# Bop At End Of Road, Says Dizzy

By JOHN S. WILSON

Bop apparently has come to the end of its road. Dizzy Gillespie, who reaped the greatest harvest of publicity during the bop furor and who was considered the leading proponent of bop by the general public, is currently without

proponent of bop by the gener a band, without a recording con-8 tract, and with no definite plans for the future.

In August he was doing a single in front of a rhythm section at Birdland, with Charlie Parker doubling from his string section to sit in with him during parts of his sets.

ts. Diz dropped his band in June.

### Broke His Heart

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"It really broke my heart to break up that band," he told the Beat. "But there just wasn't any work for us. Right now it's rough. Everybody wants you to play what they call dance music. What they mean is that ticky-ticky-tick stur. Man, that ain't dance music!"

Dizzy admits that the audience for bop has dwindled in the past year. He's not sure what happened to it, but he feels that the boppers themselves contributed to the disinterest.

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"Like the guys that come into my band, they seem to have a different state of mind from guys going into other bands," he said.
"They don't think about showing. They think it would be a drag if people were to think they like what they're doing. They think i.'s enough if they just blow.

"If you've got enough money and can afford to play for yourself, you can play any way you want to. But if you want to make a living at music, you've got to sell it."

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The only thing definite about what Dizzy will do next is that he won't form another big band. He sees three immediate possibilities:

(1) working with a small combo.

(2) touring the Jazz at the Philharmonic, or (3) his favorite project, fronting a woodwind ensemble. This latter idea has apparently been spurred by Charlie Parkaria succeas with strings.

"I'd use five woodwind men, all

"I'd use five woodwind men, all doubling, and a rhythm section," he said. "I want to have Johnny Richards do about 16 arrangements for the group—half standards and half originals. Richards understands what I want and he understands the mechanism of the different instruments."

Once he gets a woodwind combo, Dizzy plans to go on tour with Parker, with the Bird fronting his strings and Diz with his woodwinds.

A Good Thing

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"It would be a good thing for us to be together," he said. "All we'd need is Charlie and me and a rhythm section. We could play concerts and clubs, picking up the woodwind and string men wherever we go. There wouldn't be any trouble about that. They'd all be longhairs and they wouldn't have to swing. All they'd have to do in read what's in front of them. They could pick it up in one rehearsal. The way I see it, Charlie would play a set with his strings, then I'd play a set with the woodwinds, and then we'd wind up all together "And we'd stress entertainment.

"And we'd atress entertainment. Every time we went on a stage, it would be just like a show. We'd make people think we like what we're doing."

New Orleans—Ray Rossi, for-mer Sam Donahue pianist, now has a quartet here at Leon Prima's 500 club. With Ray are Harold Cooper, clarinet; Emil Christian, bass, and PeeWee Johnson, drums.

### No Bonus?

New York—Sharkey Bonano's Dixie crew and Connee Boswell are readying for an arena tour of the south for which the only admission charge will be the box admission charge will be the box top of a patent medicine. Show, which also will feature Mickey Ro o ney, Roy Acuff, Minnie Pearl, Anita Martell, and a batch of clowns, will be sponsored by Hadacol, which will pay out more than \$125,000 for the 16-day jaunt. Tour starts Aug. 21.

### Prices Go Up On 45 RPMs

New York—The price line of 45 rpm records has been stabilized at 75 cents plus tax by virtue of Decca entering the field at that price and RCA Victor boosting their charge for the doughnut disks to that figure from their previous 65 cents plus tay. cents plus tax.

cents plus tax.
Victor said its new price was based on a re-evaluation of cost figures, which showed they were not making a reasonable profit on the seven-inch disc at the lower price. Victor spokesmen said their price rise had no connection with the entry of Decca into the 45 rpm field and was not caused by a rise in production or material costs. Price of Victor's 45 rpm albums has also gone up 10 cents a record.

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Before Decca moved into 45, and while Victor was selling its 45s at 65 cents plus tax, other top companies putting out 45s were getting 75 cents plus tax for them.

### Ferguson Will Stay With Stan

Hollywood—Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton's young trumpeter who planned to launch his own ork this fall, has abandoned the plan for the present and will remain with Kenton when the latter goes on his tour of dance dates starting Sept. 15.

