO, April 24.—National Dairy Council (NDC) will hold its 1949 annual meeting-winter confer-ence January 27-28 at the Hotel Rob-ert E. Lee in Winston-Salem, N. C.



Stresses Sanitation

CHICAGO, April 24.— National Confectioners' Association's (NCA) sanitation meeting held in the Fur-niture Club of America here last week drew approximately 113 persons employed by local confectionery firms, according to Charles F. Scully, chairman of the sanitary committee, who presided at the meeting.

who presided at the meeting. Scully, who spoke on Your NCA Sanitation Program during the meet-ing, was followed by M. R. Stephens, chief of Chicago station, Federal Food and Drug Administration, who dis-cussed Application of the Federal Food and Drug Act to Candy Manu-facturers; Zean Gassman, superin-tendent of division of foods and dairies, talking on Co-operation of State of Illinois With Candy Manu-facturers. and Dr. Timothy King, Chicago Board of Health, who cov-ered Basic Requirements of a Good Sanitation Program. Following the addresses, Gerald S.

Following the addresses, Gerald S. Doolin, NCA sanitation director, used a series of slide films to illustrate his talk on Sanitary Practices in Candy Plants. Doolin collected the pictures during his sanitation inspec-tion tours and thru the co-operation of private and official sources. Among the guests of honor were

Among the guests of honor were E. C. Muggenberg, sanitary advisory committeeman, Fischer Nut & Choco-late Company, St. Paul; Dr. Wilbur DuBois, head of the General Food Products Branch, QM Food & Con-tainer Institute, and L. D. Orringer, assistant superintendent Illinois Di-vision Reads and Divisios vision Foods and Dairies.

Package Producers Expect Biz Decline

NEW YORK, April 24.—American Management Association (AMA), holding that the packaging and pack-ing industries always have been an index of general business activity because their outlook reflects the ex-pectations of most other businesses, reported this week that a poll of these firms indicated a slight fall-off in business may be expected this fall business may be expected this fall or early 1949.

AMA revealed that two out of three AMA revealed that two out of three packaging and packing firms returned the above prediction. Survey cov-ered 182 leading firms in the \$6,500,-000,000 annual industry which pro-duces packaging machinery, 'equip-ment, materials, design and services. ment, materials, design and services. Most firms, however, stated that the volume of their sales would remain at present levels, while net profits dropped 15 per cent during the year. Within the next 10 years the pack-aging industry's sales are expected to increase as much as 30 per cent.

Calamia Renamed Chairman

WASLINGTON, April 24. — Retail Tobacco Dealers of America (RTDA) president, Eric F. Calamia, was re-elected vice-chairman of the retail advisory committee of the Depart-ment of Commerce at a recent mer-ing here. Calamia stated that the committee, tho having been in exis-tence less than a year, was making good progress. He added its value to retail trades as a liaison between independent retailers and the Com-merce Department would increase. merce Department would increase. Points of discussion during the meeting included export controls, retail cost surveys, retail statistics, census of business and government stockpiling.

Name Mission Dry Agent For New England Territory

HARTFORD, Conn., April 24. Harry L. Sunderlin has been named New England area representative for New England area representative for the Mission Eastern Sales Corpora-tion of Pittsburgh and New York, the authorized franchise agency of the Mission Dry Corporation, Los Angeles, it has been announced.

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Hartford Lions To Place Gum Venders

HARTFORD, April 24. — To raise money for underprivileged children and for the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, the Hartford Lions' Club started placement of ball gum ling machines here. The Lions has vending machines here. The Lions announced that the program calls for installation of some 270 machines. Charles L. Derrick, president of the club, said that locations had already been secured for that many venders.

Members of the club have been actively soliciting locations under the direction of Daniel Peloski, first vice-president. Peloski said the club eventually might place as many as 500 gum venders. Drive here was promoted with window displays.

Lions' Club officials said they will use money from the gum venders to purchase equipment for summer camps which are used by under-privileged children, and to aid the blind institute.

Omaha Officials Purchase Canada Dry Bottling Firm

OMAHA, April 24.—Police Com-missioner Harry Knudsen and Inmissioner Harry Knudsen and In-spector Henry Boesen have joined to buy the Sparkling Beverage Com-pany here, bottler of Canada Dry, from W. W. Carmichael, former member of the Nebraska Liquor Commission. City officials have formed the Canada Dry Bottling Company of Omaha. The firm's vol-ume was 100.000 cases last year. ume was 100,000 cases last year.

