



Claude Thornhill is ill on Tarawa with an ear and sinus infection and has had 125 shots of penicillin. His band and show moved on to New Zealand without him.... Woody Herman and his Herd open at the Hotel Penngylvania in Manhattan tomorrow (July 16).... Dizzy Gillespie debuted his big band on July 8 at Langley Field. Virginia, and is booked until August 28.

Joo Marsala had two operations and can't play his horn until October. His wife, Adele, who was going to play her harp with BG, was nixed out by a strep throat. . . New Yorker probably will Profile that wax wizard, Milt Gabler. . . Cork O'Keefe is setting Bobby Hackett for two albums at Decca, one Beiderbocke and the other his own faves.

Thieves spoiled Bill Davison's furlough by stealing both his auto and his horn... Although June is a poor month for attendance, Louis Prima smashed boxoffice records at the Strand (NYC) and the King Cole Triodid the same trick at the Orpheum theater in L. A... Ernie Anderson, mentor to Eddie Condon, got the publicity job at Majestic records.

Majestic records.

The radio nets are annoying many music publishers by banning songs with social significance...

Don D'Arcy has decided to sing again—with Art Mooney's band at the Lincoln in Gotham... Jerry Wald. who has been ducking the date, will wipe out old options at the Roseland on Broadway in October... Johnny Mercer and Richard Arlen are working on the score for a Broadway musical to star Lena Horne.

Horne.

Unless labor restrictions are modified drastically from pre-war status, American name bands won't make any general invasion of England and the continent after the war. Working permits probably will be as tough to get as ever. . . Did Johnny Bothwell wed Claire Hogan, who replaced Margie Wood as the chirp with Boyd Raeburn? Both of them may have cut out from the band by the time you read this.

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Billy Usher is singing now with Randy Brooks. Mel Powell wrote Clarinade, Benny Goodman's newest disc release. . . . Cafe Society Downtown has a great find, Smaan Reed, who sings quaint ballads and plays the sither. Billie Holiday is worrying her associates again. . . . Charlie Parker, a hit on alto with Diszy's small band, is forming his own jams unit.

Manie Backs is recovering

BLUE NOTES By ROD REED :

A radio writer wants a divorce be-cause his wife uses tes. He must be an old-fashioned gaffer who objects to women smoking.

Dorothy Lamour, an ex band chirp, carned \$134,084 hast year. Moral: skip the sings; get sarongs.

Occar Levant has a solitaire role in Rhapsody in Blue. He plays himself.

leky Vicki likes that sneeze song, "Good, Good, Good — Achooo! Achooo!"

Pat: Does your phonograph run by electricity? Mike: No, It's a wind instru-

Jazz Stars Absence Drag Gillespie Bash

New York-The New Jazz Foundation is still shooting bet-

Concerts Badly Planned

especially from the stupid emces-ing of a local radio announcer called Symphony Sid.

Erroll Garner Shines



New York—Luscious is estable no overstatement (nor i New York—Luscious is certainly no overstatement (nor is any other phrase the Beat editors could dig out of their dictionary) when it's in description of the beauty of Mary Ann James, new singing find. Mary Ann started professionally in Detroit and Chicago, now has movie and radio scouts interested. She has just signed a five year con-tract with Tim Gayle.

from that throat operation. from that throat operation... Ann Moore is a new singer with Count Basie... Henry Busse, annoyed by the atmosphere at the Biltmore hotel in New York, asked for release... Lester Young is ill at Camp Gordon, Georgia, will be out of service soon, but can't play horn for several months. Jo Jones is at Fort Ord, California.

Slam Returns To Goodman Crew

New York-Slam Stewart has returned to Benny Goodman's returned to Benny Goodman's band, for the time being, at least, after an involved hassel. BG had planned to replace Slam with harpist Adele Girard, but she was The concert was rounded out with some exceptionally fine trumpet by Buck Clayton, good clarinet by a young 'fay solder named Tony Sciacca, and terrific drums by Sid Catlett. forced to stay in town due to a strep throat condition and the serious illness of husband Joe Marsala

At this writing Adele hadn't heard further from Benny and didn't know if she was to join the band. Slam, in the meantime, had temporarily forgotten his plans for a big band and was again featured with the Sextet. only other important BG news is that Terry Nolan, 52nd Street impresario, is now part of Red Norvo's "destruction of the vibes" act. Nolan carries a large fire-axe on stage to Red to help facilitate the job.

Whistling Act

Boston, Mass.—Benny Goodman demonstrated his faultless-howmanship here during a recent visit with his band. Playing on the stage of the RKO-Boston Theater, BG's reed slipped from his horn to the floor. Benny didn't bother reaching for it; instead, he leaned over the mike and whistled his solo, knocking out the packed house.

Sherock's Horn And Vocalist



Furthermore, the concerts are very badly planned. This is evident from the confusion existing on stage most of the time, from the meaningless program (rarely does any musician play in order or what he's listed to play), and expectally from the stund ances. Harry James Isn't Commercial—He Says

New York—"Who says I'm getting too commercial?" barked Harry James.

"And what does 'getting too commercial' mean, anyway?"
"No kidding, half the time I don't think a lot of these would-

be jazz fans know what they're talk-ing about. They talk through their hats."

as for the music—well, lot of it was good but too much of it was good but too much of it was repetitious and for that reason dull. Dizzy Gillespie's band and Don Byas certainly offered plenty of excitement but how great for how long can they be? Dizzy and alto-man Charlie Parker gave out with great music but it would have been a big help if their work was broken up by other acts instead of being presented in one hunk. Byas played just as well but too often, the fault here of course being that he had to play the missing Hawk's choruses plus his own. "One of the big complaints is that you're adding too many strings," he was told. "That, the emphasis on ballads, and the fact emphasis on ballads, and the lact that in the past few years you've cut almost no small band jazz records. Some of the fans claim that you haven't done anything lately to compare with some of the sides you cut earlier, like the ones you made with Hampton, for example."

The only over-worked artist who didn't pall was pianist Erroil Garner. Whether he was playing complex hot jazz with rhythm accompanying or spellbinding the audience with magical solo originals, he bore the unmistakable imprint of genius. Despite being kept at the keyboard throughout two-thirds of the program, he was never at a loss for the right thing to play.

Garner accompanied singer "Listen," Harry snorted. "Why do these guys think that because a record only has four or five musicians on it, it must be better than one with 15 or 20 or any number? The size of the band has nothing to do with the quality of music produced. I'm not trying to please a handful of hot record collectors. I'm trying to play the kind of music that I like and the kind that a lot of other people like apparently.

"As far as the fiddles go," said Garner accompanied singer Pearl Bailey and it's a tribute to her voice to say that she was equal to his backgrounds. Pearl is a peculiar figure in the jazz world—attractive, with an excellent voice and an unusual but good blues conception. Nevertheless, her act belongs more to the smart boite set than to legit jazz.

The concert was rounded out

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"As far as the fiddles go," said the bandleader with one of the largest music-derived incomes, "what's wrong with them? It's foolish to say that strings will spoil the jazz quality of a band. They're used chiefly to heighten ballads and they do that tremendously. The way I see it, by doubling my strings as I've done, I'm only giving the customers twice as much for their money!

"All in all, I don't know what these people are driving at with their 'too commercial' stuff. Tell them for me that I'm trying to play nothing but good music and I don't care what name you use to describe it. And tell them especially that I'm still playing the same kind of horn I always played!"

Glaser Expands

In Cocktail Biz

New York—The Joe Glaser

New York—The Joe Glaser office plans heavy expansion into the cocktail and club booking biz and has brought in Harry Moss, formerly associated with M.C.A., as part of the new set-up.

Moss brought bands of Enoch Light and Johnny McGhee into the Glaser fold with him. may also follow with Lee Castle, Tommy Reynolds and Bob Chester.

The Glaser office, which to date has exploited only top names in the cocktail field such as Al Casey and Red Norvo, will now include

and Red Norvo, will now include all types of cocktail and single acts

O'Day With Krupa At Astor

New York—Anita o'Day has rejoined the band with which ahe
rose to fame. She opens with
Gene Krupa's crew tomorrow
night (16th) at the Astor Roof
and, it is understood, will be
featured with Krupa's jazz trio.
The Song Bards, vocal group, are
already out of the band.
Krupa plays the Capitol theater
here in September, then will
probably hop overseas for a GL
tour. He's also scheduled to return to the west coast for another
pic date.

Rosenkrantz May Try **Another Jazz Bash**

New York — Timme Rosen-krantz, recent promoter of the most musically satisfying and fi-nancially disappointing jazz con-cert of the year, will try again— probably later this month. He's looking for an air conditioned hall suitable for a hot weather bash. Museum of Modern Art is leading possibility at the moment.

Stacy Band And Lee Wiley Debut

New York—Jess Stacy's band was ready to open July 6 at Seaside Park, Virginia Beach, for its debut. The pianist-leader had a bad break at the last minute when clarinetist Buddy De Franco, his key-man, left to go back to the Tommy Dorsey fold on the west coast. Stacy's wife, Lee Wiley, handles vocals and Bennie Winestone, ex-Ambrose tenorman, is featured. Band books through GAC which set the Seaside Park date for four weeks.

Cootie & Ella On The Cover

Cootle Williams and Ella Fita-gerald have been knocking out the customers on their current road and theater tour. On the cover pic they seem to be knock-ing themselves out as well. Cootle's fine band now records for Capitol records, first releases are due soon.

TD and Buddy In Another Spat

Los Angeles — Tommy Dorsey and his star drummer-man Bud-dy Rich are at it again! Fly in the soup between the two, who never have been exactly in love, is Buddy's recording activities outside the TD band.

outside the TD band.
Rich recorded four sides waxed recently with the Herbie Haymer Quintet for Eddie Laguna, who operates the Sunset label here. Tommy and his attorneys have threatened court action against Laguna if the sides are released, TD contending that he holds a contract with Buddy forbidding him to play or record with any other musical unit.
Laguna says he intends to issue

Laguna says he intends to issue the records anyway. By this time the Rich contract may have expired, no one knowing just how long the agreement was for, anyway.