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One of the chief reasons is that Ferguson could be called for military service in the near future. However, Ferguson planned to record several sides for Capitol, to whom he is under individual contract, with a band of his own before he leaves with Kenton.

### No Big Band For **Basie For Awhile**

New York—Possibility that Count Basie might reform a big band this fall, expressed last winter when he broke up his hand and started working with a combo, has apparently gone by the boards, for the present Basie small group currently has bookings through the beginning of November.

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Combo is scheduled for a week at the Million Dollar theater, Los Angeles, starting Aug. 25 and then, after some one-niters, goes into the Brass Rail, Chicago, for two weeks on Sept. 6. Brass Rail date is followed by a week in Scranton, Pa., on Oct. 2; a week at the Casino theater, Toronto, on Oct. 12, and two weeks at the Hi-Hat, Boston, on Oct. 19. Crew may come into New York in November.

are being written by Bushkin and Sy Oliver.

Sol On The Street

New York—Clarinetist Sol Yaged has taken a trio into 52nd the company of the com

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### Sour?



New York — Hair askew and clarinet waving, Benny Goodman came home from Europe in June in a Jovial mood. But wife Alice apparently doesn't enjoy the sounds at all. Benny, as you know, returned to the Columbia label recently, bringing along with him the masters from his historic 1938 Carnegie hall concert, which will be released on two 12-inch LPs.

## Bushkin To Add Strings

New York—It looks as though the Bird may have started some-thing, for now it's going to be Bushkin with strings. Fleet fin-gered Joseph will add five strings to his present trio for his Cafe So-ciety date which is now scheduled for Oct. 12.

Additional instrumentation will be two violins, two violas, and cello. Personnel has not been set as yet. Arrangements for the new setup are being written by Bushkin and Sy Oliver.

Norvo Visits George's Gang

Hollywood—Among those who turned out to greet the great George Shearing quintet during its first appearance in Los Angeles was the veteran musician, Red Norvo. He was particularly interested in the work of Shearing's new vibist, Don Elliott, one of the many youngsters who look upon Red as the man who pioneered their instrument into modern music. That's Red at left, then Elliott, Shearing, guitarist Chuck Wayne, and Red's guitarist, Tal Farlow.



Wednesday in the last year.

"The audience for modern stuff has gone way down in the last two years," said Charlie in explaining his switch in emphasis. "We can play modern stuff all night, but where does it get us? With my small group, we kept playing the same spots over and over. I figured there must be more to it than that. The more knowledge we get playing in an Arcadia type of place, the more chance we have to play any spot. any spot.

### Not Giving Up

any spot.

"This doesn't mean we're giving up the kind of things we've been playing in the past. Once you win over the kind of audience that you get at the Arcadia and they like you, you can play anything. We can always put on an impromptu jazz show."

The big item with the Ventura band now is a steady beat. In line with keeping the dancers happy, Charlie has adapted some of his old numbers, such as Bubbles and East of Suez, which are suitable for a danceable beat. His old things which break up the rhythm have been set aside.

In the process of switchover of emphasis, the band has lost much of the characteristic sound which used to distinguish Ventura crews and has not yet acquired any new distinctive characteristics outside of Charlie's solo work.

### New Book

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"Much of this is due to the fact that a completely new book is just in the process of being written and the band is presently doing a lot of stocks and one-chorus medleys. Even so, one occasionally hears the beginning signs of a good, distinctive band in their work.

Present lineup of the band is: trumpets—Ed Badgley, Dick Sherman, and Joe Cabot; trombones—Bobby Ascher and Jack Hitchcock; saxes—Harvey Estrin and Charlie Kennedy, altos; Al Cohn, tenor; Ben Ventura, baritone; Charlie Ventura, alto, tenor, and baritone; rhythm—Marty Napoleon, piano; Jimmy Johnson, bass, and Ed Shaughnessy, drums. Lucille Reed, vocals. Arrangements are being written by Al Cohn and Manny Albam.

# Ventura Makes Bid As Dance Ork At Arcadia

New York—Charlie Ventura is making his big bid to prove that he fronts a typical dance band which can play any kind of dance music with a date at the Arcadia ballroom, a spot which caters to an audience interested in nothing but dancing.