Knudsen said his brother-in-law, T. F. McGuire, will manage the business.

United Starts Deliveries on New 5-Ball

CHICAGO, April 24.-United Manufacturing Company is delivering its new five-ball game, Wisconsin, it was announced last week by firm officials. This is the first Uni⁴ -d game to fea-ture player-controlled kickers and a change-of-pace scoring of the bonus units

Now in full production, Wisconsin includes a center roll-over button which spells out the complete name of the game, automatically doubling the value of each bonus pocket. Too, with the name Wisconsin spelled out, advance bonus bumpers are stepped up to 25, instead of the usual 5. Total score possible on the game is 2 000 000 2.900.000.

The blue-red cabinet for the new game features a lake scene, with boats riding the waves. The multicolored glass background is illus-trated with a lakeshore scene, including boats on the water plus sun bathers.

Three bumpers at the top of the playboard contain the letters W, I and S respectively. When contacted, playboard contain the letters W, I and S respectively. When contacted, these lights go out. Other bumpers located on the playfield contain the balance of the letters in the game name. If the player fails to contact the center roll-over button, thereby spelling out the name at one time, he must hit the 9 bumpers containing the letters in the complete name to take advantage of the increased bonus scoring.

scoring. The player-controlled kickers (flip-pers) are located on the left and right hand sides of the playfield, approxi-mately one-third of the distance from the top. The kickers are controlled by a button on the side of the cabinet.

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(Continued from page 107) move coin-operated amusement ma-chines regardless of their legality" and further "threatened said location and further "threatened said location owners with prosecution for alleged trivial infractions of ordinances un-less the machines were removed from the place of business."

Requirements Met

According to the complaint, the machines meet every requirement of New York law. They have no free-play or prize features of any descripfor those purposes. Together with about 30 supporting affidavits from individuals in the in-

affidavits from individuals in the in-dustry, the complaint charged that Wallander repeatedly refused offers of the industry to submit to investi-gation and strict regulation. It was pointed out that the police depart-ment was furnished with lists of operators and distributors with an in-vitation that they investigate indi-viduals in the industry. An affidavit submitted to the court

An affidavit submitted to the court by Judge Rosenman stated that, after he had been retained by the com-plainants about April 2, he addressed letters to the police commissioner and to the commissioner of licenses. In his letter to Wallander he stated that distributors and manufacturers in the industry would "welcome any investi-gation" of its officers or directors gation" of its officers or directors and would be willing to bear the reasonable expenses of such a probe by the city.

Co-Operation Desired "They are most anxious," his letter reads, "to prevent any part of the industry from falling into the hands of racketeers or persons deemed un-desirable by the police department." Judge Rosenman's affidavit pointed out that he never received any reply out that he never received any reply

from License Commissioner Benjamin Fielding. However, he was invited to confer with Deputy Commissioner of Police Flath. At this meeting Judge Rosenman repeated the state-ments made in his letter and was told that he would hear from the commissioner. He never did.

The affidavit also stated that he thereafter made repeated telephone calls to the police commissioner, but was always told by his office that the commissioner was engaged else-where and would call back. He never where and would call back. He never

where and would call back. He never did, the complaint averred. Bert Lane, president of the Sea-board New York Corporation, in a separate affidavit charged the police department with "harassing and hounding" storekeepers by charging them with minor infractions of the city code. He recited details of the coin amusement business here, based on 15 years of experience, and de-clared that the harassing tactics fol-lowed Wallander's statement that the police had surveyed and approved 4,298 games.

Survey Results

The result of the survey, Wallander The result of the survey, Wallander is quoted as saying, was that the games "were solely for amusement" and "lacked the free play or prize features that characterized the ma-chines outlawed by the La Guardia administration." Lane cited one case in March of this year in which an engineer, with

Lane cited one case in March of this year in which an engineer, with 15 years' experience in the police department, testified for the city that a game did not have any free-play at-tachment, that it could not be readily convertible and concluded that it was therefore legal therefore legal. Other similar cases, where the find-

other similar cases, where the find-ings were that the games met re-quirements of New York law and which resulted in dismissals, were cited in the voluminous papers filed in the action.

in the action. Lane said that there were 22 job-bers and distributors in the city and about 250 operators, many of them veterans of the recent war. He added that there was free and open compe-tition at all levels of the industry, without any territorial jurisdiction or limitation. The police raids against pinball machines began late Saturday (17) afternoon and by the following Mon-day night resulted in 1,779 machines being picked up and 1,281 summonses issued to location owners. By Fri-day morning, after the police had extended the scope of their drive to include rolldowns, 1,906 games had been picked up and a total of 1,428 summonses issued. summonses issued.