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TD To Buy Transport For Post-War Tours

Los Angeles-"Tommy Dorsey and his Air-Borne Orches-

supplies necessary for playing one-nighters in a series of quick,

one-nighters in a series of quick, profitable hops.

Idea looks like more than just a good publicity stunt—particularly as one-nighters are more profitable than any other type of work. And plane travel will undoubtedly open up all of North and South America, as well as most of the world, to American dance band tours.

Silver Replaces Erno Rapee

New York—Jules Silver, who had assisted the late Erno Rapee at Radio City Music Hall, has re-

nad assisted the late Erno Rapee at Radio City Music Hall, has replaced him—temporarily according to Music Hall officials. The new, permanent chief conductor, has not yet been named.

Rapee, who died June 26 after suffering a heart attack, had maestroed at the Music Hall since its opening in December. 1932. He had been associated with movie house music since 1917 when he signed with the late Roxy to be musical director at the Rialto. Thereafter he conducted pit bands in several theaters, scored and conducted music for films, scored musical comedies, guest-conducted symphony orchestras.

He was composer of a number of pop tunes, biggest hits being Charmaine, Diane and Angela Mia.

Composer of 'Peanut **Vendor' Dies In Spain**

New York — The late Moises Simons, Cuban musician and composer, was known principally to the long underwears. But he did one job that pop fans took to in a big way, The Peanut Vendor. It's the ditty that Will Rogers described as unique: the only song nobody can whistle.

Vendor became a standard in Ted Lewis stage shows with the high-hatted clarinet-holder tossing goobers to the audience. It also was basis for a lawsuit when

ing n-natted clarinet-holder tossing goobers to the audience. It also was basis for a lawsuit when somebody tripped over a peanut. Simons died in Madrid, June 28 of a heart attack at the age of 56.

That is the billing that will herald the appearance of the alip-horn stylist and his troupe as soon as Dorsey can purchase an army sky transport to carry his band on all its travels.

The idea almost became an actuality in few weeks ago. Tommy had practically completed the purchase of a plane of the Liberator "B-24" bomber type for conversion into a transport when a government official stepped in to mix the deal on the contention that, despite the number of practically obsolete early model B-24's, the planes were essential for business out in the Pacific. The TD plan is to use the plane, when available, not only to carry his entire unit but to serve as living quarters when necessary. He plans to equip the plane for 35 musicians, their instruments, library and all other supplies necessary for playing one-nighters in a series of quick. New York—Erskine Hawkins, whose band plays its first big-time Broadway theater date at the Strand opening July 27, has composed a special number for the occasion, dedicated to Major Glenn Miller. It was the Miller band that pushed Hawkins' Tuxedo Junction into hit song brackets a few years ago and for that reason Hawkins has titled his new opus Miller Junction. Hawkins just concluded a long run at the Hotel Lincoln here.

Himber Tax Suit Again In Court

Los Angeles—Old law suit against Richard Himber, filed three years ago by the state, in connection with unemployment is again active with shifting of

taxes of salaries of his musicians is again active with shifting of case from Sacramento, where it was originally filed, to L.A.

The state claims Himber owes it nearly five hundred dollars for salaries while working at the St. Francis hotel, in San Francisco, and the Palladium in Hollywood. Himber's attorney claims tax was paid, that the amount sought now is surcharge due to interest and penalties which piled up during delay in trying to establish the employer-employee relationship to satisfaction of the state and musicians' union. The union has since held that the bandleader, as well as the musicians under him, is also an employee of the location hiring him.

'Hipster' Comes To Rescue of Long Hairs

New York-Aside from Jose New York—Aside from Jose Iturbi, few longhair planists have come close to mastering boogie woogie—but most of them, it's reported, have a secret urge.

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Come to their rescue is Harry (The Hipster) Gibson with a new music book called Sextette for Boogie Woogie. Music is written in classical piano style, with all the scoring marks that most of the jazzers eschew and with special instructions aimed right at the woolly underwear boys.

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prelude, nocturne, intermezzo,
rhapsody, fantasy and tocatta.
(The intermezzo is called Down
Beat Boogie.) Bert Shefter edited
and transcribed and it's published by Mutual Music.

Says the hipster, "Man, if them
shoulder-bob cats really dig this
mess they'll be cuttin' Ammons
and Johnson before you can say
Arturo J. Toscanini."

Jerry Shelton On USO Show



Accordionist Jerry Shelton looks on as a lucky Gl collects autographs from dancer Melba and singer Kathleen Harris, of the USO show, Bumps-A-Daisy, in Europe. Jerry was musical director of the Velou-Yolanda show.

Procedure For Haines Cheesecake Pics



Left—Songstress Connie Haines takes time out or a session with her make-up kit before going in ont of the camera.

front of the camera.

Center—It's only Lou Costello's camera—but even then, cheesceake plays an important part in the life of a radio canary (ya gotta look pretty as

John Dotson, owner of

the Blue Moon in Wichita.

Kansas, had been keeping

a pair of Kerry Blue ter-

riers and four pups in a pen just outside the night club

windows. During the spot's regular evening radio airer. as Freddie Shaffer's band was about halfway through

their arrangement of Trees.

all six dogs began to how!!

Such was the racket that it

almost stopped the show.

Philly Union Plans

For Returning Vets

Philadelphia—Local musicians union already cooking up plans for the post-war period, with a special eye on providing employment for the music makers coming back from the armed forces. First step in the plan being formulated, according to Frank P. Liuxi, prez of Local 77 here, is to increase the size of all the nitery bands here, primarily the spots where floor shows are being featured.

Plan provides for the establish—

Jive Bombers Win GI

well as sing pretty, for some reason) and Connie is quite willing to oblige.

-The satisfying results change of poses and bathing suits. Connie is with the Bud Abbott and Lou Costello show.

Overseas GI's Crave, **Deserve That Music** By 2nd Lt. BOB CROSBY, U.S.M.C.

South Pacific-Every enlisted man over here would like to see and hear more top name bands. It has been quite embarrassing for me to try to explain to these kid—the same kids who put these bands on top several years ago—why none

of our dance bands on top several years ago—why no of our dance bands come overseas. And why don't they? I know that bands have been touring the states playing service camps, but I also know that a larger percentage are on a sponsored program which requires no sacrifice monetarily, and the publicity resulting from these performances has been quite eagerly sought after.

These Main Frances

Three Main Excuses

There are three excuses given by name bands: commitments, personnel, and transportation. The first argument about not go-The first argument about not going overseas because of commitments can be handled easily. No hotel operator would stand in the way of our servicemen overseas getting this entertainment. Secondly, that some of the boys could not pass physical requirements and some who had been in service and discharged would not want to go is argued. It is a sorry situation indeed if each organization could not replace and rewrite a few of their arrangements and keep their music on the same high standard. Surely our band leaders are competent enough musicians and can defeat the musicians and can defeat the same had the same ha ent enough musicians and can defeat this problem. The third argument is transportation. This is the problem of the service and if they can transport the 160 men of "This is the Army," I believe this situation can also

featured.

Plan provides for the establishment of a basic minimum, probably of eight men, where the band boys are called upon to play show music. Minimum number will be graduated upward by zones based on the seating capacity and present wage scale classifications of the spots. believe that salaries be met. It was suggested that salaries be paid by the USO people between seventy-five and one It was suggested that salaries be paid by the USO people between seventy-five and one hundred dollars a week. There being no hotel and food bills, this appears to be a pretty good touch in comparison paid musicians in the service.

Thornhill in Hospital

I saw Claude Thornhill the other day. He is in the hospital, not seriously ill. Fatigue, from a six-months' tour. He has been with Dennis Day and a service **Band Concert In Italy** Italy—The 98th "Jive Bombers" orchestra recently nosed out three other army bands for the title of "best 15th Air Force dance orchestra" in an elimination contest held throughout the 15th Air Force region.

with Dennis Day and a service band. Ray Anthony has a great Navy band out here and is soon to go on tour.

I have a band and show now and I am about to go forward again, but I still reiterate, the war is moving this way, personnel and morale problems increase every day. So this is the plea; Give the men out here the thing that they want. Music! Isth Air Force region.

The Jive Bombers, under the baton of Cpi. Derrel Taylor, of Meridian, Miss., was organized last October, and has been play-Musicians in the band are: Amos Asmussen, LeRoy Martella, Robert Delany, Clarence John, saxes; Taylor, Dan Hill jr., Ernest Basqualone, trumpets; Harold Carden, William Sipes, trombones; Harold Crump, piano; Sam Haber, guitar: Andy Pater, bass; Samuel Nassi, drums and Lee Huddleston. Herb Hengst and William Wright, vocalists.

San Francisco—Traveling band bookings appear virtually an impossibility in this territory as all hotel and lodging accommodations have been made available only to essential military and civilian personnel. Ruling was made by the hotel operators' association after the United Nations conference and will remain in effect as long as present conditions exist.

tions exist.

Chief effect will be with bands on one-nighters and theater tours.

First Cosmopolitan

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Discs On The Market

New York—First releases of the
new Cosmopolitan record company in early July offered pienty
of vocalizing and a minimum of
swazz. Platters by Joan Edwards,
Jerry Wayne, Four Chicks and
Chuck and Henry (Hot Embouchure) Busse came off the assembly line. Coleman Hawkins was
the only red hot man signed by
the new platter producers to
date. Harry Bank, president, was
off to Chicago early this month
to groove Del Courtney and Barry
Wood for his first pressings in
the Windy City.

Dorothy's Sis



West Coast—Vivacious Debby Claire is the latest entry into the vocalist field. Debby has her first big name job with the Jan Gar-ber band, and those in the know are already halling her as a "find." Girl is sister of Dorothy Claire, now warking as a single.

Hackett-Young Man With Another Horn

By JOHN LUCAS

A decade ago, an undiscovered young cornetist in Boston was playing the best jazz to be heard. At the age of eighteen come up from Providence, where he was known only as a guitarist. It was at the Theatrical Club—with the memory of Bix Beiderbecke for inspiration.

as a guitarist. It was at the The of Bix Beiderbecke for inspiration, with the trombone of Brad Gowans for support—that this young jazzman giving up his guitar, came into his own as a cornet player. Today his name is famous wherever hot musle is played or discussed, for that man was none other than Bobby Hackett.