To show what they can do in this vein, the Ventura crew is pouring out a steady stream of Dixie, rhumbas, waltzes, standards, and current pop hits, with an occasional Venturn specialty thrown in as a show-

"I've been trying to convince people I have a dance band for the last six months," Charlie reported. "But bookers kept thinking of us as a bop band.

### Want to Prove It

"Joe Glaser talked the Arcadia into taking a chance on us because if we can satisfy the dancers here we can do it anywhere. This band is capable of playing all kinds of hotels, theaters, and ballrooms, but until now we haven't had a chance to show it."

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On the basis of his first two weeks at the big Broadway ball-room, Charlie's showcasing seems to be working out all right. He opened on a Saturday night and drew the biggest Saturday crowd the spot has seen in a year, and since then has topped the best business the room has done on a Wednesday in the last year.

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New York—A disc jockey who feels his rights have been invaded will quit station WINS in October. Spinner is Geoff Davis, who objects to the station's announced policy of not letting jocks pick their own records.

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Policy goes into effect at the end
of the baseball season when station
gets back to a steady platter apinning formula. Station feels it can
do a better job of programming if
it takes the selection of records out
of the hands of jockeys.

## **Powell Stays** At Roosevelt

New York—Teddy Powell's new band, playing its first New York date at the Roosevelt hotel, has had its option picked up and will stay at the hotel until Sept. 25, when Guy Lombardo moves in for his usual winter stand. Hotel is considering bringing Powell back next spring when Lombardo leaves.

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Meanwhile, Powell was putting on a rush search for both a boy and girl vocalist at presstime, He has been using sidemen for vocal chores, but when his first waxing date for London records was postponed because London officials didn't think the instrumentalists' vocalizing was adequate, Powell went on the hunt for singers.

### Spike Readies Films For TV

Hollywood—Spike Jones is tak-ing a flyer at the TV film market with two 26-minute films as a start-er, which he made at his own ex-pense at the Fairbanks studios.

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The shorts are typical Jones comedy programs, with material from his radio and recording repertoire. The 10-piece band he carries as part of his regular troupe handled the music under the baton of Eddie Kay.

Musicians received the regulation recording scale and it's understood Jones has agreed to pay the accepted 5 percent royalty into the AFM trust fund.

### Peggy, Dave On The Cover

Vacationing in their Holly-wood home after theater engagements in the east, which included the Paramount in New York and the Chicago in that city, are Peggy Lee and Dave Barbour. This cover shot by Gene Howard shows the couple collaborating on another of their song hits, which probably will pop up on a Capitol platter soon. Dave, who accompanied his wife on her personal appearance tour, is holding up on his plans to organize a dance band. (See story on Page 2.)

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# Kid Breaks It Up With Hamp: Lionel Beams Show Overseas







Hollywood — Lionel Hampton played the Golden Gate theater in Frisco recently, and an addition to the show one day broke up the house. It was 9-year-old kid drummer Jimmy Bianco, who sat in with the band. Hamp immediately wanted Jimmy to make some TV shorts with him. That's Hamp and Jimmy in the first pic, with deejay

Jimmy Lyons looking over their shoulders. Dig the tie on the youngster. Second pic is of Hamp making the first live armed forces radio service jazz broadcast from stateside during the present fracas, Nearly 8,000 persons showed up at Passdena Civic Constitution hall to catch the hour-long show. It was promoted by disc jockey Joe Adams. With

backs to the camera are Johnny Board, tenor: Bobby Plater and Jerome Richardson, altos, and baritonist Ben Kyllard (at the mike). Left to right in the third photo art Capt. Mark Azzolina, of the AFRS, deejay Adams, and Hamp.

# Barbour Chary Of Trying Hey, Chub, Look Free-Wheeling Archey To Form Big Band Now

Chicago — Dave Barbour was sitting, Buddhafashion, in a pair of shorts on his dressing room cot. He was practicing guitar. A photographer was trying to set up a double exposure twint by the work which would end up showing twins playing. It didn't work. "Hot, isn't it," said Barbour. It gets that way in Chicago in the summer.

Nothing New York was the summer.

Nothing New York was about the style? The Giller imitators, for examp the summer.

Nothing New

"What do you want from me, a sensational story? Haven't got any," he grinned. "Don't know anything new."
"What's this about you forming a big band, too, and getting into the act," we wondered.

