

Film Musicians **Revolt: Move to Oust Gillette**

By Charlie Emge

by THE SQUARE

Edward G. Hubsch, guitarist, violinist and vocalist whose pro-fessional name is Gene Hicks,

Violinist and vocalist whose pro-fessional name is Gene Hicks, should get in touch immediately with his father in Manhattan, because his mother is seriously ill... Red Norvo is joining the Woody Herman band... Irving Goodman, BG's brother who plays trumpet for Jinmy Dorsey, is planning matrimony. Irree Day, as-Spivak chirp, has replaced Jane Harvey with the Goom Dodgers, Jane moring to NHC. Ten Time How. Club London's neon script sign has drawn a few customers who think they are entering the Club Condon. ... Del Courtney, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, has added Douglas Gual, piano and arranger; Nors Weirick, tener sax, and Bill Petri, trampet. Randy Brooks closes at the

in several years.

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Los Angeles—A dramatic spe-cial meeting of the musicians' union (Local 47, AFM), called by a group of studio men en Dec. 10, flared into an open revolt against J. W. Gillette, AFM motion pic-ture representative.

ture representative. Request for Gillette's removal came as climax to passage of a long list of demands covering wages and working conditions in the studios which are to be sub-mitted to Petrillo. A member of the Musicians Studio Committee delivered a vigorous attack on Gillette and introduced a meas-ure requesting Petrillo to make the office held by Gillette subject to election (but to remain under "International" jurisdiction). It was passed almost unanimously.

Movie Musikers Angry

The agitation against Gillette stems mainly from the movie musicians' dissatisfaction with the basic union contract with the producers, a blanket contract un-der which members of staff orks

Douglas Gusk, piano and arranger; Noro Weirick, tenor sas, and Bill Patt, trampet. Randy Brooks closes at the Roseland January 6, plays a few one-nighters and maybe a Broadway theater, then into the Pennsylvania hotel (NYC) on February 24. . . Vincent You-mans is ill in the Doctor's hospi-tal in Gotham. Bing Crosby thinks his sponsor is a big cheese. . . Louis Armstrong starts a producers, a Dianket contract un-der which members of staff orks are guaranteed a minimum of \$5200 per year. Most musicians have found themselves practical-ly restricted to the minimum it-self, instead of higher figures. Gillette was originally appoint-ed to his job by the AFM's ex-President Joseph Weber. Previ-ously he had been president of the local musicians' union for a number of terms. He took over the studio situation when the studio advent of sound pictures had created a state of unpar-alleled confusion for musicians in the industry. In the early days he was regarded as a "hard-boiled" labor leader who fought vigorously (when unions were "weak" by today's standards) in behalf of the movie the Carity . . . Louis Armstrong starts a brief vacation January 2, his first in several years. The Ray Pearl hand, touring in four automobiles, toweld one of them 700 miles from nouthern Illinois to Wisconsin and back, in arder not to miss an engagement. . . Martha Raye, with Blackie Warren collabing, has written a tune called Thank You Very Large.... Tex Satterwhite, trombonist, says be is out of the TD hand just tem-porarily for some surgery, will re-join in about a month. Kay Starr will be the next join in about a month. Kay Starr will be the next Harry James vocalist, if they can iron out that salary question, Kay wanting at least as much as she got with Charlie Barnet... CBS announcer, apprehended in the nick of time, was about to go on referring to Woody Herman as "the old woodpecker."... Brown Dots are at the Panda Room in Newark, where Lulu Bates opens January 10 for two weeks.

engagement, knocking out sever-Parker, for whom Dottie Claire subbed. Insiders are chuck-ling at Paul (Post) Denis' refer-ence in print to "Johnny Des-mond, The Creamer"-he says mond, The Creation of the says they called him that in Paris be-cause of his velvety voice. That ain't the way the Parisians heard it!

Down Beat covers the music news from coast to coast—and is read around the world.



In the Mink

New York - Dolly Dawn is certainly in the mink, with this CBS publicity shot and with her Thanks to the Yanks air stint. The press release related the lines of the cost-though Beas readers will be more interested in the lines of Miss Dawn, though too-well hidden here by the cost.

Duke Repeats AtCarnegie Hall

New York — Duke Ellington offers the fourth in his annual series of concerts Thesday night (4) at Carnegie Hall. As in his previous programs, the Duke will again introduce a new composi-tion, though the name or nature of the jazz opus was not divulged. From early box office reports, it appeared the concert would be a complete sell out. Each year his Carnegie concert has at-tracted wider artistic acclaim, with most newspapers finally giving at least partial recogni-tion to the stature of his works. Featured in the concert will be the band's' standbys: Johnny Hodges, Harry Carney, Sonny Greer, Lawrence Brown and Claude Jones. But once again a few more faces familiar to El-lington fans will be missing, among them Rex Stewart, who just recently left the band to lead a small combo; Junior Rag-lin and Ray Nance, the former lin and Ray Nance, the former replaced by Oscar Pettiford; and Tricky Sam Nanton, who has been seriously ill in Chicago.

Brown Dots Receive ABC Radio Build Up

New York—The Brown Dots, ace Negro quartet, have been signed by ABC and are set for a big net buildup. Deck Watson, originator of the Ink Spots, holds key spot with the new quartet. Combo is booked by Moe Gale.

Marty Napoleon Joins Marsala at Jim Ryans

New York—Marty Marsala who opened at Jimmy Ryan's 52d St. was expecting Marty Napoleon, of the many musical Napoleons, to join him on piano. Danny Alvin was on skins for Marsala.

Woody & TD Win, **Ten New All-Stars**

With a stampede started at the very outset of the ninin annual Down Beat band poll, the Woody Herman Herd thun-dered down to the finish line in declaive fashion to make its leader the unchallenged King of Swing for 1945! Polling

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| All-Star Band |
| Benny Goodman leader (favorite soloist) |
| Ziggy Elman trumpet |
| Roy Eldridgetrumpet |
| Charlie Shaverstrumpet |
| Bill Harris trombone |
| J. C. Higginbotham |
| Irombone |
| Lawrence Brown.trombone |
| Johnny Hodgesalto sax |
| Willie Smithalto sax |
| Charlie Venturatenor eax |
| Flip Phillipstenor sax |
| Harry Carney bary sax |
| Buddy DeFranco.clarinet |
| Mel Powellpiano |
| Dave Toughdrums |
| Chubby Jackson bass |
| Oscar Moore guitar |
| Anita O'Dayvocals |
| Stuart Fostervocala Sy Oliverarranger |
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Contractual Tiff ConfrontsZiggy

Los Angeles-Ziggy Elman, Down Reat poll winner, was still on duty with the Air Transport Command at a base near here at this writing, but already a con-flict over ownership of his pro-fessional activities was looming.

fessional activities was looming. Elman has signed a contract to head his own band under the GAC banner, but into the picture has come Arthur Michaud of the Tommy Dorsey camp with claim to a prior hold on Elman's serv-ices by virtue of an old pact dating to Ziggy's pre-war deal with Tommy. On the side-lines in the scrap

On the side-lines in the scrap "Bullets" Durgom, not saving On the side-lines in the scrap is "Bullets" Durgom, not saying much at this time, but assertedly holder of a managerial contract with Ziggy that will give him a piece of the trumpet player's pro-fessional affairs regardless.



Chicago—Lovely Paula Kelly, featured with the Modernaires, was gifted with flowers and candy by a mysterious Cedric Nus-hanm while her group played the Chicago theater last month. Little did she know who Cedric was—moor did Paula's hubby, who is also a member of the singing group. The mysterious Cedric, it was finally large a none other than Billy Balabaa, young son of the li & K preny—which made both Paula and her hubby guite happy, not to mention Billy, who took this photo.

of Swing for 1945! Polling 5913 votes against the 2,281 of the runner-up, Duke Elling-ton, Woody pulled several of his sidemen into winning posi-tions for the all-star band, Bill Harria, Flip Phillipe, Chubby Jackson and Dave Tough, al-though the last named is no longer with the Herd. In the sweet band division, Tommy Dorsey nosed out last year's winner, Charlie Spivak, by 2,584 to 2,421, also helping one of his sidemen into an all-star band

2.384 to 2.421, also helping one of his sidemen into an all-star band chair, Buddy DeFranco, who wrested the clarinet crown away from the perennial PeeWee Rus-sell by 1.512 to 1.475, one of the most startling upsets of the poll.

Jo Stafford Returns

Jo Stafford Returns Outside of the all-star band line-up, last year's winners re-peated their victories except in the section for airl singers not with a band (working as singles), where Jo Stafford, 1943 queen but in third place last year, regained her crown. The King Cole Trio won the small instrumental title again with ease, the Pied Pipers are just as handily the favorite small combo against 2,139 lead over Frank Sinatra as male vo-calist, and Spike Jones as King of Corn, and Benny Goodman as favorite soloist were, as usual. cinches. And so to the all-star band, with ten new members, that (Modulated to Page 5)

Herd Paramount Date Moved Up

Date Moved Up New York-Woody Herman moved out of the 400 Restaurant a week earlier (Dec. 16) than scheduled when the Paramount theater management closed a deal with the 400 permitting Herman to open at the Para-mount December 19 instead of December 26. Tony Pastor opened at the 400 December 18 for a week, doubling from the Paramount for one day. Reason for the switch was due to poor business at the Para-mount because of a weak pic (Masquerade in Mexico), causing Paramount exces to make a tast scuffe for a new bill. The 400, reluctant to change bands for one week, was com-pensated partially by payment of the additional expense involved to exploit Pastor during the in-terim between Herman's closing and Jimmy Dorsey's opening Christmas night, Pastor opened

and Jimmy Dorsey's opening Christmas night. Pastor opened at the Meadowbrook in Cedar Grove December 25.

Network Gives Janette a Show

New York-Janette Davis, whose sultry voice was starred for a year and a half on Colum-bia's Petrillo, Janetie, and Mac-Cormack aired from Chicago, was recently given her own spot in New York, with network plans for a build-up. Singer will do five-a-week series of swing ballads and boogie, backed by Ruby New-man's 19 plece orchestra.

Stan and June On the Cover

It's naturally a New Year's seme for the cover, with an It's naturally a New Year's theme for the cover, with an infant 1946 in the fast-rising company of Stan Kenton and June Christy. They're just "sit-tial" and a-rockin," which is some kind of a coincidence, 'cause that's Stan and June's latest platter release, one that will go well with the new year.



Starting the first of the year, Down Best will be published bi-weekly instead of semi-menthly. You will find your copy of the Best an sale at your news dealer's every other Monday, instead of on the first and fifteenth of the month, as formerly. This means 26 copies of Down Best during the year, instead of 24. There will be no change in price per copy, nor in subscription rates. Lawk for Down Best on the stands every other Monday!



New York-Peggy Marshall's charm and music is featured on the fascinating adventure sorial, Land of the Lost, heard Sunday afternoons. Hammal Must be to be b

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St. Louis-In a wild session held here last month at the Cafe Zanzibar, Lionel Hampton and Cootie Williams got together to ereate some of the finest jazz heard in ages. Cootie's wearing the white suit, Lionel is, of course, on vibes, with trumpeter George Treastwell and heast Jimmy Glover, both with Cootie's band also in. The hoys played Flying Home for over a half hour, ended only when Hamp's vibes folded under the strain.