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Now Bobby is thirty, an established star, one of the leading moloists in all white jazz. No ionger can he be regarded simply as another young man with a horn, as he was quickly dubbed when first he reached New York. He is more than a mere imitator, more even than the rightful successor to Bix—the original Bobby Hackett, much copied in his turn, rather than just a junior edition of Beiderbecke.

of Beiderbecke.

Primarily a Soloist

Hackett is quite a stylist himself, with a highly individual conception of phrasing and a lyrical expression beyond that of all his Dixleland rivals. He is primarily a soloist, not so effective as an ensemble man, but his solo style has created a great demand for his records just as it has brought him numerous followers from the ranks of musicians themselves. Hackett was novel ten years ago, and he is still novel today—but now something new has been added.

Bobby has changed a lot since

added.

Bobby has changed a lot since those days back at the Theatrical Club. He used to play a cornet, like Bix and Muggsy, but now he plays a trumpet. The cornet suited him as long as he was working in small bands, true jazz ensembles—he used it in Boston and he used it during his early years in New York, with Joe Marsala at the Hickory House in 1937 and with his own group at Nick's in 1938. He became convinced that a trumpet would fit into big bands better than a cornet. By the time he joined N.B.C. as a staff musician in 1943, his mind was made now that Hackett is the featured member of Glen Gray's brass section, it seems unlikely that he will ever return to his first love. This one change by Hackett goes right along with another.

will ever return to his first love. This one change by Hackett goes right along with another, just as the same change on the part of Armstrong years ago signified that Louis was giving up New Orleans jazz for swing. The cornet is a symbol of ensemble jazz—Bolden and Keppard and Oliver, Johnson and Ladnier—LaRocca and Mares and Hardy, Beiderdecke and Spanier. The trumpet is for the soloist, good or bad, from Armstrong to Eldridge and from Berigan to James. Thus Bobby has placed himself definitely or the side of those who favor solo jazz and, due perhaps to expediency or necessity, also with the advocates of big-band swing. swing.

Best With Small Group

Bobby is right to consider him-self predominantly a soloist, of course, but he ought likewise to realize that he plays his best only when surrounded by a small unit



Coast Chirp



Hollywood—Virginia Martin, who sings pretty for the people, is the latest Harold Oxley discovery. She has been chirping for the Jack Denny band on the west coast and was recently signed by the Oxley office.

of six or seven hot musicians. He has played with a number of real jazzmen, and invariably his finest efforts have been produced in conjunction with them.

With Heidt, who paid good money, Bobby found himself entireled by corn. With Miller, who was a master musician, Bobby had little opportunity to blow his horn. With Ciray, whose latest Casa Loma crew has no use for Dixieland, Bobby has repeated two choruses on Jada until even the monotony is beginning to wear thin.

When Hackett quit the society

When Hackett quit the society of genuine jazzmen, he left the real jazz behind. But Bobby will go back to it before long, for—although he has another horn now—he is still Bobby Hackett, the original, the one and only!

Pollack, Starr On Jewell Label

Los Angeles — Ben Pollack launched his new Jewell Record Co. with Kay Starr and a band under his own name on the first recording session. The Pollack combo used six strings, clarinet, tenor, tram and four rhythm.

Second disc session set for this month was to feature Bob Graham, backed by an ork consisting of four woodwinds, French horn, harp, eight strings and rhythm. Pollack has his own presses and expects his first platters to hit the stands before the end of this month.

Club Condon Opening Set For Labor Day

New York—Eddie Condon plans to open his jazz night-spot, Club Condon, on Labor Day, not in August as reported earlier. Alterations in the club's decor make the change in debut necessary, according to the guitarist. Condon added that he hadn't settled definitely on the personnel for his jazz band, though musicians like Yank Lawson, Brad Gowans and Billy Butterfield were reportedly in the planned line-up, Butterfield, however, faced army induction at this writing.

Barries Join Bauduc

Los Angeles — The Barries, vo-cal trio, have joined the Ray Bau-duc band, currently on tour. Sharon Barrie left the hospital here after a siege of pneumonia in time to join Linda and Lee. Girls have recorded for Capitol.

Music Network To Food Stores

Los Angeles — Paragon Sound Studios, wire music firm which has been servicing cafes, hotels and other public spots with recorded music for past six months, has opened a new field by signing up a group of super-markets as outlets.

outlets.

The basic difference in this new plan is that the markets, unlike Paragon's other customers, will not pay for the service. The charge will be borne by advertisers whose spot announcements will be interspersed with the musical selections.

Paragon has some 50 markets lined up at writing, expects to have a hundred on its "net" by July. At present the plugs are going out free in order to give prospective advertisers an opportunity to check reaction.

Daillard Sells Out Ballroom

San Diego—The Pacific Square ballroom has been purchased by Walter Stutz from Wayne Dail-lard for reported sum of \$325,000. Daillard last month turned down offer of \$280,000 from Horace Heidt.

Stutz, active in amusement enterprises here for many years, was slated to take over in early July. Same policy was to continue with name bands on week-

King Cab I



New York—It's King Cab the First in the Zanzibar's new show, though actually Cab was christened Cabell III some 37 years ago. Cab seems not to be at all troubled by the discrepancy—but then who would with such lush feminity so close by?

Meakin On Mutual

Los Angeles—Jack Meakin, for-mer bandleader and NBC music head, has returned to music after several years as a radio producer to take over the musical reins on the Arch Oboler-Mutual net

Marine Show Is **Pacific Success**

Pacific Success

Pacific Area—Leathernecks out here are getting top-flight enterationment from personnel within their own ranks that would put many stateside music units to shame. "The Merry Men of the Marines" have become so popular that rarely a night passes without a show being presented.

Idea for the show was born aboard a troop transport on its way over from the states. Everything from opera to jazz is presented in the show. Down Beat readers will recognize name of Neal Reid, tram man formerly with Woody Herman, and the mainstay of the group. Lumpy Brannum, bassist with Waring, provides comedy and rhythm and Morris King, fiddle player extraordinary, gives out with both swing and long hair. And always good for a long and loud applause is the guitar duet by Bill Jolly and Jack Shook.

Frank Tennille, ex-Bob Crosby vocalist, stops the shows with his singing. The Marine Corps' answer to Sinatra, they say.

Chick Sentenced

New York—Phyllis Lane, billed as a former orchestra leader, was sentenced on June 28 to the Westfield State Farm for Women, as the aftermath of the killing on Feb. 3 of one Jack Miehle in her apartment. The death was alleged to have followed a drunken brawl. Her term is up to five years.



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Jazz Struggles For Survival in Chicago

By DON C. HAYNES

-Jazz is making another determined effort to regain lost prominence in the town that was once a center of not music. A number of jazz sessions have been held recently

gain lost prominence in the town that was once a center of hot music. A number of jazz sessions have been held recently through the efforts of several sincere jazzophiles. But it appear a losing fight—mainly because Chi these days is just about as square as it is big.

Finest bashes were the impromptu sessions at Paul Mares' Club Dixieland, with trombonist George Brunis and Mares, famous New Orleans Rhythm Kings trumpet man, sitting in. But Mares, who had sold his old barbeque spot in the attempt to make his new club a center of good jazz music, was discouraged at the reaction and sold out, possibly to leave for the west coast.

John Steiner, active in recording work here, has arranged for a series of "jazz musicales" for the first and third Sunday afternoons in July and August. First session, held at the Uptown Players theater on the near north side, featured Bud Jacobson's Jungle Kings. Outstanding here was the work of pianist Tut Soper, one of the finest in the country, and guitarist Jack Goss. Jungle Kings. Outstanding here was the work of pianist Tut Soper, one of the finest in the country, and guitarist Jack Goss. Seasion was too erratic to have any sustained interest. Group needed a driving horn of the Muggsy Spanier school to really spark things.

Earlier in the year Phil Featheringill, of Sessions records, aponsored a short-lived series of sessions. These also were too erratic to be musically exciting, though in the sincerest jazz tradition.

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Del Courtney completes a week at the Oriental July 19, with Andy Rassell and the Pied Pipers set to follow July 20. Johnny Richards and his orchestra will accompany Eddie "Rochester" Anderson at the Oriental July 27 and Dick Haymes is set for the August 17 week. . . . lvy Anderson is holding over at the El Grotto, and maestro Sonny Thompson still provides the music for dancing and the show, which ecurrently includes Marke Bryant Charlie Spivak replaces Vaughn Moaroe in the Panther Room July 20. Les Brown is set for a repeat November 2 for four weeks.

When Lionel Hampton, who



Chicago—Actress Irone Dunne, graduate of the Chicago Musical College, received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from her alma mater at the 78th annual commencement here recently. Irone converses after the award with Dr. Rudolph Gans, President of the college.

broke all records (including his own) at the Regal recently, returns to play the annual Negro Music Festival at Comiskey Park July 20, Mayor Kelly will present him with a trophy for having the outstanding band of the year... Maurice Rocco heads the show at the 51 Hundred Club starting July 20... Pianist Lenny Tristano is at the Town House in the loop... Billy Eckstine, on a one-nighter tour, plays the Miramar ballroom in Gary August 11.

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Dottle Datson, Del Courtney vocalist, was married to Jack Kramer,
pitcher for the St. Louis Browns on
July 3 . . . Don Pedro is at the
Normandy on the north side . . .
Clyde McCoy will replace Frenkie
Masters at the Stevens August 17 . . .
Carl Schreiber is current at the
LaSalle Hotel . . . Henry King returns to the Aragon July 17 for a
long stay. Tony Vincent, who has
been singing at Ye Olde Cellar, will
rejoin him at that time . . Nicky
Bliss, is his third year at Ye Olde
Collar, still makes for good listening
and dancing
The Riptide in Calumet City is

At Alma Mater Ragtime Aided Advent Of Syncopated Music

By ONAH L. SPENCER

Chicago has long been recognized as the birthplace of a vigorous and virile trend in jazz, aptly named "Chicago style." Less publicity has been given to the forerunner of this definite jazz style, which the turn of the century, and which, because of its patched and ignominious beginning, was termed, "ragtime."