He sucked thoughtfully on a beer bottle.
"I really don't know if I want

Booked Ahead

"Beaides, I still have some commitments to fill with Peg—a date in Las Vegas, one at the Shamrock hotel—before I can go ahead with any plans."

"If you do form a band, though, what about the style? The Glenn Miller imitators, for example,

Miller imitators, for example, are "No," he said "I think they're going to wear out that sound pretty soon. Too many of them. After all, there was only one band doing it when Glenn was around. I remember sitting in with him a couple of times, and by the end of the evening that constant clarinet sound above the reeds got to be a pretty annoying thing.

Why Copp?

"So much new gould be happen-

beer bottle.

"I really don't know if I want to or not. Think I'll wait around a while and see what happens to the rest of them.

"Sure, I'd like to do it, but it has to be done properly to prove anything. And I don't feel like dropping a lot of loot on a book,"

"Bop? I think that word's just



Sacramento—Give a musician a camera and right away he starts taking gag shots. This happened when members of Billy MacDonald's band at the El Raucho hotel here were kidding saxist Jack Baker about his sun tan. So he went into a snake charming routine. Might be a good prospect for Chubby Jackson's band.

about dead. Now the sounds can be used without being accompanied by the word, which is practically a death warrant.

"But some of these young kids! I just don't understand them. They fluff you off because you're making money. And they say you're an old man. Say you aren't progressive.

"Yet, now many of them spend any time learning their hornspractice scales a couple of hours a day!"

Not the Greats

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"I'm not talking about the guys like Stan Getz, Parker, those that play great. But about those young kids who just own horns and hang around looking as pale as possible.

"I don't dig that. They're the same ones who put down the studio musicians, too. The only reason most atudio bands sound that way is because of what they have to play, not the way they play it.

"Give me a band of Conrad Gozzos every time. They just sit back and play anything you put in front of them well. No fooling around. And..."

of them well. No And . ."
A call of "half-hour" from downstairs in terrupted. He began shrugging himself into a fresh uniform.
"Told you I didn't have a story,"
he said as we left.

### Defense Dept. Signs **3 Bands For Shows**

New York—Three bands have been signed to cut a series of recruiting transcriptions for the department of defense. Bands are Les Brown, Harry James, and Red Nichols. Brown will cut 26 shows, James 14, and Nichols 26. Transcriptions will be sent out to 1,400 radio stations.

# Band Shines At Ryan's

New York—Jimmy Ryan's been housing a real, honest-to God jazz band this summer. The exuberance and free-wheel-ing gusto of the combo led by veteran trombonist Jimm

ing gusto of the combo led Archey is a reviving experience to New Yorkers who had be come resigned to the businessmen of jazz and the stonefaced conterior. The Archey men not only knock the tar out of the old standards but they lace into them with a type of verve, spirit, and imagination which hasn't been seen in these parts for a long time.

Archey's group has plenty of experience behind it. In addition to Jimmy on trombone, combo contains such evergreens as Popt Foster, bass; Benny Waters, clarinet and soprano sax; Henry Goodmin, trumpet; the old Jelly Roll Morton drummer, Tommy Benford, and youngster Dick Wellstood on piano.

Pops Pleases

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Consistent crowd-pleaser of the crew is Pops Foster, taking a nightly workout on bass which might well weary a man half his age. Primarily he is making a big contribution to the very solid beat which distinguishes the group.

But it is his slapped and bowed choruses which bring down the house. Pops taking a bowed chorus on High Society is something to see, even if it is not one of the musical highlights of the age.

Archey is of the school which believes n trombone should be blown and not muttered into. Where this mite of a man gets his big rough tone from is a problem for physiologists to worry about. But it keeps coming out as he lays down his broad, splurted backing and breaks out into insistent, compelling solo work.

Good Ensemble

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Ensemble feeling is one of the
outstanding qualities of this group,
and it is in this area that Good
win and Waters do their best work.
Goodwin has a tasteful, pushing
trumpet style which rarely lifts you
out of your seat but produces competent, satisfying work which
maintains the level of the over-all
group.

group.