Cases Postponed

Location owners, operators and a number of jobbers who received sum-monses and appeared in court this week had their cases postponed for two weeks or more at the request of the police department. They were charged with operating gambling de-vices.

vices. Commissioner Wallander, who early in the week stated that "25 per cent of those connected with the manufacture and distribution of pin-ball machines have police records," received a vigorous protest from Dave Gottleib, president of Coin Machine Industries, Inc. In a telegram to Wallander, Gott-leib said:

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leib said: "We distribute our products in ac-"We distribute our products in ac-cordance with the laws of this land and its 48 States. We are not in business to manufacture gambling de-vices, nor do we propose to have our products handled by hoodlums and racketeers racketeers.

"We assure you that if your de-partment is able to prove to our satis-faction that any operator or group of operators are racketeers, our mem-bers will see that games are not shipped or supplied to them."

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Forecast Cocoa Bean Crops In Western Hemisphere by '51

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Candy operators, manufacturers and whole-salers may look for a "deluge" of cocoa beans to take off the chocolate price and supply pinch as early as 1951, if plans of 22 U. S. manufac-turers, with the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations and the Pan American Union's Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Science, materialize, it was revealed here this week. Program calls for, eventually, a king-size cocoa crop grown in this hemisphere, as American chocolate makers are "tired of being pinched on supply of raw materials and forced to pay fantastic prices." Cocoa beans brought less than 5 cents per pound in 1939, jumped to a dime a pound during the war and then soared to a high of 54 cents in 1947; current price is approximately 36 cents per pound. According to one leading chocolate maker, altho some 672.000 pounds

According to one leading chocolate maker, altho some 672,000,000 pounds maker, altho some 672,000,000 pounds of cocoa beans were used last year in the United States, "the industry could have used at least 225,000,000 pounds more if this were available and the price right."

Creates Agent Because of the present tight supply and high price cocoa bean situation the chocolate industry has created, as an arm of the Association of Cocoa as an arm of the Association of Cocoa and Chocolate Manufacturers (ACCM), the American Cocoa Re-search Institute, with headquarters in Washington. The institute, start-ing with a "modest \$50,000 to carry the production torch," according to its director, Leonard J. Schwartz, will prorate the cost of the project among member firms on basis of the volume of cocoa beans they process. volume of cocca beans they process. First attempt to bring cocca bean crops to "doorstep availability" basis

Tobacco Acreage Off By 19 Pct. From '47

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Prospec-WASHINGTON, April 24.—Prospec-tive tobacco acreage this year is 19 per cent below 1947 and 6 per cent below the 1947 goal, the Agriculture Department reported last week. According to a department survey, 1,528,000 acres will be harvested this year as compared with 1,875,000 acres in 1947 The 1948 goal set by Agri-

in 1947. The 1948 goal set by Agri-culture late last year was 1,632,000 acres.

Big Stores Volume Sales Up Tho Transactions Dip

NEW YORK, April 24. — Depart-ment store sales volume, a good indi-cation of general business conditions, increased from \$2,182,074,000 in 1946 to \$2,265,349,000 in 1947 (an \$83,275,-000 increase), according to a report by the controllers' congress of the National Retail Dry Goods Associa-tion (NRDGA) Monday (22). While the volume of sales last year was 4 per cent greater than those in

was 4 per cent greater than those in 1946, the number of transactions in 1947, fell off to 95 per cent of those for 1946, James J. Kavanagh, general manager of the controllers' congress, revealed. He stated that these figures, were the result of reports from 182 department stores grossing over \$1,000,000 each annually. It was found that while the average in-dividual sales in 1946 was \$4.14, those

dividual sales in 1946 was \$4.14, those for last year were \$4.46. However, it was found that stores, while making a 5.2 per cent net profit, after taxes, on their 1946 sales vol-ume, made only a 4.17 per cent profit for 1947. This was a decline of 21 per cent in net profits on last year's sales from the 1946 level.

centered in Costa Rica. Research there has already resulted in new pest and disease controls, and pro-duction and harvesting methods are being improved. This program of cocoa production has as its objective a three point tayrotic renduction of a three-point target; production of more cocoa beans of better quality

more cocoa beans of better quality on less land at lower cost; encourage production on suitable land in new areas; train students to promote economic betterment of the industry in all Latin-American countries. Among the new sites for cocoa bean production is the Tobasco re-gion in Mexico. Director Schwartz states that this region has the neces-sary acreage, growing conditions and labor supply to produce about 225,-000,000 pounds of cocca beans an-nually. nually.