Lotsa Gags But Little Jazz At Condon Bash By WILLIE WEED

Down Beat Current Events Editor

New York—Maybe I am a guy who thinks a *fugue* is just something the Hatfields had with the Coys but nevertheless, speaking from the musical standpoint, when I go to a jazz con-

cert I expect to hear some jazz. It gives me a slight pain, there-fore, to have to report that I am still waiting to hear it despite the fact that when Eddie Condon held his last strawberry festival at Town Hall I was sliting right there.

his last strawberry festival at Town Hall I was sitting right there. Edward himself, as you know, is a personable young man and even if some of his jokes are slightly from vintage you are ready to forgive and forget when he picks up his guitar and gets ready to play. Unfortunately, at the clambake I recently attended Edward got that far and no farther as usual. I mean, just as he always does he got ready to play many times, but he never quite played—at the crucial mo-ment he started funning again and as the afternoon wore into the early evening even the jokes started to get a little tired. And in between resurrecting the very lines that killed vaudeville, there had to be just a few—ne or two thousand, maybe — plugs for Julius' and also the new Club Condon, and where the hell is there time. I ask you, for some jazz?

I hasten to add at this point I hasten to add at this point that I was apparently alone in my opinion of this mayhem com-mitted in the name of music, be-cause I stole several fast glances at the people about me and in candor I must admit they were a bunch of happy kids. They ate it up. The audience applauded George Wettling. The audience applauded Bud Freeman. The audience applauded one musician who tripped on the same. The who tripped on the stage. The audience applauded the audiaudience

ence. It is all a gay Saturday after-noon and more fun than a real

Higher Scale In N.Y. Spots

New York-Class C spots, (ball rooms, some night clubs, restau-rants, bars, etc.) are paying out some size able additional coin to musicians as a result of negotia-Some and the arcs of the second secon

three-ring circus. But as for jazz —we—well, I don't know. Some of the boys made some music, but I didn't hear anything thera that I hadn't heard when I was a little hipster on the Mississippi, which was just before the battle of Vicksburg. But come to think of it, we-all lost that one, too.

James Takes Long Vacation

Los Angeles-Harry James will take his long threatened vaca-tion, a six week rest. He will then return for a probable Meadow-brook reopening early in Febru-

brook reopening early in Febru-ary. Majority of star sidemen will rejoin the band after the vaca-tion. This included Corky Cor-coran, who will postpone launch-ing of his own band until March. Corky, Willie Smith, Arnold Ross and others will do concert ap-pearances for Norman Granz. Anita Boyer said she will not rejoin the band. Rumors have Kay Starr, now on her own, as the next James vocal star.

Chicago-Gene Krupa's two star vocalists. Anita O'Day and Buddy Stewart, have announced definite intentions to leave Krupa soon after the band's cur-rent Hollywood Palladium en-gagement.

What plans Krupa has made for the replacement of the most popular singing team in the biz (Anita placed first, Buddy second in the Berd's will) In the Beat's poll) was not known—undoubtedly not even to Gene as yet. Nor had Anita or Buddy set plans for their futures. The Stewart lad wants to settle

The Stewart lad wants to settle down with his family, to forsake travel hardships. He has a re-cording contract with Musicraft that will pay a handsome \$2500 for two sides, to be recorded this month.

month. The effervescent O'Day, who has never stayed put in any one place for long, will undoubtedly go on her own. Krupa has already lost one star instrumentalist, trombonist Leon Cox, and will shortly lose another, tenorman Charlie Ven-tura, the latter to front his own crew.

Noni Bernardi's Crew Bow in L. A. Dancery

Los Angeles-Noni Bernardi, altoist and arranger with Kay Kyser and former BG star, made his debut at the Aragon here Dec. 29 with a new 14-pc band. Kyser is assisting Bernardi, but does not hold financial interest. MCA books.

Big Bear Lake Dancery Is Destroyed By Fire

Los Angeles—Marine ballroom. Big Bear lake dancery operated by Bert Ahlgrim and Wade Mil-ler, was completely destroyed by fire recently at loss estimated at around \$60.000. No band was there at time of fire. was

Vogue Signs Shep

New York—Shep Fields, whose recording option was dropped by RCA Victor recently, has been signed by Vogue record firm of Detroit. Other signees were Art Mooney and Sonny Dunham, lat-ter with a one year deal guar-anteeing a minimum of eight sides annually.



Hollywood—Jimmy Dorney, who leads a band, and Bing Crosby, who sings, look over the merits of a new tune. All that has to happen is for either to record said tune, and the country could cavily have a new hit. Bing himself has probably fathered more tunes onto the Hit Parade than any other music personality. But writing a tune, and get-ting it with either JD or Bing, are two different things.

Music, Dancing and Breathing "Fads"-Fidler

New York -James Marion Fidler seldom discu leaders on his broadcasts, which is probably a good thing both for the bandleaders and for Fidler himself. The movie

taxation made it unprofitable for

Nance Quartet Into DC Nitery

New York-Ray Nance's quar-tet, after completing its first stand the closed at Phor vil-lage, Springfield, Mass, on the 23rd after a two week date! was scheduled to go into a Washing-ton DC nite spot around Christ-mas time. mas time.

mas time. Rumor had it that Nance had signed with Signature exclusive-ly for waxing his new combo, but Ray said he was flirting with sev-erai different deals and hadn't made up his mind. Quartet, with Nance, consists of Junior Raglin, bass, and Bill de Arango and Ted Smith, guitar.

Return Deal

Tucson—A little while ago the Beat printed a pic of lovely Millie Wymore, all decked out in Aying rig, parachute and all. Millie seemed to be quite an at-tractive bandle—bat who could really say with all that para-phernalia? Now we know, and reiterate — quite an attractive bandle.

both for the bandleaders and for Fidler himself. The mavie go-siper docan't feel any too kindly towards bandleaders, as he proved an a recent broadcast, and as for the froatmen's feeling towards him well, he may have to rehim the badygmard he was toing trowards him well, he may have to rehim the badygmard he was toing trowards him well, he may have to rehim the badygmard he was toing trowards him well, he may have to rehim the badygmard he was toing trowards him well, he may have to rehim the badygmard he was toing trowards him well, he may have to rehim the badygmard he was toing trowards him well, he may have to refer to the broadcast, and none of them could be particularly in-censed at Fidler for starting it. But the radio man went on to say that maybe it was a blessing in disguise, that maybe now the era of childish hysteria about bands, the era of jitterbug nonsense, was winding itself up and the land was getting back to normal.

land was getting back to normal. Some leaders here were plenty burned about the remarks, and made no bones about telling Fid-ler so in scorching wires which littered his desk the next morn-ing. They were somewhat amazed at what they considered an un-warranted attack, feeling that he would have tempered his re-marks if he'd remembered the job bandleaders and their music did for war time morale, for pro-moting better social understand-ing, etc. Further comment from the radio columnist was not forthcoming.

TD and MCA Wrangle Again

New York—Tommy Dorsey, who has been with MCA for near-ly a decade, was reportedly wran-gling with the agency again, al-though as in the instances of past disputes between the leader and MCA everything was pretly much hush-hush. Apparently or-ders have been handed out from higher ups representing each party that no comment regarding the hassel was to be made by member of either staff. TD had been in Mexico City, but story is that he ordered the agency not to present him for further book-ings beyond his current date at the Capitol theater, which opened just before Christmas.

Finley Sets Up Artist Bureau

Los Angeles—Larry Finley, who operates the Mission Beach and Trianon ballrooms in San Diego and the Casino Gardens here. Is setting up a concert artists bu-reau here under direction of Don Herr.

Herr. Finley will handle both jarz and legit concert performers. One of activities will be promotion of a concert tour for the Woody Herman band on the coast next summer. Herman is signed to play the Casino Gardens in June and follow with two weeks at Mission Beach.



New York—Butch Stone and Stampy Brown, the perennial had boys of the Lee Brown crew, are show-shoppers everywhere they have appeared with their crany *Chickers* Chick costumes. Butch has just re-signed with Brown's hand for another full year. Stampy is Les' trombone-playing brother. The hand, cos-tumes and all evidently, opened at the Cafe Rouge of the Hotel Pennyslvania on the 17th. New York-Butch Stone a

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took the vocal apot with Count Basic as Thelma Carponter went solo at the Ruban Blez. . Duke Ellington and Charlie Spivak won the Beat's annual poll by close margins over Woody Herman and Tommy Dorsey, while Bing Crosby (who won awards for everything Irom being Amer-ics's best dreased man to champion horse breeder) won over Frank Sinatra. . Wedding bells for Toddy Wilson and Janice Carante, Donna Dae and "Wild Bill" Cammings and Clyde McCoy and Maxine Bennett.

Ciyde McCoy and Maxine Bennett. FEBRUARY—Much ado about the sudden 12 o'clock curfew or-der which began February 26. Much ado after that, too. . Anita O'Day left Stan Kenton to return to Hollywood. Bob Allen was in-ducted at Ft. MacArthur. . Ben-ny Goodman, out of the Seven Lively Aris show, with his sextet augmented. . . Jimmy McPartland married Marian Page in Aachen. Germany. . . A delay enroute from New York to Chicago made Hal McIntyre's opening at the Sherman a late one. . . Billie Rog-ers junked her band. . . Randy Brooks, Gil Rodin and Ray Bau-duc, and Les Elgart became band leaders. . . Pee Wee Hunt joined the Merchant Marine. MARCH--Larry Finley filed his

he Merchant Marine. MARCH--Larry Finley filed his \$3,000,000 usis against MCA. Benny Carter pulled out of the Trocadero in Hollywood 'cause the management thought his music was "too hot and load" and he refused to bend an ear to pleas for a "more subdued style". Busy Man: Michael Dowd-joined Kay Kyser, changed his name from Dowd to Douglas, became the father of twinsl... Shorty Sherock debuted his band on the west coast, as Hor-coe Heidt disbanded... Planist Clyde Hart passed axay... Charlie Shavers joined TD ditto Stuart Fos-ter, while Gus Birona, out of the service replaced Buddy DeFranco... The Dick Haymes, nearly divorced, hissed and made up...Margie Carle married her ded's pianist, Hugh Backenstoe... Duke Ellington's concert in Chicago was a sellout.

APRIL-Music was in a serious mood as the nation mourned the death of President Roosevelt.

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Music World for 1945

JANUARY-The music world was anxiously awaiting word on the missing Glenn Miller . . . Harry James went on the new Danny Kaye air show January 6 . . . Horace Heidt was dropped from the Hires program . . . "Zoot suit" riots were popular on

final decree. . . Lionel Hampton played a concert at Carnegie Hall. . . Planist Teddy Weather-ford died in Calcutta, India. . . The hit tune that gagged iand not gassed) -- One Meat Ball

not gassed) -- One Meat Ball! MAY--The Sam Donahue band was back in the states from its sec-ond overseas trip. . . Clyde McCoy got out of the may. . . Toots Cama-rata was in London scoring for a British musical. . . Jimmy Dorsey was forced to leave his hand in Chicago for an operation in Los Angeles. . . Ray Eberle was induct-ed. . . Hal McIntyre and his band hended overseas. . . So did Frank Sinatra. . . Shorty Sherock quit his band and went east to recorganize. . . . V-E Day, May 8, and the end of the curfew! JUNE--It was Glenn Miller Day

JUNE--It was Glenn Miller Day at the earlow! JUNE--It was Glenn Miller Day at the Paramount in New York June 5. . Two Kings of Corn (Wayne and Spike) spiked the networks as summer replace-ments... Neal Hefti rejoined the Woody Herman trumpet section. ...Shep Fields and his orchestra went across... Earle Warren left Count Baste... Carol Bruce be-came a bride... Louis Jordan made several personnel changes. ...The Phil Spitalnys made the spilt legal... Dave Rose joined the civilian rank... Erno Rapee died of a heart attack... Bob Crosby was overseas with the marines... Red Nichols and his "Five Pennies" opened at the Mo-rocco in Hollywood... Mrs. Young divorced Trummie.

divorced Trummie. JULY—Dissy Gillesple organised a big band for a theater and one-nighter tour... Jess Stacy took his new band to Virginia Beach... Johnny Bothwell and Claire Hogan left the Boyd Raeburn band to get married in Hollywood... Buddy DeFranco took his bride, Nita Bar-net, to the west coast and rejoined Tommy Dorsey... Gene Krupa opened at the Astor with his former vocalist Anita O'Day... Johnny Richards gave up leading his band. ... Buddy Rich got married... Monica Lewis and Bob Thiele took the step too... Also Ginny Simma

Monica Lewis and Bob Thiele took the step too. . . Also Ginny Simms and then Freddie Slack, who mar-ried the Receille with Beterly girl. Jean Ruth. . . The Philharmonic Aud. in L.A. usus packed for a jass concert presented by Carlos Castel. featuring the King Cole Trio, Geor-gie shald, Buddy Rich and others. . Frankie came home.