Waters' clarinet somewhat erratic. He holds his own in ensemble work and the more moderate tempoed solos, but he stumbles and fakes his way through faster solo efforts. Dick Wellstood has a similar difficulty in reverse. On faster numbers, his ragging style comes through beautifully, our his slow work is pedestrian and unimaginative. Benford's drumming is consistently appropriate.

A Joy

On the whole, this group is a joy to see and hear, for they not only play joyously but appear to feel the same way, a very rare thing these days. The usual cut-and-dried

Down Best covers the music new from coast to coast and is rea around the world.

### No Longer



Chicago — The young gentleman peering sadly at you from behind that mare no longer is noted as much of a drummer. But you may have heard him play trumpet occasionally. It's Harry James, who was 7 at the time this pic was taken and was a drummer for the Christy Brothers circus, where his dad was band conductor.

# Things To Do On A Hot Day



Chicago—This picture actually has little connection with the music business except for the unknown quality of the unknown flutist at left and the fact Ava Gardner was once married to Artie Shaw. But we just figured you'd like to see how Ava looks with her hair wet. Pretty girl.

# Gray Gives Shot In Arm Alone At Last TD's 'One Of The Finest To Coast Dance Business

Hollywood — Jerry Gray's attendance mark for his first week at the Palladium was 16,351 (admission price is \$1.02 on week nights and \$1.35 on Saturdays, tax included).

on week nights and \$1.35 on Saturdays, tax included). Though that figure is not phenomenal compared with first week marks set at the big show pot by the late Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and others during the lush World War II years, it's considered extraordinary by the standards of the present era, an era that in this locality has seen the so-called name bands sink to almost nowhere as an attraction.

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almost nowhere as an attraction.
Gray opened July 25 for a sixweek stay. He remains until the
opening of Frankie Carle Sept. 5.
Carle will share the assignment
with Freddy Martin's "Band of
Tomorrow," the aggregation now
being assembled from the winners
on Martin's TV series.

### Back to Air

Gray returns to his spot as conductor-arranger on the Club 15 CBShow when the program comes back on the air Aug. 28. Members of his dance band who work the radio show, a five-times-a-week stint which under Local 47 work restrictions would ordinarily barthem from any dance work, have been granted permission to finish out the Palladium engagement. Gray, himself, as conductor, is not subject to quota rules.

What happens to the only new west coast dance band to create any real stir in many years at the close of the Palladium engagement? Gray and most of his bandamen are under commitment to the radio series. With the unemployment situation what it is here, Local 47 authorities are unlikely to grant any further dispensations after the Palladium job ends.

That means that though Jerry, himself, will be free to play dance dates, he will be unable to use most of his first string men, except on phonograph record sessions (to which quota rules do not apply).

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As of this writing he was mulling a plan to organize a second band—there are plenty of excellent musicians available who could handle his book—with which he may work weekend dates and one-niters.

Meantime, Palladium manager Earl Vollmer, who believes Gray's success has put a new spark of life in the dance business, was negotiating for Ralph Flanagan and Ray Anthony as follow-up attractions to Frankie Carle.

He was even reported willing to talk business again with Tommy Dorsey, whom he would like to have for the 10th anniversary of the Palladium's opening, to be cele-

Hollywood — George Shearing's unit and Nat Cole with his trio have been added to the list of musical attractions signed to turn out three-minute musical ahorts for Lew Snader's Telescriptions, Inc. Snader now has a talent roster that, at last report, included Lionel Hampton, Martha Davis, Jon & Sandra Steele, Herb Jeffries, Diana Lynn, and Desi Arnaz.

Hampton, backed by his own band, Shearing, and Cole were the first to complete their telefilms. Each unit turned out the five three-minute shorts Snader is permitted to make in one three-hour recording session.

### Spanier, Chapel Get **New Mercury Pacts**

New York—One-year recording pacts have been handed out by Mercury records to three artists who have been cutting for them on a per side basis. Talent signed is Muggsy Spanier's two-beat combo, singer Bette Chapel, and the Alexander Brothers.

brated in November.

### Broken Off

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Negotiations with Dorsey were broken off abruptly when the redoubtable TD tossed out a demand for \$7,500 a week plus a cut on the gate. Palladium is reported to have been buying all bands for last year or more on what amounts to a few hundred dollars over scale (a sizable figure in itself with sidemen there drawing \$110 a week minimum) plus a 50-50 split of the door receipts.

