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VICTOR APPEALS CASE TO WLB

Seventh Annual Band Poll Votes Begin to Flood

Flocks of Ballots Launch Selection Of Fave Musicians

On Saturday evening, October 30, at 6:30 o'clock, Jack Myers of Minneapolis posted the first ballot to arrive in *Down Beat's* seventh annual band poll. Two hours later, in Omaha, Patricia Platt put her selections in the mail. Dozens of others in quick succession must have followed, for up to the time this issue went to press there was a steady stream of ballots pouring in.

Incomplete tabulations of the early voting are supplied at the end of this article, but of course it is much too soon to predict strength on the part of any musician or band in the poll. Upsets may occur at any point along the line and close races may not be determined until the final stages.

Readers are urged again to familiarize themselves with the rules before filling out their

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Levy Defers Colored Opus To Next Year

Hollywood—Reports that Universal tops had scratched the all-Negro film musical, in preparation for production by Lou Levy, were vigorously denied by Levy before he departed from Hollywood for New York. Levy stated:

"The picture has been set back on the production schedule in order that we can complete another picture with the Andrews Sisters. It will probably be the early part of next year before we can get started on the Negro picture. I favored the delay myself because I didn't want to start the picture until I knew we would be in a position to do it right."

BLUE NOTES

By ROD REED

Confidentially, Ted Lewis admits his stuff is corny, but he's keeping it under his hat.

Now that instrumental music again is permitted on record, it is presumed most of the vocal accompaniment groups will go back to dog-calling.

Red Nichols is experimenting on a trumpet note to get rid of rats. Next he can work on it to eliminate wolves.

Ieki Ieki thinks bassinetto is a bass clarinet.

BC has been elected King of Swing four times in *Down Beat* polls. With election again coming up opponents are campaigning on a platform of "No fifth term."

Sorry!

New York—Management of the Earl Hines band denies that he has scrapped his all-girl string section and returned to a standard set-up, as reported in the last *Beat*. It says the band is intact and is booked solidly on one-nighters for the remainder of the year. Source of the original story, considered authoritative, was the office which books Hines.

Work or Fight Edict Starting To Show Teeth

Vido Musso Case Indicates Draft Boards Mean It

Los Angeles—Case of Vido Musso, tenor sax star who left Woody Herman recently when his draft board told him to get with the war job or face immediate induction, is taken by musicians to mean the beginning of a real panic among the name bands to hold key men.

Many musicians in this territory, where the man-power shortage in the war plants is admittedly serious, have received letters from their draft boards warning them that they must find employment in an "essential occupation," but many

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Cats Fall Out To Open New Famous Door

New York—The new Famous Door opened here on 52nd Street two weeks ago with a wallop. On hand to watch Lionel Hampton and John Kirby run their bands through the opening night paces were more musician-celebrities than you'll ever find at a union meeting, including Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Gene Krupa, Red Norvo and Tony Pastor.

The new Door looks like a natural for quick success. It's a large room with a large bandstand and well-situated on the corner of 52nd Street and Seventh Avenue, plunk in the middle of Manhattan's night life.

Debut night reaction from the hep music world patrons found most comment on the place itself favorable. Hampton's band decidedly in approval and criticism directed against the booking of Kirby's smart, but comparatively small, band into so large a room where its subtle quality was lost.

In typical opening night tradition, BG, TD, and Gene all took a hand in the proceedings by getting up on the stand for a little improvisation. Missing was pianist Teddy Wilson, who once made up the fourth part of the famous Goodman Quartet (Goodman, Krupa, Hampton, Wilson).

Helen Becomes Mrs. Smith



New York—Helen O'Connell, former Jimmy Dorsey thrush, became the bride of Ensign Cliff Smith, scion of a wealthy and aristocratic New England family, on October 19 at St. Patrick's cathedral here. Above: the luscious bride and her new mate drink a toast to their future happiness. Below: Mr. and Mrs. Smith stride off to their honeymoon after the wedding reception. Warren Rothchild Pics.

Helen O'Connell Bride of Ensign

New York—Helen O'Connell's recent marriage here to Ensign Cliff Smith, her sweetheart of several years standing, will probably cause the former J. Dorsey vocalist to minimize her singing career in favor of a home life.

Smith, a Bostonian scion of a wealthy family and a former Harvard student, met Helen on a dance date some years ago while the singer was with Jimmy Dorsey and, while sporadic reports during the last year have had the two married, it wasn't until October 19 that the two actually said "I do" in St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

If and when the ex-Dorsey chirper does decide to return to work, it will probably be as a radio single on a program emanating from New York.

Band Queen Takes King

New York—Ina Ray Hutton, who fronts an all-male swing crew, was married on October 28 to Louis P. Parisotto, one of her band members. The wedding took place in Marion, Arkansas, after the couple traveled over from Memphis, Tennessee, where they were playing a theater date.

Leon Rappolo's Clary Silenced

New Orleans—Leon Rappolo, organizer of the famous New Orleans Rhythm Kings and one of the greatest exponents of hot clarinet, died October 14 at his home in New Orleans, after an extended illness. He was 41 years of age.

In 1923 the Rhythm Kings began an engagement at the Friars' Inn in Chicago which made jazz history. Shortly after this, Rappolo returned to his home and remained inactive much of the time since, due to falling health.

Frances Wayne Chirps for Herd

New York—Woody Herman opened at the Paramount theater here on November 10 with a new singer, Frances Wayne, who replaced Billie Rogers, the band's former chirper-trumpeter.

Hearings Begun Ten Days Ago On Record Ban

Company Objects to Paying Money Direct To Musicians Union

New York—Differences with the American Federation of Musicians have been appealed to the War Labor Board by the RCA Victor recording company, and formal hearings were started before an appointed panel on Wednesday, November 3.

In a letter to all Victor artists, J. W. Murray, general manager of the RCA Victor record division, states that the company is unwilling to pay money direct to the union for the benefit of unemployed musicians, as demanded by Petrillo, "or to persons not employed by us and who never have been employed by us."

"It had been hoped that before this time we would have been able to settle the difference with the AFM," Murray's letter states, "but the union has re-

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Handy Injured In Subway Fall

New York—W. C. Handy, composer of *St. Louis Blues* and other American song classics, was in a serious condition at press time as the result of a fall from a subway platform into the train pit. Apparently on his way home, the now aged composer lost his balance and fell across the subway tracks, striking his head against the rails.

Removed to the Harlem Hospital, Handy was placed on the critical list and his injury diagnosed as a probable skull fracture.

Art Hodes Set At the Hickory

New York—Art Hodes has settled with his new band at the Hickory House on 52nd Street here. With new girl Phyllis Lennon handling the vocals, the Hodes crew, real jazzmen, are trying their hardest to make out well with pianissimo renditions of *Tea For Two* for the gin-rummy patrons of this spot.

Trick Switch On the Cover

Well, what d'ya know! The Voice borrows Benny's spoofs and clary, tries to make 'em swoon instrumentally, while Goodman rumples his hair carelessly and tries to make like Sinatra. Only catch is that BG can sing, while Frankie would never vix the clarinet chair in *Down Beat's* current poll for the selection of an all-star band. This touching scene was enacted at the Hotel New Yorker, where the Goodman band is playing.

Cow-Cow Boogie Girl Knocks Herself Out in Wax Session



All set to cut some wax in Hollywood, Ella Mae Morse checks the timing with Dave Shelley of Capitol. She's a Texas girl, aged 20.



Dave Matthews, saxist and now a free-lance arranger, scored Show Shoo Baby for Ella Mae, and warns her here to watch out for a tricky background in the last chorus.



Here we go! Ella Mae cuts the first one. She won fame singing Cow Cow Boogie with Freddie Slack, now is on her own.



Her husband-pianist, Dick Walters, conducted the band for the recording session, is touring theaters with her now. They're trying No Love, No Nothin'.



Whipped to the socks! It's 3 a.m. The date ran nearly six hours, three of which were overtime. La Morse ain't feeling frisky. But it's on wax, and mellow! *Charlie Mihn Pica*

Boys Play On at Nick's In Sort of Silent Fury

New York—Those who like their melodrama in big bunches and on a really stark kick, will do well to pay a visit to Nick's, the Greenwich Village home of jazz and the place where Dixieland is not Dixieland but, through a whim of the owner, Nickieland or something. There are apparently more musical feuds going on all the time in Nick's than you could shake a shillelagh at.

The leader of the band there may not change every fifteen minutes, as has been claimed by some disgruntled mickey fans, but reports that have been seeping into the Beat's office during the last two years would seem to indicate that something weird is going on down below Fourteenth street.

First Bobby Hackett has a band at Nick's, then it's Eddie Condon as leader with Robert playing his horn in the band, then Brad Gowans is the batoneer, and in succession, Pee Wee Russell, Miff Mole, and Art Hodes take cracks at being the boss. But the strange part of all this is that the same guys always seem to be playing at Nick's, no matter who is in charge, and the side-men are always peeved at the leader, or at Nick, or at each other.

Either Nick (who plays a jazz piano himself when the spirits move him) understands musi-

clans better than we do and is really keeping everybody happy this way or else he's conducting a kind of musical Mafia Society. Anyway, the point of all this is that there seems to be another brawl going on in Nick's, the upshot of which will probably be that Brad Gowans won't be leading the band next week but Miff Mole will. And ten will get you twenty that Brad will be right in there on that last reprise, playing like fury and with a dark scowl on his face.

And, oh, yes, George Wettling has left the comparative safety of Abe Lyman's orchestra to take over the drums at Nick's.

Red's Rat Yarn Sets Come-back

Los Angeles—Red Nichols, who recently managed to put over one of the most fantastic but successful publicity gags in the history of the music business, plans a comeback with a 16-piece band which he is organizing

Your Kiss Autograph

For the men in service, here and abroad, Down Beat presents each issue the kiss autograph of a popular dance vocalist. The kiss, boys, is the actual lip impression of the canary herself, and the autograph below is in her own handwriting. This time it's cute Betty Brewer, singer with Tommy Dorsey, currently at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York.

here. The story of how Red tried to drive the rats out of a northern California town was told in the November 1 issue of the Beat and received nation-wide attention.

Nichols and his new band will be handled by Ed Fishman, who recently left the William Morris Agency to take charge of the west coast activities of the up-and-coming Fredericks Brothers office.

Norvo Packed But No Signal

New York—Overseas trips for name bands remain in a constant state of confusion. Red Norvo, who was all set to journey across the waters with his band and Carol Bruce, has been reported going and not going so many times that the xylophonist himself doesn't know quite where he stands.

The bands of Benny Goodman and Abe Lyman are also rumored in line for overseas playing, their trips sponsored by the USO, but again no official corroboration has been made of the projected plans.

Jack Jenney On the Coast

Los Angeles—Jack Jenney, slip horn star who disbanded his own horn in New York recently, is working casual dates here pending expiration of his Local 47 transfer period of 90 days, after which he will be eligible for a radio spot.

Harlem Feet Happy Again, Track Jumps

New York—After a police-enforced closure that lasted for almost six months, Harlem's Savoy Ballroom re-opened here on October 22. Cootie Williams (given a 4-F at press time) and the Savoy Sultans started the dance sets rolling again, allowing a lot of happy uptown feet to start tromping at the "Track."

The spot was closed last April when police charged that the spot was a haven for prostitutes. The license commissioner took away the ballroom's permit and despite much pressure put on the police by liberal groups and religious organizations, the hall remained padlocked.

Other Savoy news has New York Local 802 raising the dance hall's wage scale for musicians. The new wages, in effect immediately will give side-men \$50 weekly pay envelopes, while leaders will get a minimum of \$75.

The ballroom will inaugurate a new "Savoy Canteen" night shortly, turning the spot over on Tuesday evenings to the USO, the YMCA, and the YWCA to be used for free servicemen dances. There will be no admission, refreshments will be on the house, and civilians will not be allowed to attend the dances designed to keep the uniformed men happy.

Erskine Hawkins and his band will follow Cootie Williams into the dancery sometime in November, before which time the spot expects to have a three-a-week Mutual network wire.

Hawk Trio to Follow Tatum

New York—Coleman Hawkins the ace tenor saxist, is set to follow Art Tatum's Trio into the Three Deuces club on 32nd Street, here sometime in January. Hawkins will build himself a trio for the date with Oscar Pettiford on bass and Bobbie Mosley on piano.

Vaughn Monroe Gets With It

New York—Vaughn Monroe, set for his army induction on November 10, gave his band their notice two weeks before that date. Monroe was also rumored already in line for a C.P.O. rating in the coast guard at press time, but confirmation of this was lacking.

Eric Madriguera and his orchestra followed Monroe into the Hotel Commodore, spot where Vaughn played his last date.

Helen Ward to Sing For James

Replaces Forrest On December 1, Unless BG Grabs

Los Angeles—It's another Helen in the Harry James camp. This time it's Helen Ward, who has been selected to replace Helen Forrest with the James crew on Dec. 1.

The papers had not been signed when this was written but the terms had been set and a contract bearing Helen's signature was en route to Hollywood where it was expected to be signed immediately by Harry.

Helen Ward broke into the musical limelight as featured singer with Benny Goodman. She accompanied the Goodman band on that heartbreaking tour of flops across the country that ended in the history-making stand at the old Palomar in Los Angeles. She was with the "Swing King" when he hit the top, left to "marry and settle down".

Recently she started a comeback with Hal McIntyre's band. When she left McIntyre it was rumored she would re-join Goodman, but it was BG's onetime protegee—Harry James—who was apparently able to make the best bid for her services.

Shoo, Shoo!



Hollywood—Shoo Shoo Baby is really Georgia Gibbs' baby, since she introduced Phil Moore's current song-smash many moons ago at Cafe Society Downtown in New York and later over the air waves. Lou Levy grabbed it for Leeds Music and the Andrews Sisters and today it's in every canary's repertoire. Georgia is still vocalizing on the Durante-Moore radio show.

Browns On Busman's Holiday



Hollywood—Les Brown and his band succeeded Charlie Spivak and crew on the bandstand at the Palladium last month. Arriving in Hollywood ahead of the date, where do you think Les took his pretty wife for an evening of relaxation? Why, to the Palladium, of course, to listen to Spivak.

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Teddy Walters Shakes Himself and Discovers Fame Staring at Him

by FRANK STACY

New York—Not that I want to throw stones at Frank Sinatra, who sings a very nice lyric indeed, but the swooner has suddenly found himself some fancy competition. Teddy Walters, twenty-two years old and a former Gene Krupa guitarist, has formally entered the lists of swoon singers and, if present signs are any indication, will soon be right up front with a big name band making a lot of singers wish either that they had more control over their vibrato or less Walters competition.

Like a lot of stories in the music business, this one took place over-night. One moment Walters was sitting in with a small outfit in the Three Deuces, local 52nd Street night club and the next thing he knew he had a manager who was talking over terms with Tommy Dorsey who wanted Walters to sing with his band.

Starts In Wrong Key

It happened like this. Walters, whose father is Danny Alvin, the famous Dixieland drummer, has worked with several name bands in the past as an instrumentalist and has also sung on occasion with the bands of Ray Noble and Krupa. It was Teddy who took over Johnny Desmond's vocals for a short time when Desmond left the drummer's band to go into service. Nothing much happened vocally at that time, chiefly because the arrangements for voice which Desmond had left behind were in the wrong key for Teddy and strained his voice.

He had always wanted to sing, even though he plays excellent guitar and could always make a good living at it, but after being replaced by Ray Eberle in Krupa's band he decided that being a vocalist just wasn't for him and he more or less gave up the idea.

Joins Ben Webster

When he came into New York a short time ago, Teddy had to wait around for his union card, so he started playing guitar with small bands just to keep in practice and found himself a niche finally working with Ben Webster and his combo at the Deuces. Jack Gale, a local impresario,

heard Walters playing guitar, thought he had something special and brought him to the attention of music publisher Jack Robbins. Robbins, too, was impressed by the youngster's work and signed him to write a couple of books on guitar technique.

Teddy hadn't done any singing at the Deuces at this time; in fact, it never occurred to him to give out with any vocals. One night, however, when he and bass player "Slam" Stewart were jamming together after hours, he sang a chorus of *Ghost of a Chance* and everyone thought that it sounded fine, but nothing further happened.

Robbins Catches On

It wasn't until one afternoon up in the Robbins music office, when Teddy sang the lyric to a



Teddy Walters

new tune of his called *Ain't Love Grand* that his new manager, Gale, noticed how well the guitarist sang and asked him why he didn't work harder at it. So Teddy cooked up a few numbers (*If I Had You*, *Sunday, Monday, Or Always*, and *When I'm With You*) and, again during an after-hours session, sang them for publisher Robbins, who made a special trip to the Deuces to hear him sing.

Robbins was not only impressed by the quality of Teddy's voice, he instantly pronounced him a natural and beat a fast trail to Tommy Dorsey's office to tell the trombonist about the vocal find.

A little more than three weeks ago, TD went into the Deuces and listened to Teddy sing. One number was enough for Tommy to ask: "When do you want to begin?" Tommy is also reported to have said that within six months, Teddy could become one of the top vocalists in the country.

In New World Now

At any rate, Teddy has found himself in a new world. He is set to start work with Dorsey soon (was already rehearsing with the band as this was written) and, with any kind of continued good-luck, has a good chance to make the top of the pile and start edging Sinatra and the other so-called swoon singers.

His voice is peculiarly warm and rich. Occasionally rough, the ragged edges seem to add rather than detract from the definite charm of his singing. Being an accomplished musician, he has been able to develop a phrasing and tone that are really out of

Relaxing At Cafe Society



New York—Celebrating the return of lights to the Gay White Way, this group of celebrities relaxes at Cafe Society. Left to right: Sgt. Sid Gould from the army air force show, *Winged Victory*; Mildred Bailey, singing star at the Cafe; Sgt. David Ross, also from the army show; Milt Ebbins, Count Basie's manager, and Jack Bregman, music publisher.

Saunders King Gives Break to First Boss

San Francisco—Saunders King and orch are back home, and therein lies a human interest yarn. Several years back the lyrical voice and groovy rhythms of Saunders King and his sextet were attracting attention at Jack's, the little jazz joint out on Sutter Street. Those in the know predicted a national rep for the King unit.

First break came when the band cut four recordings that sold fast. Followed then a contract with the Backstage doing so-so biz, but after the King opening the nitery turned overnight into a gold mine. From there the band went to Hollywood and crashed the pictures. Then it began pulling crowds to the Aragon ballroom and the Mocambo club.

King started to get offers from New York, and recently, after playing a one-night stand in the bay area, theater people wanted him for appearances at the Orpheum in Oakland and Warfield in San Francisco. But King said no to all of them.