nually. Altho Great Britain, via its African Gold Coast acreage, and Brazil pro-duce about 60 per cent of the world's cocoa bean crop, and France and the Dominican Republic total an addi-tional '25 per cent, all research de-velopments made by the institute will also be made available to these countries. According to a spokesman for the institute, "... we are pri-marily interested in sharply expand-ing production of cocoa beans. When

marily interested in sharply expand-ing production of cocoa beans. When this occurs, it will automatically take care of the price we pay irrespective of what foreign government controls how much cocoa." Dwelling on the present price tag on cocoa, one chocolate processor commented: "If the price decides to swing back to 50 cents, the current world crop (about 1.4 billion pounds) may turn out to be a surplus."

C - 8 Laboratories Keynotes Youth in **New Bedford Plant**

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 24.— The maxim that life begins at 40 holds little truth for three young chaps who help guide the destiny of C-Eight Laboratories, producers of the Electro cigarette vending ma-chine. Anthony Caruso, 24; Joseph Festa. 22, and Ugo Bottini, 26, are potent factors in the rise of C-Eight, and already occupy important posi-tions in the electric vending machine industry. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 24. industry.

Anthony, son of Mario Caruso, founder and owner of C-Eight, is vice-president, treasurer and plant manager, and upon his young shoulders rests the entire responsibility for internal plant operation. His job is to see that production schedules are met, quotas are filled and production models of the Electro vender main-

models of the Electro vender main-tain the quality standards set by the original machines. His production know-how was in-herited. His father, Mario, arriving in this country as a cabin boy aboard an Italian steamer, took his first job here as an apprentice for the Lionel Train Company. His rise in the company was rapid and, before he resigned three years ago to form C-Eight, he was the firm's general manager, secretary-treasurer and principal stockholder. Joe Festa is one of the youngest plant engineers in the United States. After serving in the navy as an elec-

plant engineers in the United States. After serving in the navy as an elec-tronic technician's mate, he joined C-Eight as a mechanical draftsman. His engineering skill was apparent and in a short while he was promoted to plant engineer, with the responsi-bility of tools and parts design. Ugo Bottini heads C-Eight's prod-uct design department. A graduate of Naples Electrical Engineering School, he saw war service with Yank and English torpedo squadrons.