With a better outlook all around

With a better outlook all around With a better outlook all around for a boom in the nitery business here this fall due to a possible rush of war plant orders, it seemed possible the Palladium and Dorsey still might get together. A possibility also is seen that Tommy, who owns a controlling interest in the Casino Gardens at Ocean Park, may try to reopen the beach dancery, dark this summer for the first time since it was established 20 years ago.



New York — Dorothy Collins, who got her start with Raymond Scott several years ago and has been singing with him ever since, made her debut on MGM as a single recently with I'm Playing with Fire and Me and My Imagination. She's also the chick you see on Lucky Strike TV shows, singing that commercial and pulling down the bullsey window.

### Heidt Sued For 600G's

Hollywood — Jerry Fairbanks, one of the leading producers of television pictures, has filed a suit asking \$600,000 damages from Horace Heidt on a charge that Heidt, who is filming his CBS shows for release to TV stations, is infringing on an exclusive process evolved by Fairbanks technicians known as the Multicam system.

In the suit, on file in superior court in Los Angeles, it is claimed that a former Fairbanks employe who is now working for Heidt, and who is also a defendant in the suit, allegedly made Fafrbanks "confidential, secret methods employed in the Multicam system" available to Heidt without permission.

Heidt, who was in the northwest with his radio and stage troupe when the suit was filed could not be reached for comment. His TV films will not be released until October.

New York—The Deep River Boys, currently on their second tour of Great Britain, drew a crowd of more than 10,000 for a Sunday concert on the Isle of Man. Turnout of Manxians was so great a return concert has been booked for October.

# Dance Bands In Country'

By JOHN S. WILSON

Reviewed at the Astor hotel, NYC

Trumpets: Mickey Mangano, Charlie Shavers, Art Depew, and Johnny Amorosa. Trombones: Nick DiMaio and Dave Pitman.

Reeds: Boomie Richman, Welt Levinsky, Hugo Loewenstern, Babe Fresk, and Danny

Rhythm: Irv Joseph, pieno; Terry Gibbs, vibes; Bill Cronk, bass, and Louis Belleon.

Vocals: Frances Irvin, Johnny Amorosa, and Charlie Shavers.

Arranger: Johnny Thompson.
Tommy Dorsey—leader and trombone.

New York—Despite the tendency of name leaders from the era of big band potency to slack off or fall by the wayside, Tommy Dorsey has stuck to his last and today has one of the finest, if not the best, dance hands on exhibition anywhere in the country. With only a few slight reservation, this Dorsey crew can stand as a model for any hand that's trying to make it on the dance band comeback.

To bunch the points, this is a precisely rehearsed group of toprank musicians playing an excelent book with an easy, insistent beat and loads of musical coloration. The band's only real weak points are on vocals, a common failing today, but otherwise it puts on the kind of polished and varied display of dance music in the course of an evening which had almost seemed lost to this world in recent years

One of Best Books

### One of Best Books

At the bottom of it all is one of the best books owned by any band working today. This includes ma-terial from the arranging regimes of Sy Oliver and Bill Finnegan, plus the current contributions of Johnny Thompson.

Johnny Thompson.

These arrangements are notable for their lack of hackneyed ideas, their continuing musical interest, and a judicious selection of good tunes. A few of the current plug items apparently bored everybody concerned and consequently stick out like sore thumbs in the Dorsey repertoire, since they lack the merits mentioned above and are taken in the dull, draggy tempo which characterized the dog days of banddom.

But such occasional lapses can

But such occasional lapses can be overlooked amidst the plethora of good material which surrounds them.

### True Pros

Given such superior arrangements, the Dorsey band lights into them in truly professional style. Section playing is crisp and relaxed, with the rhythm section, spurred by Louie Bellson's tasteful drumming, always pushing the band along.

A large part of the book is en-

semble, plus TD's traditional tromboning or a few clarinet bars by Walt Levinsky and Hugo Loewenstern, but the spotlight occasionally shifts to Terry Gibbs' vibes, Charlie Shavers' trumpet, and Boomie Richman's tenor.

Result is good pucing from the listening point of view while keeping within bounds for the dancers. Gibbs sometimes shifts to congos on up-tempon umbers to background a Shavers trumpet solo.