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NEW 5

Here's News Capsule of **Memories!**

Remories: New York—An elephant is a great big fat thing, and Frankio Boy is just aboat the opposite, but they have one thing in com-on. Neither of 'em ever forgets. Sinatra had some tangles with 1D a couple of years ago, and that he hasn't completely forgot-ten nor forgiven was evidenced by his remark on a recent radio thow. Asked by the announcer whether he was going to purchase a gadget on a 52-week easy-pay-ment plan, the Verce asserted: "Not me. In 52 weeks I may he back with Dorsey—and you know what kind of money I'd bo making then."

Carter won the right to retain and live in his own home on a suit filed by some nasty ofay neighbor. . Charlie Spivak was wearing a cast and using a cane because he stumbled on a cobble-stone and fractured a foot. . . Harry James returned to the west coast after a series of eastern dates. . Hazel Scott wed her fa-vorite congressman. . 27-year-old planist Nat Jaffe passed away suddenly. . Jimmy Dorsey signed youthful drummer Karl Kiffe and replaced vocalist Teddy Walters with Dick Culver. . Cab Calloway and Claude Hopkins came to blows at the Zanzibar. . Bud Freeman and "Bullets" Durgom civilians again. . Benny Good-Carter won the right to retain rreeman and "Bullets" Durgom civilians again. . Benny Good-man and MCA doing business no more. . Frank Stacy left the Beat to become editor of the Capitol (and people are always asking about him)!

Capitol (and people are always asking about him) ! SEPTEMBER-Lionel Hampton was packing the Panther ruos of the College Inn. . . Spotlight Bands wung into its fourth year with Tommy Dorsey heading the list of the bands most aired. . . Irene Daye made an exit from the Charlie Spi-vak band. . The Voice began a five-year pact to broadcant for O-G eigarets. . . Hal McIntyre and Shep Fields completed their overseas tours. . . Thelma Carpenter signed for the Eddie Cantor abow. . . Dick Stabile sucd Gracie Barrie for an accounting of his eash and a di-vorce. . Roy Eldridge left Artie Shaw. Manny Kkein became a the Zanzibar. . . Jan Garber revert-ed to a mickey band. . . Jioury truly left the west coast with many new faces in the band. . . Yours truly left the Windy City for a windler (in more ways than) ome!

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bers. Eddle Condon was a proud papa. NOVEMBER—The King Cole Trio was drawing all the hip crowd to the Copa bar. . . Police chosed of the copa bar. . . Police chosed Send street upots for a jew nights of an asserted merijuana rap. . . Woody Herman's Neel Hefti and forences Wayne latched. . . The of the Club Sudan. with Andy Kirk's orchestra. . Bobby Byrne took his new band to the Tane-Town Bell-form is Louis. . Obear Patti-ford joined Duke Ellington. . Kity Kallen left Harry James to do a sin-gle and Anita Boyer takes the James for doined Duke Ellington. . . Kity Kallen left Harry James to do a sin-gle and Anita Boyer takes the James for boined Duke Ellington. . . Kity Kallen left harry James to do a sin-gle and Anita Boyer takes the James for boined Duke Ellington. . . Kity Kallen left Harry James to do a sin-gle and Anita Boyer takes the James for booked son the weat. . . Jerome Kern deceased. . . . Som Kenton drew a pic assignment at Colambia Studios. . . Buddy Rich ost of T. Dorsey's bond to organizo harriae, booked for the Pacific synare Aud. In San Diego as a one-sage civilian leader. . . More ex-

Ho-Hum! So It's Sleepy Time On The Platters!

New York—DeLuxe Record Co. of Linden, New Jersey, doesn't give a hoot in hades that hypnotist Ralph Slater didn't put Charlie Spivak's band to sleep at all, and met with equally negligible results when he tried his whammy on Tony Pastor's crew. The firm, knowing Sla-ter's Spivak deal didn't jell and on Pastor, well, it was just one of those crasy things, signed the hypnotist for a series of seven one-record al-bums titled Time To Sleen. New York-DeLuxe Record Co. of Linden, New Jers

bums titled Time To Sleep.

Idea of records is that a listen

Demonstration of Slater's sleep system on wax was given in Phil-ly a couple of weeks ago to a set of Deluxe Distributors, theory be-ing that after it was proved to them they could be put to sleep by the discs they'd pressure the sales. Slater, both in the flesh and on wax, worked on them. Several yawns were noted in the audience. audience.

Eberly, Johnny Desmond, Trigger Alpert and Doc Goldberg. DECEMBER - Cab

DECEMBER — Cab Calloway began New Year's festivities at the College Inn in Chicago for the third consecutive year. . Louis Prima takes a much-need-ed (by all) rest. Swing Alley not the same, with Dizzy Gilles-ple and Charlie Parker at Billy Berg's in Hollywood. . Buddy Rich opened at the Terrace Room in Newark Christmas night. . Alvino Rey, taking up where he left off pre-navy days, rounded up men to open at Casino Gar-dens in Ocean Park. Cal. . For-mer members of the original Memphis Five reorganized as The New Memphis Five and preemed por the 400 Restaurant. Rex Stewart, no longer with Duke El-lington, fronts a co-op group at the Three Deuces. . Billie Rogers rehearsing her own combo Llonel Hampton returned direct-ly east from the west coast for a date at the Strand Califor-Calloway

Buddy's Band

New York—Rex Stewart, who left Duke Ellington when he closed at the Zanzibar last month organized a combo if sev-en men to open at the Three Deuces on 52nd Street December 20. Group is operating on a co-operative basis, booked by the William Morris Agency. Johnny Bothwell closed at the Deuces December 13, and broke up his combo to vacation in Flor-ida before proceeding with his plans for a large band.

The Cats and Fiddle followed Bothwell into the Deuces for a week, alternating with a combo organized by Charlie Shavers for a few weeks while vacationing from the Tommy Dorsey band.

Jack Jenney **DiesSuddenly**

Los Angeles—Jack Jenney, one of the great trombonists of mod-ern music, died bere Sunday, Dec. 16 of peritonitis following an appendectomy. Jenney, who was 34, had been working in coast radio circles since his navy discharge. He is survived by his wife, singer Bonnie Lake. There are no children. Jenney was long a star side-man with radio and name banda, among them Isham Jones, Artie Shaw and Red Norvo. He got his start, as have so many name mu-sicians, with Austin Wylie (in 1928). During the 30's he was one of the most in demand tram men in New Ywk radio studios. Then, in 1939, he organized his own band, which lasted for a year.

band, which lasted for a year. His solo on Stardust (Vocalion label, his own band) is generally acclaimed as the greatest trom-bone record of all time, one of the few really great modern jazz discs. He's heard with Shaw on Stardust (where he repeated part of his original solo) and Moonglow; with Norvo on I Sur-render Dear.

The trombonist was born in Mason City, Iowa, in 1910; began musical studies at eight under his father's tutelage. Jenney was his father's tutelage, Jenney was one of the few musicians who could sit with equal ease in a symphony orchestra or swing band. He has had a strong influ-ence on several present-day mu-sicians, particularly Bill Harris, Beat poll winner, who believed Jenney to be the greatest.

New York—Drummer boy Buddy Rich, who formed his new band with a financial assist from Frank Sinatra, is mapped during a re-hearsal of the crew, readying for their new current Terross room booking. Guitarist Lenny Mirabella accompanies the leader (top pic) and Buddy leaves his drams to get a look ace at his sax section (bob-tom pic). Band has a Palladium date on March 18, opened at the Newark nitery Christmas night.



Good Eatin' For B. & K. Boys

the death of President Roosevelt. ... Vido Musso, out of the ma-rines, joined Tommy Dorsey... Ernie Caceres entered the army. ... The Tony Pastors had a son. ... Trevor Bacon was killed in a motor accident while touring the south with Tab Bmith's small band... Personal Manager Car-los Gastel and Benny Carter parted company... Ella Mae Morse and Dick Showalter got a



Chicago—Membera of the Balaban & Kata publicity department I together for their annual venioon roast dinner. Art Kaplan, an B & K member now with Sam Goldwyn, is not certain whether o's already shot the beast, or still needs to. But whefe Eddie Seguin, mmy Savage and Jack Gabler seem to be full of (at least) anticipa-on. Not shown is a huge bottle of pepto-bismol and a stomach pump.



to Slater, even on wax, will lull the hearer to sleep, which may or the hearer to sleep, which may or may not be a startling change from some current discs which don't plan to do that at all. Actu-aly it's no joke, alleged deal be-tween firm and Slater calling for a \$25,000 guarantee vs. \$50,000 return in royalties.

lioner Hampton returned direct-ly east from the west coast for a date at the Strand. . . Califor-nians still New Yorking—Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and John-ny Mercer. . . So . . . Happy New Year!



AnthonyMCA Name Buildup

Cleveland — Trumpeter Ray Anthony, expecting final navy discharge papers momentarily, has signed vocalist Dee Keating and drummer Dick Farrell for his new 19-piece band. Dee is a former Al Donshue vo-calist, created somewhat of a sensation with the band before retiring from the biz. Farrell was last with Bobby Byrne, before army service.

last with Bobby Byrne, before Anthony, helped by consider-able financial backing, is due for a name buildup from MCA. Re-hearsais of the band will begin here later this month under di-rection of leading local front man Vince Pattie, with whom Anthony first broke into the bis as side-man.

nere later this month under di-rection of leading local front main Vince Pattie, with whom Anthony first broke into the biz as side-man. Anthony built a terrific rep as the "hottest band in the Pacific." Bookers will watch with interest the 23-year-old ex-JD and Gienn Miller star's attempt to turn that GI popularity into name band proportions.

CHICAGO NEWS



First "Jazz Concert" of the newly organized Hot Club of Chicago proved an unqualified success, with such headliners as Earl Hines, Red Saunders and Scoops Carey sparking an excel-ient bash. Heid at Moose hall, 1016 N. Dearborn-where future sessions will be continued—on Sunday af-tured an excellent siz-piece sepia group. Outstanding was the drumming of Red Saunders, cer-tainly one of the great drummers around. We be an and the great drummers around. We an a few days be fore from the west coast. Laine sand from the full honse, this despite a from the full honse, this despite a rather rapy and over-sensitive Met session will be a New Or-

from the full house, this despite a rather raney and over-mensitive mite. Next session will be a New Or-leans bash sometime this month. It will be a memorial for the late Richard M. Jones, whose sudden death Dec. 9 so saddened jazz fans throughout the country. Next issue of Down Beat will feature an article by Paul Edu-ard Miller on Jones. The tremendous showing of the Eddie Wiggins combo in the just-concluded Beat Poll is an excellent indication of the rising popularity of the group, and also its musical excellence. Their Saturday after-non airers have built a strong fan following. Bassist Jack Fonda, who placed so well in his dirision, has a new five-string bass, first bassist around strent! Stace Pheasent, just made partner in the new Sligh-Pheasent office, has taken over the group as personal manager. Ray Pearl's new vocalist, Mary Joyce, is causing lots of comment in the few weeks she's been with the band at the Melody Mill. Gal is but 19, it's her first job-and she's fine! Band is doing one-nighters now, will soon return to the Mill. Thelma Gracen is another

highters how, will don't the Mill. Thelma Gracen is another young vocalist worth watching. She's doing a single around town. Joe Williams, last in town at the El Grotto, where he did such



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a wonderful job, is singing at the Stairway to the Stars. Joe would rather sing ballads, but listeners prefer him to warble blues!

prefer him to warble blues! Coco's quartet is now at the Drum. alternating with Al DeMar-co's trio and vocalist Pam Dupraye. . . . Nel-Cam quintet continues at the Brass Rail. . . Sonny Thompson is setting a six-picce outfit for Loop work. Illness of Sonny broke up his large band. But Sonny's oisno will be great for a small combo. Bud Phillips' fine clarinet featured with Sid Fisher's band At Helsings. Mel Henke continues there. Cab Calloway is on the stand

Cab Calloway is on the stand at the Sherman, with Tony Pas-tor set to follow for four weeks... Harry Cool's recent stint on the Oriental boards added more fans for his popular new band.