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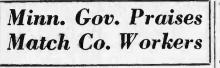
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Deck of Cards With the allegorical ma-	72	72	2 7	2	72	PLOWBOYS (Victor 20-2806) Texarkana Baby					Rhythm version of the oldie makes for just an ordinary hunk of wax.	63	62	60	67	ing. Ork arrangement weak.				
terial already riding high, this version is good enough to slice off some						Easy going Eddy on per- fectly suited material.	89	89	89	89	Clinging Vine Good rhythm ditty which	75	79	74	73	IRVING FIELDS (The Campos Trio)				
of the coin. Conversation With a	71	70	70		72	Bouquet of Roses Only with a couple of scents,	65	65	60	70	is well handled vocally and instrumentally.					(Victor 26-9031) Cuban Boogie Showy Fields' 88-ing of	81	83	79	80
Mule Another recital with or- gan by a "mystery art-						RED FOLEY-THE					ALBERTA HUNTER (Decca 48066)				-	guaracha with a boogie beat. Pianist comes up				
ist" is good for some homespun yocks.				1		CUMBERLAND . VALLEY BOYS (Decca 46126)					Fine and Mellow Billie Holiday's fine blues	63	63	64	62	with vricky and different runs in usual flashy mode.				
CARSON ROBISON AND HIS PLEASANT						Don't Make Me Go to Bed and I'll Be Good	85	85	84	85	is done lustily by Alberta Hunter; fair accompani- ment.		-			Malaguena Lecuona penned standard	77	78	76	76
VALLEY BOYS (MGM 10173)						Effective tear-jerk Foley styling of folk fave. Warbler throws in some	00				Chirpin' the Blues Original blues with lyric	52	50	51	55	dressed up in restrained Fields fashion, swinging from slow bolero to up				
The Midnight Express A folk lament that's bet-	72	74	7	3 6	59	well - delivered sorrow - patter.					deriving from here, there and most everywhere.					tempo beat near disk's end.				
ter and more intelligent than most,	71	77			, ,	I'm Waltzing With a Broken Heart Slow, schmaltzy Foley	78	78	78	78	LEM JOHNSON (Decca 48063)					ANSELMO SACASAS ORK				
Hold Your Hat Lively philosophical dit- ty which is well deliv-		72		,	`	disking of hill waitz.					Going Down Slow Morbid, heavy blues chant.	51	47	50	57	(Ruben Gonzalez) (Victor 23-0198)				
ered.						HIS MUSICAL MILLERS					Candy Blues Lighter but lyrically	52	47	52	57	El Hijo De Chencha (Son of Chencha)	75	74	77	74
SHERIFF TOM OWEN AND HIS COWBOYS (Mercury 6086)						(Decca 46128) Answer To Drivin' Nails				Ì	weaker blues.					Tasty, smooth Sacasas orking of moderate paced guaracha. Okay Gonzalez				
(mercury 6000) Just Because (Bub Goodwick)	69	69	69	7	70	in My Coffin Estes and gang carouse thru hill novelty-lament,	73	76	71	76	WINI SCOTT (Super Disc 1059), So Tired					and ork vocal. Cielita (My Love)	73	71	75	"7 A
Cowboy rendition of the song which seems to be						Backing features har- monicas and accordion.					Poor song, poor perform- ance.	32	30	30	37	Sacasas ork and Gon- zalez have gay time			,	**
growing in national stat- ure, My Darling, Tell Me	71	72	70		,,	<i>New Filipino Baby</i> Novelty follow-up of "Filipino Baby" folk fave.	78	80	75	79	Don't Stop Rhythm item fairs con- siderably better; contains	65	60	66	68	carousing thru another guaracha.			}	
True (Arkansas Jim-Trio)				1		Competent twangy Estes piping and band instru- mental antics.					couple of typical race disk insinuations which					PEDRO VARGAS (Victor 23-0804)				
Plaintive cowboy ballad which listens easily.						EDDIE HAZELWOOD	1			1	SLIM GAILLARD TRIO					Te He De Querer Full romantic Vargas	57	51	51	59
BOB HARTER-THE RANCH BOYS				-		(Decca 46129) Texarkana Baby Western rhythm ditty	76	79	74	76	(Slim Gaillard) (MGM 10164)					chanting over tired sounding Mexican orking, Cancion Mixteca	62	60	57	59
(Dana 4001) Lulu	63	60	60		58	rendered in deliberate, restrained tempo. Pleas-					Money, Money, Money Gaillard calypso style	78	77	76	82	Vargas' dramatic tonsils ably entwine about south-				
Novelty for the cowboy field which comes off		ļ				ant Hazelwood piping. Indiana Waltz Typical folk-waltz effort	75	77	73	74	with novelty which may find juke coin. The Hogan Song					of-the-border tune.			Í	
only so-so. Beyond the Purple Hills Trite cowboy ballad; poor	36	35	35	5 J	88	with ingredients consist- ing of soft warbling, fid- dle and guitar.					Silly novelty which misses fire after inter-	64	63	62	67	(Mariachi Guitron) (Peerless 2711)				
vocal.						RACE					4 STEPS OF JIVE					Con Mi 30-30 Spanish folk stuff which	52	51	52	53
ART GIBSON (Mercury 6103)	55	55	53	8 5	58	THE RAVENS (National 9039)	.				(Chord 656) Brown Gal	20	2.5			doesn't excite. La Embarcacion	47	50	44	48
Gambling Blues Unimpressive folk blues with fair delivery,						For You Rhythm vocal of the w.	80	82	77	82	(Benny Calloway) Interesting singing style but that song. Hey-	39	35	31	46	More of the same even less impressive.				
I Don't Want You Now Gibson makes a fair ef-	60	62	58	8 6	50	k. oldie different enough to make race box coin click.					nothin'. Oshkosh-Bob-a-Losh	20	20	27	~ ~	CHUY REYES ORK (Capitol 15067)				
fort at telling why he doesn't want his girl now.						Searching for Love Slow ballad effort hasn't the effectiveness of top-	67	66	66	69	HADDA BROOKS TRIO	27	28	21	32	Rhumba Boogie Unusual pairing of eight-	86	88	33	86
ROBERT LUNN AND						side.					(Modern 158) In a Shanty in Old					to-the-bar with rhumba rhythm; excellent Reyes keyboarding.				
HIS TALKING BLUESBOYS						NELLIE LUTCHER (Capitol 15064)					Shanty Town Brooks' piano tackles oldie instrumentally with-	45	42	45	48	Rhythm Rhapsody Resembles "Rhumba	80	82	78	80
(Mercury 6104) I Want Some Candy	66	70	60	6	59	Come and Get It, Honey Nellie in top form for a cleanup at race loca-	87	87	86	88	out style of purpose. The Best Things in Life					R h a p s o d y" featuring more flashy Reyes piano.				
There's a smile or two in this novelty side.						tions; great rhythm ac- companiment.	87	87	85	88	Are Free Hadda sings the revived oldie okay; disking is	57	56	53	61	ANGELILLO (Victor 38628)				
Yodeling Blues Practically nothing here .	40	39	39	9 4	13	He Sends Me Same comment as above disk is great two-sided					much too late to cash in on song tho.					Casa Cuna (Nino Posadas)	57	57	58	56
LINN BURTON (Universal U-114)						buy for ops.					DINAH WASHINGTON- COOTIE WILLIAMS					Vocal with guitar of a Spanish ballad.		EE		~~
Letter to Mother Dramatic narrative tribute to Mom ef-	88	89	87	8	39	LIL GREEN ORK (Victor 20-2809) Lonely Woman	55	58	52	55	ORK (Mercury 8082)					Juan Palomo More Spanish stuff with ork assisting in livelier	22	22	55	22
fective and sincere. Deck of Cards	73	75	70	7 ס	15	Mis Green's a fine singer but material hampers					I Want To Cry Mediocre ballad sung and	64	66	63	64	tempo.			1	
Palatable version of homespun religious alle- gory.		}				here. Aggravatin' Papa	59	59	57	61	played well. <i>Resolution Blues</i> Dinah sings the blues	76	79	73	75	CLASSICAL & SEM	II-CL	ASSI	CAL	
TEX WILLIAMS AND						Slightly but not much better.					a deptly with Cootle growling superbly behind her lyricizing.					JOSEPH FUCHS	{			
HIS WESTERN CARAVAN						ROSE MURPHY (Majestic 1219) Wishing	78	79	77	78	INTERNAT		/			(Macklin Marrow-The MGM String Ork) (MGM 30063)			-	
(Capitol Americana 40109)	75	77	7-	- 1	,,	The Chi - Chi chick tackles another oldie					EDDIE GRONET ORK (Apollo 179)					Intermezzo Solid fiddling of the	70	73	72	64
Suspicion (Tex Williams-Trio) Westernized version of	/ [/]					with loads of rhythm and vocal stunts.	00	00	00	88	(Apollo 179) Long Island Polka Sprightly polka in the	67	65	67	69	pretty piece featured in the soon to be revived pic.				
Ray Noble novelty. Just fair,			({		Time on My Hands If pressed and distrib- uted this may well be a	00	88	00	00	Polish tradition.	72	75	70	75	Lotus Land Pretty Scott - Kreisler	74	82	78	63
Flo From St. Joe, Mo. (Tex Williams-Quartet) Less labored better Tex	79	81	77	7 7	79	hit—amusing and still makes musical horse- sense.					Melodic polka should find much favor among polka fanciers.					item which is handled well by Fuchs and the ork.				د.
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CLOQUET, Minn., April 24.—Diamond Match Company employees at firm's plant here have been commended by Gov. Luther Youngdahl for their campaign to reduce traffic accidents and forests fires.