Instead he brought his band back into Jack's, the little jazz joint out on Sutter Street. Reason: Facing his final physical examination for a date with Uncle Sam, S. K. wanted to play his last engagement in the spot that gave him his first break!

—David Rosenbaum

Jerry Shelton Goes Abroad

New York—Jerry Shelton, accordionist, singer Ella Logan and Edith Delaney, dancer, were set to go overseas at this writing, comprising a USO unit. Shelton recently completed four pictures on the west coast and will soon be seen in Olsen & Johnson's *Crazy House*.

He declined an offer to make three more pictures and a deal with CBS to entertain overseas, whereas Ella Logan could have earned \$100,000 by remaining in the States. Edith Delaney's husband was killed in action six months ago in Tunisia.

Ryan Batons Barron Band

New York—Tommy Ryan, former Sammy Kaye vocalist, has taken over the direction of Blue Barron's orchestra. He opened with that band three weeks ago in New York in the Green Room of the Hotel Edison. Barron, who was inducted by the army in October, has not given up his orchestra completely, but will continue to own a share of it and to get billing.

the world. Not remotely imitative, Teddy's voice is distinctly in a class by itself and on the strength of the audience reaction that I witnessed the other night at the Deuces and on what my own ears told me, I can't hesitate a minute before picking him as a real bet for the biggest of big-time and in short order.

James to Face Possible Draft Call in Month

Board Agreed Not To Re-classify Him Before December 15

Los Angeles—Harry James faces possible—not necessarily probable—induction into the armed forces sometime after Dec. 15. Here are the real facts of the bandleader's status in relation to the selective service act:

When the MGM studios put two pictures into preparation which called for the James band, the picture firm's legal department secured an agreement or understanding from James' draft board that he would not be classified as subject to induction before Dec. 15.

Inasmuch as the bandleader is the father of two children and drafting of fathers was not expected to be general until approximately that time, the agreement might not have been necessary, but due to the amount of money involved in pre-recording operations and other preliminary expenses for musical pictures the studio wanted to be on the safe side.

This agreement has been referred to incorrectly as a "deferment". James had not at that time, and has not yet been, reclassified as 1-A. Therefore no deferment was necessary.

Whether James is reclassified as 1-A when the studio's agreement expires depends entirely on his draft board, his order number and the other factors that enter into classification of fathers. He is signed to open at the Palladium in Hollywood on Dec. 28. Palladium officials said they were prepared to "face the eventuality" that he might not be able to fill the engagement.

played here since his appearance at Uptown Cafe Society more than two years ago.

Price paid for the Basie band is considerably higher than that usually paid to bandleaders for taking over the Blue Room's bandstand, but it is expected that the Count will more than compensate for that when his attendance figures are tallied.

Film Spotlight Show for Boys

New York—*Spotlight Bands*, show sponsored over the Blue network by Coca-Cola, will soon be photographed on 16 mm. Kodachrome and distributed in army centers, both here and abroad. The show which offers the music of a different band every night in the week except Sunday emanating from various service and defense plant areas and heard at 9:30 p.m., will be filmed in a series of four short subjects and will have no commercial angle.

Basie Starts Lincoln Date

New York—Count Basie and his band opened at the Blue Room of the Hotel Lincoln here on November 5 for an eight weeks' engagement. The date marks the first dine and dance engagement that the Count has

Great Scott, He Sure Picks 'Em!



New York—Raymond Scott is so meticulous about his pigeon vocalists as he is about the blend in his reed section. Helen Young, who used to sing with Johnny Long, is the latest to join the parade of Scott chirps which has been beautified by the charms of Nan Wynn, Gloria Hart and others. Listen to Helen on Tuesdays over CBS from 11:30 to 12 p.m. (EWT).

So It's Gail



New York—Last issue we were confused about the spelling of this pretty chick's name, the new singer with the Bobby Sherwood band. It's Gail! She's also decided about her last name, which is Landis for the record. Gail Landis is really Bobby Sherwood's sister, you know.
James Kollar Pic

Scope of Piano Speech Frightens Henke After Playing Two Decades

Chicago—Adolph Treusch, manager of Elmer's Cocktail Lounge, has been doing a bit of all right as a discoverer of talented pianists. His first discovery, Dorothy Donegan, graduated to the swank Latin Quarter and is scheduled for motion picture work in Hollywood. His second discovery, Robert Crum, is currently featured at the College Inn of Hotel Sherman.

Now, Treusch has come up with his third discovery, Mel Henke, of whom he says, "I can't say too much in praise of Mel's work and feel that he will

but, in the meantime, his opinion is shared by many musicians and critics.

Henke is 28, a native of Chicago, and the son of a musician who holds several scholastic degrees. He began the study of piano at 7 and throughout the next ten years was thoroughly schooled in the rudiments of music. Has been playing solo and with dance bands around Chicago for the last ten years.

Plays What He Feels

His present job at Elmer's is his best break. Here he is permitted to submit his musical creations for audience reaction without managerial interference. He has been given a free hand in the selection of material. His particular forte is "modernizing the classics." This treatment should not be misconstrued with the much abused "swinging the classics."

Henke does not entirely agree with the many musicians who feel that jazz offers the greatest opportunity for creative endeavor. Nor does he concur with the teachings of the strict classical school that a composition must be interpreted specifically as the composer intended with no alteration of the original melody, harmony or rhythm. In modernizing the classics, Henke often applies the rhythmic and harmonic ideas of Gershwin, or other moderns, to compositions such as Chopin's *Fantasy Impromptu*. Sometimes he reverses the procedure and employs the ideas of Chopin, or other of the masters,



Mel Henke

achieve even greater success than the others." Time will tell whether or not Adolph's enthusiasm is justified

Carl's Chick



Chicago—Carl Ravazza, who played the last few weeks at the Blackhawk restaurant without a girl singer, after Bonnie Boyd became ill, found a Chicago pigeon who is really in there. She is Jackie Van, a native of the Windy City, who has sung with several bands previously, including that of Henry King. Jackie joined the band two weeks ago, will go to New Orleans with it as vocalist. *Maurice Seymour Pie*

in evergreens such as *I Surrender Dear*, and *Body and Soul*, or on jump tunes like *I Got Rhythm*.

Has Definite Opinions

Henke has definite opinions about music and says, "I think classical music has been hindered by tradition. By the same token, jazz has made rapid progress because there are no limitations. I sincerely believe that in due time there will be a merger of the two classifications, and hope that my work will contribute toward this end."

"Fortunately I find tonal satisfaction and consonance in music that some people find dissonant. I do not expect everyone to understand my music. If they did I would become worried, for music should create moods and stimulate emotions rather than a mere understanding. I have arrived at a very esthetic point in my particular endeavor. By this I mean that I have become so enthused in what I am doing that I am a little frightened as to the unlimited possibilities of what one can say with the piano."—pea

Charlie Spivak At the Sherman

Chicago—Charlie Spivak and his band moved into the Sherman Hotel here on November 5, after finishing a successful date at the Palladium in California. While Spivak's group didn't do any sensational record-smashing during its west coast stay, its attendance figures did measure up with the grosses of other and more established name bands and the Palladium, well-satisfied with Charlie's work, wants him to play return engagements.

Spivak is set to open at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York in December and may play a Paramount theater engagement in that city the first of next year.

Although earlier reports had new singer Irene Daye leaving Spivak, press time had it that the gal vocalist would remain as featured warbler. To date, no group replacement has been made for the Stardusters, Charlie's former ace vocal group.

New York—Louis Armstrong and his orchestra played their first Broadway engagement in several years when they opened at the Loew's State theater here on October 28.

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CHICAGO BAND BRIEFS

Advent of Roy Eldridge late last month at the new Preview on Randolph street and continuance of Red Allen and J. C. Higginbotham with Stuff Smith at the Garrick Lounge caused that section of the Loop to leap lightly . . . the Cabin Boys, Bobby, Tyre and Raymond, came into the Three Deuces for a run, switched to the Blinking Pup on November 9.

Jimmie Lunceford is set for a week at the Regal theater starting November 26, while Carl Ravazza, with his new canary, Jackie Van, succeeded at the Blackhawk restaurant by Del Courtney, play the week of November 19 at the Oriental before their trek south to N'Awleens . . . New revue at the Latin Quarter saw the introduction of Joan Merrill and the return of Dorothy Donegan to the piano spot.

Out on the south side, the Club DeLisa opened a new floor show with Louise Cook, while Red Saunders continues on the band stand . . . Carl Schreiber takes his band into the Hamilton Hotel for dances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week . . . Toasty Paul, hardy Chicago perennial, is at the Vine Gardens.

BANDS DUG BY THE BEAT

ROY ELDRIDGE

(Reviewed at Preview Cocktail Lounge, Chicago)

A critical analysis of "Jazz" would be like reviewing the Webster dictionary! He's the standard for the best in trumpet playing to many, if not most of the hot cognoscenti, and suffice to say that his thrilling range, technique, and most of all, his incomparable ideas are as truly great today as they've been for fifteen years . . . which still doesn't make him an old man.

Roy's gathered together some of the favorite men in the business, including his brother Joe on alto; Ike Quebec, "Lips" Page associate, tenor; Rozell Gale, piano; Ted Sturgis on bass, and solid Harold West, drums. It's Roy's ideas that drive the whole unit, though, and they're clicking with some great jazz to a crowded lounge nightly. Everybody gets his solo turn with West's backing and inspiration to musician and listener. His beat is too much!

Hitting the big leagues of show business for the past few years has given Roy a fine line . . . his vocals and comments on tunes bring out his terrific personality. He's a fine entertainer as well as musician, and the combination of talent puts him at the top of small jam-crew leaders.

Uncle Sam still wants one of the musicians' favorite sons, it seems, so this great outfit may not be long with us. However, even his two appearances at the Folies Bergere in New York, and here have given a wonderful impetus to jazzmen and appreciators. Joe, Ike, and the rhythm section also deserve a great hand . . . both for fine backing and excellent service in their own solo spots.

Roy Eldridge still means "Jazz" to thousands . . . a listen to this outfit will tell you why. —bee

ADAM LAMBERT'S SIX BROWN CATS

(Reviewed at Silhouette Club, Chicago)

These "cats" are killers, man! Coming to Chicago from New Orleans just recently, they've occasioned a lot of favorable attention from jazz devotees in both burgs. Faced by Adam

Lambert, guitar, they deliver a solid four that makes for fine improvisation. Personnel, etc:

Tom Jefferson, trumpet, is an exciting, imaginative player, definitely of the younger school of progressive hornmen. He's the winner of one of Louie's annual horn awards at Pops' school in N.O., and comes on as if to justify such faith from one of the original purveyors of imaginative music to hit the Windy City, over two decades ago.

Phamous Lambert, brother of leader Adam, plays an extremely rapid-styled piano, with a flock of interesting ideas for the ear to play with. Both Lamberts are veterans of some of the south's best colored territorial bands, and show their schooling in their good taste and solid beat. Holding forth on Bourbon street in the Vieux Carre for three years, they were musical highlights of the Quarter, with numerous traveling hornmen dropping in for kicks.

Stan Williams, the other Crescent City member of the band, keeps a full set of hides in action for backing of the soloists, and takes an attention-grabbing solo frequently. He's strictly in there on the showmanship angle, too, and has drawn a big hand at his concert appearances.

Two Chicago musickers, Eddie Johnson, tenor, and bassman Duke Saunders, have joined the Cats since their northern invasion. Johnson is one of the best tenormen around, and his playing has never sounded better. Saunders takes full charge of the beat from his bass, and plays in impeccable style.

It's something they'll give the more polished and better known units something to think about, as the Cats keep jumping all the way, whether it's an exciting three-way tenor, trumpet and guitar arrangement, or solid solos by any man on the stand. They've been getting a nice local buildup and seem destined for some real action. Watch 'em! —bee

Lay That Fiddle Down, Bud!



Chicago—Even a lovely vocalist like Harriet Collins can't separate Buddy Franklin from his first love—the fiddle. They're both just fiddlin' around here, but Buddy's hand and Harriet's songs are a nightly feature at the Aragon ballroom, where they are scheduled to remain until the end of the month.

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STRICTLY AD LIB
by THE SQUARE

Dottie Dotson, the Texas dynamo with the Chuck Foster band, eloped on October 16 with Capt. Eugene L. Boyd of the army air corps. She left the band in St. Louis on November 4 and joined her new husband in Walker, Kansas . . . Joe Hall, ex-Casa Loma pianist and now a navy photographer's mate, is awaiting sea duty in Norfolk, Va.

It's Bonnie Baker legally now, with court permission to forget her real name, Evelyn Nelson . . . Joe Marsala's new band is said to be a killer . . . Meyer Davis, Jr., son of the band leader, is missing in action . . . Duke Ellington has smashed twelve year attendance records at the Capitol theater on Broadway, and was held over, of course.

Charlie Barnett fired his whole band one night—and hired them all back next morning . . . Anita Boyer probably will follow deb-singer Phyllis Stewart in Downtown Cafe Society . . . Richard Dyer - Bennett

is back at the Village Vanguard, and the intellectuals are happy again . . . Moe Gale has signed Hot Lips Page and Ann Cornell.

Look for Betty Bonney, chirper, and Irving Cottler, tub-man, to cut out from the Jerry Wald band . . . Chaves, the band leader who almost died from a stabbing, is fixing to wed the chick who allegedly wielded the knife, they say . . . Sinatra is now buying pieces, instead of being cut up into them. He has part of Mark Warnow's new musical, What's Up, 'tis said.

Pops Whiteman makes his bow as new Blue Network conductor on December 5, with the weekly Sunday show scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. (EWT). George Wettling may beat the skins again for Pops . . . Will Harris, veteran producer, has teamed up with Harold Cowan to operate the Professional Artists Studio at 203 North Wabash, coaching all forms of theatrical and dramatic art.

Names of three members of the Gayety theater orchestra in Cin-

Coupla Natives



St. Louis--Del Courtney is a native of California, too, which gives him an excuse to get clumsy with gorgeous Jean Bartel, who was Miss California before she was selected as Miss America of 1943 at Atlantic City. Courtney takes his hand to the Blackhawk restaurant in Chicago on November 17 for a long stay.

cinasti are Tiddle, Little and Swallow . . . CPO Jack Egan, former Alvino Rey manager, had a field day at the Earle in Washington, with his former fiancée, Marjorie Weaver, on the screen, and Eileen Ritter, his current push, heading the stage show . . . Bobby Golet, playboy-drummer, is now in the Aleutians.

Mickey Goldsen resigned from Leads Music and at press time was en route to Los Angeles to close a deal for a new music publishing enterprise with "important figures." Could they be the ones associated in Capitol Records? . . . Irving Fasola is playing on the river boats out of New Orleans for kicks.

Reorganization of Jan Savitt's band is completed and it is hard at work . . . Marion Hutton is under contract to GAC now, in case you didn't know . . . Xavier Cugat comes back to the Waldorf-Astoria to succeed Leo Reisman.

SITTIN' IN



TENOR MAN

His "choked" tone's Stolen from Barnett—
His style is from the Hawk—
But he's the band's Star "hot" man—
You'd think—to hear him talk!

Tracy-Brown Turned Out Some Good Men

Chicago—As a matter of curiosity, editors of the *Beat* decided to check up on the ultimate fate of the Tracy-Brown orchestra, mentioned in the editorial about Ben Bernie this issue and rated in the middle twenties as one of the finest dance bands in the middle west. They wired Grady Watts, manager of the Sonny Dunham band, who worked with Tracy-Brown at the Plaza restaurant in Pittsburgh in 1929 and 1930.

He reports that Frank Tracy, who played tuba, is now a successful promoter and theatrical manager, and that his partner-leader, Nelson Brown, violinist, retired to a commercial venture

during the Pittsburgh engagement.

Some other well known musicians who were graduated from the Tracy-Brown ranks are Matty Matlock, Ray McKinley, Spud Murphy, Mannie Stranley, Skippy Anderson and others, according to Watts, who says the band was ten years ahead of its time and was a front runner of modern musical style, although it never gained national prominence.



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Studio Afraid Illusion Would Be Destroyed By Credit To Song Doubles

By CHARLES EMGE

Hollywood—Further comment on the subject of vocal fakery in motion pictures is that the possibility of faking an acceptable singing voice for an established screen personality—or for an unestablished screen personality—was one of the first things that occurred to picture producers after they recovered from the shock that went through the industry with the advent of sound pictures.

However, after a few experiments the idea was generally abandoned. Movie critics, newspaper columnists and other writers exposed the practice whenever it was discovered—as it always was, sooner or later—and the feeling grew in the industry that faking vocals for musically untalented actors and actresses would be harmful in the long run.

Jack Haley Incident

A good example was found in a picture of some years ago in which Comedian Jack Haley suddenly blossomed out as a singer of not inconsiderable ability. To the genuine embarrassment of Haley, the studio that produced the picture even tried to exploit Haley's "suddenly discovered" vocal talent.

Friends of Buddy Clark, who had recorded the songs that seemed to come from Haley, reported the situation to newspaper columnists who ridiculed the studio into admitting the fake. Haley, himself, demanded that full credit be given to Clark. That incident almost put a stop to vocal faking for a time.

Sometimes Legitimate

We want to make it clear that we recognize the existence of occasional situations in which the use of a vocal double is ethical and essential. Some years ago Warner Baxter made a very entertaining picture in which he played the role of a man whose wife imagined herself to be a singer of operatic proportions.

To convince his wife that she was making a fool of herself the husband took up singing and to his own amazement became a successful concert baritone. It

was a "situation comedy"—and a good one—in which the actor had to sing, but in which the singing was only incidental to the story. There are many such stories and the employment of a vocal double is a wholly legitimate device in such cases.

Furthermore, in the case mentioned above the studio made no effort to convince anyone that it had suddenly been discovered that Warner Baxter was a terrific baritone!

Studio Attitude

Some studio spokesmen have told us very plainly that they don't approve of our reporting that vocal doubles are employed for certain well known screen personalities. They feel that it "will destroy the illusion so important to the enjoyment of pictures." They point out that the studios also frown on the publicizing of such devices as trick photographic shots, "glass shots" (in which an "action scene" is photographed through a piece of glass on which a landscape or other background is painted), miniature sets, etc.

The idea, kids, is that the Hollywood big wigs are convinced that if you ever suspected that those battling warships blowing each other up on that storm-tossed sea were really only models in a tank on the studio lot, you'd never go near another movie theater!

Should Give Credits

Hollywood can think of everything in the world that might keep people out of the theaters—except lousy pictures.

We believe that you movie goers would enjoy the pictures just as much and think a lot more of the motion picture industry if, for example, they gave Martha Mears a small credit line somewhere on *Cover Girl*, in which she sings for Rita Hay-

Nosy Cuss, Ain't He, Imogene?