Vocals, as indicated, are inclined

ground a Shavers trumpet solo.

Vocals, as indicated, are inclined to be a letdown, but no more than any other band is suffering. Shavers steps down front a couple of times an evening to liven things up with a raucous blues, but most of the singing is handled by Frances Irvin and Johnny Amorosa, doubling out of the trumpet section.

Ralow Rand's Standard

### Below Band's Standard

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Of the two, Miss Irvin comes off
best, dressing the band pleasantly
and showing a soft, warm, but
rather anonymous voice. Amorosa
is in the current style of characterless, low-toned moaners. As
band singers go, neither of them is
below standard, but they're far below the standard set by the rest of
the music Dorsey is putting out.
Dorsey, of course, is an accomplished front man on the stand and
adds the final bit of polish to a
band that looks and sounds the
way a dance band should.

# Aficianados In Service Send Pics Of Acts They've Seen, Liked





American-styled radio has taken over that Nippomese village. At the Fujiya hotel there, operated by the eighth army for occupationaires, a weekly radio show, much like the stateside supper club type of revue is put on. Written and produced by Art Keeney, who used to lead an east coast dance band, the airer is recorded on wire for rebroadcast by the armed forces radio service. In the picture are: (front row) Knobby Watanabe and the Liquid Tone six; (back row, left to right) Lt. Jess Kelsey, Ira Sykes, Arvylle



Chrysler, Koeney, Jack Jernigan, and Woody Wolverton, all members of the east of a recent show. Last two pictures are of a group which plays for occupation forces in Tokyo called the Gay Septette. They're a bop group. First shot shows group's leader, Ray Connes, who obscures George Kawagushi, drummer. In the final picture is vocalist Namey Emeko, singer with the group. Yoshiba Tsume, base, is out of range at left. Pictures were taken at the FEAF Airmen's club, Tokyo.

Chicago — From San Diego west to Japan, servicemen have sent pictures lately of bands and vocalists they've run across that impress them. At the left is WAVE Lois Kern, who has been doing much singing at the San Diego naval air station. She's appeared on several shows at the station, slee sings weekly on KFSD's Koffes Klatch show in San Diego. Here she's shown with 7-year-old violinist Grady Lewis, Jr., prior to curtain time at the station's "Foullies of 1950." Second photo is from Miyanoshita, Japan, where

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### CHICAGO BAND BRIEFS

# Jazz Stars Jam Chicago: City Starts Jumping Again

-It must be the heat. Or maybe the moon in one of its weird phases. But for some inexplicable reason Chicago is once more leaping as if there were a war on. Full scale, that is. From a near-drouth a couple of weeks ago, we now have a flood. Take a look at what's couning in the near future:

that so much good music is around. Or are ewners sending up trial

Like we say, we don't know. But we're having a ball listening.

Now, about the New Apex club. It opened last Friday (18) on the corner across the street from the

corner across the street from the Hi-Note. It was previously just a neighborhood tap, but owner Louis Rossi has done some decorating, installed new speakers, and modernized and lighted the front. Pianist's new group includes trumpeter Denny Roche and drummer Remo Belli.

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Miller also set to do a record date for Columbia, on which he'll wax eight sides for an album, most of them originals.

Hyams Concert

Marjorie Hyams, ex-Shearing vibist who's living and teaching here since her marriage, will play a concert with her own quintet from 3 to 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Sakowicz Rocket club, 1122 Milwaukee avenue. Sunday session will be a Cancer Fund benefit.

Gene Travis' 12-piecer including three violins, a viola, and a French horn, plus two other brass, opened the 18th at the Casino Cafe of Tomorrow, out on 75th and Western.

that so much good music is around. Or are ewners sending up trial balloons, sensing that maybe the Korean ruckus has started a "the hell with it all, let's go spend money" feeling among the persons who've been sitting home watching TV for the last three years? Will the large number of jazz units in town at once cause everyone to lose business because there just may not be enough aficiandos around to pay the way everywhere?

Like we say, we don't know. But

• A new jazz spot, called the New Apex club, opened last week on N. Clark street, directly across the way from the Hi-Note. It's spotting Max Miller's quintet at present More about this a bit later.