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tive merits of Joe Blurp's kazoo chorus and Hortense Smith's vocal (or was that a baritone sax solo?) on Serutan 00071/4, they have failed to take notice of the not unvoiced appearance and growth of the great new music form of the day; andoubtedly, we believe, the true art form of the future, the music America will soon future to Dixieland and swing, though incle has the source of the solution of the day. The source of the actually on the music scene for the last few years, the singing jingle has definitely arrived, has already commanded a wide in-fluence in our daily life. Though the jingle's main influence has been in radio and has not yet fully been feit in night clubs and theaters, it's certain that soon all the better acts and bands will have super arrangements of the latest, cutest Super Suds and Rinso White ditty, beer slogan or latest girdle hint. Complete with the artistic will be the practices now enjoyed (?) in the music biz-jingle pluggers and their firms. firms

nrms. It is doubtful that Dixleland was ever here to stay, and jazz purists have long felt the same way about swing. But neither side has dared dispute the inevi-table—that the singing jingle is here, and—for better or worse— to stay.

Down Beat, always on the alert to present the most factual and important news in the music world, hastened to quote a num-ber of important music person-ages on this atomic question. Said Oscar Hammerstein II, leading composer: "Harrumph!"

Stated Artie Shaw, noted band leader: "Are you kiddin'?"

From Jimmy Durante, roman-tic ballad singer: "I ain't asked Umbriago yet." Stated staid Hildegrade: "My press agent is preparing a state-ment."

You undoubtedly see what we mean—Down Beat is always first with the music news—from coast to coast and around the world.



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Chicago—Gene Krapa tossed off some mean dramology on his recent visit to Baer Field, Indiana, while a capacity crowd of GI Joes and Janes stomped ont the rhythm. Not content to sit in the audience Was Pvt. Betty Tolar, asked the drammer-leader for a faw leasons. Krupa didn't seem to mind a bit, either. Official Army

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ball of their lives, waxing enthusiastically over the compara-tive merits of Joe Blurp's kazoo chorus and Hortense Smith's

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IN STRINGS

as in Instruments..

Chicago—Trombonist Ford Canfield has the studio hand at WBBM, head CBS southet. Among his air stints is a midnight broad-cast on Wednesdays, when he yees his theme, the oldie At Sawdown. Avoiding a rather in-congruous mote, the announcer just asys Sandown—while he might be able to get away with it in Hollywood, this town hasn't seen enough of the sum in the daytime, let alone a sundown at midnight!

Go Seperate Ways

Woody and TD **WinAsTenNew Men Cop Crown**

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mythical aggregation conducted by the winner in the favorite soloist section, who still is Benny Goodman. Only one change in the trumpet group of three, with Elman and Eldridge still in there and Charlie Shavers replacing last year's Bobby Hackett.

Two New Tenors

Two New Tenors Trombone section headed by the amazing Bill Harris this time, with Higgy slipping into the second chair, and Lawrence Brown repeating, which squeezes out Lou McGarity. Johnny Hodges still supreme on alto sax, but Willie Smith climbing into Toots Mondello's chair. And two new gates on tenor, Charlie Ven-tura and Flip Phillips, where Les-ter Young and Tex Beneke blew last year. And it's Harry Carney on bary, of cours. We told you about Buddy De-Franco on clary, and Mel Powell is returned to the plano stool in the rhythm section, but he has three new team mates, Dave Tough on drums, Chubby Jack-son on bass and Oscar Moore of the King Cole Trio on guitar, chairs filled last year by Buddy Rich, Bobby Haggart and Allan Reus respectively. Suart Foster New

Stuart Foster New

Anita O'Day comes back again strong as the canary with the band, but Stuart Foster will han-dle the male vocals and Sy Oliver, as is traditional, will do the ar-ranging

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as is traditional, will do the ar-ranging. That's your story, Down Beat readers, and these areyour selec-tions. More of you cast ballots than in any of our eight previous polls, and this we like. Awards of trophies will be made to all of the winners within the next few weeks, two more than previously, because Down Beat has decided to honor the two runners-up in to honor the two runners-up in the swing and sweet band sec-tions, Duke Ellington, who placed second in the swing and third in the sweet' groups, and Charlle Spivak, who gave the great TD a

good race. Following are the final totals of votes cast:

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Billy Bishop Changes

Chicago-Billy Bishop has re-laced his feminine string sec-ion with ex-servicemen. Jerry placed tion with ex-servicemen. Jerry Boyer and Carl Davis are two new ex-GI's in the Bishop fold.



New York—Singer and plan-t Norma Shepherd is the attrac-ve two-im-one highlight of Jack igan's Variety show over MCA. Norma formerly played veral 52nd street and Mantive two Eigan' WMCA. several hattan niterica.



By Mike Levin

By Mike Levin The critics are always discov-ering some new little combo or an unknown pianist or singer and saying: This Js new, this is different, this is is much better than that trash Benjamin Good-man, or Thomas Dorsey, or Rob-ert Crosby is playing. Last time I tried to explain why I think it is absolutely nec-resoary to have commercial bands-good bands, but still commer-cial. But as these critics indi-cate, you also must have real progress and experiment in music. Now the gry who wants to make a buck, and that certainly is not an inbe too radical lest the proprietor of the joint heave bim out on his are. But who cans? The lel you choes for one. Bo has himself a nice big, mon-synaking commercial b and. Swell, fine, I wish him well with it. But he also has a Sextet which at last reports was cap-ale of playing fine jazz. Why doesn't Goodman try something sightly different with this outfit instead of the same old riff rou-ting. Secondly the prople who are al-more working this sheet movaing stop the lock of really good ei-forms the lock



Ruth Mahan, Cincinnati iongstress, was set to stag with Gene Wagner's hand with Gene Wagner's band for a pelvale party recent-ly. On thut particular night there happened to be two such parties in the same hotel. Ruth, not hav-ing sung with the Wagner band before, walked onto the bandetand, sang four tunes and then happened George Smith on the music stands. A hit fluatered, she found her band was in an-other hall, that she had walked onto the wrong bandstand. other hall, t walked onto handstand.

NEWS

Anson Weeks Opener At K. C.'s Muehlebach

Los Angeles—Anson Weeks, who has been inactive here pend-ing settlement of contractual dif-ficuities with Frederick Brothers, has been set by that agency to open at K. C.'s Muchlebach hotel Jan. 9. Band will have a string section made up of four gal fid-diers.

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LOS ANGELES NEWS

Plays Cinderella for Count

Chicago, January 1, 1946

Galaxy of New L.A.Danceries in **Planning Stage**

Los Angeles—This city will be well set with danceries if all pro-jects now planned reach comple-tion. Only one of all the an-nounced or rumored enterprises is under construction, a spot at Ninth and Spring streets already advertised as the "largest down-town ballroom cafe". Opening was set for this month. Reportedly nearing blue print tage is a million and a half doi-lar ballroom at Hollywood and Argyle. Backers are Sid Grau-

Valaida Snow Pacts With Coast Wax Indie

Hollywood—Singer Valaida Snow has signed an exclusive two-year pact with Bel-Tone records. It's the first big name signed by the new label. First aides were cut late last month, with releases due soon.



man, local theater tycoon, Dave Biegel and Abe Shore. Sam Stiefel, claiming Harry James and Frank Sinatra as partners, has announced plans for a lavish ballroom in North Hollywod, near Warner studios.

Another deal is that of Sherrill Corwin, operator of the Orpheum and other local theaters. He's planning a large spot on Atlantic bivd., on east side of city.

All plans, except first, are still in the "very indefinite" stage. Such deals often have tendency to evaporate in the thin air of rumors

Skeets Will Launch Band

Los Angeles-Skeets Herford will launch a new band as soon as his discharge from the Armed Forces Radio Service band is set. 15-pc. band is already in rehear-sal here.

Sat here. Herford, once saxist and com-edy singer with both Dorseys and Alvino Rey, will be assisted by Frank De Vol, well known studio and radio arranger. De Vol will be co-owner and arranger. Buff Estes is scoring for the new crew. Band will be a circ base for

Bases as seeiing for the new crew. Band will be a six brass, five sax, three rhythm unit with gal singer (not set). First dates set by GAC, are coast one-nighters. Herford, incidentally, is the new spelling of Herfurt. Sounds better for a band leader.

Desi Arnez Front Man for Ciro's Opening

Los Angeles—Desi Arnez is front man of a new 18-pc outfit organized here for a Ciro's open-ing in a few days. It's first shot ing in a rew days. Its mist sing at baton-waving for Arnez, Latin-American entertainer and singer. Deal was set by GAC, their first at the heretofore MCA spot.

Enric Madriguera was the band replaced and was slated to open at Miami Beach's Riviero this month.

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New York—A new Cinderella success story was written into the books recently when Ann Moore joined the Count as featured vocalist with the Basie band. Basie overheard her singing to one of his records in a Milwankee juske joint. Impressed, he kept her in mind until he meeded a girl singer, then sent for her. Ann's first record on Columbia, Jivin' Jos Jackson, is due ont this week.

New Office Building for Cinema Musicians

Hollywood—Sammy Weiss and Doc Sexton, song contact men. have acquired rights to property at Selma and Vine streets here to erect building to house offices, studios and cafe which they ex-pect will be center for pub men, musicians and entertainers. Many publishers were forced to vacate offices on Vine st. Jan. 1. Entire property was taken over by Capitol records.

Spike Will Sponsor Midget Racing Car

Los Angeles—Spike Jones, whose hobbies include backing of local basketball and football teams, has also taken over spon-sorship of midget auto racing car, and a regulation racer which is entered for the Indianapolis speedway races this year.

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Los Angeles—The race restric-tion fight here between white and colored residents of the West Adams district, which included several prominent sepia music and movie names, finally ended in a court decision that the Ne-groes could well regard as one of their greatest victories against discriminatory measures. A Superior Court indge threw

Negroes Win

Housing Fight

A Superior Court, with severe words against such racial prac-tices. Suit was originally started by white residents of the dis-tricts, over property values.



Hollywood — Frank Sam Child" Robinson, Detroit's six-year-old boogie prodigy, lost little time in teaming up with Hollywood's nine-year-old dram-mer flash, Joer Preston. They staged a sension for the Armed Forces Radio Service during a Lioael Hampton broadcast. Both kide are working in the MGM No Leave, No Love movie. AFRS Photo.

Chicago 26, Ill.