Ragtime played a major part in making the Windy City a haven for modern music, because its syncopated variations on a theme set the stage for jazz, which evolved into swing. Ragtime is the "missing link" between the jumping with Ted Phillips' new band (seven brass, five saxes and three rhythm), spotting Kenny Mann on tenor, Bill Inman, lead trumpet, Milke Sistero, jazz trumbat and los Sperv on drums.

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Former Chicago drummer

Billy Blair at the Brass Rail.

Former Chicago drummer Maurice Ross and his wife, Elinor, popular among musicians for her predictions and forecasting, have closed their candy shop hangout for several weeks of vacationing at Miami Beach . . . Clarinetist Buddy DeFranco and his bride, the former Nita Barnet, were Chicago visitors while enroute to the west coast this month . . . Gene Williams, ex-Johnny Long vocalist, has been appearing at bond rallys in Chicago.

Thompson Has Fine New Crew

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is the fine crew fronted by Sonny Thompson, brilliant young jazz pianist, currently at the El Grotto of the Pershing hotel.

Sonny debuted his band into the spot with the backing of Charlie Cole, one of the bosses of the club. The band, a 14-piece outfit, will hold over until Earl Hines returns there this fall.

Current features of the El Grotto show are songstress Ivie Anderson and dancer - singer Marie Bryant, of the Jammin' the Blues pic.

Gayle At Frolics

Chicago—Rozelle Gayle, latest pianist-singer sensation here, is currently at the Silver Frolics, West Madison street cafe. He's being named as a possibility for a top downtown spot booking.

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In his book, Rolling Along with
Song, J. Rosamond Johnson, describes the reaction to ragtime
thus, "As restless as a rolling
stone, the Negro reeled and
rocked from one end of the keyboard to the other, inserting new
idioms as the dancers rolled
along. When there were no dancers to fill in the 'waits,' the player inserted a break filling in the
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Errant planists, who cultivated ragtime in the nineties, found a ready audience in many of Chicago's south side saloons. Percy Wenrich, white composer of The Old Gray Bonnet and Just Because I'm From Missouri, was a barroom troubadour on Wabash near 21st Street. Fred Fisher, later a publisher, started as a ragtime pianist here. Glover Compton, whose Monkey Rag and Vegetable Blues were first heard in south side taverns, later became a European music hall sensation. His greatest hit was Canadian Capers.

Arthur Shaw, a graduate of Armour Tech Mandolin Club, composed his first rag, That High Brown Gal of Mine, in Chicago. Another hit, This Loving Gag Ain't Goin' Ta Pay Expenses, Babe, was written by Shaw and Dixon in 1905 and introduced in Chicago. Tony Jackson, who played at the Elite Cage, 3030 S. State Street, authored Pretty Baby, recently featured in the film, The Life of Vernon Castle.

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Shelton Brooks, composer of
Some of These Days, received impetus to fame with his early ragime tunes. Other Brooks' tunes,
Dark Town Strutters' Ball and
Walkin' The Dog, were heavily
plugged at the Pekin theater,
Chicago's first big Negro theater.
At Pony Moore's, 22nd and S.
Dearborn, the transition from
ragtime to jazs was clearly illustrated by a band, including Freddie Birch, piano; Charlie "Doolle"
Alexander, banjo; and Charlie
Elgar, violin. Most popular ragtime entertainers at the time
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In 1910, the police closed down many of the clubs which featured ragtime. With the decline of the Pekin theater, "Ma" Rainey popularized the blues and Wilbur Sweatman featured jazz at the Grand Theater's opening. Clear-cut ragtime was passe.

However, ragtime, which preceded the new music, mingled with many of the new jazz forms and it was 1920 before it had completely faded from sight. Its characteristics are still found today in much modern music, and ragtime tunes are continually featured by popular musicians.





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My avowed purpose in this column is to scream bloody murder about things that strike me as being wrong. There are however times when you get hoarse. Wherefore let me rave and croak about one man, a plano man.

This boy, when still what Milderd Bailey aptly calls a salad sprout, used to play around sessions in New York City. At that time he was obsessed with the two beat style of piano and played nothing but it. A little later however he started playing with Zutty Singleton at Jimmy Ryan's, and Zutty showed him how to vary his phrasing and ideas so as to get more variations in dynamics. All of a sudden the music business woke up to the fact that here was a white boy who could really play the daylights out of the Hines style of 88ing.

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fact that here was a white boy who could really play the day-lights out of the Hines style of 88ing.

Muchoo huzzahs and cheers when he made a number of records with Goodman reflecting this style, done heilliantly. A few carpers, myself included, pointed out that his playing, while undoubtedly superb. very often seemed to run on and on, and at times seemed a little mixed up. Most of all, that his playing seemed a composite, albeit well-done, of other people's ideas.

So passed the time and the war and this gentleman found himself in the army and fortunately in a stellar band. He went overseas and for the past year and a half or so has been playing for Gls in the ETO. About eight months ago I started hearing him consistently again.

It gives me great pleasure to report that if there is something new on the plano horizon, he is it. In the first place, he has mastered a consistency of phrasing that he never had before, and a consistency that adheres only to his own style and ideas. True there are touches of Hines, Tatum and Wilson, but nothing good was ever done in art that didn't bear direct relationship to what had come before. The prime point is that when you hear one of his solos, you know you are hearing something fresh and new—and in this day of repetitious riffs, that is a great deal.

Most of all, he has picked up an emirely new touch and tone. Before his tone was hard and clear, not muddy as many of the boys well-known are wont to play, but will not a "singing" tone. Now he has learned what Teddy Wilson and Mary Lou Williams along with a few others have alone: a touch that sings as it bounces—an approach to playing which is light and fluffy instead of pound. The result is that non he can play the simplest ballud in the most bare and restrained fashion and come up with pleasureable passage.

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Initial Game

New York—One of the currently most popular summer sports is figuring out the identities of A. S., s band lender; P. A., a rumba dancer, and S. K., a music publisher. These three are said to have been among the seven lovers of a lady now involved in a separation suit. Hubby listed them all only by initials, and already 14 music publishers with the initials S. K. have been walloped by their everlovin's.

lovin's.

Nobody knows for sure who
the rumba dancer is but it's generally conceded that A. S., the
bandleader, is Asteroid Synopsis
and his Makes-You-Wanna-Uphush Maria and his Ma

improved immensely A little rift tune he knocked together for a radio show is the current rage of every ETO band, civilian and military. His No Compris is being played by every band that has a pianist good enough to try it. His left hand has improved to the point where it has the kind of stabbing drive without regard to the rhythm section on which Fats Waller had a monopoly.

In short, his playing is a joy to listen to in every respect—and every day that I hear it, it sounds firmer, more ideaful, and better conceived technically. Here is a real musician—a guy who started with something, made much of it, and not content with the roar of the crowd then, went on to make himself worthy of consideration in that small choice group which determines jazz tradition in this country.

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Mel Powell, ex-New York City
and Benny Goodman, now with
the American Band of the AEF.

Bob Thiele Starts New WHN Jazz Airer

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New York—Bob Thiele, young Signature records head, has started a new jazz show over station WHN here. Program, heard every Monday from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. (EWT), spotlights both recorded and "live" hot music, Thiele breaking up the platter-spinning with interviews and performances by guest musicians. Lion cigarettes sponsors the show, a feature of which is a "mystery disc" contest offering cartons of Lions to listeners able to identify jazz recordings.



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Weatherford Took Jazz To The Orient

By JIM HOLLOWAY

New Delhi--Teddy Weatherford died of cholera in Calcutta recently. The news will mean little to jazz lovers except to those who knew him when he played in Chicago in the early 20 and the still smaller coterie of fans whose chief

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weatherford didn't stay long in Paris. Whether it was lack of a good job or because the Orient with it's easy, indolent ways had got into his blood, I don't know; but he was soon back again—in India this time. For the last few years, he'd heen located at the years he'd been located at the Grand hotel, Calcutta.

Grand hotel, Calcutta.

His job at the Grand was more or less a permanency and Teddy had at one time about the best outfit in India. When I heard it last some months back it included another old time Negro saxist, Roy Butler, an excellent Anglo-Burman guitarist, Cedric West, and a trumpet player who could have held a job in any grade one outfit.

There are many Weatherford.

grade one outfit.

There are many Weatherford records extant besides the early Chicago and Paris ones mentioned. War time popularity brought about several visits to the H.M.V. studios at Dum-Dum near Calcutta. The results unfortunately were as bad musically as acoustically.

The best are some solos of standard blues which are available to Victor. It would not be unfitting for these to be issued if only to mark "Finis" to a career which was more colorful than those of most jazzmen.

most jazzmen.

New York—Betty Jane Bonney, whose first Victor recordings are finding considerable success, was ready to begin her first theater tour as a single in mid-July. She'll play the Roxy later this

York II. N.





BAND-AGED He's more to be pitled Than blamed, for sure— For fluffing that F above

mislaid his impeccable

Embrochure— The night he drove into

Los Angeles — Kid Ory and his Creole Jazz band, regarded by connoisseurs as only band extant playing in the original New Orleans jazz idiom, have taken over featured billing at the Jade Palace, on Hollywood bivd, and have proved a surprisingly heavy draw. The Ory booking followed a series of Sunday atternoon jazz sessions sponsored by jazz enthusiasts here. Affairs were inaugurated at Ace Cain's, but moved to the Jade when residents near Cain's reportedly made trouble over the mixed patronage attracted

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Mutt Carey, famous jazz trumpet figure, quit his job as Pullman porter and is playing his first steady engagement since the late twenties. Buster Wilson, piano, Bud Scott, guitar and Ed Garland, bass, were with Ory on the Orson Welles airshow of last year. Joe Darensbourgh, clarinet, and Minor Hall, drums, have been with the band since their recent recordings for Crescent. recordings for Crescent.

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LA Discovers Kid Ory Band LOS ANGELES Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles—Promoter of F

Jimmy Dorsey, out of the hospital and in good shape after his operation opened at Mission Beach July 3, was slated for the Casino Gardens starting July 17, following Brother Tommy.