Hollywood—Jimmy (Schnozzola) Durante, aided and abetted by his radio partner, Garry Moore, is nosing around here at the Palladium to discover what Imogene Lynn's got that makes her the talk of the town. It's her voice, Schnoz, and you have to hear her singing with the Dale Jones band to understand her popularity.

LOS ANGELES BAND BRIEFS

By HAL HOLLY

Bands-About-Town: Noble Sissle's scheduled opening at the Plantation Club (Central Avenue's) which was duly signed and sealed for Oct. 25 went awry at the last moment and up popped one Snookum Russell.

worth: Lynn Martin the same for doing the Ann Sheridan songs in *Shine On Harvest Moon*, and Sally Mueller a small mention for doing Joan Leslie's songs in *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Dawn Dances Popular With War Planters

Los Angeles—Early morning dances for "graveyard shifters", held every Wednesday at the Hollywood Cafe under the sponsorship of Don Otis, KFAC platter chatter merchant, have proven so successful that Otis has moved the affairs into the larger Hollywood Casino.

Otis started the sessions using phonograph records as his only music but now he is featuring an all-star band of eight men under Dave Hudkins. At writing Hudkins crew contained such notables as Les Robinson on alto, Jack Jenney, trombone, Ernie Figueroa, trombone; Johnny Walton, tenor.

Roll Their Own



Hollywood—Lee Young (drums) and Red Callender (bass) roll their own as they back up Hazel Scott on *Taking a Chance On Love* in MGM's *I Dood It*. One of the rare cases in which musicians who record the music also are seen playing it in the picture. Fred Trainer (trumpet) also got a good featured spot in the film, working with Lena Horne in the *Jericho* production number.

Theater Attack Ousts Official of Negro Local

'Vice-President of Union Jeopardized Pit Jobs'—Charge

Los Angeles—Carl Johnson, vice president of Local 767, AFM Negro musicians union here, has been suspended from office following a controversy growing out of attempts to close the Lincoln theater, Negro burlesque house, for presenting indecent performances.

Johnson, a drummer, heads a trio currently appearing as alternate combo at the Florentine Gardens. His suspension as vice president did not affect his working privileges.

No official comment on the case was forthcoming from Local 767. However, it was learned that Johnson had appeared before the police commission here and assertedly testified that the shows at the Lincoln were of a "low character". It was charged that in giving the testimony he attributed his knowledge of the shows to information given him by Local 767 musicians employed at the theater, thus jeopardizing their jobs. It was also charged that in appearing before the police commission he implied that he had been authorized to speak for the membership of Local 767.

Johnson said he stood for "decency, first, last and always". Members of the Local 767 faction opposing him said that he was active in Central Avenue politics and was trying to advance his own interests at the expense of the jobs of the musicians employed at the Lincoln, one of the few theaters in the country employing a pit orchestra of Negro musicians.

In our previous stanza, holds over at the Trianon until Frankie Masters' return Dec. 1. Joe Reichman replacing Masters at the Biltmore Bowl.

Jive Jottings

Fats Waller was slated to take over the Florentine Gardens' cocktail annex, the Zanzibar Room, on Nov. 8; also in line for picture and radio spots here. . . . Teddy Bunn's little combo, featuring Leo Watson, which we had lost track of for a while, is back on our beat at the Ship Ahoy, a cosy spot on North La Brea.

Zutty Singleton, after a brief stay with Paul Howard at Virginia's (formerly Bill & Virginia's) departed and was last reported as heading for the Little Harlem. Zutty evidently didn't think the job with Paul would be steady (the band has only been in the spot for five years!).

Billy Berg reported dickering with Eddie Condon to bring his combo, containing Pee Wee Russell, to the Swing Club to follow Louis Jordan.

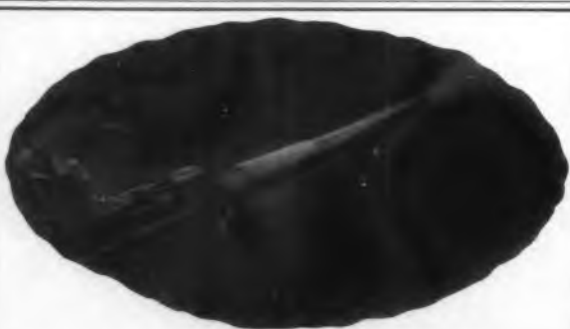
Notings Today

Bandleader Art Whiting and Edna Schofield (Mrs. Whiting) into the agency business with offices on Vine Street. First deal was spotting of Singer Gene Walsh in a staff berth with NBC. . . . Peggy Lee (Mrs. Dave Barbour) figures stork and Santa Claus may arrive on the same plane. . . . Ruth Mills (Mrs. Harry—Mills Bros.—Mills) back in L.A. after visit with her soldier husband; he is now stationed in Maryland.

"Friday" Leitner, former Paris Inn bandleader, is now owner, manager, and sole employee of a one-man war plant. Makes plane parts in a machine shop he has set up on Normandie Ave. "Doing very well", he says, "and no labor problems."

Bose Joins Mole

New York—Sterling Bose and his trumpet, after several months with Bobby Sherwood, are back with the jazz in Miff Mole's new six-piecer at Nick's emporium in Greenwich Village.



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MOVIE MUSIC

by Charles Emge

In MGM's *I Dood It* the Jimmy Dorsey band draws only a moderate amount of footage but good presentation. We liked the way the picture opens with a sort of montage effect in which the main title and list of screen credits are super-imposed on shots of the band doing *One O'Clock Jump*. The title footage fades directly into the band itself in a sequence featured by excellent shots of the soloists and sections, with no clowning, no funny hats, not even cowboy suits.

The band number segues into a song by Bob Eberly (what's all this fuss about Sinatra?) which moves smoothly into a dance by Eleanor Powell. Helen O'Connell draws one spot, singing *Star Eyes*, a fair song but not the best material for Helen.

That's about all there is of the Jimmy Dorsey troupe with the exception of a few incidental shots, but what there is intelligently presented.

Hazel and Lena

I Dood It also has Hazel Scott and Lena Horne, who appear in the inevitable all-Negro production number that now bobs up in virtually all films. This one is less distasteful than most. (Has anyone seen anything worse than the *Ice Cold Katie* number in *Thank Your Lucky Stars*?)

Hazel puts *Taking a Chance on Love* through her entire routine of tricks, ably backed by Lee Young on drums and Red Callender on bass, who are not only seen in the picture but also heard on the sound track—something unusual for Hollywood.

Lena Horne is stuck with a rather silly production number built around the old song *Jericho*, in which Fred Trainer plays—musically and photographically, we are again happy to note—the role of the trumpet player who blows down the prop walls. Amazing what these Hollywood boys can dream up!

But nobody identified with *I Dood It* really suffers. We predict it will be one of the year's biggest box-office successes. It has Skelton moments that rank with the most hilarious ever screened. And congratulations to MGM for being satisfied with Eleanor Powell as a superb dancer and competent actress and not trying to make a singer of her, either directly or by use of the usual double.

'Phantom' Fantasy

We did a story on the musical background to the *Phantom of the Opera* when the picture was completed several months ago and won't take space to comment at length at this time. Many people have wondered why, in pictures of this type,

Muggsy Gets California Fever



Los Angeles—Muggsy Spanier, seen here with his mother in a night club, has been vacationing on the coast without his band. Muggsy returned to Chicago the latter part of October to straighten out business matters, plans to come back to California permanently and organize a new band here.

New Combine Perry Como Offers Pic to Dinah Shore

Hollywood—International Pictures, new motion picture combine formed here recently by William Goetz, Leo Spitz and other important movie moguls, is dickering with Dinah Shore for a featured spot in new firm's first musical, *Belle of a Yukon*. No musical assignments have as yet been announced.

John Beck, for several years with Music Corporation of America, has left his job with the band booking concern to accept post of general manager of International.

They present so little music from standard opera. The idea strikes many that here would be a logical way to introduce a wealth of good opera music to the screen without encumbering the story with the lumbering operatic business which must accompany stage production.

It is chiefly a matter of obtaining—or rather the difficult; of obtaining—performing rights which are always complicated affairs where operatic materials concerned and especially complicated now due to the international situation.

It may be recalled that MGM some years ago faced a similar problem—minus the war—in a Jeanette MacDonald picture which called for an operatic sequence—*Sweethearts*, to our recollection—and solved it in the same manner as Universal for *Phantom of the Opera*,—that is, by concocting an original libretto and setting it to the music of Tchaikowski, who is not only popular but safely in the public domain as far as copyrights are concerned. Edward Ward, who did the adaptation of Tchaikowski for the *Phantom*, and Herbert Stothart who did the same job for the MGM picture, both deserve much credit for the musicianly treatment in each case.

A few words to our many correspondents: We appreciate your letters very much and apologize for our failure to catch up on all the answers, especially to those who so kindly sent self-addressed, stamped envelopes. Due to the time it takes to unravel some of these musical mysteries that bob up in pictures, we're away behind and can't make a definite promise, but we'll keep on trying. When making an inquiry about a picture, please include, if possible, not only the title of the picture, but also the name of the company that made it.

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ON THE BEAT IN Hollywood

Les Brown, currently at Hollywood Palladium, signed for untitled picture at Paramount. Reports to studio at close of dance stint.

Alva Kellogg recorded vocal for Lynne Baggett, who portrays "Lillian Russell" in Warner Bros. musical featurette, *Grandfather's Clock*. Singer Johnny Clark, who has dubbed vocals for many screen personalities, will not only be heard but also seen in same picture, doing *Come, Josephine in My Flying Machine*.

Al Sherman and Harry Tobias signed to do songs for Andrew (Hi, Diddle Diddle) Stone's first musical, which goes into production early next year. Stone still shopping for a name band to feature. Phil Bontelje will hold musical reins on picture.

Leigh Harline, now handling music direction on *Three Cheers for the Boys*, Universal's super-super, returns to RKO to compose score and direct recording work on Ginger Rogers' next, *Tender Comrade*.

Frances Langford signed for femme lead in PRC's *Manhattan Rhythm*, scheduled to go into production latter part of November.

Les Paul, formerly with Fred Waring, arrived in Hollywood to angle for radio and picture spots.

Eddie Miller band drew two feature spots in musical short

completed at Universal recently. Band draws spotlight in *Boogie Woogie Maxie* and *Panama*, one of their own standards. Old songs revived in shorts include *Comin' Through the Rye*, Martha Tilton; *Once in A While*, Ray Eberly with the Star Dusters; *I Surrender Dear*, the Star Dusters.

Kay Thompson, only girl arranger working in pic studios, handling scoring chore on three *Tom and Jerry* cartoons at MGM.

Corra Young, 15-year-old soprano recently put on long-term pact by PRC, drew new contract after studio bosses got a look at her first screenings. New deal gives youngster \$87.50 per week for first year and gives studio option on her services for seven years, providing it ups wages on graduating scale which goes to \$1,500 per week at end of seven years.

Paramount shorts department falling in line with current Hollywood trend to revive old pop tunes owned by studio's publishing subsidiaries. Spotted in short were *My Ideal* (already revived on Capitol recording by Billy Butterfield and Margaret Whiting) and *You Came to Me from Out of Nowhere*.

Jeanette MacDonald recorded old Isham Jones hit, *I'll See You in My Dreams*, for her stint in Universal's *Three Cheers for the Boys*. Sophie Tucker, recording her old warhorse, *Some of These Days*, for same pic with 40-piece orchestra, recalled that she sang it the first time in Chicago in 1911, accompanied by a 35-piece military band under the late Arthur Pryor.

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Hollywood—Perry Como, 20th-Fox entry in the Great Swooner Derby, will make his film debut in a featured role in *Diamond Horseshoe*, a "super-musical" in technicolor starring Betty Grable. Opus is based on story of Billy Rose nitery of same name. Como was scheduled to report to the studio early this month.



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2—Pistol Packin' Mama	Frank Sinatra	Columbia
3—People Will Say We're In Love	Al Dexter	Okch
4—Paper Doll	Bing Crosby	Decca
5—Put Your Arms Around Me	Mills Bros.	Decca
6—You'll Never Know	Dick Kuhn	Decca
7—Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'	Dick Haymes	Decca
8—In The Blue Of Evening	Frank Sinatra	Columbia
9—It's Always You	Bing Crosby	Decca
10—I Heard You Cried Last Night	Tommy Dorsey	Victor
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	Harry James	Columbia

OTHER FAVORITES

In My Arms	Dick Haymes	Decca
Slip Of The Lip	Duke Ellington	Victor
Dig Down Deep	Tommy Dorsey	Victor
Rhapsody In Blue	Glenn Miller	Victor
Blue Rain	Glenn Miller	Victor

Whistles While She Works



Camden, N. J.—Kaye Grimm, former singer in vaudeville, whistles while she works in the RCA Victor plant, turning out special equipment for the armed forces. Her whistle is to the accompaniment of music from the overhead speaker. In a WPB survey of 100 war plants, 76 were found to be playing phonograph records for their workers. Improved morale was reported by 87 percent of those, while 57 percent claimed that music increased production.



Members of the Brad Bannon orchestra in Tacoma, Washington have kept up their usual standard of fine music during their leader's absence, under the direction of saxman Hal Gullet. Lieut. (j.g.) Bradley B. Bannon has been in the Navy since July, 1942. The band completed its seventh consecutive season at Glendawn Park and moved into the Winthrop Hotel, foregoing the usual fall and winter stint at the Century Ballroom, to hold down defense jobs during the day.

In the sax section, besides Gullet, are Grady Morehead, Ed Axlen and Larry Carino; brass section consists of Bill Baty and John Kolilis on trumpets, and Jay Kanney, trombonist; rhythm section has Shelby Zollman on piano, John Morehead, drums and Kenny Tucker on bass.

Jimmie Courtright and his orchestra moved into the Kelly & Cawley night club in LaSalle, Illinois last March and since then have been playing to capacity crowds six nights a week. The men comprising this small but rhythmic outfit are not localites and have been around, collectively and individually. They are Vern Birtwell, trumpet; Cy Alex-

ander, tenor and clarinet; Clyde Lamborn, alto sax; Herbie Hammer, piano; Dink Matters, drums; Jimmie Courtright, leader, bass and vocals.

In December, 1941, Lou Schroedter took his band on a tour of the south, winding up at the Terrace Room of the Hotel Mayflower in Jacksonville, Florida. They started their second year in the room last month, featuring their "Your Personal Hit Parade", which has been a success among the patrons.

Bobby Blue and his orchestra closed at the Almack Club, Alexandria, Louisiana and moved into the New Roof Garden at Leesville, Louisiana on October 18th. The Blue Boys, a twelve-piece band consisting of Hollywood and New Orleans musicians, are all young and ready to go places and feature Merrie Middleton and Buddy Wayne on vocals.

Gus Braily orchestra started its seventh consecutive year at Mamie's Grotto in Milwaukee.

Victor Takes Ban Dispute Before WLB

(Continued from Page One)
mained adamant in demands which we cannot accept." Murray states that RCA Victor has been willing from the beginning to negotiate an agreement which has to do with the welfare of the performing musicians employed by the company to make records, but that the union has stated it has no dissatisfaction with either wages or working conditions which prevailed at the time the ban was enforced.

Three or four times in his letter, Murray refers to the ban on recording as a "strike." Whether the WLB will so consider it, remains to be determined.

Murray adds that the situation is complicated seriously by the fact that one record company has signed a contract which contains "other provisions unacceptable to us."

Capitol Puts Carter Band On Four Sides

San Francisco—Benny Carter and his band, who played here recently, stopped over long enough to record four sides for Capitol. Records are believed to be the first commercial platters ever waxed in this city.

Carter said first release under his new pact with the Hollywood recording company would probably be *Poinciana*, his own treatment of the old Mexican tune, backed by an original blues arrangement entitled *Hurry, Hurry*. Vocal on *Hurry* is by Savannah Churchill, who has apparently changed her mind about leaving the band and decided to stay. She had no comment to make on reports that she was quitting Carter.

Carter band left here for a tour that will take them into southern and western states.

Decca Cuts As Others Ponder

New York—Decca Records still has the edge on other recording companies in getting music on wax. The disc firm, which was the first to sign a peace contract with the AFM, recently recorded tunes by Johnny Long (on transcription), Charlie Barnet, Woody Herman, and Mary Martin.

Another band to be signed and recorded by Decca is Machito's Rhumba Kings, the first Latin band to be signed since the settlement of the recording ban. Machito and his crew will record a series of Afro-Cuban rhythms, plus the new hit *Tanga* for a forthcoming Decca album.

Barry Wood To Village Inn

New York—Barry Wood, star of the NBC *Million Dollar Band* show, opened at the Greenwich Village Inn here on October 29 for his first night club engagement. Wood is rumored to be getting a fast \$2,000 a week, which is a lot more than the current harvest of singers got on their initial nitery bid.

ASCAP Concerts Raise Fund for Soldier Records

Los Angeles—ASCAP officials here are making arrangements to present two or more concerts here by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra as a means of raising funds for the purchase of phonograph records for U.S. fighting forces now in combat zones.

Present plans call for a solid sympho session under Alfred Wallenstein, the Philharmonic's new resident conductor, and a pop concert presenting operetta music and light classics. Affairs will probably be held at Shrine Auditorium here in January.

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Elite Alive
Just in case anyone got the wrong idea when reading *Diggin' the Discs* in the October 15 issue, referring to the review on Elite No. 10, *T-Bone Blues* and *The Lick*, Elite records are not among the dead but are still being released by Eli Oberstein's Classic Record Company.

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Hollywood—BRIGHT LIGHTS: J. Wingston Solid Jive Manone, Jr., and his lovely mamma in the Streets of Paris, telling Jimmy Noone about the house they just bought in the valley. Wingy, Sr., the ole Pied Piper of Capri, is packin' 'em in so solid at his Club Babalu that if you're lucky enough to get in you can't get out . . . They plan to test Joanne (Mrs. Dick) Haymes for moom-pitchers . . . Gene Austin will open a new *Blue Heaven* in Mexico City and Xavier Cugat has written the theme *Cielo Azul* (*Blue Heaven* to youse lugs) to go with.

Milton Berle is taking credit for Harry James' success because when Harry was a kid he asked for Milton's autograph and Milt told him to blow . . . Hazel Scott on the boulevard looking like a caramel sundae-colored Lana Turner with a pout . . . The town is talkin' about Imogene Lynn, the chirp with the Dale Jones outfit, who was also terrific in Ray McKinley days.