The workers are taking it upon themselves to attach reflectors on bicycles to prevent night accidents. They have also affixed traffic safety labels on match boxes, urging "Save 400 lives—399 and yours," and tagged match containers with other slogans warning against carelessness in timberlands.

Wyo. Bottlers Agree On 5-Cent Price

CASPER, Wyo., April 24.—Wyoming Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages (WBCB), during their recent annual convention here, agreed on the advisibility of holding the retail price of soft drinks at a nickel. Members talked down the 6-cent drink as endangering a high-volume production.

During the meet, the Wyoming bottlers withdrew from the Tri-State Association (Utah, Idaho, Wyoming), stating that their problems were "all different." A compact organization of Wyoming bottlers only was deemed more advisable.

Thatcher Glass Holds Annual Meet; Elects Officers, Board

ELMIRA, N. Y., April 24.—Maker of bottles for vending machines, the Thatcher Glass Manufacturing Company, Inc., at its annual stockholders' meeting recently, held elections for the board of directors and firm officials. In both instances present board members and firm officials were re-elected.

were re-elected. During the annual meeting the following persons were re-elected as directors to serve for coming year: Jervis Langdon, Ray W. Niver, William Manderville, Frederick Swan, Lewis Durland, T. Clifford Hayes, Franklin Pollock, F. Rodewald and S. G. H. Turner.