Booking of Georgie Auld at Trianon (opening July 17) was a Frederick Brothers deal, first time this agency has cracked the account. At writing FB also had Carlos Molins at the Trocadero, Red Nichols at the Morocco and bands in several smaller spots— Red Nichols at the Morocco and bands in several smaller spotsgood going for the FB boys in a territory once held solidly by MCA and GAC. . Billy Berg reoptioned Eddie Heywood for balance of summer. . . Jan Savitt set to follow Les Brown at the Palladium.

Other current key-apottings: Denny Beckner at the Aragon to September, Cavallaro at Ciro's to Aug.
27, Count Basie in Casa Manana
July 3 for four weeks, Joe Reichman at Biltmore to July 26, with
Ted Stracter replacing, Freddy Mar-

Los Angeles—Promoter of Hollywood's latest prospective nitery venture—and one that may provide the first Hollywood spot for negro name bands—is Norman Granz, producer of the recent "Jazz at the Philharmonic" bash-

es.

Reportedly backed by heavy movie money, Granz is negotiating for the old Hollywood Casino spot on Sunset blvd. Plans include renaming spot as the Savoy with remodeling to provide a larger dance floor. Spot will feature colored talent.

tin still looking for a band to sub for him at the Grove while he and his boys take a vacation, Johnny Otis at the Club Alabam to end of this month, King Perry at Shepp's with Tab Smith due July 30, Johnny D'Varga a hold-over at the Clover Club and same for Sonny Kendis at Tom Breneman's.

Jive Jettings

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Jack McVea, after a long run in San Francisco at Jack's Tavern, was slated to take over at Curtis Mosby's Last Word club July 6... The Four V's, gal combo, were signed to open Santa Monica's new spot, the Coo Coo Nut Groove, July 12 (yep, that's the name of it)... Roy Milton combo took over at Hollywood's Susy-Q. (Looks like those attempts to keep the Local 767 boys but of Hollywood finally washed out. Three cheers!)... Happy Johnson, still at the San Pedro Club has signed with Reg D. Marshall (which reminds us that Reg says he is now accepting enrollments in his Band Agents Training School for the fall semester).

Notings Today

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Gus Bivona out of the Tommy
Dorsey line-up with Buddy De Franco replacing. . . I tems about Andy
Russell's days as a drummer remind
as of Dave Street's stints as bass
player with Hal Grayson, Irving
deronson and other bands. (Watch
for a Dave Street boom when the
full radia season gets under way.)
. . Lean Loonardi back at KFWB
after a period in New York as pit
ork conductor for the stage show.
Blaomer Girl. . . New operators of
the Hermona Beach Bilimore are
shapping for music attractions for
the summer months at their newly
opened suppur room.

In Or Out?



Hollywood — Tommy Dorsey and his drummer-man Buddy Rich pose pretty for the publicity camera just to show that all is well between the two, despite ra-mors that Buddy is to cut out of the TD crew to form his own big hand.

da's samba band a few years ago, is being hailed by local guitarists as one of the greatest on the instrument. One of his boosters is Oscar Moore of the King Cole Trio. . . Ted Yerxa has moved his Sunday afternoon radio jam sessions into Larry Goldner's Streets of Paris. . . Marva Louis, now at Shepp's, teams up with Johnny Otis band for a theater and concert tour. and concert tour.

Behind the Bandstand

While Jimmy Dorsey was in the hospital Spike Jones presented him with a very handsome piece of sickroom ware with a picture of Hitler's face in the appropriate place. (How did that song go?)

Bowl Pop Festival Set Back Until August

Los Angeles—Hollywood Bowl's first Festival of Popular Music, scheduled for June 27, was called off at last minute due to weather conditions.

conditions.
Featured attractions were to have been Tommy Dorsey, Lena Horne, Victor Borge and Miguelita Valdez. Plans were to present the same bill on August 8.

Finley Wins First **Bout Against MCA**

Los Angeles — Larry Finley, coast ballroom operator, won the first round in his three million dollar anti-trust suit against M. C. A. Motion of M.C.A.'s attorneys to have the suit dismissed was denied by Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick here recently.

Judge McCormick also denied a motion by M.C.A. attorneys asking for a more definite statement of Finley's claims. Dismissal of the suit was asked on the grounds that band booking did not constitute inter-state commerce.

Answer to Finley's charges was expected to be filed by the booking agency within a short time. Date will also be set at that time for the court hearing.

for Rollins H. Edens, planist and music director at M.G.M. The musician voluntarily assented to pay his former wife \$1200 a month for life, or until she remarries. Divorce suit claimed husband earned a cool grand weekly.

Sympho Hall Musical

Los Angeles — Boris Morros left the coast recently for New York to supervise Earl Hines discing for his ARA firm and to sign mu-sical talent for Carnegie Hall pie, reported to be a musical caval-cade of the sympho hall. Morton Gould may handle musical super-vision.

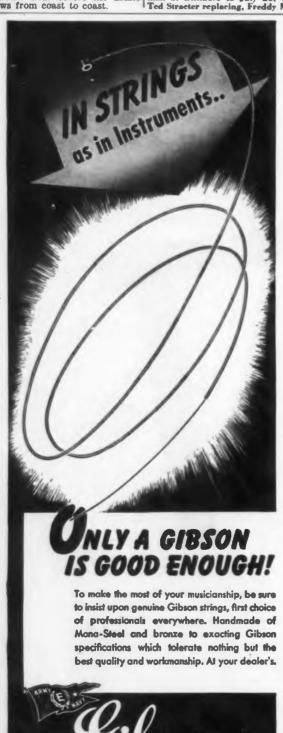
Lynn Cowan Civilian

Los Angeles — Lt. Col. Lynn
Cowan has taken a post with the
Motion Picture Producers Assoc.
here after being placed on the
inactive list by the army. Cowan,
former bandleader, earned a citation for his work in setting up a
front line motion pic circuit in
the Pacific battle areas.

Light Into Jersey Spot

after a period in New York as pit on the stage show. Bloomer Girl... New operators of the Hermon Brack Bilimore are chopping for music attractions for the summer months at their newly opened supper room.

Nestor Amaral, guitarist who arrived here with Carmen Miran-



KALAMAZOO. MICHIGAN





By Charles Emge

The trick ending that distinguishes A Thousand and One Nights is its biggest kick. Most interesting is the question as to how Columbia ever persuaded Frank Sinatra to act as the unseen vocal double for Phil Silvers, and for what financial consideration.

Cur opinion is that money was less important in this case than sinatra's friendship for Columbia's music chief, Morris Stoloff, for whom the singer has had high regard ever since he did his first featured specialty in a picture—which happened to be that bit in a Columbia picture Jam Session of a few years ago. The story is that studio bigwigs wanted to cut the Sinatra sequence out of the picture entirely and that Stoloff persuaded them to retain the number—the success of which convinced Hollywood that Sinatra was good screen material.

But that Phil Silvers should sing Our opinion is that money was

But that Phil Silvers should sing But that Phil Silvers should sing with the voice of Frank Sinatra is hardly more fantastic than the extraordinary vocal ability exhibited by Cornel Wilde in A Thousand and One Nights. In A Song to Remember Wilde did very well as a pianist, with a little help from Jose Iturbi. In this picture Wilde also proves to be cutte a singer, and not in one In this picture wilde also proves to be quite a singer, and not in one voice, but in three—a robust baritone, a lyric tenor, and a erooner. Personally, we think Columbia is doing Wilde, already one of Hollywood's most promising young actors, no good with this kind of hokum.

The piano work in A Song to Remember was logical, but there was no necessity for making him a "singer" in this picture—especialy a rather absurd one with three voices.

Lot Lingo

Underscoring of Universal's The Crimson Canary, the jam session murder mystery picture, will have a hot rhythm motif (jass, swing or whatever you want to call it) running throughout the picture instead of the conventional "salon music" type of underscoring. . . Monty Woolley is oiling up rusty vocal chords to werble a ditty in WB's Cole Porter biofilm. He'll do Miss Otis Regrets.

Practice of using popular songe

Otis Regrets.

Practice of using popular songs as themes in underscoring pictures is getting unusually heavy play. George Bassman, who made such good use of a strain from If I Had You in his Clock music, will make similar use of He's Funny that Way for The Postman Always Rings Twice and All the Things You Are for the pic A Letter from Evie. My Heart Sings, to be sung by Johnny Clark in Young Widow, will also be the principal musical theme.

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Borzago of Republic studios paid
out \$25,000 for rights to music by
Rachmanianoff for the picture Concerto. Of course, heaviest play will
be on the inevitable Prelude in C
Sharp Minor, which Rachmanianoff
never forgave himself for writing.

Answering the mail: To Frances
Sherman of Pine Lawn, Mo.—
Jakob Gimpel recorded Clair de
Lune for Spencer Tracy's piano
sequence in Without Love. That
waltz melody in the underscoring

waltz melody in the underscoring is an original by Bronislaw Ka-

Abstract Jazz

New York—Abstract art and jazz got together for the first time locally the other night at a Village Vanguard jam session. The Jamo Street Gallery (in Greenwich Village) sponsored the bash and the audience was composed largely of abstract and non-objective artists. Between sets, the jazzmen, some of whom also paint, and the artists discussed the relationship between hot music and the "new" art forms.

Top Scorer



Hollywood—Ray Heindorf of Warner Brothers is rated by many musicians the outstanding production scorer in the movie bis. Rhapsody In Blue, the Gershwin film, is his most important assignment since Yankon Dondla Dandy. Heindorf, an Academy music awardist in 1942, is one of the highest salaried scorers—probably better than \$50,000 yearly—but still wants to do a serious music pie most of all.

New GI Music Firm Gets Hollywood Eye

New York—GI Music, an organization manned by ex-service people and devoted to helping GI songwriters in getting their tunes published, may be made the subject of a full-length Paramount picture. The firm, which has been operating for only a few months and is headed by Ray Rand, recently had its story told on We The People. Rand represented GI on the program and brought along singer Jo Stafford who sang three of the company's published songs. Hollywood interest in the group was stimulated by the radio date, which described how Rand dreamed up the idea for the music house while in a hospital bed, recovering from wounds received in the invasion of Europe.