Chalk up a blessed event for Bobby Guy, the Kay Kyser trumpet man . . . Mickey Scrima cats all the time he isn't drummin' for Harry James. Noisier at one than 'other . . . The Palladium ringeriders at the Les Brown opening included Connie Haines, Balleta Dargom, Buddy Schuts, Matty Malneck, Cpl. Manny Klein and Sam Kaplan, the James fiddler . . . and of course, some tired characters with stale chicks.

Alan Gordon had to get to the police station to report his car stolen. He borrowed Helen Forrest's buggy and when he came out of the station whad'yu think? Yup, Helen's was gone too. Pass the salt, we want a grain. Alan is a press agent and a dreamer . . . They say Jo Stafford is the fave canary of Bing, Dick Haymes and Frankie S. . . Some time ago Rudy Vallee was spotted coming out of a church, surrounded by Gold Braided men and covered with rice. The only gal in the crowd was hanging onto the Vallee arm . . . Beat crack in the Hollywoods is 'Youth must have its flynn' . . .

ARC LIGHTS: Johnny Clark, who's singing in Warner's *Grandfathers' Follies*, is doing a slight burn over the side-burns he has to paste on . . . 20th-Century's *Sweet Rosie O'Grady* pix stopped the show the other night at a local theater. The scene showing Betty Grable singin' in her bath was going along smoothly until la Grable finished her song, and some wit in the audience yelled: "Now, stand up and take a bow!" . . . Trudy Williams is doubling between Freddy Nagel's band-stand and Republic.

The Dorsey boys, Tommy and Jimmy will be film biographed at MGM . . . Monogram has changed the title of *Where Are My Children?* to *Where Are Your Children?* . . . RKO have also whipped out a new job called *Are These Our Children?* . . . The next Betty Grable musical, *Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe*, will roll in technicolor, after the Grable-James chee-lid arrives.

LOVE LIGHTS: Vic Orsatti

Local Dance Bands Active In Little Rock

Little Rock, Ark.—Jimmy Reda has organized an outfit and is playing Hawaiian music at the Stars and Stripes, down-town night spot, and Skilark Club, just outside the city.

Harris Owen is still holding out at Hilltop every Saturday night. Harris, musical director for radio stations KLRA and KGHI, has a solid outfit. Mina Madden (Mrs. Owen) handles the vocals.

Saturday night at Westwood Club features the danceable music of the "Music Makers." Features are Herb Haskett, Bill O'Brian and Jean Arnold, vocalists . . . Frank Boers and his orchestra beat out the music at Rainbow Gardens, down-town spot, every night of the week except Sunday.

—John Belford Jr.

Scranton Trend To Small Combos

Scranton, Penn.—Benny Eaton moved into the swank Omar of the Hotel Jermyn . . . Sammy Giolitti organized a small Hawaiian combo and is currently featured in the new Victory Room of the Hotel Reddington in Wilkes-Barre . . . Freddie Carlati is planning a comeback

the ten-percenter giving Marie McDonald, thrush, the rush . . . The Judy Garland and Vaughn Paul (the x-Mister Durbin) romance isn't sincereous . . . and folks who know are saying Deanna Durbin's new love isn't 'all wool an' a yard wide' . . . Betty Hutton, the hep kitten, will have to hide Arturo de Cordova when Charlie Martin arrives, and he's due . . . Cole Porter and Sylvia Fairbanks are pretending, for the space it gets.

If Anne Shirley marries Vic Mature, she'll have to explain to Edgar Bergen and Charlie . . . Patsy Kelly and Phil Breedlove are doin' what his name implies . . . Buddy Baker, the arranger, just married Marcello Silla . . . And then of course, there's Jimmy Van Heusen and Nan Wynn cryin' for wedded bliss.

Harry Richmond and Rose La Rose are making a fibber outta her praise-agent . . . Dona (Rito Rio) Drake and Jack Huber are duo-ing things to each other's hearts . . . And Annie Sheridan would have us believe it's Steve Hannagan. Oh, pooh! . . . The Martha Raye-Nick Condos love-brawl is still on. Lay that pistol down, babe!

Bob's Back in Boston



Boston—Bob Astor, following an engagement at the Pelham Heath Inn in New York, is back in Boston, playing week-ends with his band at the Totem Pole in Auburndale. Here's Bob and his wife with some cats at the Ken club, left to right: Bob Astor, Phyllis Astor, Ed Joines and Jerry Weeks, bass.



Anna DuPont and her quartet are at the St. Paul hotel in the city of the same name . . . Frankie Froeba, pianist at WNEW, and Herman Chittison, pianist at Ruban Bleu, have signed with GAC . . . The King Cole Trio is en route east for a spot on 52nd Street . . . At the Wardman Park hotel in Washington, D.C., Bill Grassick followed Sandy Sandifer, who went to the Colonial Gardens in Louisville.

with a small sweet combo.

Karl Strohl and Max Kearson, who are running dances at the Casino ballroom and playing name bands at the Masonic Temple, have taken over a ballroom in Rochester, N. Y. . . . Lenny Matzer cut his band down to a trio and is currently featured at the new Ovolon nitery in Wilkes-Barre . . . Shard's Cocoonut Grove re-opened since the ban on pleasure driving was lifted. Current attraction is El Terry's band and an out of town floor show.

—Ed Gayeski

Iowa Ballroom Boosts Morale

Davenport, Iowa—The Colliseum ballroom, with the bands of Hal Wiese and Maurrie Bruckmann on alternate week-ends, has entertained 23,773 soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, WACs, WAVES, SPARS, and coast guardsmen gratis during the last year.

Bill Gardner, of Maurrie Bruckmann's sax section, and Dorothy Smith, of the Bruce Mercer Foursome, recently left to join the Bill Bardo band in Louisville. Paul Johnson, singer, is now a member of Shep Fields' band.

The old Orrin Tucker band is well represented at radio station WOC with bassist Mark Bennett as program director, Phil Patton, hide-beater, doing a bit of announcing and George Sontaag as staff pianist . . . Jack Manthey's fine new seven-piece, featuring canary Betty "Skeeter" Holtz, is fast coming on.

—Joe Pt

Milwaukee Has New Jive Spot

Former Lunceford Clary Holds Forth With Small Combo

Milwaukee—Sharing the spotlight with Al Ammons and Pete Johnson at Frenchy's is a rocking trio, made up of Tommy Sheridan, former ivory man with Lawrence Welk; Russ Zarling, local clary who really emulates the great BG; and Gordy Lindemann, who formerly beat the skins with Freddy Fisher, but has dispensed with the corn. These boys sound like the old Goodman trio, with an added emphasis on the boogie.

Milwaukee's newest jive center opened Nov. 2, with a natural plug for the old Beat. The new spot is called *Downbeat*. Featured on the opening night were King Perry and his combo. King is a former Lunceford clary man and received a solid reception from the local cats, who have been jive-starved for a long time.

Bernie Young, who gain recognition with his "Fred Waringish" crew at the Wisconsin Roof in the "30's" and recorded on Paramount under the name, "Wisconsin Roof Orchestra," is fitting his band to the transportation shortage. He can play with anything from a trio to a 14-piece unit, depending upon travel facilities. He's been playing lots of college and private dates hereabouts.

Bob Wyatt, sepi piano, shares the spot with Melba Allen, sepi vocalist at the New Kilbourns lounge. At the Milwaukee Athletic Club, the Counts and the Countess, sepi piano, bass and guitar, are playing some fine restrained jive. Outfit has class and knows what the customers like.

—John Sippal

comedienne, has been signed by Mike Special and is en route to the west coast via theaters . . . The Dale Sisters are at the 20th Century club and the Owen Sisters are at the Cove, both in Philadelphia.

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Sense of Humor And Balance Made Bernie a Maestro

Two things made Ben Bernie a great guy. These were not his musicianship, nor his business acumen, nor his intimate acquaintanceship with the great and near-great in all walks of life, nor his celebrated feud with Walter Winchell, nor his loyalty to his friends. All of these things belonged to the *maestro* and each undoubtedly contributed something to his success, and to the affection in which he is held by those who knew him.

But the two major qualities which made Ben a *maestro*, in all of the significance attached to the term by those who used it fondly, were revealed in an interview with this writer sixteen years ago. One factor came to light in a discussion of just what makes a good dance band. The other was mentioned in an accounting of his personal ambitions.

BEN REVEALS TRAITS IN 1927, AND IN OMAHA It was in Omaha in 1927. Ben Bernie and his lads were on tour following a season at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York, which was home-grounds to the *maestro* in pre-Lombardo days. They had played on the west coast and were headed east. While in California, Ben had become an intimate of Al Jolson's and he still was describing how Jolson held an audience for two solid hours after a show with an extemporaneous performance.

"I don't want to be a band leader," the *maestro* chuckled. "I want to be one of those guys who comes out and makes mouths at the audience. That's my secret ambition, which I probably never will realize. I want to be a comedian. I would rather make people laugh—than make them dance!" Ben didn't realize then that his sense of humor was going to develop him into one of the best liked emcees on the radio, or that his radio audience, exceeding his hotel and theater audiences by many thousands, will remember him as a comedian, rather than as a band leader.

He was a band leader in 1927, however, and a good one. The Bernie crew was rated as one of the first five top dance bands in the country. That's why we asked his opinion about just what factors make a great dance band.

"Balance!" was his answer. "Balance in musicianship, balance between the sections, balance in the arrangements. All other things being equal, good balance is the determining factor between a really fine band, and just another bunch of musicians."

Then the *maestro* revealed, perhaps unconsciously, that he had learned the secret of balance in his personal life, as well as in the rehearsal of his orchestra. We asked his opinion of other leaders and other bands, Vincent Lopez, in particular, who was coming to the same theater in a few weeks; the Tracy-Brown band, which was playing on the Brandeis Roof, where we had lunch.

Ben was unstinting in his praise of Lopez, the local band and other rivals in the music field. Not just general and meaningless approval, but a generous and specific analysis

Musicians Off the Record



Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific—"The Beat has been a big help to us fellows down here," writes Sgt. Rocky di Nicola, who sent this photo of himself with Sam Donahue and Charles Wade. "We were really out of this world when Shaw's band stabbed this part of the Pacific and had all the cats jumping!"

Hot Piano!



Lafayette, Indiana—It may have cooled off a little by now, but brother, this box was really torrid shortly before this photo was taken. Karl Bartenbach, who submitted the anaphot, is a tuner by profession, and knows a hot piano when he sees one.



"This is just a fraud—I ask for Bix, and I get Bunny instead!"

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

Likes 'Em All Milwaukee, Wis. Bringing up the subject of war-time bands again, I'll send my comps to Count Basie, Lionel

RAGTIME MARCHES ON

- NEW NUMBERS**
- MICHAUD—A son, Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Michaud, Oct. 1, in Nashua, N. H. Father is former Mal Hallett trumpeter, now in coast guard band in Boston.
 - WALTERS—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walters, Oct. 10, in Hutchinson, Kan. Father is alto saxist with Sonny Durham.
 - HAUPFRICH—A 6 lb.-7 oz. son to Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hauprich, Oct. 11, in Huntington Park, Cal. Father was read man with Labana Jones for many years.
 - SEAT—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Don Seat, Oct. 19, in New York. Father is band leader.
 - HEATHERTON—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heatherton, Oct. 20, in New York. Father is band leader at Biltmore Hotel, New York.
 - ALEXANDER—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Van Alexander, Oct. 25, in New York. Father has house band at Warner Bros. theater in Philadelphia.
 - DAVIES—Twin son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davies, Oct. 4, in Philadelphia. Father is pianist with Joe Stewart's Embassy Club ork in Philadelphia.
 - WALTON—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walton, Oct. 13, in Philadelphia. Father is a musician.
 - JAGUAY—A daughter, Jill, to Mr. and Mrs. Rod Jaguay, Oct. 22. Father is trumpeter, Mus. 1/C, U.S.N., A.T.B. band, Little Creek, Va.
 - REDMOND—A 6 lb.-11 oz. son, Glenn Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Redmond, Oct. 12, in Hollywood, Cal. Father is former Hal Grayson drummer, now in the navy.
 - RAWLINGS—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rawlings, Oct. 19, South Jersey.
- TIED NOTES**
- SMITH-O'CONNELL—Ensign Cliff Smith to Helen O'Connell, former Jimmy Dorsey singer, Oct. 19, in New York.
 - ASHBAUGH-MARCUM—E. J. "Buck" Ashbaugh, 1st trumpet with Billy Bishop ork, to Madeline Marcum, Oct. 19, in Toledo, Ohio.
 - ENTREKIN-EARLES—Sgt. Al Entrekin, trombonist with Tommy Callen ork in Philadelphia, to Dorothy Reinhardt, Oct. 5, in Wilmington, Del.
 - JOY-JENNINGS—Jimmy Joy, orchestra leader, to Sally Jennings, Oct. 17, in Marion, Ark.
 - PARISOTTO-NUTTON—Louis P. Parisotto, member of Ina Ray Hutton ork, to
- FINAL BAR**
- BERNIE—Ben Bernie, 52, the Old Maestro of radio, stage and screen, Oct. 20, Beverly Hills, Cal.
 - RAPPOLO—Leo Rappolo, 41, organizer of the New Orleans Rhythm Kings and hot clarinetist, Oct. 14, in New Orleans.
 - CARMICHAEL—Howard C. Carmichael, 46, father of songwriter Eogay Carmichael, Oct. 11, in Indianapolis, Ind.
 - VALLE—Martin Valle, 75, father of band leader Val Erius, recently, in New York.
 - BECKER—Pvt. John J. Becker, better known as Red Becker, former bassist with Warren Baxter and other orchestras, killed in action Sept. 22.
 - KATZ—Isaac Katz, 58, former orchestra conductor in several New York hotels and concert violinist, Oct. 9, in New York.
 - THOMPSON—William A. Thompson, 75, retired Chicago manager of Zemick Music, Oct. 18, in Evanston, Ill.
 - POWELSON—Frank B. Powelson, 61, musician with the Clemons Orchestra, Oct. 10, in Columbus, Ohio.
 - CORTESE—Frank Cortese, 79, harpist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Oct. 23, in Philadelphia.

of good points. We asked him about this liberal viewpoint, which bore no relation to the usual ethics of merely never knocking your competitor.

"As a band leader, I am part of the music business," explained the *maestro*. "So are the individuals we are discussing. If I can help them become more important by recognizing their talent, I must benefit by it sooner or later. If I attack them, I am indirectly attacking myself!"

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Chords and Discords

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Lionel Hampton and Jimmie Lunceford, why do the ickies stick up for BG? One never knows, does one?

BILL NACK

Did You Dig Dinah?

Shreveport, La.

To the Editors: Let's have more and better pin-ups like Nan Wynn on your August 1. We have her framed in our G.I. 2 1/2 ton truck and she's ridden plenty of miles the last two weeks on maneuvers.

Soon we pull out of the wilds for "nice, gentle" camp life again and we'll need lots of morale lifting while sweating out our furloughs. More Nan Wynns'd help.

CPL. JOHN B. JANECKE

Little Jazz, Eh?

Detroit, Mich.

To the Editors: I must take exception to columnist Jax's (Oct. 15 issue) statement in digging Roy Eldridge. I quote Jax: "Roy's horn, often of little interest"

Whaddya mean, Jax, "of little interest"? Man, that boy Eldridge plays a hot horn, and plenty of it (as many a true jazz lover will attest).

Come now, Jax, maybe you just had to write about something, eh?

DUKE GORDON

Rave On, Bob!

Milwaukee, Wis.

To the Editors: I'm writing this in an honest effort to try and give some deserved credit to the two greatest swing bands in the country. These two bands are those of Eddie Miller and Benny Goodman.

I've been listening to Eddie on all of his Monday night broadcasts from the Palladium and any other chance I get. Eddie's tenor is per usual the finest there is, and with a piano man like Stan Wrightman, Matty Matlock on clarinet, Floyd O'Brien and Nick Fatool playing sensational arrangements of Matty's etc., it certainly is some of the finest jazz these days.

Mr. Goodman, who always ranks as an immortal, is in my opinion playing some of his best swing since '36. Lee Castle certainly plays a good jazz trumpet. Jess Stacy is right where he belongs with Benny and really fits in fine.

I could go on raving about these two bands forever.

BOB THOMPSON

Remember Jack?

Turlock, Cal.

To the Editors: Why don't some of these swooner-crooner fans come out of their trance and listen to some fine vocalizing. Everyone knows the king—that's Crosby—but there's another that's "tops". No, it's not Sinatra or Haynes, (of course, they're good) but there's one who's practically second to Bing. His name, if you please, is Jack Leonard, formerly TD vocalist. You've heard his mellow voice on "Who" and "Marie". Now listen to him purr on "I Never Mention Your Name" and "We'll Meet Again".

LENE SANDERSON

We Think So, Too

Waycross, Ga.

To the Editors: For shame! Desecrating a good army name. In the Sept. 1 issue you told of a song by Klein and Gould called *The Red Sack* after Baker's creation in *Yank*.

Correct this please. Sgt. Baker's masterpiece is *The Sad Sack* and is one of the best articles appearing in *Yank*.

Cpl. WM. E. CARY

Small Units Hold Interest In St. Louis

St. Louis—Looks like small combos have taken over most of the favorite spots publicity these days. We are having our usual run of name-bands, but people just don't rave about them. Mention Maxine and her violin, featuring Forrest Alcorn, at the Coronado Jug, and then listen to folks talk.

Barbara Bush as vocalist and Joe Karns on piano do the entertaining at the Steeple Chase bar and across the way at the Park Plaza Merry-go-round, Maureen McCormack's combo still pleases the public. . . . The Plaza's billing, "hear the woose some twosome, slick chick Connie Clark and tall, dark n' handsome Wally Lehmann in their delightful duets . . . they're a rave" seems to be tops in corny billing.

Clarence Brandon is at the Gatesworth's Walnut Room. . . . Russ Halveland's band at the Piccadilly room at the Melbourne. . . . the Three Choccolates at the Circus Snack Bar. . . . and Don Maraudino, piano with the Skyline orch.

—Walt Reller

Draft Board Edict Begins To Get Gates

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of them have regarded the letters as a bluff.

It is pretty safe to bet that from here on musicians under 38 whose only grounds for deferment was family status, face induction within not more than two to three months. California draft boards were beginning to scan their lists of papas for non-essential job holders as this was written.

Vido With Rey

Vido was playing with Alvino Rey as this was written. He had applied for a job at the Vega plant, where Rey and several other members of his work the "graveyard" shift under an agreement whereby they report for duty at 1:30 a.m. instead of the customary 12:30.

Vido doesn't feel hurt because he was among the first of the papas (he has a three-year-old daughter) to get the "work or fight treatment." He says: "I just happened to have a low number. They'll catch up with all the gates soon. And personally I'm happy to be back here with my family."