Alvino Rey must have estab-lished some sort of record when he was discharged from the navy at exactly noon of Dec. 14, opened the same evening with his new band at the Casino Gardens-close connections, one might say. ...Lawrence Welk makes his first appearance out here opening

Lisse connections, one might say. ... Lawrence Welk makes his first appearance out here, opening Feb. 4 at the Aragon... Al Dona-hue set for a return date at the Trianon following Jan Garber... Les Paul Trio played only one might at Ciro's as Les went down with severe attack of flu... Dinning Sisters are doing a nitery turn at the Trocadero... Ted Fio Rito did a short stand at the Culver City Meadowbrook, which included the New Year's Eve session there... Eddic Heywood in a return date at Shepp's Playhouse, with Drummer "Keg" Purnell back after several weeks illness... Looks like Billy Berg has big draw in Diany Cilles-pie, to judge by turn-out on open-ing night. Notings Today

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Notings Today Adaline Hanson of Standard Radio is writing a new sories for the transcription firm called Swing Street, featuring Ellington, Phil Moure Four, Art Tatum, Teagarden, Teddy Wilson and other Standard wingsters. Transcribed shows debut shortly after Jan. 1. . . Karl Kates, who before entering Napy played and with Will Osborns, Sonny Dun-ham, Muggey Spanier et al., settled in Hollywood upon his discharge, is maschated with brother Art Kates in latter's music ators hers. . . Ray (Aragon) Herbeck was having vo-calist problems.

calist problems. Leon Belasco, who quit the bandstand several years ago to become a successful character actor in pictures, is carving out a new career for himself as night club entertainer in swell act with pianist Jacques Press at the Club Donroy (formerly Pirates' Den) here... Clyde Hurley heads new swing unit now cutting platters for Capitol.

for Capitol. Johany Crawford, who said good-bye to piano (at Paris Ina) in early days of war to help build radios for our air forces, has opened a radio store in Huntington Park, will fol-low imasic as side-line only here-after... Ted Le Berthon, our jam-loving newspaper columnist, hack in town after long absence and mak-ing rounds of his old haunts, the swing spots... Jo Anne Ryan, last heard here with Jan Savitt band, is spotlight singer with the new Al-vino Rey band, which also features Kenny Johns, 17-year-old drammer. Behind the Randetend

Behind the Bandstand

Behind the Bandstand Operators of local institution for alcoholics report population of musicians' ward there has dropped 13.09% since release of Lost Week-End but other branches are barely affected. No explanation found—except that musicians have more time to go to movies.

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By Charlie Emge

In The Bells of St. Mary's, Bing Crosby appears again in the role of Father O'Malley of Going My Way, this time in a story that openant the Mother Superior concerns the Mother Superior concerns the Mother Superior (Ingrid Bergman) of an econom-ically shaky parochial school. Religious and spiritual elements are emphasized more than in Going My Way, which may, or may not, account for the fact that this picture does not quite equal its predecessor as all-around entertainment.

around entertainment. Like Going My Way, The Bells of St. Mary's is a legitimate acress dra-ma in which music is subordinated to little more than the function of creating "atmosphere," adding to characterisation (as in Bing's crea-tion of the role of Father O'Malley) and enhancing—without retarding —marratise interest. In this sense the musical treatment is theromythy adequate, although in this respect Bells of St. Mary's again fails to requal its parent picture, in which musical features were more success-july "written into" the story. The title song is not over-

mialcal features were more success-fully "written into" the story. The title song is not over-played; it appears in the main-title underscoring and as a vocal novelty ("bell" treatment) done by Bing and a chorus of nuns (recorded by a studio vocal group). Bing, mainly with groups of youngsters (recordings by St. Luke's Choristers, Long Beach boys' choir), sings Adeste Fidelis, O Sanctissima (a traditional reli-gious work of unknown origin) and two songs in the popular vein, Aren't You Glad You're You (Burke & Van Heusen) and In the Land of Beginning Again (Grant Clarke & George Meyer). ...Ingrid Bergman sings (her own socie) an old Swedish folk song, misch like many things in a Leo McCarey picture, got in more or leas by actident firer McCarey heard her singing in her dressing room. Robert Emmett Dolan turned in his usual musicianly job as conductor and scorer, and also

Robert Emmett Dolan turned in his usual musicianly job as conductor and scorer, and also contributed another important feature-young Bobby Dolan Jr., who, making what will probably be his first and last screen ap-pearance (according to his father) as the five-year-old pro-ducer-director of the kinder-gartenkids' Nativity play, regis-tered a clean hit.

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Lot Lingo

Eddie Heywood, who recently completed a specialty for the Mono-gram picture High School Kide, moved over to the 20th Century-Fas

New Platter Firms Make L. A. Debuts

Los Angeles—Two more platter labels made their appearance here latter part of December— "University", with firm headed by Jimmie Richards; and "Atom-ic", put out by Lyle Griffin, local trombone player and bandleader active in motion picture studios.

active in motion picture studios. University roster includes Red Nichols, Jimmy Higson's "Teen-Agers" (from Hoagy Carmichael airahow), Al Donahue and a 21-piece house ork under Bob O'Con-nor, trumpet player formerly with Jack Teagarden. Distribu-tor is Pacific Allied Products. Griffin is offering on Atomic platters by the Slim Gaillard Quartet (Gaillard, guitar; Thy Brown, bass; Dodo Marmarosa, piano; Zutty Singleton, drums). Barney Kessel's All-Stars, agroup of ex-Shaw men; a band under his own name, and a trio built around Marmarosa.

Osborne Quits Airer

Los Angeles-Will Osborne was slated to leave the Abbott and Costello airshow at Christmas, with Carl Hoff taking over. Osborne goes on an eastern theater tour with band HOLLYWOOD NEWS

Unusual Combo

In to record and onoct a 52nd Street sequence for The Dark Corner. He is companied by his own band in both pictures. . . Once Lesand arrived in Hollywood and reported to Warner Brothers where he is ap-pearing as pinalis and wetter in Humoreque, with John Gerfald and Joan Crewford. Humoreque will be one of Hollywood's most ambitions musical vehicles. We'll give yos more on it in future col-timms as production progresses. Richard English is at work on the screen play for The Folulous Dorseys while Producer Charles R. Rogers searches for moppeti to enact the roles of Tompy and Jummy Dorsey as kids. He's also writers, agents and musicians who are to enact themselves... Charlie Barnet and band are sel-for featured role in Universali-lidea Girl, story of which was suggested by career of a girl song business. Los Angeles-King Guion, movie saxist, is quitting the pic-ture field to head his own band, an unusual combination featur-ing a rhythm section of two drummers, two string bassists, and two guitarists. Five saxes and six brass will be used. Guion, well backed financially, has had band in rehearsal for a month. has accepted no commit-

month, has accepted no commit-ments until he is satisfied the band is ready.

Film Korsakoff Biog

Hollywood—Miklos Rozsa, cur-rently just about the number one screen scorer—with Spellbound and Lost Weekend—is adapting works of Rimsky-Korsakoff for a biog film on the Russian com-poser's life. Jean Pierre Aumont will star, pic is named Heat Wave.



Hollywood, BRIGHT LIGHTS: Mrs. Xavier Cugat broke her hip and will have to spend a lotta time getting hip to hospital rou-tine.... The Duke, The Ccunt, The Lunceford and The Eckstine have backing for a Broadway nitery.... Stilwell's Marine Ball-room at Big Bear was fire-dam-aged to the extent of 75-Gees.... Carmen Cavallaro's record room in his new home will be a collec-tor's dream-heaven, he's been saving records since '27.... The bigs. * bellroom in the world

WN DEAL the Armed Forces Radio Service . . Key Kyser's show at the Marine base in San Diege 'may back in Feb. 1941 — was recorded and put on file at the national archives for future reference . . . Coorgie Carroll is siling . . Jame Allyson is diss. The Horn will foster a "Record Album of the Month Club" and is giving credit for the idea to a G.I. who told him how he re-ceived a record every month thru the Red Cross while a German prisoner. . . Skip Farrell is doing some recordings for Johnny Mer-cer. . . Artie Shaw wants Ava to retire from the movies and just be a Missus. . . Sinstra and The Hora will call their new ball-room "The Palace of Stars. . ." ARC LIGHTS: When Judy Car-

ntery...Stuwell's Marine Ball-room at Big Bear was fire-dam-aged to the extent of 75-Gees... Carmen Cavallaro's record room in his new home will be a collec-tor's dream-heaven, he's been saving records since '27... The biggs t ballroom in the world is goans be ballt smack ecross the birth of her baby, her first muscleal will be with Gene Kelly in The Pirste ... Hoagy is being coaxed ? The biggs t ballroom in the world is goans be ballt smack ecross the birth of so the lead in Way Dewn Yon-the '30's ... Owen Levant angged Billy Batterfield might be trane-ferred to Hollywood to work with



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A new Year! And with it the A new Year! And with it the most impressive array of new re-leases in many a month. First re-lease of the new, revitalized Stan Kenton band proves to be the band's greatest release, two of the finest big-band sides of the entire year. It places the band right on the top of the heap-with Woody, Duke and Lionel. There are two exceptional

first real indication on records of the Garner genius and style. John Levy, bass, and George De Hart, drums, accompany excel-lently. Garner exhibits superb taste, wonderful singing tone. His taste, wonderful anging tone. His harmonic progressions and fertile inventive mind creates a beauti-ful mood. Reverse has a good beat, a slightly overdone left hand. He stays close to the melo-dy, plays some excellent things.

ANDRE PREVIN TRIO

Blue Skies Good Enough To Keep Sumet SRC 10057

right on the top of the heap with Woody, Duke and Lionel. There are two exceptional plano records, by two of the finest. Theyboard geniuses to appear on the scene in a long, long while. One is Erroil Garner's Laura, the other by a 16-year old refugee, now in Hollywood, Andre Previn. Both will stand an awful lot of watching. Swing ERROLL GARNER Leare Somebody Loors Me Savoy 571 Laura, one of the finest plano sides of the year, of all time, is Either of these sides could easi-

RECORD REVIEWS

closest followers can't believe it. Just what he can accomplish, then, is uncertain—but most intriguing. Both sides are excellent and clever arrangements, with Barbour and Previn working bril-Just that, even more. There is just that, even more. There is plenty of Dave Barbour's single-string guitar, some of his best re-corded stuff. John Simmons is the bassist.

JOHNNY OTIS

My Baby's Business Preston Love's Mansie

Harlem Noctarne Around the Clock Blues

Excelsior JO 141 & 142 Harlem is best of the four side

combine an unusual mixture of modern swing and a display of classical technique from the trumpet of the brilliant Mendez. Band is essentially a swing band, Mendez is essentially not a swing musician. He and Mannie Klein are the number one studio horn-men in Hollywood. Instrumenta-tion of band is unusual, with four trumpets, one trombone, one tenor sax and rhythm section. Harlem is best of the four sides, an interesting original from ven of Earle Hagen. Features ex-cellent alto sax work. Soloists aren't disclosed, but throughout contribute excellent work. Band sounds good on wax, is sparked by the leader's driving drums. Scoring is always interesting, sec-tions haven't too much trouble to at least cut the arrangements, if missing the finesse of smooth-er organizations. Blues and vocals by Jimmy Rushing, Harlem Nocturne, on most all points, out-shines other sides, is best indica-

Chicago, January 1, 1946

STAN KENTON

Artistry Jumps Just Sittin' and A-Rockin' Capitol 229

Artistry, the new Kenton theme, a jump take-off on his old one (a perfect example of the metamorphosis of the band, inmetamorphosis of the band, in-cidentally), is as exciting a big-band side as heard during the past year. Brilliantly conceived, from Kenton's full, certain open-ing piano chords, through Eddie Safranski's brilliant, driving bass (best bass work of the entire year, one of the finest recorded jobs ever done), the weird, brass work, and Vido Musso's wonder-ful, gutty tenor sax solo (as great as anything he has ever recorded before). Reverse spots some great as anything he has ever recorded before). Reverse spots some great June Christy vocalizing, definite-ly placing her among the great vocalists of the day. Tune is El-lington's catchy, beatful tune, with clever excellent lyrics. Ar-rangement is superb, wild brass kicking throughout. Here's a band to watch, but good, for the coming year! Recording, by the way, complements the band with an unusual, rather hollow sound.