Blackouts' Musical Into Fourth Year

Los Angeles—The stage show now known as Blackouts of 1945, which opened at the El Capitan theater in Hollywood June 24, 1942, has gone into the fourth year of a run unbroken to date, and with no apparent let-up in box-office pull which has enabled show to gross close to \$750,000 per year.

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Producer Ken Murray has changed bill several times (only he and Marie Wilson of original cast remain) but has always kept show well studded with musical specialties. Music names which have had runs with the show during its long stand include Snub Mosely, Zutty Singleton, Maxine Sullivan, the Hollywood Canteen Kids orchestra. Wilbur Hall, Jan Rubini, among others.

Plantation Shutters For Summer Months

Los Angeles—Plantation Club was planning to shutter following appearance of King Cole Trio for at least a month. Possibility was that Joe Morris would keep his spot closed until Basie opened in September, Club has been hard hit by new liquor curfew.

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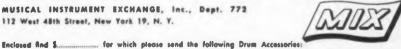
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Other record companies, please take notice! And a bow to Miss Bliss!

Swing WOODY HERMAN

Goosey Gunder A Kiss Goodnight Columbia 36815

A Kiss Goodnight
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Goosey Gander, a head arrangement evolved during the Herd's recording session, comes out a little rough and not as great as their recent releases. And yet, with Flip Phillips, tenor; Bill Harris, trombone: Pete Condoli, trumpet; Chubby Jackson, bass; and Woody on clarinet, it's still exciting big-band swing. The tune, if it rould be called such, is trite and corny, but intentionally so. The band shows what they can blow with such material. Flip and Bill are again nutstanding, Pete blows more frantic high-octave horn, and there are bits of Woody's clarinet. Chubby and Ralph Burns start things off with a weird bass and piano intro—so characteristic of the present Herman band. Davey Tough's still there, all the time—more felt than heard, the mark of a truly great drummer. A Kiss Goodnight is not an exceptional tune yet the band makes the most of it. Trumpets, particularly, open or

Inspiration For Northwest Passage Jess Stacy Band



Woody Herman receives inspiration and a little musical help from three pretty Northwest Airline stewardesses, for the Herman Herd's new number Northwest Passage, dedicated to the new transcontinental airline linking Milwaukee, Woody's hometown, to the Pacific northwest and New York City. The number has been recorded for Columbia and will be released shortly. The Herd opens tomorrow night (16) at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

muted, shine. Woody is his usual self on the vocal, way ahead of most singers, and there is more of his clarinet. Otherwise of interest, outside of the frantic trumpet quintet, which steals the side, is the fine trumpet solo—probably by Ray Wetzel who was playing lead horn at the time.

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an intruiging chord theme that is carried along by the entire band. Freddle Zito's trombone has an excellent chorus. Band drives throughout in the familiar Kenton pattern. Tampico marks the debut of June Christy on wax, and it's a particularly excellent the debut of June Christy on wax, and it's a particularly excellent job that she does. Kenton seems to have found a worthy successor to Anita O'Day. There's some of the powerful Kenton brass with the rhythm bouncing nicely throughout. Otherwise it's all vocal—the glee club. so called, and the interesting Miss Christy. She sings with a wonderful beat.

COLEMAN HAWKINS

It's The Talk Of The Town Stuffs

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After the intro on Talk Of The Town by Alian Ruess' guitar and "Sir Charles" Thompson's piano, it is all Hawk—and rightly so. It's about as fine as anything he's recorded in the last couple of years on more a melodic than a hot jazz kick; typically Hawkins, tone, ideas, to the extended runs at the fade-out. Stuffy has a definite Gillespie influence and sounds not unlike several of the Hawkins and Gillespie recording bashes of the last year or so. Thompson, Hawk and Ruess solo though the catch unison work of Hawkins and trumpetman Howard McGhee almost steal the fire-

Waxes For Victor

New York—Jess Stacy cut his first records with a band for Victor late last month. The plan-ist-leader is the first new band to be signed by Victor since before the disc ban.

the disc ban.

Stacy didn't use his full regular band but had studio men, including bassist Bobby Haggert and trumpetman Billy Butterfield, instead. Sides cut were Paper Moon, with a Lee Wiley vocal, and Daybreak Serenade, described as Frankle Carle-ish, though hard to believe.

works. These two sides prove an impressive debut for Hawkins on the Capitol label—may the twelve sides still to be released prove at least as good. John Simmons is bassist on Town, Oscar Pettiford on Stuffy.

BILLY BUTTERFIELD

Gershwin Album Capitol B-D 10

In this album of well selected, not too-familiar Gershwin tunes vocalists Johnny Mercer, Margaret Whiting, Sue Allen and Tommy Taylor are featured with instrumentalists such as Will Bradley, Carl Kress, Bob Haggart, John Guarnieri. Arthur Rollini, Eddie Miller, Nick Fatool, Chris Griffin and Matty Matlock. The album is excellent; nicely scored and played with pienty of interesting solo work, by Butterfield and the others, throughout. Outesting solo work, by Butterfield and the others, throughout. Out-

and the others, throughout. Outstanding, appropriately enough, is the exceptional horn of the maestro; also Guarnieri's plano along with the full band.

Lady Be Good finds the band, and an excellent one, riding hard to town. Consecutive solos by plano, clarinet, tenor and trombone. Side is the best, instrumentally. mentally.

Someone To Watch Over Me: excellent vocal by Margaret Whiting; nice sax backgrounds and Billy's open, reaching, full-toned horn.

Nice Work If You Can Get It: nice bounce tempo, muted and open trumpet and a vocal by Sue Allen. Full band at its best on this side

this side.

Somebody Loves Me: lots of melodic Butterfield horn, nicely toned and phrased: pretty piano accompanying Tommy Taylor's nice vocal.

Maybe: again Taylor, with the maestro's horn and Guarnierl's piano filling interesting back(Modulate to Page 9)

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Black & White 1206, Poon Tang nd Blues Before Dawn, Barney Sigard: and again, this time weive inches of it and no Miss

Keynote 614. Lust For Licks and Just Like A Butterfly, Jonah Jones: a Calloway crew without Cab, altoman Jefferson's fly lead on Butterfly being about the best angle.

Argue.

Keynote 615, Night Wind and Carney-val In Rhythm, Billy Taylor: another Duke unit sans the Duke, with Harvey the Rabbit blowing up the wind in the night and bary by Harry on the reverse.

night and bary by Harry on the reverse.

Manor 1004, All Alone and Daddy, Daddy, Savanah Churchill: the singer allows Don Byas' tenor to get off just that way for a spell on All Alone, while some prodigious trombone by Jay Jay makes Daddy Daddy.

Savoy 540, Mel's Riff and Buck's Boogie Woogie, Herbie Fields: a Hampton bash but no Lionel, with the white sax flash jumping madly to keep out of the pan.

Diggin the Discs - Don

(Jumped from Page 8) grounds. There's a clarinet solo as well as trumpet, by Billy. It Ain't Necessarity 50° Mercer makes with the great lyrics, the Mercer-ized vocalizing effective. Billy uses grown horn.

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BILLY ECKSTINE

A Cottage For Sale Rhythm In 4 Riff National 9014

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Eckstine's first coupling for the National label is definitely a disappointment. The band isn't recorded well and sounds out of tune, though it could be either the band or the recording. Cottage For Sale, a gorgeous standard written by Willard Robison, should have been made to order for Billy's superb singing, yet I've heard him in much better voice. Riff is a harmless one. I've heard him in much better voice. Riff is a harmless one, written by Jerry Valentine and with some rather inane lyrics by Eckstine, who has again done better. Gene Ammons has a tenor solo. Both sides might have been more interesting with decent recording.

Dance TOMMY DORSEY

On The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fo In The Valley

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The commercial TD crew, on their most commercial Kick, Both sides are Johnny Mercer-Harry Warren tunes, neither musically interesting. The railroad tune does find the band at a jump tempo, with a well executed chorus by the Sentimentalists and fine trumpet and tenor solos ipossibly Charlie Shavers and Vido Mussoi. Valley has a Stuart Foster vocal, uninspired, but Foster vocal, uninspired, but don't blame him, and a rather in-sipid clarinet figure annoying the

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Fifteen Years
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Fifteen Years spots the vocal lament of Jimmy Mitchelle, while Gabriel blows and the band rocks. It's all Jimmy's, as far as interest is concerned. Reverse again is Mitchelle's, on Segar Ellis' fine tune, with several bars of Erskine's trumpet. Both are well scored, both well played—yet neither is exactly exciting.

Vocal FRANK SINATRA

Homesick—That's All A Friend Of Yours Columbia 36820

These sides should leave little doubt in the minds of anyone concerned with music that Sinatra is one of the finest singers of the day. Whether he's better than Bing, or vice versa, is a moot question here. Point is that he does these two exceptional tunes in superb fashion. Homesick—That's All is a melodic, gorgeous tune written by Gordon Jenkins, the type that could easily be sentimental and sloppy, yet isn't. Frankie's treatment is simple, without his usual affectasimple, without his usual affectasimple, without his usual anecta-tions; seems to perfectly fit the mood of both melody and lyrics. A Friend Of Yours has Sinatra in his more familiar styling, still (Modulate to Page 10)

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We are gled that our eleventh year same the lifting of the bean against recording after 27 months and certainly happy that it soitnessed the end of the sour in Europe. We are gled that the year brought such names as Benny Goodman, Artis Shaw and Cene Kupa bot of accomplishments during the year. The first was the aponsorship by Doson Beet of a concert that was completely saccessful from standpoints of attendance, enthusiasm and artiste merit.

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The second, and even more important bit of progress was the opportunity to make a direct contribution to the war effort along morale lines. By arrangement with the army and navy we were enabled to begin printing a special evertess edition of Down Beat for gratis distribution to thousands of members of the armed forces in battle areas.

We have our postwar plans, too, and fervently hope with everyone else that this year will bring victory in the Pacific so that all of us can get on with the music. We are capecially concerned about the welfare of the professional musicians who return from war, because theirs is the field which we serve.