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Austin, Texas—Sgt. Milton Karle, Dickler used to be Ray Herbeck's press agent when Ray played at the Willows in Pittsburgh. So who do you think sent this photo to the *Beat*? Right! This occasion, the pre-football dance of the Texas-Arkansas game, was Ray's last appearance as a leader, and Milton is congratulating him on his coming khaki-fitting. The next night, in Houston, Herbeck turned over to Anson Weeks his baton, his band—and his wife, pretty Lorraine Benson (center) who will continue as the band's vocalist.

Jimmy Dorsey Heading East

New York—Jimmy Dorsey, after shooting *Four Jills and a Jeep* for 20th-Century Fox, will play

six weeks of theaters on his way east to open at the Roxy theater here in mid-December. The picture, with Dick Haymes as leading man, was inspired by the overseas adventures of Kay Francis, Frances Langford, Carole Landis, and Martha Raye.

Benny Mulls Concert Tour, No Dates Set

New York—Benny Goodman's band remains a subject for argument. But, if the yelling applause of the crowd at the New Yorker Hotel here is any standard for judgment, BG and his boys are in there better than ever.

The return of drummer Gene Krupa has excited swing-conscious New Yorker patrons more than anything that has happened since the early days when Benny and Harry and Gene used to give out with *Sing Sing Sing* and *One O'Clock Jump*. The mere sight these nights of Krupa, grinning and obviously happy to be behind a snare drum again, is enough to set the crowds gathered around the bandstand in a deliriously rocking mood.

If there ever was any doubt as to whether or not Gene would be accepted again by his fans after his troubles on the west coast, the doubt can now be banished from all minds. After each set, Krupa is besieged by hordes of well-wishers and autograph hounds, just as he was in earlier days.

When Benny finishes his current stint at the New Yorker at the end of the year, he has plans to play a series of concerts in key cities around the country, although, as yet, no definite bookings have been arranged. —Lac



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Bregman, Vocco & Conn have three new Count Basie solos written, composed and arranged by Basie. Tunes are *Way Back Blues*, *Cafe Society Blues* and *Bugle Blues*. All tunes are recorded on Okeh by the Basie band. Also on BVC list is a series of orchestrations by Jimmy Mundy, including *General Jumped at Dawn*, *Trav'lin' Light* and *Footin' Around*. New number in BVC's Dave Rose series is *Big Ben*. Rose's *Holiday for Strings* is on the "most played" list.

Mutual Music is plugging *I've Got a Heart Filled with Love For You* by Joseph (Zeke) Meyer and Al Jacobs. A new orchestration by Danny Hurd of the Hal McIntyre orchestra is *Strange Mood*.

Leeds Music has two Rex Stewart tunes, *Horn A' Plenty* and *Horn is Heated* and a Phil Moore tune, *Horn Utopia*, all featured by Rex Stewart. *Five Guys Named Moe*, taken over from Cooper Music is on the Leeds list, written and recorded by Louis Jordan.

Famous Music is plugging two tunes from the picture *True To Life*. They are *The Old Music Master*, sung in the pic by Dick Powell, and *There She Was*, sung by Mary Martin and Dick Powell.

Irving Berlin is publishing *Best Of All*, written by Allie Wrubel.

Campbell and Fergie are getting plugs from Tommy Dorsey and Kate Smith on *In A Friendly Little Harbor*. New one on the list is *Just For A Day*, written by Florida Vestoff and Gordon Andrews, getting plugs from Lee Brown at the Palladium and on his Coca Cola show.

Martin Block's latest tune is *Someone to Love*, by Bob Warren, writer of *Number Ten Lullaby Lane*. . . . Pinkard Publications

has just published a new song, *You're Gonna Be Sorry*, written by Lester Rutsky and Alex Belledna. . . . George Dalin, ex-professional manager of Miller Music has switched to Feist Music (as professional manager) while Lon Mooney, who held the berth with Feist, has changed to Miller Music as p.m.

Milton G. Wolf, the String Master is publishing *Quirk Of A Dirk*, a four-page guitar solo with six-page accompaniment, written by Ernie "Red" Varner, former Ted Fio Rito guitarist, now at the Adolphus hotel in Dallas with Ligon Smith.

Forster Music's recent publication is *Boogie Woogie Piano Styles No. 2*, by Sharon Pease. Book opens with a twelve-chorus original, *Learnie Boogie*, and contains many interesting features, including the application of boogie to the minor mode and to standards such as *Hindustan* and *The One I Love Belongs To Somebody Else*.

Arcadia Valley Music Ironton, Missouri, has established offices in Pittsburgh. Firm is plugging *I Hear Bells Ringing* by Pvt. Bob Byassee and *The Moon Is Aflame Tonight* by Jack Chapman and Melvin Dinger.

Larry Taylor out of Dorsey Bros. and now with Martin Block's publishing firm . . . Sammy Stept back from the west coast . . . Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* selling like mad . . . Benny Gilbert, professional manager of Mills Music, took his physical November 9 . . . Song-writer Sid Robins discharged from the Army . . . Mack Clark of Paramount in 1-A.

Strong Stymied, Will Try Again

New York—A couple of years back, Bob Strong's band, after

Writers Plug Their War Songs



New York—Milton Drake, Ray Henderson and Redd Evans (left to right) are song writers. But they became night club performers for one night at Cafe Society Uptown in the interest of the American Theatre Wing's campaign to popularize war songs. Henderson played emcee, introducing Evans, who sang *Unconditional Surrender*, and Drake, who gave out with *Is Your Tail Showing?*

Olcott Movie Fourth About Songwriters

Hollywood—Chauncey Olcott, songwriter-actor-singer who reached the zenith of his career in the early 1930's, will be glamorized in a Charles R. Rogers production bearing title of Olcott's most famous song, *My Wild Irish Rose*. Olcott's biography will serve as basis for the fourth movie now in preparation or production based on life of a composer. The others are George Gershwin (Warner Brothers), Jerome Kern (MGM), Cole Porter (Warners).

building itself a fine reputation in the mid-west, was set to come east for the first time for a build-up in the big-time territory but, for various reasons, the plans fell through. Recently, Strong again was lined up to make the trek east and to give his crew an eastern debut at Roseland ballroom.

The latest word is that conflicts in bookings have postponed this second attempt on the part of Strong to bring his band here for a crack at air-time, neon lights, and more moola. However, Strong will play theaters after the first of the year with a route, beginning on the west coast, that will eventually bring his band into the Roseland and the ken of the hep music characters.

Engel Publishes Robinson Tune

Los Angeles—Harry Engel, who resigned recently as west coast manager for Broadcast Music Inc., is launching a publishing venture of his own by putting out a new song by J. Russell Robinson, pianist at one time with the Original Dixieland Jazz Band and writer of such hits as *Margie*, *Mary Lou* and others.

Robinson's new song, for which lyrics were written by Arthur Terker and Harry Fyfe, is a war-time ditty entitled *If the Boys Come Home for Christmas We'll Have a Happy New Year*.

Active since 1908 as a musician, Robinson has deposited his card with Local 47 and expects to make his permanent residence here, doing radio work and continuing his song writing activities.

Missouri Town Leaping Again

Columbia, Mo.—After a long dead summer Columbia is beginning to look something like the lively town it used to be in peace times. Not many civilian students are left, but with thousands of servicemen on campus things are getting lively. With more club dates than they can handle and a shortage of sidemen, hornman Eddie Sigoloff's Missourians are booked solid until May 29 next year. The outfit is a draftproof combo made up of 4F's and under-age youngsters. They have most of the Stevens and Christian College dance dates lined up as well as the bashs put on by the Columbia service organizations.

Another outfit is being organized in town to cash in on the shortage of bands. Keith Moyer of the old Bob Baker crew and Johnny Karoly, tubster with the Ray Tross crew, are leading the attempt. The group started rehearsals last week.

—Irwin Stein

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Sinatra Gets 15 Gees Plus In Theaters

New York—Frank Sinatra, who has been packing them in at the swank Wedgewood Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here, will embark on a theater tour within the next few days that will bring him top money in the swooner-on-stage-engagements field.

Sinatra's phenomenal success at the Wedgewood Room (where he had the older ladies flocking around just as the swoon fans do at his theater and radio dates) has convinced even the most skeptical that Frank is here to stay. It's likely, too, that his projected theater tour (set tentatively to begin at the Earle theater in Philadelphia) will further cement his relations with an already overwhelmingly pro-Sinatra national audience. According to the latest information received, Sinatra's personal appearance dates will bring him \$15,000 a week, plus a percentage of the house take.

Arrangements are now under way for the nation's singer-in-the-limelight to begin a new radio series over CBS, sponsored by a cosmetic company. The show, a \$25,000 package, will gross a tasty \$6,000 for Sinatra, if present plans work out. The program unofficially is set to be modeled along the lines of the singer's recent Bandbox series (which ended three weeks over when Frank switched over to a 15 minute sustainer) and will feature prominent guest stars with musical backings by Axel Stordahl and his orchestra.

Although no contracts had been signed at press time for the new Sinatra program, plans called for the show to begin sometime in January, possibly with a Sunday night air-slot. Lucky Strike cigarettes, Sinatra's sponsor on the *Hit Parade*, also on CBS, are said to have given an o.k. to the singer's scheduled cosmetic-backed show.

Bill Cully, Tram, To Dean Hudson

Hartford, Conn.—The line-up for Art DuBrow's orchestra at the YWCA dances is: Henry Angelo, Bill Griggs, trumpets; Al Harris, trombone; Joe Giblissio, Mervin Hastings, Howard Varley, saxes; George Fraz, piano; Lyman Harding, drums; and Sally Carol gives with the caroling.

At the Del Rio, it's George Green's small outfit, with a personnel that includes: Eddie Doherty, trombone; Merrill Fichman, Jimmy Shonty, reeds; Dan Strammello, piano; Jimmy Tinnirella, drums; and Green fronts on trumpet.

In Middletown, the Hotel Vassquez features the music of Johnny Vine, who in turn, features: Babe Moran, Earl Alquist, and Speed Stevenson. . . . Bill Cully, trombone, joined Dean Hudson's orchestra and is looking forward to a winter in Florida. . . . Seb Shonty and his crew left the Colony, to serenade guests at the Club Lido. —Hal Lowey

Ella Mae Morse Tours Theaters

Los Angeles—Ella Mae Morse, who has been in virtual retirement since the birth of her baby, was slated to leave here on a theater tour latter part of October. She is now under management of Fredericks Brothers, with Ed Fishman handling her professional affairs. Her contract difficulties with the Wm. Morris office and Freddie Slack seem to have been adjusted.

Her accompanist and music director on the tour will be her husband, pianist Dick Showalter, who under name of "Dick Walters," heads the orchestra that backs her on her own Capitol records, arrangements for which were turned out by Dave Matthews.

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Wait until the family pup is sleeping soundly, then try to wake him by banging the bottom note on your piano.

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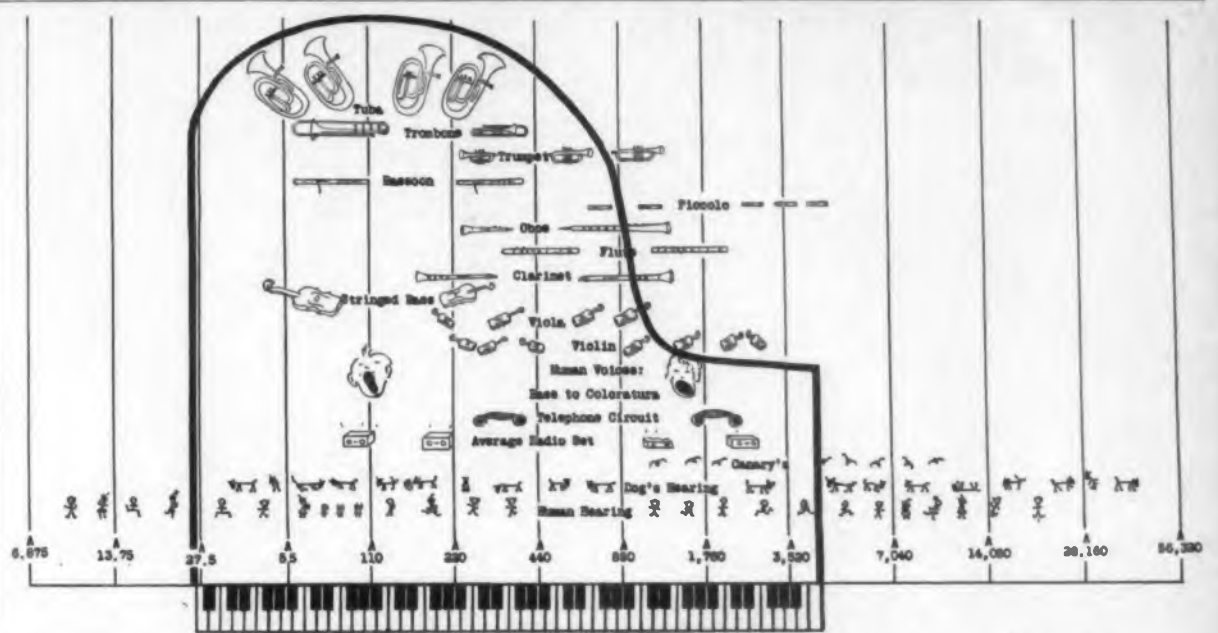
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A young musician-repairman thought he knew everything about sound. He had learned that sound travels approximately 1,165 to 1,170 feet per second in average humidity at 68 degrees Fahrenheit; that its speed increased about 4 feet per second when air contained moisture; and that each added degree of temperature quickened its pace by 2 feet per second.

He and other young musicians spent hours arguing the old saw: if a tree falls down in a forest and no one is there, it makes no sound. He realized that the tree necessarily disturbed the airwaves with its unassuming conduct, and



that a concealed recording machine would have proved his physics books insane, but he had a profound admiration for the scientists who amassed his stock of unusually useless information, so he acquiesced enthusiastically.

However, he liked to experiment. Of course, he didn't have a fine expensive laboratory. He didn't even have much time. What he lacked most, though, was perception. For instance, he thought it was just a cute trick when he discovered he could bang a tuning fork, hold it against his throat, and silently enunciate someone's name.

Tuning Fork Talk

Gilbert Wright, ex-instructor of physics at the University of Southern California turned scenarist, wanted to torment a movie murderer with a set of train wheels that said "killed-your-wife, killed - your - wife, killed - your - wife" instead of the usual "clicketty-clock, clicketty-clock" with a human voice dubbed in.

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A superficial knowledge of the actions of sound waves used to entitle musicians to pose as authorities. The illustration of dropping a pebble into a still pond and likening the resultant

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From somewhere in North Africa, Pvt. Thomas A. Saunders falls in with a solid rave about a swinging colored band from an engineers' regiment, headed by T/Sgt. Alfred Simons. The crew is on a distinct Basic kick, Tommy writes, and sends everyone in its area with *Swinging the Blues, 920 Special, Out the Window* and other tasty Count stuff.

The leader plays alto and clarinet and the personnel includes—saxes: Henry Johnson, Robert Carter, Clifford Meade, Samuel Glenn, Wallace Sabb; trumpets: Reuden Floyd, Nathaniel Bates, George Williams; trombones: George Ponder, Essex Brown; drums: Earl Westfield; piano: Everett Clark; bass: Nathaniel Williams.

Benny Bennett, who used to dig the jive for the *Beat* at Northwestern university, is now Pfc. D. W. Bennett of the army air corps and is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, from where he touts a signal corps RTC band which jumps mightily, he says, although none of the men had same band experience before entering service.

M/Sgt. Wallace J. Pilkington, leader of the Crowder military

band, and Sgt. Bob Farley, lead alto, who contributed the knocked out arrangements, are largely responsible for the success of the outfit, according to Benny. Sgt. Bob Kelly, who fronts the unit, plays terrific trumpet, but best jazz comes from the big powerful tram of Cpl. Skip Jones. Two reedmen, Pfc. Shocks Sharlette, alto, and Pfc. Cal Greenly, tenor and bary, also come on.

Sergeant Farley, the original arranger, has been transferred, but his stuff remains in the books. The unit totals 15, with four trumpets, two trams, five reeds and four rhythm. Person-

nel rounds out with Pfc. Jerry Smith, Cpl. Art Perry, Cpl. Jack Simmons, trumpets; Pfc. Harry Tardio, trombone; Cpl. Joe DeCaro, Cpl. Morris Burychka, saxes; Cpl. John Schulz, drums; Pfc. Cliff Ridings, bass; Sgt. P. W. Gabriel, guitar; Sgt. Adam Witek, piano.

Two star saxmen, Cpl. Arihar H. Walters from the Kay Kyser band, and Cpl. Robert J. Rilk, formerly with Jack Teagarden, are sparking the Fighter Comets, a group of G.I. jazz artists at an air force fighter station in England. Lieut. John J. DeGeorge wields the baton, but frequently lays it aside to sit at the skins and help the crew rock its audience. He used to thump tubs for Horace Holley, before he became a fighter pilot.

A former stickman for Sally Rand of fan fame, S/Sgt. Chet Howard, is conducting a dance unit from an armored division band, which is making them leap lightly at Camp Gordon in Georgia. It includes—saxes: Pfc. Eddie Laverty, Cpl. Ralph Biscotti, Pvt. Joe Cella, Sgt. Val Scannell, Pvt. Pat Deblasi; trumpets: Sgt. Wade Pollard, Sgt. Al Rosenberg, Pfc. Tony Tetuan, Cpl. Roy Scicchattini, Russ Nordstrom (vocals); trombones: Sgt. Leon Turnburke, Pvt. George Brahler, Pvt. William Sherk, Sgt. Chet Howard; piano: Sgt. Henry Kowitz; drums: Cpl. Mel Brave-man; bass: Gene Drago.

Several of the boys in this outfit were former sidemen with such names as Charlie Spivak, Louie Prima, Ruby Newman, Bobby Byrne, Sam Donahue, Van Alexander and Paul Whiteman.

Pvt. George Brown writes that the first mail delivered after his company landed on Axis soil in the invasion of the continent brought *Down Beats* to him and his buddies in the company orchestra. "We were knocked to the joints above our socks," he tells Sarj.

Private Brown gives the personnel of the company jump crew as follows—Director Alexander Harris; Sgt. N. White, trumpet; Pvt. J. Bruce, alto sax; Cpl. H. Powell, tenor; Pvt. George Coleman, piano; Cpl. W. Westbrooks, skins; Pvt. Linden Morgan, bass. In addition there are the Fourth Squad Boys, a quartet, directed by Cpl. W. Vernon.