At the board of directors meeting, immediately following the annual meeting, the following officers were re-elected: Franklin Pollock, president; William Manderville, vicepresident and chairman of executive committee; F. Rodewald, executive vice-president; Raymond Boeckman, vice-president; Raymond Boeckman, vice-president in charge of plant operations; David Parfitt, vice-president in charge of sales; Whitney Powers, secretary and treasurer, and F. Raymond Minard, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

Philip Morris in Ad Drive

CHICAGO, April 24.—Philip Morris & Co., one of the more aggressive cigarette firms as far as promoting sales of their product in venders is concerned, using posters, machine signs, etc., this week launched a new \$7,000,000 advertising campaign featuring the slogan "no cigarette hangover." Firm has scheduled ads in 493 newspapers thruout the country, and will tie-in the newspaper ads with their five radio shows.

Tropical Candy Incorporates

TOLEDO, April 24. — Tropical Candy Company here has been incorporated and will soon begin manufacture of a "new type of candy bar, adapted from a South American process," reports William E. Downing, one of the firm's principals. Firm is currently negotiating for the purchase of plant facilities.

Telecoin Juice Unit Placed on Location NEW YORK, April 24.—Tele-Juice, Telecoin Corporation's coin-operated vender of canned, refrigerated fruit and health drinks, made its location debut Monday (19) as service begins in nine diversified locations in the New York area. Among the locations secured by Tele-Juice operators are the La Guardia Field Domestic Air Terminal, several large business offices, drugstores, dance studios and industrial plants. For the initial operation the ma-

studios and industrial plants. For the initial operation the machines are stocked with a choice of six drinks: orange, grapefruit, orange-grapefruit blend, apple, tomato and choc-treat, a chocolate milk drink. Each Tele-Juice machine stocks 300 cans, 50 to a rack, and vends a six-ounce can for a dime.

Telecoin officials said additional installations of the drink vender will be made shortly in locations thruout the country. The firm acts as its own distributing agency.

Venezuela Coin Mch. Locations Increase

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 24.— Coin machines are becoming increasingly popular here, according to local sources. Numerous juke boxes, cigarette, gum and other venders, along with scales, have appeared on locations over the last five years, with the populace growing more and more "machine-minded."

Ice cream venders may be the next importation. Indication of this was seen recently when a local manufacturer began offering containers in which to take home the product. Previously, ice cream had to be eaten at the point of purchase or the customer had to bring his own container.

Nat'l Peanut Industry Reps Recommend New Regulations

WASHINGTON, April 24.—William Fette Jr., of the Schutter Candy division and chairman of the committee for the national peanut industry, last week indicated there was little chance of adoption of the committee's recommendations which were made to Secretary of Agriculture Anderson in a meeting here. The suggestions had to do with the resale of peanuts bought at a loss by the government.

Fette, after expressing his opinion that there was little chance for the recommendations to be adopted, said: "Conferences indicated that many of those close to the peanut situation recognize and admit the method of determining parity, as applied to peanuts, is faulty. Our problem is to determine the procedure and methods thru which the existing evil may be remedied and a program developed on a sound basis that would be equitable to the edible users, growers, shellers and consumers."

Gannon Gets New Quarters

NEW YORK, April 24.—Gannon Automatic Merchandisers, who handle candy, cigarette and gum venders in schools, hospitals and industrial locations, have taken over new headquarters at Oceanside, Long Island, according to an announcement made this week by Frank J. Gannon Jr., firm head. Gannon was formerly associated with Forty Vendors, an operating firm in Mount Vernon, New York.

Hartford Coin Firm Moves

HARTFORD, Conn., April 24.— A. L. Rechtshafer, who owns the Reliable Coin Machine Company of Hartford, has moved the firm's location from 192 to 184 Windsor Street. Company handles all kinds of coinoperated machines.