Dance

CHARLIE SPIVAK

Stranger In Town Home Country Victor 20-1774

Victor 20-1774 Charlie surprises by waxing a tune not new, but one that hasn't clicked too well simply because it's much too good. That's the Mel Torme' Stranger In Town, cer-tainly one of the prettiest ballads written in recent years. Charlie's arrangement does justice, par-ticularly does Jimmy Saunders' nice vocal. Backing is good, with more Saunders vocal and Spivak trumpet.

LOUIS PRIMA

Way Down Yonder In New Orlow As Mr. Mason Said to Mr. Dixon

Majestic 7159

Louis is ably proving that you can come from New Orleans and still go wrong. He does it here, both vocally and instrumentally. His high schoolish trumpet rambles uninterestingly through Yonder and the inevitably corny Mason-Dizon routine. Louis' horn Mason-Dirow routine. Louis norm has disintegrated miserably—as badly as has his band. Success hasn't become Mr. Prima, nor does such extreme corniness wear well. This is where I draw the line, as the song says.

TINY HILL

Angry He's Coming Home to Stay Mercury 6001

Probably a juke box natural, nevertheless, the choice for the "corn" title of 1945—at least. Angry should be heard just for laughs.

Others

Frankie Carle's piano and band, and vocalists Paul Allen and Marjorie Hughes, are feat-ured on Prove It By the Things You Do and Don't You Remem-ber Me. Latter is by Carle, with lyrics by the talented Mr. Sonny Skiar. (Columbia S6888).

Tommy Dorsey records a nice ballad with a rather overdone novely—The Moment I Met You and That Went Out With Button Shoes. The Sentimentalists are featured on the first side, with Pat Brewster and Stuart Foster on the other. (Victor 20-1761) (Modulate to Page 13)

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RAFAEL MENDEZ

In A Little Spanish Town Kitten on the Keys I Know That You Know Tou for Two

Pan American 111 & 112

These sides could almost be labeled "classic swing," for they combine an unusual mixture of

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Capitol's Volume

Capitol's Volume 1 Capitol's Volume 1 Capitol's Volume 1 Durported to represent the march-ragtime-folksong origins in New Orleans and did so to a certain extent, more inclusively if less authori-tatively than the latest album in the Brunswick series—Jelly-Roll Morton, Volume 1, B-1018, \$2.00. Along with an excellent booklet by Eugene Williams this Decca rhe Pearls and King Porter Stomp reissued as \$0067, Sweet-heard O' Mine and Fat Meat And Greens as 80068, the first three being Morton originals and the last a Robinson-Blahaw adapta. All four demonstrate once march

Idon of the twelve-bar blues. All four demonstrate once more the genus that was Jelly's, equally gilted as he was at composing, ar-ranging, and performing — three processes which with him frequent-ly occurred simultaneously. Mary Lou Williams worked out her own variations on Peerls awhile back, around the time Morton waxed his final version of King Porter, yet meither marked much of an advance over these original interpretations. Mr. Jelly wasn't dated at his death, on the contrary he was modern twenty years after the composition of his great stomp!

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Other Good Sides Jones' Hubba Hubba Hub and You Brought A New Kind Of Love To Me on Commodore 1520, Wilson's I Carit Get Started and Stompin' At The Saroy on Musicraft 333, Wilson's Blues Too and If Dreams Come True on Musicraft 335 erre as a comple-ment to Capitol's Volume 4, This Modern Age. Some of the solos are superb. The ensembles, al-ready played repeatedly, hardly merit repeated hearings. Like Willow Weep For Me, Love high-lights Jefferson's sax, which Fletcher once called the finest lead alto in the business. Hubba features successive choruses by Jones, Glenn, Balley, Quebec, and Rivera, with Jonah using that tone so admired by Panas-



New York — The beautacions and blonde Boyd Triplets, natives of Panna, posses one of the most colorfal family trees in music circles. The gals are de-peendants of Pocahontas and Jeb Smart, latter the famous Con-federate general. And an unclo-was President Woodrow Wilson. The kids howed in at the Ei Chice in the Village enriter this famous coming up. And so are the Boyd's!

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Ostrich Walk

Ostrich Weik In 1945 this column was de-voted to the history on records of two dozen hot standards writ-ten by a dozen great Negro jazz-men, from the rags of Bcott Joplin to the blues of LeRoy Carr, including numbers by Kid Ory, Jim Europe, King Oliver, Chris Smith, Jelly-Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Clarence Wil-liams, Spencer Williams, W. C. Handy, and A. J. Piron. This year I propose to consider twenty-four classic stomps and drags by twelve outstanding white composers, LaRocca, Ed-wards, Christian, Shields, Ragas, Robinson, Nunez, Marea, Rap-polo, Schoebel, Meyers, and Car-michael.

and blonde Boyd Triplets, natives a Pannaic circle The places, natives a prevadantis of Poceabonias and Jeb Stmart, latter the famons Con-federate general. And an uncle Stmart, latter the famons Con-federate general. And an uncle was Prevalent Woodrow Wilson. The kids bowed is at the Ei Chico in the Village earlier this year, are to be featured in any member of the Boyd's! To Teddy's sides Clayton and Webster contribute the melodic Reminiscent of Just A Mood, Reminiscent of Just A Mood, Blues is the choicest of the four, with Buck showing why Ham-mond once granted him the the easy way! Barker, which is merely taking the easy way!

CROSBY DAYS

soloist, ciarinetist Larry Shields. The O. D. J. B. recorded it on Victor 18457, on Aeolian 1206, and on English Columbia 736. Bix Beiderbecks cut Ostrick with Frank Trumbauer's orchestra on Okeh 40822, reissued on U. H. C. A. 29. Wingy Manone, George Brunis, Sidney Arodin, and Gene Krupa waxed it on Decca 229 as, the New Orleans Rhythm Kings, under the direction of Terry Shand. Milt Gabler has just brought trombonist Edwards and drummer Sharbaro (now Spargo) of the O. D. J. B. back to do Ostrick again, this time for Com-modore with trumpeter Wild Bill Davison, clarinetist Brad Gowans; pisnist Gene Schoeder, and basist Bob Casey. Soon to be released under the name of Eddie Edwards and his Dixleland Jazz Band, this could be the finest disc of Ostrick Walk ever issued.

Safranski's Wax Dates

Los Angeles—Eddie Safranski, star Kenton bassist, has recorded with jazz groups headed by Willie Smith, Don Byas and Cliff Lange, in addition to his Kenton band activities.

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New York-Benny Goodman. now en route to Culver City, Cal., where he opens at Meadowbrook Gardens (3), managed to do some exceptional business at Newark's Terrace Room despite adverse weather conditions. Swing King closed Newark date (23) after jamming place to its 2000 capacity several nights. Band aired 15 times weekly over four major nets while at spot.

Hampton, Decca All Smiles Again

ef his great stomp! Hodes' Bise Five Capitol's Volume 2 was de-signed to recreate the growth of firm before leaving here for east-graz in Chicago and its subse-ern dates. New pact guarantees or Kansas City. Far more gen-uine from a Chicago standpoint



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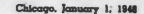


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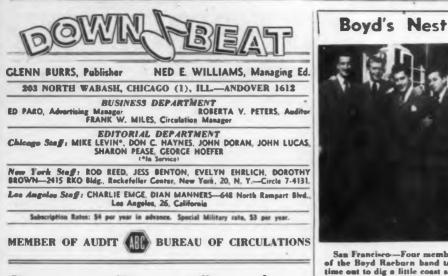
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Down Beat Begins New Era of Activity

With this issue Down Regt enters, not only a new year with a new volume number, but also what its publisher and its editors hope will be a new era. An immediate change in policy, from a semi-monthly to a bi-weekly schedule, is the first step. Hereafter you will find your Down Beat on sale every other Monday.

The next step, obviously, will be to bring you Down Beat every Monday as a weekly publication, filled with news of the music world while it still is fresh. How soon this will eventuate depends upon the paper supply, which still is limited; upon the availability of required printing equipment and upon a solution of the personnel problem, which looks brighter daily.

Down Beat always has been and will continue to be a nu-sicians' newspaper. In its new sicians' newspaper. In its new era more emphasis will be placed on news happenings in the world of music, less on socalled feature articles. It will continue to cover the music news from coast to coast, with frequent items of interest from abroad.

A gradual change in form or make-up will be noted. In-stead of treating the news geographically, with special pages or columns devoted to localities or sections, departments covering separate fields of music activity, such as radio, theaters, records, motion pictures, hotels and clubs, ballrooms. will be inaugurate

While the entire field of music will be covered gen-erally, accent will be placed as eretofore on dance band activity and happenings in the field of popular music. Fans and amateurs will continue to be just as interested in the columns of Down Beat as the professionals who make their living with music.

The outlook for dance music, and we use that term in a broad sense to include all music in a popular vein, is much these evils, fairly and impar-brighter than at any period since the days of the first one-nighters. It has developed into a multi-million dollar bard ness, with every promise of in-ereasing in value, but it still harbors many evils.

Despite the incorporation of many standards of decomy and the spreading adoption of mane husiness principles, the huliding and booking of dance hands still is regarded in many meas. And in too many in-stances, this regard is not en-

old school whose only rea knowledge is the routine of patting the new band leader on the back until he and his angel are separated from the last buck. There still are ramifications of union practice, some of them due to the autonomy of locals and the worst of which is racial and religious prejudice, which will looking into.

There still are leaders who will sacrifice musical value for any funny hat routine, or who will permit their men to be ridiculed by alleged radio comedians. There still are buyers and bookers, some of them in high places, who will even commit mayhem to get a piece of a struggling band. And the conduct of some sidemen is

not above reproach. There's that hig hotel operator whose chiseling tactics are a by-word among bands and who still is paying off in the dark, and there's that recording executive we mentioned once hefore, who hates "nig-ger" (the term is his) music!

The editors of Down Beat intend to investigate all of

Elliot Lawrence Joins Music Publishers Biz

San Francisco—Four members of the Boyd Racburn band take time ont to dig a little coast asm-shine, and pose for the camera of one of their ardent fam. Must be nice to be with a band that has such enthusiastic fams! But what other crew descrees that more ihan Boyd's nest? Oh, yes, the musician—(1. to r.)— Johnny Palton and Dale Pearce, trumpets; Lennie Green and Frankie Sokolow, saxes. San Francis -Four



Chicago-While playing a re-cent show here, Kay Kyser had time backstage to again meet his Windy City double, Paul Henry. Since Henry won the Beat's "Band Leader" double crown (Oct. 15, '41), he has refused several offers to front bands. Henry wrote the official national Community Fund song of the last drive, has sung on radio and with Deacon Moore's ork.