Arrangements from the books of *Les Brown* and *Jimmy Dorsey* give a big-time flavor to the music of a 15-piece dance band at the army base in Boston, headed by Sgt. Kelly Camarata, brother of Toots (who by the way is a patient at Gardner hospital, 1660 East Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago). This unit has been intact for more than a year, being assembled at Camp Claiborne in Louisiana and transferring to Boston in April of this year.

The personnel — saxes: Sgt. Frank Iachavone, Pfc. Al Torres, Sgt. Billy Werchaster, Pfc. Dave Brown, Cpl. Al Natalini (vocals); trumpets: Sgt. Dom Zanotti, Sgt. George Hinne, Cpl. Bob Hill; trombones: Sgt. Kelly Camarata, Pfc. Prowell Seitzinger, Cpl. Sam Sorce; drums: Cpl. Bus Widmer; piano: Cpl. Mathew Miles; guitar: Cpl. Charley Thomas; bass: Cpl. Tony Lepore.

Because they are a little off the beaten path, the boys in the Fletcher General hospital at Cambridge, Ohio, don't get as much entertainment as those in hospi-

Bergstrom Cats



Austin, Texas—S/Sgt. Jack Ream (above), leader of the dance band at the Bergstrom army air field, serenades the base squadron's mascot, "Hedy Lamarr." Ream is from Sioux City, Iowa. In the center photo, the entire band gives out for Hedy, who seems rather unimpressed. Left to right: Paul Pfeiffer, pianist doubling sax; Jay Jackson, Harold Longstreth, saxes; Vic Solomine, bass; Bernie Berman, accordion; Dick Lollar, trombone; Oliver Smith, drummer doubling trumpet; Art Adesko, Francis Smith, trumpets, and Sergeant Ream again. Lucille Garza (below) is the band's canary. She is an Austin pigeon and a civilian employe at the base, digs the *Beat* lightly here. *Pics by Bergstrom Field Photo Section.*

Seeks Wings



Emid, Oklahoma—Bobby Byrne, who held a civilian pilot's license while he was still a band leader, is an aviation cadet at the army air field here and expects to win his wings within a couple of months. *Acme Photo*

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Cpl. Chick Canode, a hot tenor and clarinet man from Oak Park, Ill., after stretches with Herbie Fields and Glenn Miller service bands, has own outfit now, a 7-piecer, at Lynn, Mass., camp.

More Pix For Hal McIntyre

New York—Hal McIntyre moved out of the Hurricane night club here on October 28, replaced by Ted Lewis and his band.

McIntyre's immediate plans call for a theater and one-nighter tour and a possible quick return to Hollywood where the altoist-leader and his band have been signed for five more pictures by Columbia. McIntyre recently completed shooting *Hey, Rookie* on the Columbia lot.

Jerome Back at Pelham Heath

New York—Bob Astor's band, after a month's engagement, moved out of the Pelham Heath Inn and was replaced by Henry Jerome. The Astor band, with vocals by Betty Daniels, was set to move up to the Totem Pole in Auburndale, Mass., for a couple of week-end dates in that spot.

Jerome received his original build-up at the Inn and left it to take on several hotel engagements (the Roosevelt in Washington, and the Lincoln in New York).

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Trumbauer Swaps Sax For Speedy Bombers

Kansas City—The flying fingers of Frankie Trumbauer, which won him a place among the immortals of swing music, are now helping play a funeral dirge for Hitler. Trumbauer's saxophone is laying in its case, while the fingers now play a different kind of tune on the instrument panels of B-25 Mitchell Bombers.

Trumbauer takes the brand new bombers which roll off the assembly lines at the Kansas City division of North American Aviation and makes them come to life through the magic of flight.

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Greatest Thrill

"It's a bigger thrill than blowing a horn—even if you're blowing a horn with the best bands in the business."

Trumbauer gave up his spot in the music world four years ago to become an assistant aeronautical inspector for the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Later he became chief of the general inspection branch of the fifth region of the CAA.

Trumbauer played with men whose names are by-words of the music world—Bix Beiderbecke, Eddie Lang, the Teagarden and Dorsey boys, Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw—but the flying bug bit him in 1927 when Bob Grabenhoffer, who flew with the German Baron Von Richthofen's Circus in World War I, taught him to fly.

Bet With Whiteman

He flew all the time he played with Paul Whiteman—from 1927 to 1936—and recently passed his 4000th hour in the air.

"Once Paul bet me \$100 I couldn't fly to each of thirty 1-night stands," Trumbauer said. "I almost killed myself doing it—but I won the 100 bucks. I slipped into cowpastures that I couldn't fly out of—landed on beaches and tied the plane to rocks, and flew in all kinds of weather. I think he purposely picked towns without airports. Sometimes I would have to hire the plane hauled to a bigger field so I could fly on to the next job."

Trumbauer played all the big hotels with Whiteman. He played for President Coolidge at the White House with Ray Miller's band, and for President Hoover at a Philadelphia ball. He played in 1,500 recordings—some of which are now swing collector's items.

Going to Stick

But he got thrills with the CAA, also. He once made 14

forced landings in one week in small airplanes. Soon after he joined the CAA he had to slip into a small field in a "dead stick" landing—worrying all the way down about losing the nice new job, and cracking up a nice new \$10,000 airplane which didn't belong to him.

Trumbauer is going to stick with the flying business.

"Flying airplanes is my meat from now on," he said.

"But I've still got a link with the music business—my son, Bill, plays trumpet with Henry Busse."

Electronics, Acoustics to Become Vital

(Jumped from Page 13)

way to soundproof your own bathroom. It isn't very difficult and it won't cost much money. Can you do it? If so, you'll have a fine place to practice—if there isn't too much traffic. Also, you'll steal a march on complaining neighbors and dear old Pythagoras, who had the first practical ideas of the relative values of quiet and sound.

Frequencies vs. Decibels

As a matter of fact, many business musicians don't even know the difference between a frequency and a decibel. Some have a dim idea how A-440 is achieved. Others can tell you the decibel is a troublesome term used by scientists in describing the relative intensity of sound.

One decibel is considered the quietest, practical amount of sound. Telephone buzz noise, prior to contact with the operator, is approximately one decibel. 75 decibels are considered perfect for the morale of a busy defense plant. 78 decibels mean the racket has doubled. Anything over 90 decibels leads to nervous disorders.

Orchestras of the future will probably pay attention to the scope of their decibels and the uses of absorbent materials. Varying intensities add or detract from musical beauty. Mind you, dynamics aren't being mentioned here—they're another subject. There's a definite decibel line between a soothing band and an irritating one.

Come! The Revolution!

Reproductions of sound have always lagged behind actual recordings. Studios have been way ahead of homes in acoustical

surroundings since talking machines were first invented. Musicians haven't minded. They still play antique records—things that atrociously distort musical tone—and give every evidence of acute enjoyment, so electronics have scarcely been felt in music so far.

Yes, electronics will play a big part in the future of musicians. As time goes on, so-called electric instruments will be perfected. They will have to be properly balanced on handstands. Music will acquire added vitality and flexibility.

It won't hurt musicians to take an interest in the minute and ultra-powerful electron. They needn't necessarily study radar, and they needn't get excited because there are 3 hundred billion-billion electrons in an ounce; or because the atom is now regarded as a miniature solar system made up by electrons spinning around a nucleus of protons and neutrons. However, we must take notice of the 4 billion dollars of American business this year which are based upon electronics. (In 1942, they grossed a mere billion!) As electronics expand, music must (either indirectly or accidentally) grow too; and musicians must learn what they're hearing and how well it is being presented.

Dooms Rubber-Stamp Bands

In a second-rate tavern, would you know how to place your band to show it off to best advantage? Small outfits miss opportunities daily because they haven't discovered surroundings can cooperate with them. They walk into a place and try to drown out the din. They fight four walls, and the walls always win. Sound consciousness and smart planning focus attention and interest on a band.

Sound as a hobby tends to make you dubious of standard placements. Just because so-and-so successfully group his men in certain way, he can't be copied indiscriminately. Stylish appearance helps, but, if by some freak of circumstance your band sounds better with shuffled sections (that is, with a line-up grouping an alto, tenor and

trumpet opposite a trombone, tenor and trumpet, with the drummer on top of the piano and the singer under a chair—aboard, but possible!), by all means, use the goofy grouping.

Rubber-stamp bands are going out. The public will eventually shun commercialism. If there is any one component of sound to be stressed, it is individualism. Taste and judgment aren't developed by mass-production methods.

Hail King Acoustics!

The deeper you delve into sound, though, the more troubles you'll find. If there are words about your unconventional ideas of grouping, ask your opponents to outline the proper design for an outdoor bandshell. That'll hold them. It's been a musical bombshell for years. Do you prefer the usual curved shell with a top, a curved shell without a top, a hexagon posterior, three-fourths of a square, or a central round bandstand with a roof? Think carefully before you answer.

The perfect reply is—don't play outdoors in a bandshell at all if you can avoid it! Acoustics are better inside 99 percent of the time. When an orchestra is backed by the customary curved shell (like Chicago's Grant Park monstrously), sound waves rebound from the walls several times before they escape. Distortion inevitably results when one wave collides with another and it is perceptible to the most untrained ear.

Anything which interferes with the flow of a sound wave makes trouble, and trouble is translated into noise. As your enthusiasm for sound grows, you will become acutely aware of the difference between sound and noise. You will instinctively raise the quality of your standards. You may hit upon something entirely new and thoroughly fine. The territory is wide open, and musicians are the logical adventurers to chart the sound of the future. Get going—and—good going!

Band Leaders—Reserve space now in the special Down Beat Christmas issue.

Dean Hudson Reorganizes Good Combo

New York—Dean Hudson, in an inactive duty classification after two years in the army, assisted Tommy Dorsey in reorganizing his band prior to opening at the Pennsylvania Hotel here and at the same time, lined up several men to form his own band. First date was played at Duke University, October 23, followed by three weeks at the Palomar Ballroom in Norfolk, Va.

The nucleus of this band is comprised of the former Bobby Byrne outfit, which was first under the direction of Jack Jenney after Byrne's induction and more recently was used by Joe Marsala. With the help of Tommy Dorsey, Hudson added several top-flight men and a number of Cy Oliver scores to get off to a good start. Adding to Oliver's arrangements, Bob Hartsell, former Hudson pianist, is now spending all his time scoring, with Frank Ryerson, Art Dedrick and Joe Cohen also contributing.

Les Elgart, trumpet, formerly with Woody Herman and Charlie Spivak, and brother Larry Elgart, sax, also formerly with Spivak, have been added. George Nowlan, former Bobby Byrne trumpeter, and Johnny Payne, ex-Sonny Dunham trumpeter, are in the brass section, as well as hot trombonist Bill Cully and Rossie Nichols, who plays tram and does scat vocals. Parker Lund, original drummer, returned.

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A COLUMN FOR RECORD COLLECTORS.....

THE HOTBOX

By GEORGE HOEFER, Jr.

Frankie Trumbauer once told Frank Holland of Detroit that back in July of 1928 while in Chicago with the Paul Whiteman orchestra, he (Tram) and Bix made some outside recordings for Jean Goldkette. This information has prompted Holland to undertake considerable research on the Goldkette Victor 21000 series with some interesting results.

Checking with data received from the Victor Company files, the following information was down on paper: On July 12, 1928 Goldkette waxed *Just Imagine* on master number 46070, probably in Chicago, as this number series is found on Victor records made in the Windy City around this time. Personnel information on this date is no longer available at Victor. Tram definitely recalled that the Trumbauer Okeh of *Dusky Stevedore* with Bix was made on this particular trip to Chicago with Whiteman. *Just Imagine* was issued on HMV B5531 and the Boxer seems to recall hearing it on an American Victor. There is a Bixian trumpet on the side. The Bix collectors should endeavor to obtain the record for their investigation and decide whether or not it should be included in a Belderbecke Discography.

Another interesting by-product of Holland's investigation also concerns a so called Goldkette recording made on July 12, 1928. The record Victor 21590 *That's Just My Way of Forgetting You* on master 46097 fits neatly into the McKinney Cotton Pickers sides listed on Page 93 of Hot Discography. Masters 46093, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are listed and Victor advises they were made in Chicago July 11 and 12, 1928 with four saxes, two cornets, trombone, banjo, piano, tuba and drums with Don Redman conducting.

Victor thinks that 46097 was probably McKinney waxed although the record was labeled Goldkette. Also on November 23, 1928 McKinney waxed master numbers 48611 and 48620 in Chicago with the same instrumentation as above. These two sides were released on Victor 38013. Listed on the labels as Goldkette records are masters 48617 and 48618 also waxed on November 23rd in Chicago. The former master is *My Blackbirds Are Bluebirds Now* and the latter is *Don't Be Like That* both re-released as Goldkette on Victor 21805. Holland avers these two sides sound very much like the McKinney band. The McKinney and Goldkette bands were closely associated in Detroit at the Greystone Ballroom and it is very likely that some of the Goldkette Victor 21000 series sides were actually made by McKinney's Cotton Pickers.

MISCELLANY: John Treudley of Youngstown, Ohio adds some interesting data pertaining to The Whoopee Makers Vocalion sides mentioned in the *Box* Oct. 15. John has Vocalion 15769 both sides labeled as by the W. M. playing *Freshman Hop* and *Rush Inn Blues*. Treudley offers the suggestion that there is a possibility of a rather remote tie-up between the old Pathe-Perfect combination and Vocalion. Another example would be the Texas Blues Destroyers disc appearing both on Vocalion and Pathe-Perfect. The *Freshman* and *Rush Inn* sides do not feature any trombone much less Teagarden, nor does the trumpet sound like MacPartland but more like Moore of the Pettis Okeh *Bag O' Blues*, and very little of Goodman's clarinet as per report on the record from Treudley.

Floyd Bean has obtained a copy of his first recording (see *Hot Box* Oct. 1). The sides turned up on Champion 16065 by Fred Dexter's Pennsylvanians playing *What's The Use* and the fast number mentioned in the above column was *Cheer Up*.

Joe Campbell prominent Chicago Bix collector has moved to 8232 South Ingleside Ave., Chicago. Joe has decided that the clarinet soloist on the Bix Beiderbecke Victors was Jimmy Dorsey and not Benny Goodman as shown in Hot Discography.

Norm Ackermann of Rock Creek has given up collecting for the duration and is working a precision screw machine in a local defense plant as well as keeping up his insurance business.

Arthur Schutt, jazz pianist of yore, recently appeared as piano soloist with the Standard Symphony orchestra of Los Angeles on a Standard Oil of California



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Paul Moran, Jr., Campion Academy, Prairie Du Chien, Wis. Collects the clarinetists Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and Woody Herman. Paul is the son of the well known New Orleans trumpet with the famous New Orleans Rhythm Kings. Young Marco at present is playing piano.

Billie Anderson, 618 W. Thomas, Springfield, Mo. Interested in the Moond City Blue Blowers records, Duke Ellington, and has some Clarence Williams sides to trade.

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Drums: Maurice Purtill
Vocalists: Betty Brewer, Jimmy Cook, the Sentimentalists—Jean, Ann, Mary, and Peggy Clark
Arranger: Bill Finnegan

TD's new "wonder band" is quite that, any way you take it. The 23-man outfit has lost but one member to Uncle Sam since its opening at Cafe Rouge a few weeks ago.

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Except for the dubious judgment of dragging strings into a wild-mannered *Hallelujah*, ingenuity and interest in the arrangements and selection of tunes (i.e., a jump version of Paramount's familiar newsreel "Eyes and Ears of the World" theme) give the listener more than his money's worth (even if it's on the cuff), and the jitterbugs, in and out of sailor suits, don't give up though the tempos sometimes beat them to the finish.

Among the solos, Hank D'Amico contributes some wonderfully relaxed and artful clarinet passages, in tasteful relief to the scream trumpet measures.

Ballads are given over to the vocal department which includes in all-gal foursome, the Sentimentalists, and Betty Brewer and Jimmy Cook. Cook sings pleasingly, and not unlike his immediate predecessor. Miss Brewer's style arouses inevitable comparison with brother Jimmy Dorsey's ex-canary, Helen O'Connell.

Noting the nightly jam at the Cafe Rouge it can be said again

TD's new "wonder band" is quite that, and quite one to excite.

ART TATUM AND BEN WEBSTER

(Reviewed at The Three Deuces, New York)

This is it, all right. Having heard the shouting and the hullabaloo all the way from 52nd Street down to the *Beat's* office, we finally managed to sneak into the Deuces, curl around a table designed to seat one very thin man and a drink, and then, brother, came jazz and in quantity.

What a real piano player does after listening to Tatum, we don't know. But after digging the master for a couple of hours, our inclination was to go home, move the piano from its spot in the corner and start using it as a door-stop. From the first delicate right hand spirals down the key-board to the last full and perfect chord ending, this was art.

With Tatum are two other musicians, guitarist Tiny Grimes, and bass-man Slam Stewart. For our taste, Grimes, whose style is to bring in scraps and patches of folk tunes, old ditties, and song doggerel while soloing, overdid the cuteness of it all. Nevertheless, his work in the head stuff with Tatum and Stewart was wonderfully fresh and alive. As for Slam, his bass work is incomparable and the only way that we can think of to describe him is to say that he's Tatum with strings attached.

While the tasty tid-bits that Tatum served at the Deuces was more than enough to qualify him for any All-Time All-Time All-Star musicians poll, the same can't be said for Ben Webster, the ex-Duke Ellington tenor supreme. Maybe Ben was off form on the night we heard him and we hope that's the case. At any rate, his work was remarkably undistinguished both for ideas and tone. Working with Ben were Hank Kohout, piano, Teddy Walters, guitar, and Specs Powell, drums, all of them expert musicians who played in their usual expert manner.

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However, the most drastically hit seems to have been the long-suffering Casa Manana in Culver City. Last year the Zucca Brothers reduced the running time at the Casa to five nights per week but once again they have had to curtail operations at the big nitery, this time to Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Saturday swing shift session, running to 5 a.m. Sunday morning, will be continued, but instead of bringing in an extra band for the period, Alvino Rey combo plays the extra shift.

Film Pact for 'teen Tubber

Hollywood—Kenny John, 15-year-old drummer is the latest musical performer to draw a movie contract. Young John, who was spotted by MGM scouts while appearing as guest attraction in Manhattan niteries, was trialed pacted after a screen test.

He hails from Reading, Pa., where he started on drums at age of three under instruction from his father, Harry John. No picture assignment had been set for him at writing.

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Seventh Annual Band Poll Votes Start to Flood

Flocks of Ballots Launch Selection Of Fave Musicians

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ballots. Leaders who were heading a band on or after November 1 are not eligible for chairs in the all-star band! Some votes have been cast already for such leaders as Eddie Miller, Teddy Wilson and Art Tatum.