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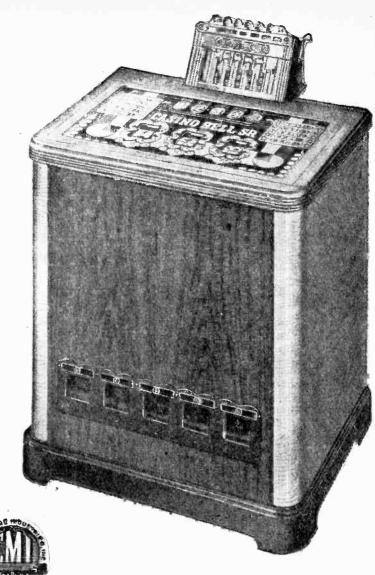
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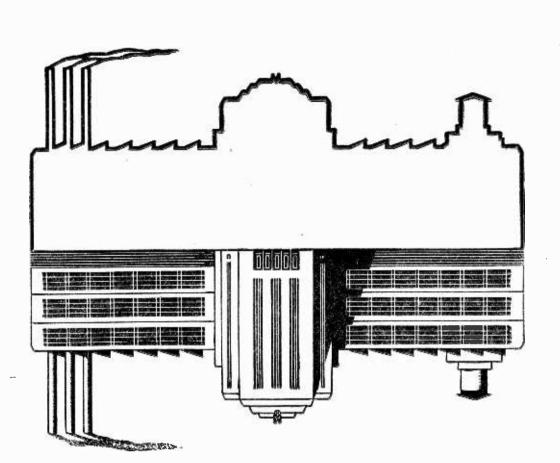
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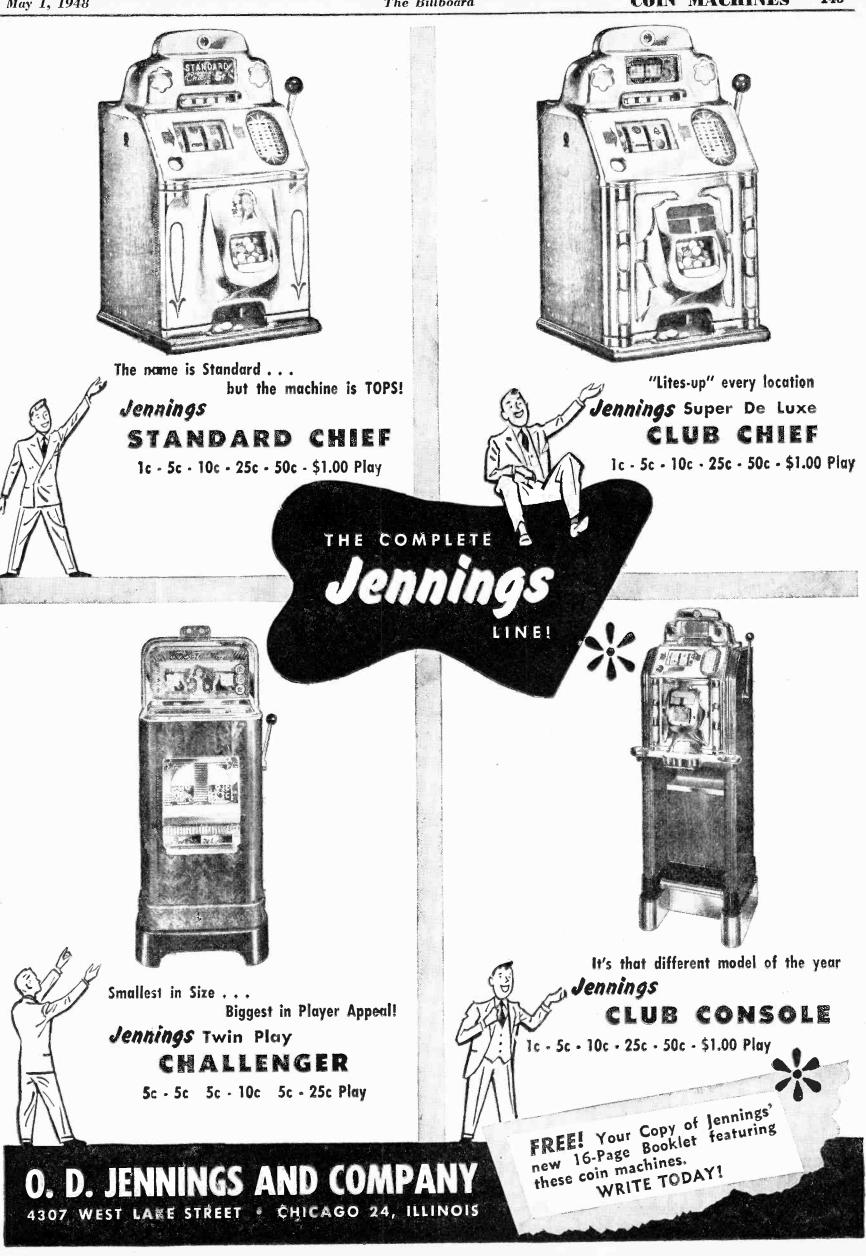
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