Lest We Forget

Lest We Forget Milwaukee, Wisconsin To the Editors: I am an ex G. I. who spent two and one half years in the in-fantry, highlighted by one year and twenty days in hospitals. I am a planist, having studied plano for 17 years and am now 24 years old. Before I am a planist I've been told that I am a composer. Strictly swing, popu-lar and boogle woogle with some modern trends, no long hair stuff at all. Since my discharge from the army I have been writ-ing the music out in hopes of eventually placing it somewhere. What a laugh that is. I have writ-ten letters to exactly fifteen different music but in hopes of

What a laugh that is. I have writ-ten letters to exactly fifteen different music publishing houses and only one had the courtesy enough to answer in the negative by claiming they were adding no new tunes to their lists, thanks nonetheless for thinking of them. My beef is this. What do I need, a name, before they even so little as look at my stuff? Sure my music is good, hell. I'm the composer and if I didn't think it was good I might then just as well give vn. Or am I going at it wrong? Should I contact some band, singer or what? I'm all



"There's no living with him since he won the Down Beat poll for small combos!"

confused and would like help. How about it? The music publishers of Ameri-ca should be damned glad they've only got guys like me to put up with and not a pack of heel click-ing Heinles who'd supervise the printing of the Horst Wessel all my music to my loved ones after I've cashed in my chips? Or will some publisher have guts enough to at least look at my compositions? Slowly I am be-coming convinced that it isn't wha you know that counts, but what you know that to up, but this of course is against all the principles for which we fought. Can you help me? Lester Luther Lester Luther

Little People Do Harm

Little People Do Harm St. Clair Shores, Michigan To the Editors: We all realize that the opinions of Jimmie Fidler do not carry much weight with anyone of normal intelligence. On the other hand, we of the music business should not sit idly by and take the type of slander he dished out on his broadcast of December 9. Fidler stated that Dorsey, James. Shaw and others were disband-ing to get into a "more profitable profession". now that the "war hysteria" has worn off and the American people no longer en-ioy dancing. You see, music, dancing and breathing are just "fads". Of course Jimmie Fidler is just

dancing and orcasting ""fads". Of course. Jimmie Fidler is just one insignificant little man but some people do listen to him and this war has taught us that propaganda may become a dan-gerous thing if it isn't checked. Can't we do something about this slander to our profession? Jimmy Lovett

Yoiks, Yoiks For Tea

To the Editors: I would like to ask just one question. Has the hep-cat and bobby-sox legion ever heard of a booby-sox legion ever heard of ack musician by the name of Jack Teagarden? Here is one man who should get more recogni-tion. If there is another man who can play and sing the blues as well. I'd like to know who he is. Orchids to Richard G. Harrison for bits another in the December 1

Orchids to Richard G. Harrison for his epistle in the December 1 issue of the Beat. What this country needs is more men with the right idea. I would be in-terested in hearing what some nure jazz lovers have to say about Jack who in my estimation is the some of expression of the true blues. true blues. Edw. Reingold

RAGTIME a los MARCHESON **NEW NUMBERS**

CICCHETTI-A daughter. Joyce Elaina, Mr. and Mrs. "Chick" Cicchetti, Nov. in Milford, Mass. Father plays tenor x with Tony Pastor's orchestra.

AULD A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Auld. Nov. 27, in Toronto, Canada. Father is brother and manager of Georgie Auld. VANDAS—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. mil Vandas, Nov. 4, in Chicago. Father orchestra leader.

BLADE-A drughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jiramy Blade, Nov. 30. in Chicago. Father is planist at WMAQ, Chicago.

Is minist at WMAQ. Chicago. DIAMOND-A 71/2 lb. daughter. Joanna, to Mr. and Mis. Morris Diamond. recently, in New York. Father is contact man for Embasy Music. STANLEY-A daughter to Mr. and Mra. Stan Stanley, Nov. 23, in New York. Father is with T. B. Harma, music publishers.

TIED NOTES

SCHALPIR-FRIEDLEN-Eli Schalfa, ultariat with Rusa Morgan's orchestra, to vina Frieden, Dec. 9, in Chicago. DOLLAN-PILLOT-Irving Dollan to rene Pillot, secretary for Advance Music ublishing co., Nov. 23, in Naw York. guita

FINAL BAR

BENDIX-Max Bendix, NO, composer, Chicago. VAE-Al Vac. planist, Nov. 18, in El VAE-AI Vae, planiat, Nov. 18, in El man, Ta: KEY-Pierre Van Ransselaer Key. 73, formar teaches, musie critic, editor and publisher of Musical Digest, Nov. 29, in New York. RAMSEY-Robert M. Ramay, 70, ez-ieader, treasure: of Norristown, Pa. local, Dec. 2, in Norristown, Pa. local, JENNEY-Jack Janney, 34, trombonist, Dec. 16, in Los Angeles.

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NORMAN CARR. Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rachester, N. Y. AL VINN. c/o Fred Gray, 1414 Baena Vinta Drive, Palm Springs. California



The write-up in the Box on Chick Gordon (September 1, 1945) brought a letter from Speed Webb, the leader of the Toledo band with which Gordon played during the thirties. Webb is now 8. Lawrence Webb, owner of the People's Funeral Home, 215 N. Brookfield street, South Bend, Indiana Indiana.

Brookfield street, South Bend, Indiana. Webb has been off the road for seven years now and the write-up sort of made him yearn for one nighters again. He states that the Speed Webb band re-corded for the old Gennett Com-pany at both their Richmond and Indianapolis studios. In addition they made some records on the west coast and Speed wants it stressed that although the band headquartered around Toledo it was not a middle western band but a coast to coast outfit. Record numbers are unavailable but the band recorded the following tunes Low Speed (theme song), Liza, Stop Doing That S.B. (fea-turing Chick Gordon), Trees, What Am I To Do, IJ It Ain't Love and others.

Love and others. To prove that the hand was not territorial, Speed clies four years at Danceland, Pico and Whittier ball-rooms in Los Angeles. They made talkies in Hollywood and played in Boston for the New England Amuse-ment company as well as in Canada and Mexico. The New York City papers asid the band was far ahead of its time. Webb remembers that it was a pleasure and not a task to raise his baton and just ride with the band. the hand.

raise his baton and just ride with the band. A partial personnel was in-cluded in the September article but here is a complete roster while they played in the east. Speed (Lawrence) Webb-direc-tor, vocals and drums: Teddy Wilson-plano and arranger: Sam Scott-drums: Bill Warfield-gui-tar and vocals: Melvin Bowles-bass and vocals: Nelvin Bowles-bass and vocals: Ronald Jones-first trumpet, Roy Eldridge-third trumpet and entertaining; Vic Dickenson-trombone. Gus Wil-son-second trombone and ar-ranger. Ell Robinson - third trombone and arranger: Leonard Gay-first sax. Chuck Wallace-tenor sax. Joe Eldridge-third sax and clarinet. Chick Gordon-fourth sax and arranger. Bob Benson-piano. Cat Glenn-gui-tar. The latter three formed a featured trio.

MISCELLANY: Ray Mitchell writes from Philadelphia that they have formed a Jass Festival Society of Philadelphia and have been giv-

Bad Timina

Bad Timing Chivage-Song plugger Chick Kardale had a habit of hearing an old favorite, and remarking, "Best tane I ever wrote!" He got away with the gag until re-cently, when he had brunch with Frankle Laine, songwriter and inger here on a visit from the coast. A Pied Piper record hap-ment to be playing, their "Ho Ba Together Again. "Nice tane?" asked Frankle. Kardale thought it was atterment. "First tane-heat one I ever wrote," he sold. Laine couldn't quite agree, and —an we anid-Kardale hoad the habit. He's eured now. Laine only happens to be the guy who wrote the lyrice to the Carl Fischer melody!

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NEWS-FEATURES

Productive Year For Bert Niosi Back Musicians On Records AtToronto Stall By DON C. HAYNES

the "poor relation." The picture of the best records of 1945 is, most of all, a com-posite study of the amasing and un c on t roll ed mushrooming growth of countiess small record-ing companies. Despite scanty distribution, little technical re-sources, and a short outlook be-yond the immediate future, their efforts have been an invaluable one-and the results are obvious in this summation of the better recordings of the past year. The following lists, incidental-

recordings of the past year. The following lists, incidental-ly, are not so much a "best rec-ords" listing as a guide for col-lectors to at least a portion of the good waxings of the last year. There are more records by a greater number of firms than ever before. To them—Keynote, Sunset, Guidd, Comet, National, Mercury, among others—a vote of thanks for an interest that ex-tended beyond obvious com-mercialism.

Swing

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lambia) Benny Goodman Sextet-After You've Cone, Omph Fah Fah, Slipped Disc and I Got Rhythm (Columbia) Johnny Cuarniert-Giles Mo Again and Bowing Singing Slam (Sauca)

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Bill Earris-Mean to Me (Key-note) Woody Herman-Apple Honey, Bijon, Put That Ring on My Pinger, Nertherest Pessage and Year Pather's Mastache (Columbia) Chubby Jackson-Cryin' Sands (Keymote) Stan Kenton-Artistry Jumps (Capitol) Joe Marsala-Don't Let It End (Black & White) Benny Morton-Once In a While (Keymote) Benny Morton-Once In a While (Keymote) Benny (Comet) Artis Shaw-Little Jass (Victor) Charlie Ventura-Choat of Chance and Tee for Two (Sunnet) Teddy Wilson-Memories of You and Bagle Call Rag (Masieraft) A truly representative selection

and Bagie Call Rag (Mmstersit) A truly representative selection of big-band swing and small combo sides that effectively mirrors the recorded hot music of the year. Woody Herman leads with the number of selections and any of his records during the year are worthy of the price. Goodman's Sextet, though more



By DON C. HAYNES This last year has undoubtedly been one of the most pro-ductive recording year of all time—the most productive, when the output of the unlimited small firms are taken into con-statistical and the second statistical statisti

Dance

Tommy Dorsey-Sunny Side of the Streat (Victor) Dake Ellington-Everything But You and Come to Baby, Do (Vic-tor) Benny Coodman Quintet-Ev'ry Time We Say Coodhya and Just Another Boy and Giri (Columbia) Woody Horman-J Wonder (Co-lumbia) Bas Gone (Columbia) Stan Kenton-Sittin' and A Rockia' (Capitol) Hal Mclatyro-Soume River and Astama Sermade (Victor) The most inconsistent of all

Astama Sermade (Vister) The most inconsistent of all divisions, most Dance sides either found increasingly modern con-ceptions, excellent orchestrations and brilliant musicianship—or corny and dull work. It was heartening that some bands could still turn out popular ma-terial without sacrificing taste and ability. That they should have turned out more than they could still turn out popular ma-terial without sacrificing taste and ability. That they should have turned out more than they did is a point we will overlook at the moment.

Vocal

Les Brown-Ha'll Here to Cross the Atlentic (Columbia) Woody Herman-Happiness Is A Thing Called Jos (Columbia) Bille Holiday-Lover Man (Dec-ca) and I Cover the Waterfront (Commodore)

(Commodore) Barl Ives-Foggy Foggy Dow (Decca) Stan Kenton-Ars You Livin', Old Man (Capitol) Poggy Lee-You Wes Right Buby and What More Can A Woman Des (Capitol) Do (Capitol)

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Chicago, January 1, 1946

-Duke Delory

Pied Pipers-We'll Be Together Again (Capital) Bill Samuela-I Cover the Water-front (Mercury) Frank Sinatra-When Your Lover Has Gono and Homasich-That's 40 (Columbia)

Sarah Vaugha (Musicraft) -Time and Again

Sarah Vangham—Time and Again (Masicraft) This was a year for vocalists, commercially and, in part, artis-tically. Among the consistent best were Frank Sinatra and the Pied Pipers, sides mentioned are the best among those. For great im-provement, a bow to Doris Day; her vocal on Allantic, on an O'Day kick, and good, was par-ticularly fine. Anita and Billie Holiday, as little recording as either of them did during the year, still had some inevitably wonderful sides. Newcomers hit, too—Bill Samuels and Sarah Vaughan among others. But the best vocal of the entire year, in many ways one of the greatest ever, was Frances Wayne's breath-taking work on Happi-ness Is A Thing Called Joe.