Probably the most satisfying rendition of the Santa Fe tune—but then Mercer was the guy who wrote it. Johnny doubles with the Pied Pipers on this side and with Jo Stafford on the second. Jo jumps nicely on Conversation; Mercer is on a Crosby jive-talk kick. Paul Weston's band provides nice bouncy, rhythmic backgrounds. For a couple of novelties—nicely done. field which we serve.
hope to serve them better and
intelligently during our
year—and thereafter.

Chester Headache

Los Angeles—Marital difficulties of the Bob Chesters made the dailies again as Judge William Baird issued a bench warrant for the arrest of the bandleader on charge that he failed to obey a summons to appear in Domestic Relations court here to explain his asserted failure to pay \$600 per month toward the support of his wife, Edna, and their baby daughter.

Chip Off The-



Newport News—Six-year old Gary Berg takes over his dad's chair—dad being arranger, manager and proficient instrumentalist with the Bob Bevington band, at the Club Casino, here. Gary decided to begin on trumpet, though dad is featured on alto and doubles on clarinet, trumpet, trombone and violin.

Pacific Vets



Pacific Area—The "Spirit of '76" invades the Pacific battle areas as three members of the 7th Infantry division band take time out from band and work details. Members are, from left to right. Sgt. Jack McConnell, ex-Ray Herbeck: Cpl. Michael Mello, ex-Curt Sykes; and Cpl. Clement Hutchson, ex-Freddie Woolston and an instructor of music at Oklahoma A. & M. All three mem have over two years three men have over two years Pacific experience and have been in four campaigns.

Harmonica Wiz



New York—Fantons harmonica virtuoso. John Sebastian, who has been breaking records throughout the entire country on his concert tour, shows his eightmonth old son, John Benson, how he plays his favorite instru-

rest.

| Comparison of the com Pleasing enough—if that's all that is asked. However, neither Street's voice or style (while listenable) or the band or material, is at all exceptional.



NEW NUMBERS

DEUTSCH-A daughter, Deborah Frances, o Mr. and Mrs. Armand S. Deutsch, Juns 22, in New York. Mother is Bensy Venuta.

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KNITTLE—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Knittle. June 11, in Santa Monica, Cal. Father is trombonist with the Douglas Aircraft orchestra.

TIED NOTES

KRAMER-DOTSON — Jack Kramer to ottie Dotson, Del Courtney vocalist, July Portic Dotson, Del Courtney vocalist, July 3, in St. Louia. OBERGH-WARNER—Louis Obergh Jr., trumpeter with Tony Pastor, to Norma Elaine Warner, June 4, in Hollywood, Cal.

LOST HARMONY

YOUNG Edith Young from James (Trummie) Young, trombonist with Benny Goodman, June 5: in New York. SPITALNY—Rose Spitalny from Phil Spitalny, orchestra leader, June 18, in Washington, D. C.

FINAL BAR

RAPEE-Erno Rapes, 55, masstro of the Radio City Music Hall, of heart attack, June 27, in New York.

SIMONS — Moless Simons, 56, Cuban composer, June 28, in Madrid, HAYS-Lory Franklin Hays, 85, former vocalist with Tiny Little, northwest territory band, accidently killed June 11, Strien Island, N. Y., while serving as radioman in the navy.

Ramirez Divorce

Los Angeles Victoria Ramirez was granted a divorce from Carwas granted a divorce from Car-los Ramirez. Latin-American movie and night club singer. Set-tlement was \$500 per month for five years, \$250 per month for second five years. Case would be re-opened if Carlos suffered loss of voice.

WHERE IS?

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BAY LITTLE, vocalist, formerly with
Bobby Byrne
BUDDY MADISON, pianist, formerly
with Blue Barron
CARL BERG, trampeter, formerly with
Les Brown
GENE BARRINGER, trampeter, formerly with Tommy Beynolds
WHITEY LEONARD, trampeter, formerly with Lensy Lewis
TEDDY NAPOLEON, pianist, formerly
with Gene Krupa
DICK WYLDER, socalist
JEFF CAUSEY, rocalist
GENE ROLAND, trampeter and arranger.

GENE RULAND, recalled, formerly with Claude Thornhill TOM PATTON, frampeter, formerly KE CARPENTER, planiat, formerly with Boyd Rechern EDDIE STRESS, trampeter, formerly with Mal Hallett

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EDDIE MEYERS, Cpl., 329th A.S.F. Band, Q.M. School, Camp Lee, Va.



Reactionary Critics

Pittsburgh, Pa

Pittsburgh, Pa.

To the Editors:
I don't believe that Sgt. Avakian's editorial in your June 15 issue should go unanswered. The reactionary mutterings of men like Avakian and John Lucas has played a great part in the denial to jaza music of a great part of the public approval it undeniably merits.

Charles C. Sords

Jurgens Marine Band Pacific Area

To the Editors: To the Editors:
Awhile back we got to see Dick
Jurgens and his Marine band and
the band he has now is better
than any he fronted in civilian
life. We saw him at desolate Iwo
Jima, and he made it jump while
there

Jima, and he had there.
There is also another good band out this way—Joe Sinticore and his Nomads. They're really groovy.

Emmett L. Kelly, S 1/c

McIntyre Overseas

Somewhere in Europe

Somewhere in Europe
To the Editors:
Enroute to Germany tonight.
The reaction is sensational and
I'm sure hoping some other bands
will try to come over. They need
bands badly. We did a broadcast
the other night from Paris—an
audience of about 3,000 G.I.'s.
Really a great thrill and they
can't get enough. We work in
civilian clothes and not only do
they listen but they sure want to
see what a good suit looks like.
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that love a steak at Frankie and
Johnnie's enjoy K rations and
darned glad to get it!

Best wishes from Hal McIntyre
and the band.

George Moffett

George Moffett

Movie Music Night For Hollywood Bowl

Los Angeles—It will be movie music night at Hollywood Bowl on August 4, when the entire program will be devoted to the music of studio composers and songwriters. Music will include that by Max Steiner, Alfred Newman, Frans Waxman, Roy Webb, Victor Young and others. Several will conduct their own works.



Voltaire "Volly" De Faut is again back in Chicago and once again active in jazz music. De Faut has been active in both jazz and classical music, spending a decade of his career in each field.

and classical music, spending a decade of his career in each field. De Faut's musical destiny seemed first to be that of a concert violinist. He had mastered the fiddle with such proficiency that his teacher recommended he be sent to Europe for advanced study. The project was fine until Volly became friendly with Don Murray at Englewood High school and the two boys met Bix Beiderbecke. The association soon caused Volly to pitch his fiddle out the window and take up jazz clarinet.

A short time later De Faut was playing with the hottest white band of the day—The New Orleans Rhythm Kings, at Frier's Inn. Those were the days they would dig the Oliver band or sit in during breakfast dences at the Armory which often lasted well past moon.

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Two Bass Voque

New York—Duke Ellington, first bandleader to use two bassists—when Hayes Alvis and Wellman Braud were in his band at the Cotton Club in the mid-30's—added a second bass violinist, Al Lucas, while at the Apollo theater here, to double with Junior Raglin, Ellington veteran. Charlie Barnet revived the idea a couple of years ago, with Chubby Jackson and Oscar Pettiford. And recently Lionel Hampton has featured two bassmen with his band. Which appears not unlike the start of a vogue in big bands.



Voltaire De Faut

and Volly jobbed around Chicago until he joined the Art Kassel band at the old Midway Gardens. But Friar's Inn had become home, so when Merritt Brunies went into the spot Volly joined the new band. This outfit recorded several sides on Okey, on which Volly can be heard.

In 1926 Volly was in Detroit to see Murray, who had joined Jean Goldkette's great band. While there Volly joined the Ray Miller ork, re-placing Jimmy Dorsey. He re-corded with Miller on many Bruns-wick sides.

De Faut became active in con-De Faut became active in concert work soon afterwards. Isham Jones came to Detroit, and Volly joined his Michigan theater band. Much of the music was semi-symphonic, and invaluable experience for after returning to Chicago and working with several theater bands, as well as a brief stint with Goldkette, Volly joined the WGN staff orchestra and embarked upon nine years of

Easy Money!

New York — Wanna make \$419,166 per year? It's easy—just be a sideman. And then get into the movies. Fred MacMurray, an ex-horn-tootler knocked off that amount during the past year and placed third among big earners according to figures released by the treasury department. A couple of former band singers got into the list, too. Bing Crosby made off \$294,444 (not counting records & radio) and Dorotby Lamour saronged \$134,084. Highest paid violinist drew \$137,500 from Warner Brothers alone. His name: Jascha Benny.

the army, spent a year in the serv-ice and found himself training dogs for the movies in California.

Chicago and his old love—jazz
—began to call again. He's back
in the Windy City, sitting in with
Bud Jacobson's Jungle Kings on occasional sessions.

And he's again on the threshold of a new career—though he doesn't know if it will be radio or jazz.

Volly really prefers a dixieland group. "I can play what I want to." he says.

G. I.'s Make Music

Washington, D. C. — The average GI has been making and listening to a lot of music during the past year. According to a report released by the Army's Special Service division, almost a million musical instruments (half of them harmonicas) were issued khaki-clad music-makers experience for after returning to Chicago and working with several theater bands, as well as a brief stint with Goldkette, Volly joined the WGN staff orchestra and embarked upon nine years of concert work.

By 1940 De Faut established his own dog kennels and began devoting most of his time as a breeder and strainer of dogs. In 1942 he entered

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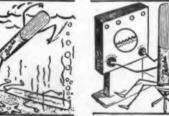


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You Came Along (From out of Nowhere) sung in the Paramount pic, You Came Along, by Helen Forrest, in the oldie You Came To Me From Out of Nowhere, written by Edward Heyman and Johnny Green. Famous Music is pushing it, along with Rosemary, by Jimmie Dodd and John Jacob Loeb, which has been recorded by Kay Kyser. Also on the Famous list is Love Letters, composed by Victor Young and Eddie Heyman. Tune was waxed by Dick Haymes, Dick Brown and Tommy Tucker.

Brown and Tommy Tucker.

Santly-Joy firm to morking on the time edapted from Chopin's Polonaise, Till The End Of Time, by Buddy Key and Ted Mossman, recorded on Columbia by Les Brown.

Also the novelty, Oh How She Lied To Me, by the Missy and Mann Curties.