No matter whether they are conducting a large dance band or a small combination, if they are leaders they cannot be selected as sidemen in the all-star group. You may vote for them in the swing band, sweet band or small combo divisions, or may select them as your favorite soloist.

This ruling, for example, makes Gene Krupa, ineligible as all-star drummer last year because he was a leader, eligible for votes from his fans this year, because he has become a sideman with Goodman. And Roy Eldridge, who won trumpet honors last year as Gene's sideman, is not eligible this time, because he is fronting his own combination at the Preview in Chicago.

Watch Small Combos

Some of the voters, too, are casting their ballots for groups like Benny Goodman's quartet, Raymond Scott's quintet, the Woody Herman Woodchoppers and the Crosby Bobcats, despite our warning that only small combos not part of nor identified with larger name bands are eligible for selection. Intact groups like Red Allen's, John Kirby's, King Cole's or other three to seven men combos may compete for this honor.

They must be instrumental in character, though, since vocal trios and quartets are ruled out here, too.

Any living musician, in or out of the armed services, is eligible for selection in the all-star group. Condensed rules of the poll, and the second of the series of three blank ballots will be found elsewhere on this page. Be sure to vote only once, however, since names of voters will be cross-checked to avoid duplication or repeating.

Ballots must be sent to the Contest Editor, Down Beat, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, before midnight of December 15, 1943, when the poll will close. The editors of Down Beat will supervise the tabulation of the ballots, and will act as sole judges. Trophies will be awarded to all winners.

Incomplete tabulations to date:

Swing Bands

- 1-Benny Goodman 41
 - 2-Duke Ellington 38
 - 3-Charlie Barnet 31
 - 4-Harry James 27
 - 5-Woody Herman 24
 - 6-Count Basie 20
 - 7-Tommy Dorsey 18
 - 8-Glen Miller 13
 - 9-Lionel Hampton 9
 - 10-Stan Kenton 7
 - 11-Hal McIntyre 6
- (none under five listed)

Sweet Bands

- 1-Tommy Dorsey 48
- 2-Harry James 34
- 3-Charlie Spivak 31
- 4-Glen Miller 29
- 5-Duke Ellington 23
- 6-Benny Goodman 19
- 7-Teddy Powell 18
- 8-Fredy Martin 15
- 9-Shep Fields 7

Contest Rules

Send only ONE ballot. Names of voters will be checked and all duplicate votes eliminated.

Do NOT vote for musicians who were leaders on or after November 1st in the blanks for selection of the all-star band.

DO vote for leaders in the swing and sweet divisions or as "King of Corn" or favorite soloist.

Sign your correct name and address, and in full detail. Doubtful ballots will be checked to determine their authenticity.

Be fair in your selections, and base them on musical talent alone. Every living musician is eligible, in or out of the armed services.

Mail your ballot to Contest Editor, Down Beat, 203 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago (1), Ill., to arrive before midnight, December 15th, 1943.

- 10-Kay Kyser 5
 - 11-Borace Heidt 5
- (none under five listed)

Small Combinations

- 1-Teddy Wilson 35
 - 2-Red Norvo 28
 - 3-Red Allen 25
 - 4-John Kirby 19
 - 5-Pete Brown 15
 - 6-Three Suns 12
 - 7-Ben Webster 10
 - 8-Ray Eldridge 9
 - 9-King Cole Trio 5
- (none under five listed)

King of Corn

- 1-Spike Jones 31
 - 2-Guy Lombardo 29
 - 3-Sammy Kaye 25
 - 4-Kay Kyser 15
 - 5-Harry James 11
 - 6-Tommy Dorsey 9
- (none under five listed)

Favorite Soloist

- 1-Benny Goodman 34
 - 2-Tommy Dorsey 28
 - 3-Harry James 19
 - 4-Ben Webster 13
 - 5-Teddy Wilson 10
 - 6-Charlie Spivak 7
 - 7-Count Basie 7
 - 8-Buddy Rich 5
- (none under five listed)

Trumpets

- 1-Ziggy Elman 34
 - 2-Bobby Hackett 29
 - 3-Bar Stewart 28
 - 4-Yank Lawson 19
 - 5-Billy Butterfield 18
 - 6-Cappy Lewis 15
 - 7-Mar Kaminsky 14
 - 8-Dick Mains 13
 - 9-Lee Castle 10
- (none under ten listed)

Trombones

- 1-J. C. Higginbotham 34
 - 2-Lou McGarity 31
 - 3-Neal Reid 27
 - 4-Jack Jonney 24
 - 5-Floyd O'Brien 11
- (none under ten listed)

Alto Sax

- 1-Johnny Hodges 36
 - 2-Toots Mondello 32
 - 3-Lee Robinson 20
 - 4-Wilkie Smith 22
 - 5-Tab Smith 19
 - 6-Hymie Schertzer 14
 - 7-Clint Neary 10
- (none under ten listed)

Tenor Sax

- 1-Tex Beneke 35
 - 2-Vido Musso 34
 - 3-Corky Corcoran 28
 - 4-Don Lodes 23
 - 5-Babe Russin 19
 - 6-Lester Young 14
 - 7-Herbie Rayner 11
 - 8-Al Klink 10
- (none under ten listed)

Clarinet

- 1-Pee Wee Russell 28
- 2-Irring Pazole 25
- 3-Johnny Mince 19
- 4-Buster Bailey 18

Gracie Emulates Her Hubby



Cleveland—Bet the boys in this coast guard band would just play all the time if they had the regular inspiration of this charming guest conductor, Gracie Barrie, who also leads a band of her own on occasion. Gracie's husband, Dick Stabile, directs a coast guard band at Manhattan Beach, you know.

Iturbi Starts Movie Career

Hollywood—Jose Iturbi, internationally known concert pianist and conductor who made his film debut in MGM's *Thousands Cheer*, has been handed—and has accepted—a seven-year term contract by MGM.

- 5-Barnay Bigard 13
 - 6-Heinie Bean 10
- (none under ten listed)

Piano

- 1-Joe Story 29
 - 2-Mel Powell 24
 - 3-John Guarnieri 24
 - 4-Milt Raskin 19
 - 5-Joe Bushkin 16
 - 6-Frankie Carlo 11
- (none under ten listed)

Drums

- 1-Gene Krupa 32
 - 2-Buddy Rich 25
 - 3-Walter Page 25
 - 4-Jo Jones 21
 - 5-Maurice Purtill 19
 - 6-Ray McKinley 15
 - 7-Ray Baudae 11
 - 8-Sonny Greer 10
- (none under ten listed)

Bass

- 1-Bobby Haggart 31
 - 2-Artie Bernstein 28
 - 3-Walter Page 25
 - 4-Doc Goldberg 19
 - 5-Walt Yoder 15
 - 6-Sid Wales 12
 - 7-Trigger Alpert 10
- (none under ten listed)

Guitar

- 1-Eddie Condon 38
 - 2-Allan Reano 27
 - 3-Ry White 24
 - 4-Nappy Lomax 23
 - 5-Freddy Greene 12
 - 6-Bobby Hockett 11
- (none under ten listed)

Arrangers

- 1-Guy Oliver 34
 - 2-Eddie Sauter 27
 - 3-Billy Strayhorn 23
 - 4-Jerry Gray 20
 - 5-Will Hudson 14
- (none under ten listed)

Male Singers

- 1-Frank Sinatra 37
 - 2-Bing Crosby 35
 - 3-Dick Haymes 29
 - 4-Bob Eberle 24
 - 5-Harry Cool 18
 - 6-Ray Eberle 13
- (none under ten listed)

Girl Singers

- 1-Peggy Lee 29
 - 2-Helen Forrest 24
 - 3-Jo Stafford 20
 - 4-Anita O'Day 16
 - 5-Kitty Kallen 14
 - 6-Nan Wynn 11
 - 7-Deanna Wood 10
- (none under ten listed)

Georgia Gibbs Held on Coast

New York—Georgia Gibbs, who was expected back here from Hollywood on November 5 to open at Cafe Society Uptown, will remain on the west coast for another month or two. The air-show, *Everything Goes*, on which Georgia does featured singing, will continue to emanate from Hollywood until Jimmy Durante, star of the program, finishes some picture work.

Back at Cafe Society Uptown, Hazel Scott continues indefinitely, and Mildred Bailey will be held over. Changes in the band line-up at Cafe Uptown have bassist Israel Crosby (recently released from the army) back in Teddy Wilson's band, while Emmett Berry has taken over the trumpet chair in the same band. Johnny Williams, who substituted for Crosby while he was in service, has organized a trio, featured between big band sets in the uptown spot.

VOTE HERE!

For your favorite musician and band and send your Selection to Contest Editor, Down Beat—203 N. Wabash, Chicago (1), Ill.

PICK YOUR ALL-STAR BAND

(Do Not Vote for Band Leaders Here)

- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Alto Sax
- Tenor Sax
- Clarinet
- Piano
- Drums
- Bass
- Guitar
- Arranger
- Male Singer
- Girl Singer

YOUR FAVORITES OF 1943

(Leaders are Eligible for Votes Here)

Swing Band

Second Choice

Sweet Band

Second Choice

Small Combo

"King of Corn"

Favorite Soloist (Vote for any instrument listed above, or any other, such as violin, accordion, etc.)

Your Name

Street Address

City

State

Professional Musician? Yes No E

Tiny's An Amphibian, Too, Boys



Chicago—Russ Hull and Gordon Dow thank Tiny Hill for introducing their new march, *Song of the Amphibian Force (Trans-Am-Phib-For-Land)*. Tiny's amphibious too, boys, floats like a duck they say. Left to right: Tiny, Hull, Manuel Correia, Cuban band leader, and Dow. Tiny is playing the Trianon here.

What's Buzzin'

New York—A photo of Ted Straeter, band leader, in Down Beat inspired Artie Shaw and Claude Thornhill to approach an army sergeant in Pearl Harbor, also named Straeter, and inquire whether or not he was related to Ted. The sergeant didn't know, but when he reached Manhattan on a furlough, he looked Ted up on the strength of the resemblance. It developed that they are cousins.

Where the Bands are Playing

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS: b—ballroom; h—hotel; nc—night club; r—restaurant; t—theater; cc—country club; CRA—Consolidated Radio Artists, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC; FB—Frederick Berg Music Corp., RKO Bldg., NYC; MG—Mogale, 48 West 48th St., NYC; GAC—General Amusement Corp., RKO Bldg., NYC; IG—Joe Gitter, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC; MCA—Music Corp. of America, 745 Fifth Ave., NYC; MFO—Harold F. Ozier, 17 East 49th St., NYC; SZA—Stanford Zucker Agency, 501 Madison Ave., NYC; WMA—William Morris Agency, RKO Bldg., NYC.

Bandleaders may list their bookings free of charge, merely by writing Down Beat two weeks before each issue.

AchuF. Wayne (American Legion) Media, Pa., b.
Agnew, Charlie (Peabody) Memphis, Tenn., opng. 11/23, h.
Alexandri, Van (Warner Bros.) Philadelphia, Pa., t.
Allen, Bob (Tune-Town) St. Louis, Mo., 11/16-22, b; (Terrace Room) Newark, N. J., opng. 11/23.
Allen, Larry (Point Concord Inn) Havre de Grace, Md.
Allen, Red (Garrick Stagebar) Chicago, nc.
Almerico, Tony (SS Capitol) New Orleans, La.
Alpert, Mickey (Riobamba) NYC, nc.
Armstrong, Louis (On Tour) JG Arnshtern, Gua (Sherman's Cafe) San Diego, Cal.
Ash, Paul (Roxy) NYC t.
Atkins, Boyd (Faust) Peoria, Ill., nc.
Auld, George (Topper) Cincinnati, Ohio, 11/27-29, b; (Club Madrid) Louisville, Ky., 11/23-25, nc.
Ayres, Mitch (Worth) Fort Worth, Tex., 11/18-21, t; (Majestic) Dallas, Tex., 11/25-12/1, t.

Dorsey, Tommy (Pennsylvania) NYC, b.
Duarte, Teddy (New Casa Manana) Boston, Mass., nc.
Dunham, Sonny (Frolics) Miami, Fla., nc.
Durham, Eddie (Royal) Baltimore, Md., 11/19-25, t.
Edwards, Jack (Belmont Plaza) NYC, h.
Eldridge, Roy (Preview Lounge) Chicago, nc.
Ellington, Duke (Club Kingsway) Toronto, Ont., 11/19-24, nc.
Ernie, Val (Detroit Athletic Club) Detroit, Mich.
Eyman, Gene (Lowry) St. Paul, Minn., h.

Baker, Ken (Hollywood Casino) Hollywood, Cal., nc.
Bardo, Bill (The Toe) Boston, Mass., clngs. 11/21, nc.
Barnet, Charlie (On Tour) MCA Barrie, Grace (Palace) Columbus, O., 11/16-18, t; (Tune-Town) St. Louis, Mo., opng. 11/23, h.
Barron, Blue (Edison) NYC, h.
Bartal, Jeno (Lexington) NYC, h.
Bartha, Alex (Steel Pier) Atlantic City, N. J., b.
Bass, Count (Lincoln) NYC, h.
Becker, Bubbles (Van Cleve) Cleveland, h.
Beckner, Denny (Claridge) Memphis, Tenn., h.
Benyon, Ray (Baker) Dallas, Texas, h.
Bestor, Don (WHN) NYC
Blahop, Billy (Belvedere) Baltimore, Md., h.
Bondahu, Nell (Blackstone) Chicago, h.
Bort, Mischa (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Bothe, Russ (Agnes) Chicago, h.
Bradshaw, Ray (Colony Club) McClure, Ill., h.
Bradshaw, Guy (On Tour) MG
Bralley, Gus (Mamies Grotto), Milwaukee, Wis.
Brandwynne, Nat (Statler) Detroit, Mich., h.

Fields, Ernie (Happy Hour) Minneapolis, Minn., clng. 11/23, nc.
Fiedo, Shep (Strand) NYC, clng. 11/24, t.
Fio Rito, Ted (On Tour) MCA
Fisher, Freddie (Blue Heaven) Hollywood, Cal.
Flindt, Emil (Paradise) Chicago, b.
Foster, Chuck (On Tour) GAC
Franklin, Buddy (Aragon) Chicago, b.
Fuller, Walter (Tony's Subway) Peoria, Ill., nc.
Fuson, Bob (Elk's Club) New Bern, N. C.

Brecher, Washie (Washington) Washington, D. C., h.
Breese, Lou (Chez Paree) Chicago, nc.
Bridgote, Ace (Indiana Roof) Indianapolis, Ind., 11/17-22, b.
Britton, Mike (Capitol) Washington, D. C., 11/18-24, t; (Palace) Columbia, O., 11/30-12/2, t.
Broome, Drex. (Hilton) Long Beach, Cal., h.
Brown, Lea (Palladium) Hollywood, Cal., clng. 10/28, h.
Burns, Bill (Lookout Club) Columbia, S. C.
Buss, Henry (Palace) San Francisco, Cal., h.

Garber, Jan (Roseland) NYC, b.
Gernon, Joe (Casa Nova) Elmwood Park, Ill.
Gilbert Johnny (Lanta's Merry-Go-Round) Dayton, O., b.
Goodman, Benny (New Yorker) NYC, b.
Goldfield, Goldie (Maytag Club) Phenix City, Ala.
Grace, Sam (Cam Manana) Albuquerque, N. M., nc.
Grasick, Bill (Wardman Park) Washington, D. C., h.
Gray, Glen (State) Hartford, Conn., 11/19-21, t; (Strand) NYC, opng. 11/24, t.
Grimes, Don (Henry Grady) Atlanta, Ga., h.
Guppel, George (Benkert Park), Baltimore, Md., r.

Calloway, Cab (Earle) Philadelphia, 11/19-25, t.
Carter, Benny (On Tour) GAC
Cavallaro, Carmen (Statler) Washington, D. C., h.
Caylor, Joy (On Tour) FB
Chaves (Folies Bergere) NYC
Chester, Bob (Trianon) Southgate, Cal., nc.
Claridge, Gay (Merry Garden) Chicago
Colmans, Emil (Mocambo) Hollywood, Cal., nc.
Collins, Dee (Shrine Auditorium) Phoenix, Arizona
Courtney, Del (Blackhawk) Chicago, t.
Craig, Francis (Hermitage) Nashville, Tenn., h.
Cugat, Xavier (MGM Studios) Culver City, Cal.
Cummings, Bernie (Kentucky) Louisville, Ky., h.
Curbelo, Herbert (Latin Quarter) Chicago, nc.

Hamilton, George (Syracuse) Syracuse, N. Y., h.
Hampton, Lionel (Famous Door) NYC, nc.
Hamm Highlanders (Dubonnet) Newark, N. J.
Harris, Norman (King Edward) Toronto, Can., h.
Harvis, Phil (Slapale Maxie's) Hollywood, Cal.
Haseltine, Stan (Candlelight House) St. Louis, r.
Hawkins, Coleman (Kelly's Stable) NYC.
Hawkins, Erskine (Fay's) Philadelphia, 11/19-25, t.
Hatherton, Ray (Biltmore) NYC, h.
Helma, Myrl (Harmony Club) Reading, Pa., nc.
Henderson, Earl (Recreation Center) Conway, S. C.
Henderson, Fletcher (On Tour) FB
Henry, Toby (Shanghai Terrace Bowl) Oakland, Cal., nc.
Herman, Woody (Paramount) NYC, t.
Hill, Tiny (Trianon) Chicago, clng. 11/28, t.
Hines, Earl (Club Madrid) Louisville, Ky., 11/15-28, nc.
Hoaglund, Everett (Ciro's) Mexico City, Mexico, nc.
Horton, Aub (Princess) L. A., Cal., h.
Hokins, Jack (Stables Cafe) Anderson, Ind.
Hutton, Ina Ray (Stanley) Pittsburgh 11/19-25, t; (Earle) Philadelphia, 11/26-12/2, t.

D'Arcy, Phil (Rogers Corner) NYC, nc.
Dickman, Harry (Colonial) Hagerstown, Md., h.
Di Paolo, Tony (Plantation) Dallas, Tex., clng. 11/29, nc.
Donahue, Al (Roosevelt) New Orleans, La., h.
Dorsey, Jimmy (20th Century Fox Studios) Hollywood, Cal., Until 11/21; (Orpheum) Omaha, Neb., 11/25-12/3, t.