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(Jumped from Page 8) Vocal

BING CROSBY

I Can't Begin to Tell You I Can't Believe That You're In Love With Me The Belli of St. Mary's I'll Take You Home Again, Kathle

Decca 23457 & 18721

Decca 23457 & 18721 Two sides with John Scott Trotter's large band, and the other with Carmen Cavallero and rhythm section providing accom-panimet. It's a bit tiresome to listen to much of Cavallero's planistics. Bing's in good form. though by now it should be ap-parent to even the most ardent "Groaner" fan that his voice is a far cry from what it once was. Which still doesn't say that he isn't singing well.

JO STAFFORD

Day By Day Symphony

Capitol 227

Both sides present the moody Stafford voice in top form, with particularly full and lush string backgrounds arranged and di-rected by Faul Weston. Day is by Weston, Axel Stordahl and Sam-my Cahn, and pretty at least as I Should Care, their other hit. Her rendition of Symphony is by far the best of them all, is low pitched, melodic. Best Stafford-Weston for some time.

BILL GOODEN TRIO

My Trust I See Your Face Before Me Musicraft 338

Both sides spot okay vocal work and interesting if obvious trio (bass-plano-guitar) work. Trust, Gooden original, is a nice tune, nicely done. Gooden's plano is somewhat better than his vocals.

FRANK SINATRA

The House I Live In America, the Beautiful

Columbia 36886

Last release had Frankie on a lullaby kick, this time it's a pa-triotic one-and not at all hard to take. House I Live In is from his excellent pic short on racial discrimination. It's a pretty tune with well-written and not corny lyrics. He has the assistance of the Ken Lane Singers on Amer-ica, which is at least one of the prettier patriotic ballads.

FLENNOY TRIO

1 Ain't Mad at You, Pretty Baby Induction Blues

body's Got to Go, Mr. Jones New That You Know

My Love That's the Wrong Gal, Brother I'm For You E-Bob-O-Le-Bob

Excelsior 116, 118, 130, 140 Excelsion 116, 118, 130, 140 Trio, headed by planist Lorenzo Flennoy, with Robert Lewis on bass and Jimmie Edwards on electric guitar and occasional vo-cal, deserves a hand for their original material and style. But they aren't exceptional musicians and sometimes the material fails a bit flat. Best sides are the bal-lad sides—I'm For You and My Love, though vocals are weak. Induction has the best vocal work, some blues stuff that comes on good.

Others

DineA Shore has waxed the nov-elty, Pass That Peace Pipe, with Irving Berlin's rhythmic Every-Body Knew But Me, with Russ Case's excellent studio ork. (Vic-tor 20-1775) Helee Forrest, off her Helen Morgan kick, and therefore in much better condition, couples My Guy's Come Back with the Styne-Cahn I'm Glad I Waited



Charlie Fisk Leads Calcutta Ork

2010) Baster Bennett trio, with Buster furnishing down-to-earth blues singing and altoing, have waxed Leap Frog Blues, a take-off on the Les Brown theme, and Ree/er Head Woman. (Columbia 36873) Joe Williems is accompanied by guitar, drums and harmonica on two blues sides—Somebody's Been Worrying and Vitamin A. two of his own tunes. (Bluebird 34-0739)

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A-0739 Timmis Rogers has recorded a couple of novelty tunes par-ticularly suited to his original style and sense of humor, Fla-Ga-La-Pa and Drop Another Nickel In the Juke Boz, with the Al "Stomp" Russell trio, with Al on plano, Lucky Thompson, alto sax, and Johnny Oils on drums. (Excelsior TR136) Sons of the Pioneers, western vocal group, wax Forgive and Forget and The Timber Trail with instrumental accompani-ment. (Victor 20-1764) Dance Boat expend the Tunbe

Chicago-Frankie Masters will wind up a three-month tour of one-nighters when he comes into the Trocadero in Evansville. Ind., for Christmas week, followed by weeks at Tunetown, St. Louis and the Downtown theater, Detroit.

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I worked plenty of them before landing a job with Will Os-borne's band." After a short time with Osborne, he again played solo piano in night clubs and began recording with vari-ous groups that included the best jazz men in the clty. Except for a year with Benny Goodman's Orchestra (1935) and a year with the Milt Herth Trio



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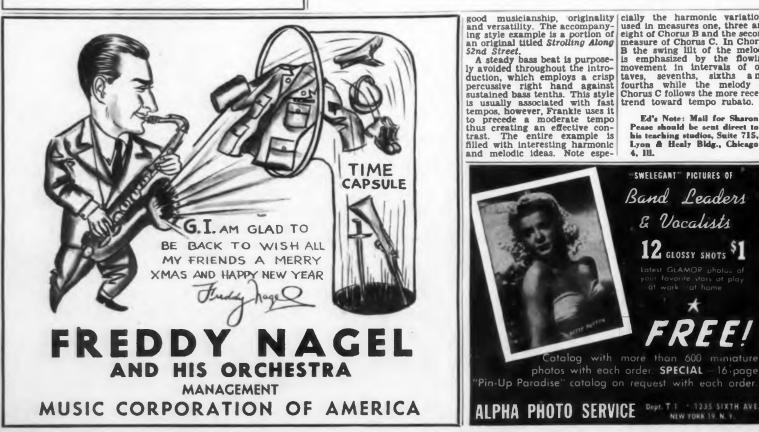


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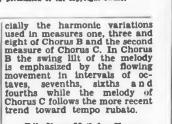


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New Stars

Columbia Plans | Auld Changes **Ork For Dates**

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New York-Georgie Auld re-turned to New York last month and made almost complete changes in personnel before heading for club date in Cleve-and and Detroit. Joe Pellagrino, planist, replaced Harry Biss. Phil Billman, Auld's former drummer, returned with Art Mardigian out. Changes in the sax section has Eddie Edeil and Louis Ott, tenors for Joe Magro and Al Cohen, and also saxist Sam Zilman for John Rafio. Georgie Schwartz and Al Arons, trumpeters, also former and Don Ferrara was added to the trumpets, replacing Manny Fox, Art House and Dan Paci-anno. Bob Lord (also ex-Georgie Auld) and Gus Dixon, trombon-ists, replaced Tracy Allen and Rud Duture.

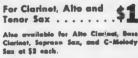
Auld, who has been on an ex-tensive one-nighter tour, is get-ting lined up with several loca-tion spots and is currently at the Latin Quarter in Detroit where he opened December 28 for three weaks



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New York—Johnny Desmond nud Jane Harvey, stars of the new Teen Timers' show on NBC, hibits with bandleader Johnny's Long as they study a score on one of the first shows. Johnny's hand meet started for five weeks and will be followed by Tony Pastor and Woody Her-man. Desmond was the Miller AAF band vocalist, Miss Harvey a recent BG thrush.

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Eight major Negro trombonists preceded Ory in New Or-leans, and seven others came along shortly after him. Two of the carliest played with Bolden, valve-man Willie Cornish and slide-man Frankie Dusen. They were succeeded by Lawrence Jackson and George Filhe, by Eddie Atkins and Dave Perkins. Ory's greatest predecessors were valve trombonist Joseph Petit and slide trombonist Joseph Petit Jim Robinson as his only serious com temporery challenger. Brut Best Tram

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All the best white trombonists from New Orleans appeared after Ory, and all of them owed him a great deal. The Original Dixie-land Jazz Band and Eddle Ed-wards first and then Emile Christian, while the New Orleans Rhythm Kings started with Georg Brunis on trombone and replaced him with Santo Pecora. Of the four Brunis was easily mie Noone. Other men were Sam Dutrey, Achille Baquet, Lawrence Dewey, Arthur Burbank, and Lorenzo Tio, Jr. Of the younger Crescent City clarinetists Albert Nicholas and Barney Bigard reflect the influence of Noone, Jimmy O'Bry-ant and George Lewis of Dodds, Omer Simeon and Wade Whaley of both. Most modern of all are Frank (Big Boy) Goodie and Ed-mond Hall. Although Bechet was playing professionally over thirty years ago. his work has never been surpassed.

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New Orleans Reeds

New Orleans Reeds In the Crescent City the jazz clarinet was not only originated, but also brought to full perfec-tion. The hot saxophone, on the contrary, was almost completely ignored there. Only two New Orleans sax oph on ists have achieved any degree of fame, the Negro altoman Joe (Doc) Poston and the white tenorman Eddie Miller. Miller.

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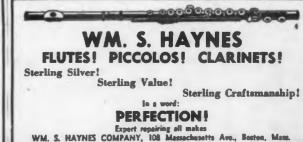
Newark. Trumpeters Jimmy Pupa, Paul Cohen and Jack Eagle

New York—Emmett Carls, tenor saxist, who subbed with Benny Goodman's band during his engagement at the Terrace Room in Newark, remained in New York to organize his own combo and record, when Good-man left for the west coast.

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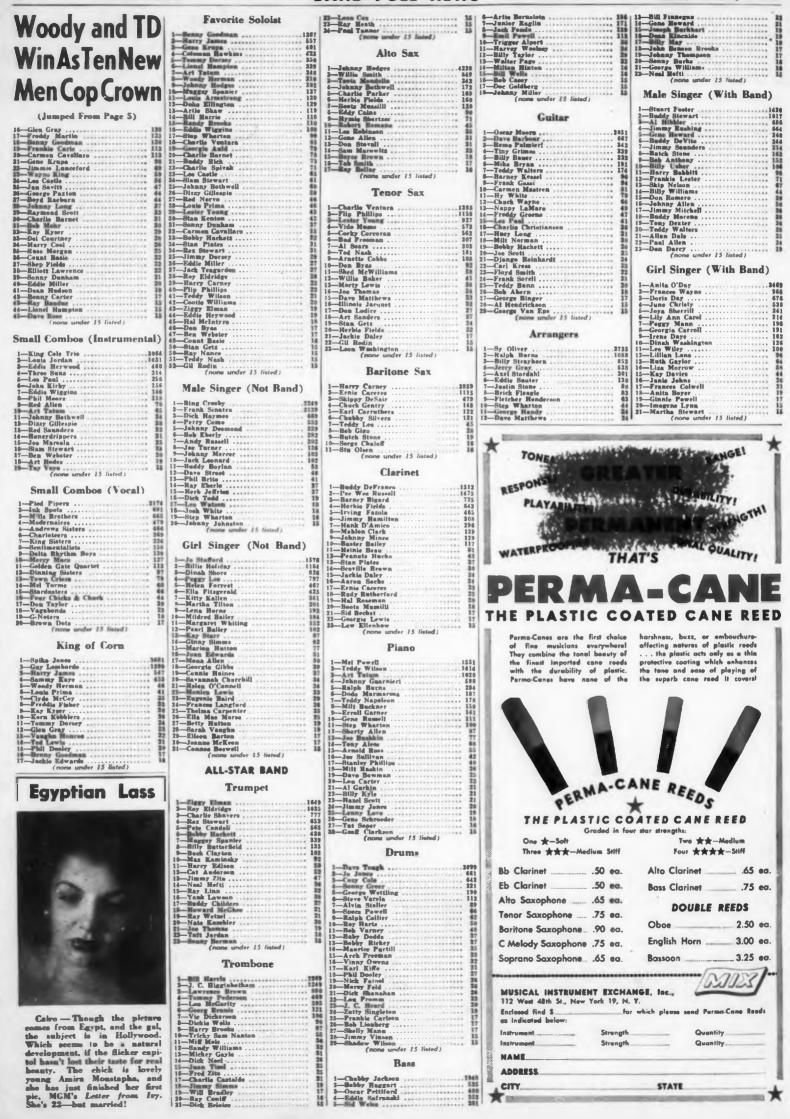


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