The Little Jess Maste Publishers are busy on Hi-Ho Trailus Boot Whip, a novelty jump tune by Buster Harding, Buck Ram and Jack Pauler.

Tempo's new bulled is Everything But You, penned by Harry James, Don George and Duke

Ellington, recorded by Ellington on Fictor. Remember When, by Mickey Addy and Buck Rem, is on the Campbell & Porgie list.

The King Cole Trio recorded I Tho't You Ought To Know on Capitol, written by Tommy Dilbeck and Cecil Carter, which is Melody Lane's newest release...
Rytvoc has the score for Betty Barrie's new show. Across the Range, due to open in the fall...
Barton's newest is The Last Time I Saw You, by Edna Osser and Marjorie Goetschius. Current on the Robbins list is No Can Do, a rumba penned by Nat Simon and Charlie Tobias.

Mutual has I Don't Want To Be Loved By Anyone Else But You, by Jerry Livingston and Marty Symes. Tune was recorded by Louis Prima on Majestic. Firm is also working on Tonight I'd Like To Be Home, by Marty Symes and Al Kaufman, which was recently introduced by Perry Como... Green Green Hills of Home, the newest Nick and Charles Kenny and Abner Silvers tune, is number one on the Lincoln list. The International Sweethearts of Rhythm recorded it on the Guild label.

LaSalle Music's Daybreak Serenade, penned by Eddy Breuder, Paul Rusincky and Nathan Van Cleave, has been recorded by Less Brown, Jimmy Dorsey and Jess Stacy.... Crazy Things, by Wal-



In a letter I received a short time ago from George Lawrence Stone of Boston there is plenty of good tips—so I'm putting them all in this column.

all in this column.

First of all is the matter of the practice pad. The pad should be set in exactly the same position as the snare drum. Many boys practice on a flat table and then play on a drum which has quite a different slant. Still others use a practice pad which is set at the proper angle, with the high end of the pad at the left, but when they set down to their drums, the high end is not to the left but towards them. In other words,

ter "Mousie" Powell, Arthur Powell and David Gornston, intro-duced by Hildegarde, is being pushed by David Gornston. . . . Life Began Last Night, getting plugs on the west coast, was penned by Katherine Goodman, known professionally as Kitty Kelly, pianist and vocalist.

The 'Apple' To Jump For Summer Months

New York—The Apple keeps jumping, even throughout the hot summer months! It looks as if this summer will be one of the best of recent years with the lineup of jazz personalities

still another position.
Another good tip George gives is for the left hand. Take any of the standard marching beats and play them backwards—as the average marching beat is played with the lead on the right hand. The seven stroke rolls all end on the right and the measure invariably begins on the right. This is traditional. But practice for the left hand—everything backwards will get it. will get it.

will get it.

Here's an interesting bit of news from Burlington. Vt. An exact replica of an antique rope drum, a colonial model, has just been completed by Sgt. Charles Parker, now stationed with the R. O. T. C. unit at the U. of Vermont. Sgt. Parker will use the drum, which closely resembles the one in the well known painting. The Drummer Boy of Valley Forge, for exhibition and competition purposes. The drum represents approximately four weeks of work and was almost entirely built by hand.

Overseas Band

New York—The "Big Parade" of bands overseas seems to be at last underway.

Parade Starts

either due on the Street or currently there.

Billie Holiday has several more they use a certain set of muscles on a pad set in one position, then they have to use an entirely different set on a drum placed in still another position.

Another read the Course sives outfit.

At the Three Deuces pianist Erroll Garner, newest New York jazz favorite, and tenorman Don Byas and band stay on while the Budd Johnson band replaces Dizzy Gillespie. Stuff Smith and Lips Page hold over at the Onys.

Ben Webster is currently at the Spotlight with the Charlie Park-er combo a future probability.

Bob Chester Back In Band Biz Again

New York -- Bandleader Bob Chester, expelled last May from the musicians' union for his failure to meet financial obligations to Arthur Michaud, his personal manager, is ready to organize a new band as soon as he's back into the union upon the settlement of the debt.

Rand will nrobably go with

Band will probably go with the Moss-Glaser office though others are interested.

According to Chester, band will be set this month and with David Allyn and Margie Wood in the vocal slots. Wood, recently out of the Raeburn band, was also rumored for the Randy Brooks

Elgart In Mid-west

The bands of Hal McIntyre, the Sweethearts of Rhythm, Shep Fields and D'Artega are already over, somewhere in Europe. Noble Sissle is due to leave soon as well as Kay Kyser. Andrews Sisters are here now readying for an overseas G.I. junket. Indianapolis—The Les Elgart band will open at the Castle Barn here on July 23 for an indefinite summer engagement.

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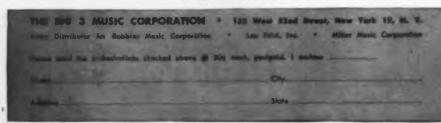


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Jimmy & Bride



Belgium — Cornetist Jimmy McPartland and his bride, the former Marian Page, during their recent honoymoon in Brussels. Jimmy now has a six-piece jamband, with a Special Service company. Marien. a fine planist, is with the U.S.O. Jimmy, who is 38, appears in fine shape. Looks like the army and married life were definitely agreeable.



Pfc. Bobby Breen's "Jeep Show" troop has entertained some two million Gi's in Europe. Included in the small unit that has played to troops in dugouts, abandoned buildings, open fields and any place where audiences were permitted to gather is Nick Francis, formerly with Woody Herman and Gene Krupa; saxist Jimmy Cook, ex-Sonny Dunham sideman, and George Krecker, once with Ina Ray Hutton and Bob Allen.

One of England's favorite vocalists among Gi's stationed in Europe is Beryl Davis, who sang for Sam Donahue's Navy Band and Mel Powell's Sextet while they were 'n England. She's been chosen as the Eighth Air Force's "Pin Up Girl."

Back home in L. A., among the first of the former prisoners of war in Germany to come back to the U. S., is Major Hal Diamond, former KFI staff orchestraman (aax). Major Diamond organized and directed a prisone-camp band, using instruments secured through YMCA sources. At first, the band's only access to new popular songs was via newly arrived prisoners, who would teach new numbers to the other members. Later they received some dance orchestrations via the YMCA. The bandsman, using salvage parts and home-made equipment, set up a "broadcasting station," which was in reality just a p.a. amplifier system for the prison camp, over which they presented programs for the benefit of all the prisoners.

Among the members of Major Diamond's P.O.W. band were a Lt. Jones, formerly with Dick

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CTRONICS DIVISION



Jurgens, and Lt. Dusty Runner, formerly with Jack Teagarden. Aptly tagged "Moods in Music," (they handle everything from the chamber stuff to jazz) a group of four GI's stationed at Alamagordo, New Mexico, are attracting favorable attention. The quartet is comprised of Bernard "Benny" Bruno, guitar: Albert Reiter, violin; Emileo Molleda, bass; and Bid Bass, plano.

One of the fem authorised Army bands having a record of more than three years of overlees service is the "Flankaneers," swing orchestra of the 297th Army Ground Forces Band. Personnel includes Bill Rucker, Phil Rupo, Bob Jahn, Rocco Bemedetto, and Benny Kruger, eaxes (George Songer, Leonard Berman, Eugene Michalkievica, and Rey Keffer, trams; Slim Heimrich, Dan McMeekan, Joe Lampe, Frank Keegan and Ed Hoagland, trumpets; Roger Groesback, piano; Vic Worry, bass; Jimmy Klippel, drums; and Emory Hartke, guitar. Still turning out some good stuff, the boys are thinking most on the subject of their return to the United States.

Pvt. Warren Boden, former ace

Pvt. Warren Boden, former ace guitarist of the Fred Waring, Bing Crosby and Rudy Vallee radio programs. is now strumming his electric guitar in the dance band at Thomas M. England General Hospital, Atlantic City, and also giving guitar lessons to the wounded fighters at the hospitals, some of whom are amputees. Pfc Ernie Heckscher's Randolph Field (Texas) dance orchestra played an important role in the 7th War Loan drive by swinging out at a number of bond railies.

Leyte Natives Swing(?) Out



Leyte—It isn't jazz, but it's music, and to this native brass band on Leyte it makes little difference. The band, according to S/Sgt. George Avakian, is well known throughout the island and in usually called upon for all the big affairs. Band's repertoire includes many old pop tunes, stomped out in a brassy fashion, not unlike the old New Orleans bands of the early 90's.

Corky Corcoran Changes His Mind

New York — Corky Corcoran, brilliant young tenor sax star featured with the Harry James crew, has decided to sit tight for the present on plans to front a crew of his own.

Transportation difficulties harresing hands at the present time.

assing bands at the present time was the main reason for Cor-coran's change of mind. He had originally decided to cut from

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the James band in August, but now will wait until the situation improves.

Rum & Coke **Title Cleared**

New York—Rupert Grant. Trinidad calypso singer, has had his copyright to Rum and Coca-Cola cleared by the federal copyright department.

Grant came to this country earlier this year, after the tremendous popularity of the song, to claim possession, declaring that Morey Amsterdam and Jeri Sullivan had picked up his tune, after Morey had heard it in Trinidad. after Mo

The calypso writer will file suit against Felst, publishers of the Rum tune.

New Jazz Year Book Set For Publication

New York-Esquire's Jazz Book will have competition this year with the publication of Jazzways.

with the publication of Jazznays. Writers for the new jazz publication include Rudi Blesh, Fred Ramsey, Art Hodes and Frank Stacy, the Beat's New York editor, who will have a story on the big band field.

Book will be ready last of this year or early part of '46.









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New York—John Kirby has changed his mind about building a big band. Instead he's set to take over Phil Moore's spot at downtown Cafe Society on July 17 with a brand new small group Moore leaves Cafe for a series of theater dates, opening his tour July 19 at Loews State here. Moore's band will book through

Cugat On West Coast For Picture Work

Los Angeles-Xavier Cugat and band are now on the west coast after winding up a long eastern visit with an eight-week stay at the Copacobana in New York

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City.

Cugie is to report at the MGM movie lot to make the Holiday in Mexico pic. His last MGM effort, Weekend at the Waldorf, was re-

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