International Sweethearts of Rhythm (Fay's) Philadelphia, 11/28-12/2, t.
Jackman, Sherwood (Book-Cadillac) Detroit, Mich., h.
Jacquet, Russell (El Dorado) Houston, Texas, h.
Jagger, Kenny (Sportsman Club) Indianapolis, Ind.
James, Harry (MGM Studios) Culver City, Cal.
James, Jimmy (Rainbow) Denver, Colo., clng. 11/25, h.
Jerome, Henry (Palham Heath Inn) Bronx, N. Y.
Johnson, Blaine (The Dome), Minneapolis, Minn.
Johnson, Buddy (Paradise) Detroit, Mich., 11/19-25, t.
Johnson, King (Sheraton) NYC, h.
Jordan, Louis (Orpheum) L. A., Cal., 11/17-23, t.
Kassel, Art (Bismark) Chicago, h.
Kavelin, Al (Rio Cabana) Chicago, Opng. 11/18, nc.
Kays, Don (Claremont) Berkeley, Cal., h.
Kays, Sammy (Terrace Room) Newark, N. J., 11/19-25.
Kendall, Sonny (Copacabana) NYC, nc.
Kenton, Stan (NBC) Hollywood, Cal.
King Cole Trio (331 Club) L. A., Cal., nc.
King, Henry (Mark Hopkins) San Francisco, Cal., h.
Kinney, Ray (Lookout House) Covington, Ky.
Kirby, John (Famous Door) NYC, nc.
Kirk, Andy (Apollo) NYC, 11/19-25, t.
Korn Kobblers (Rogers Corner) NYC.

Key Spot Bands

AMBASSADOR HOTEL, Los Angeles—Freddy Martin
ARAGON, Chicago—Buddy Franklin
ARAGON, Ocean Park, Calif.—Freddy Nagel
BILTMORE HOTEL, Los Angeles—Joe Reichman
BLACKHAWK, Chicago—Del Courtney
COMMODORE HOTEL, New York—Ernie Madriguera
EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL, Chicago—Eddie Oliver
HURRICANE, New York—Ted Lewis
LINCOLN HOTEL, New York—Count Basie
MARK HOPKINS HOTEL, San Francisco—Henry King
NEW YORKER HOTEL, New York—Benny Goodman
PALLADIUM, Hollywood, Cal.—Les Brown; Nov. 30, Teddy Powell
PALMER HOUSE, Chicago—Griff Williams
PARK CENTRAL HOTEL, New York—Bobby Sherwood
PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL, New York—Tommy Dorsey
ROOSEVELT HOTEL, New Orleans—Al Donahue
ROOSEVELT HOTEL, Washington, D. C.—Justin Stone
ROSELAND, New York—Jan Garber
SAVOY, New York—Cootie Williams
SHERMAN HOTEL, Chicago—Charlie Spivak
STATLER HOTEL, Washington, D. C.—Carmen Cavallaro
TERRACE ROOM, Newark, N. J.—Nov. 19, Sammy Kaye; Nov. 26, Bob Allen
TRIANON, Chicago—Tiny Hill
TRIANON, Southgate, Cal.—Bob Chester
WALDORF-ASTORIA, New York—Leo Reisman

Lang, Geo. Al (Rhythm Club) Boston, Mass.
Larkin, Milton (On Tour) MG
LeBaron, Eddie (Troadero) Hollywood, Cal., nc.
Leonard, Ada (On Tour) FB
LeRoy, Howard (Whitcomb Sulphur Springs) St. Joseph, Mich., h.
Lewis, Ted (Hurricane) NYC, nc.
Lombardo, Guy (Roosevelt) NYC, h.
Long, Johnny (Palomar) Norfolk, Va., 11/19-25, b; (Circle) Indianapolis, Ind., 11/19-25, t.
Lopes, Vincent (Taft) NYC
Lucas, Clyde (Arcadia) Providence, R. I., 11/16, b; (State) Hartford, Conn., 11/26-28, t.
Luizi, Jack (Temple Beth El) Utica, N. Y.
Luneford, Jimmie (Riverdale) Milwaukee, Wis., 11/19-25, t; (Regal) Chicago, 11/26-12/2, t.
Lyman, Abe (Essex House) NYC, opng. 11/19, h.

McCune, Bill (Beverly Hills C. C.) Newport, Ky.
McIntire, Lani (Lexington) NYC, h.
McIntyre, Hal (Flagler Gardens) Miami, Fla., r.
McLean, Jack (Paris Inn) San Diego, Cal.
Madriguera, Ernie (Commodore) NYC, h.
Mannone, Wingy (Babalu Club) L. A., Cal., nc.
Mansanarez, Jose (LaSalle) Chicago, h.

McCarty, Bill (Beverly Hills C. C.) Newport, Ky.
McIntire, Lani (Lexington) NYC, h.
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WHERE IS?
BOB HOUSTON, vocalist, formerly with Johnny Long
JOE LIPPMAN, pianist, formerly with Jimmy Dorsey
WALTER EBERLY, brother of Bob Eberly
BANK BIAGINI, orchestra leader
CARL DENNY, vocalist, formerly with Hal McIntyre
JOHNNY BLOWERS, drummer, formerly with Jan Savitt
EDDY KUSSBY, trombonist, formerly with John Scott Trotter
JOSEPH TURK, trombonist, formerly with Abe Lyman
JIMMY ZITTO, trumpeter, formerly with Tommy Dorsey
ANNE SUTHERLAND, vocalist, formerly with Paul Whiteman
PAT KAY, vocalist, formerly with Johnny Richards

WE FOUND
DICK SHELTON, Sgt., GTCF Band, Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky.
DICK FARRELL, Band, 1443 S. U., Camp Grant, Ill.
DEL CASHIN, Chief Specialist, U. S. Army Band, Balmbridge, Md.
N. T. S. Balmbridge, Md.
JACK WARDLOW, now in insurance business, Raleigh, N. C.
MARCIA RICE, with USO Unit
JEFF LARKSON, new with Les Brown
BUFF ESTES, Ft. Litch, Masidan, Ne. 6 R. D., Trenton, Ont.
PROWELL SIFZINGSH, Pfc., Boston Army Band, Boston, 18, Mars
AL LANE, with Irving Berlin's This Is The Army
JOHNNY DESMOND, Pfc., 418 A.A.F. Band, Yale University, A.A.F.P.T.C., New Haven, Conn.
ROY HAMERSLAG, Pvt., 42037428, Co. L, 6th Q. M. Trng., Regt. 7366, Camp Lee, Va.
BOBBY STARK, 82nd Division Band, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
ARTHUR ROLLINI, Bess Network, Rockefeller Center, New York City.

Marellino, Mussy (Florentine Gardens) Hollywood, Cal., nc.
Mario, Don (Beachcomber) Providence, R. I., nc.
Martin, Freddy (Ambassador) L. A., Cal., h.
Matera, Frankie (Orpheum) Los Angeles, Cal., 11/24-30, t.
Mellotone (Eagles Club) Mt. Vernon, O., b.
Mee, Jimmy (Limehouse) Chicago, r.
Messner, Johnny (McAlpin) NYC, h.
Michener, Les (Crystal) Upper Darby, Pa., b.
Millinder, Lucky (Howard) Washington, D. C., 11/19-25, t; (Royal) Baltimore, Md., 11/26-12/2, t.
Mojica, Leon (Terrace) Hermosa Beach, Cal., h.
Molina, Carlos (Del Rio) Washington, D. C., nc.
Morales, Nono (Stork Club) NYC
Morand, Joss (Astor) NYC, h.
Morgan, Russ (Michigan) Detroit, Mich., 11/19-25, t.
Morton, Hag (Brown) Louisville, Ky., h.
Moses, Fred (Flame Club) Duluth, Minn., clng. 11/21, nc.
Muskiens, The (Sky Club) Asheville, N. C.

Narel, Freddy (Aragon) Ocean Park, Cal., nc.
Noone, Jimmy (Streets of Paris) Hollywood, Cal., nc.
O'Brien & Evans (Five O'Clock Club) Manitowoc, Wis.
O'Casey, Pat (The Hole) S. F., Cal., nc.
Oman, Phil (Mocambo) L. A., Cal., nc.
Oliver, Eddie (Edgewater Beach) Chicago, h.
Olsen, George (Schroeder) Milwaukee, Wis., clng. 11/26, h.
Osborne, Will (Robbins) Warren, O., 11/18, t; (Palace) Cleveland, O., 11/19-25, t; (Circle) Indianapolis, Ind., 11/28-12/2, t.
Owens, Harry (St. Francis) S. F., Cal., h.

Panchito (Varellles) NYC, nc.
Pancho (Copley-Plaza) Boston, Mass., h.
Paul, Toasty (Vine Gardens) Chicago, nc.
Paulson, Art (New Yorker) NYC, h.
Pearl, Ray (Melody Mill) N. Riverside, Ill., b.
Pedro, Don (Morocco) Chicago, nc.
Petti, Emile (Ambassador East) Chicago, h.
Powell, Teddy (On Tour) JG
Powell, Walter (Aquarium) NYC, nc.
Power, Tommy (Club Jive) Wilmington, Del., h.
Prager, Col. Manny (Childs Paramount) NYC, r.
Preston, Larry (WDC MacArthur Canteen) Chicago, Until 11/24
Prima, Louis (Golden Gate) San Francisco, Cal., clng. 11/24, t; (Rainbow Randeau) Salt Lake City, Utah, opng. 11/26, b.

Raeburn, Boyd (Bandbox) Chicago, nc.
Ragon, Don (Hi-Lo Club) Battle Creek, Mich., nc.
Rapp, Barney (Blue Moon) Wichita, Kan., h.
Ramos, Bobby (Clover Club) Hollywood, Cal., nc.
Ramos, Ramon (Statler) Buffalo, N. Y., h.
Rapp, Barney (Blue Moon) Wichita, Kan., h.
Ravazza, Carl (Oriental) Chicago, 11/19-25, t; (Riverdale) Milwaukee, Wis., 11/26-12/2, t.
Raymond, Don (USO Club) New Orleans, La.
Read, Kemp (Ann's Kitchen) Newport, R. I., nc.
Reidus, Bill (High Hat) Nashville, Tenn., nc.
Redman, Don (Zanzibar) NYC, nc.
Reichman, Joe (Biltmore) Los Angeles, Cal., h.

Reid, Don (Huehlsbach) Kansas City, Mo., clng. 11/25, h.
Reinhart, Dick (Backstage) San Francisco, Cal., nc.
Reisman, Leo (Waldorf-Astoria) NYC, h.
Rey, Alvin (Casa Manana) Culver City, Cal., nc.
Reynolds, Tommy (On Tour) FB
Roberts, Dave (Copacabana) Newark, N. J., nc.
Robinson, Eddie (On Tour) MG
Rosen, Eddie (Casino) Quincy, Ill., clng. 11/24, nc; (Schroeder), Milwaukee, Wis., opng. 11/27, h.
Royal Filipino Orch. (Talk Of The Town) Peoria, Ill., nc.
Rubl, Warner (Club Hollywood) Kalamazoo, Mich., nc.

Samarino, Joe (Post & Paddock Club) Louisville, Ky., nc.
Sandra, Joe (Chanticleer) Baltimore, Md., nc.
Sandifer, Sandy (Colonial Gardens) Louisville, Ky., nc.
Saunders, Hsi (St. Anthony) San Antonio, Tex., h.
Saunders, Red (Club DeLia) Chicago, nc.
Sawth, Jan (Vogue Terrace) McKeesport, Pa., clng. 11/26, h.
Schroeder, Lou (Mayflower) Jacksonville, Fla., h.
Scott, Raymond (CBS) NYC
Sodrie, Gene (Midway Musical Bar) Philadelphia, Pa.
Shaw, Bob (Manssott Hall) Brockton, Mass.
Sherwood, Bobby (Park Central) NYC, h.
Smith, Stuff (Garrick) Chicago, nc.
Spivak, Charlie (Sherman) Chicago, h.
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Tucker, Tommy (Adams) Newark, N. J., 11/18-24, t.
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Videto, Ken (Rama Club) Phenix City, Ala., nc.
Villuso, Ias (Roseland) Houston, Tex., nc.
Vincent, Boy (Scala's Arcadia) Berkeley, Pa., nc.
Wald, Jerry (Palace) Columbia, O., 11/23-25, t; (Palace) Cleveland, O., 11/26-12/2, t.
Waples, Bud (Anley) Atlanta, Ga., h.
Wiener, Arthur (Washington-Yorsee) Shreveport, La., h.
Watson, Hul (Buena Vista) Biloxi, Miss., h.
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Weeks, Anson (Aragon) Houston, Tex., h.
Weik, Lawrence (Capitol) NYC, 11/18-25, t; (Stanley) Pittsburgh, 11/26-12/2, t.
White, Bob (Pla-Mor) Kansas City, Mo., h.
Williams, Cootie (Savoy) NYC, b.
Williams, Griff (Palmer House) Chicago, h.
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The BANDBOX

By BILL DUGAN

Virginia E. Wellington who has been receiving correspondence for her Bob Eberly Fan Club in care of this column, because we so carelessly neglected to print her address in the October 15 issue, should have a large membership when the Eberly fans know where to write to her. Virginia informs us that the first honorary member is Bing Crosby. Write to her at 1109 East 29th St., Erie, Pennsylvania.

Jeri Sweeney and Rita Smith, 203 S. 58th St., Philadelphia, Pa. have a fan club for Mel Torme (former Chico Marx vocalist) called Tormites.

Another Glenn Miller fan club has been started by Sara Tantiello, 795 E. 182 St., Bronx, 60, N. Y. Dues are 15c a week and pictures of Glenn Miller are being offered free by Thomas P. Shells. Sara would like to hear from presidents of other Miller clubs.

Announcement has just been made of a Trudy Erwin fan club by Elizabeth Praser, 106 Tappan St., Kearny, N. J. Trudy is the former Kay Kyser chirp, now heard on Bing Crosby's Kraft Music Hall. The club would welcome new members.

Modern Music Makers Club is conducting a large membership drive. Write to Steve H. Frank, 200 Myrtle Ave., Jersey City, 5, N. J. . . . Seems that Frances Swenton, president of the Hal Derwin Fan Club, doesn't stay put long. Here's her new address: 174 Duer St., North Plainfield, N. J.

Loretta McCabe, 136 N. Twelfth St., Newark, N. J. is national president of all Bobby Sherwood clubs. She wants anyone interested in joining or starting a Sherwood club to write to her and she is offering autographed membership cards to all members. . . . Gerry Whitehead, 1110 Cleveland St., Evanston, Ill., writes that her Liz Tilton (now singing with Jan Garber) fan club is still going strong.

Rutha Ziesel, 590 Navahoe Ave. and Betty Corbin, 631 Conner Ave., Detroit, 14, Mich., would like more members for

their Gene Krupa fan club and are offering action photos of Gene Krupa, Anita O'Day, Roy Eldridge, Johnny Desmond and the band. Write to either Rutha or Betty.

The Eddie Miller Band Club is currently staging a drive for members. Write to Isabel Lee, 958 Silvercrest Ave., Akron, 14, Ohio. . . . A Lee Castle (Benny Goodman trumpeter) fan club is under way now with Ann Marinelli, 274 Devos St., Brooklyn, N.Y. as its president and Jean Li Ito, vice-president. All Lee Castle fans write to Ann.

Roz Berliner, 60 Gramercy Park North, New York City, would like more members for her Bruce Hays fan club. Bruce is the Vincent Lopez vocalist. . . . Curtis C. Short, Jr., president of the Jimmy Dorsey Musical Club, wants more members and is offering membership cards and pictures of the band. Also records by the Jimmy Dorsey band are being sent to all members free of charge. Write to him at 1138 Denver Blvd., San Antonio, Tex.

Penay Simone, 1955 E. 7 St., Brooklyn, 29, N. Y. has two fan clubs—one for Corky Corcoran (Harry James tenor saxist) and one for Tom Dix, singing star in Best Foot Forward, and would like members.

Flo Zomak, 948 Woodycrest Ave., Bronx, N.Y. wants members for her Hal McIntyre fan club. . . . Ruby Salinas, 42 Rivington St., New York City, president of a Harry James fan club, would like as many members of the service as possible for her club, as well as other additional members. . . . Pat Motter, president of a Harry James fan club at 1705 East 32, Des Moines, Ia., wants members from Iowa, preferably from Des Moines.

Eb-Cats is the name of Dorothy Helreich's Bob Eberly fan

Good Horn



Columbia, S. C.—Henry Suddam is only 17 years old, but he plays in a James-Elman groove and has had his own five-piece outfit at the USO club here for more than a year. Henry is turning down all offers, fellows, until he finishes his education, so it's no use.

club. Each member will receive a membership card with Bob's picture on it, and a newspaper called Eb-Tidings, to be published quarterly. Bing Crosby is also the first honorary member in the club. Dues are 75 cents a year. Dorothy's address is 3134 W. Fountain St., Philadelphia, 21, Pa.

Margaret Martin, 481 Carlaw Ave., Toronto, Ont., is president of the Canadian branch of a Sam Donahue fan club and would like to have all Donahue fans in Canada write to her. . . . Catherine Giordano, 52 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y., wants more members for her Sam Donahue fan club and also representatives for branches of her club.

A fan club for Bing Crosby and Perry Como, called Crooner Club for Bing Crosby and Perry Como, has been organized by Arline Bakal, 220 Sheridan Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y. and Lois Heyer, 109 Stuyvesant Plaza, Mount Vernon, N.Y. For details, write to either Arline or Lois. . . . Florence "Buddy" Van Houten, 168-38 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, 3, N.Y., is plugging for new members to join her Buddy Moreno fan club, and Agnes DeWitt, president of the Buddy Moreno Boosters, 6466 N. Newcastle Ave., Chicago, 31, Ill., is doing likewise.

Tops In Town, a fan club for Lena Horne and Frank Sinatra, has been started by Kay Connolly, 528 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Free membership will be awarded to the first ten who write to her. . . . David Whitfield, 62 Highland Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y., announces a Lena Horne fan club and is planning big things for its success.

Anyone interested in joining a Frank Sinatra fan club can write to: Joan Kopeyno, president, 86-15 248th St., Bellerose, L.I., N.Y., or Dolores Weber, secretary, 82-46 249th St., Bellerose, L.I., N.Y.; Joseph E. Reilly, Jr., 45-20 43 St., Sunnyside, L.I., N.Y., who has a club consisting mainly of male members and called Males For Sinatra; Crooner's Best Swooners, in care of Bernice Etkin, 9 E. 193 St., Bronx, N.Y., who states dues will be 20c a month and you will receive four 8x10 photos, snapshots and a paper to be issued regularly; June McLaughlin, 1408 Cromwell Ave., Bronx, N.Y., who, along with Kay Sands and Joan Walsh, has organized a club to be called Club Sempor Sinatra.

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