• Georgie Auld's combo with Level.

• Georgie Auld's combo, with Lou Levy, piano; Tiny Kahn, drums; Frank Rossellini, trombone; Max Bennett, bass, and Auld, tenor, is leaping lightly and nightly at the Capitol. Previous to this, the spot had been featuring an underwater-type attringer.

• Mildred Bailey, plus Joe and Marty Marsala's combo, plus Ad-rian Rollini's trio, is at the Blue

• Jackie Cain and Roy Kral's combo continues at the Hi-Note.

 Billy Eckstine is winding up at the Chicago theater. the

• His eminence, the Duke of Ellington, is doing the same at the Regal theater.

Jimmy Dorsey's band is at the Edgewater Beach hotel's Beach-walk nightly until Sept. 7.

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Doc Evans' complete group moved into Jazz Ltd. for a month (Doc, trumpet; Al Jenkins, trombone; Art Lyons, clarinet; Mel Grant, piano, and Doc Cenardo, drums), giving owner Bill Reinhardt, who usually plays clarinet with the groups there, his first vacation since the club opened in 1947.

Bill Russo's progressives continue at the Airliner, look set until well into September.
And the following incumbent Dixie crews continue, most of which are doing excellent business: Art Hodes at Rupneck's; Danny Alvin at the Normandy; Johnny Lane at the 1111 club, and Lee Collins at the Bee Hive.

### Coming Dates

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Also. Moving in soon will be:
The Herbie Fields band, which opens tonight (25) at the northnide Silhouette.
The Gene Ammons-Sonny Stitt combo, plus comedian Timmie Rogers and pianist Mabel Scott at the Blue Note Sept. 6 for two weeks. Followed by Charlie Parker and his string section from Sept. 22 through Oct. 5. Followed by the Red Norvo trio, with brilliant guitarist Tal Farlow, from Oct. 6 through 19. Followed by George Shearing for two weeks.

Count Basie takes over the Brass Rail bandstand Sept. 6 for at least two weeks. Buddy DeFranco, Wardell Gray, and Clark Terry are expected to provide beaucoup fireworks.

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### No Predicti

What all this is supposed to add up to, we don't know. We threw our crystal ball away when we picked the Washington Senators to finish last this year. Maybe it's just a coincidence



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kins; Bill Harris, trombone; Willie Smith, alto; Hank Jones, piano, and Ray Brown, bass. Trumpet and drum slots still tentative, but Dizzy Gillespie and Buddy Rich look like best bets. Oscar Peterson and Ella Fitzgerald will be the sole attractions.

Saturday afternoon jam sessions are being held weekly from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at Seymour's record shop, on S. Wabash. Modern jazz and Dixie are taking over on alternate weeks, with local cats from various bands sitting in.

Success of the venture already has prompted the bosses to issue two discs cut at one of the Dixie sessions (see The Hot Box).

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**Band Of Tomorrow Set** For Debut At Palladium

Hollywood—Lineup of Freddy Martin's Band of Tomorrow, comprised of winners nominated on Martin's KTTV video show, was completed for instrumental format purposes with the telecast of Aug. 2. Only a girl singer remains to be selected

One Switch

In order to fill out his sections. Martin made only one deviation from the formula. Nino Tempo, clarinet soloist who was runner-up to Don Dennis, trumpet, on the opening show, was assigned to the sax section. He'll play tenor and handle clarinet solos.

Kenny Richards, violinist who took a first place on one of the early shows, will front the unit.

the telecast of Aug. 2. Only a girl singer remains to be selected before the band appears on its first engagement. a date at the Palladium opposite Frankie Carle's starting Sept. 5.

Last instrumentalist chosen was Frank Morgan, young alto man who plays with a dexterity and purity reminiscent of Benny Carter.

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# Top Tunes

Listed alphabetically and not in the order of their popularity are the 25 top tunes of the last two weeks in the juke boxes, on the radio, and in record and sheet music sales:

ed, Bothered, and Bewil-

Revitched, Bothere dered Romaparte's Retreat Count Every Star Goodnight, Irene Happy Feet Home Cookin' Hoop-Dee-Doo I Cross My Fingers
I Wanna Be Loved La Vie en Rose
Mona Lisa
My Foolish Heart
Nola No Other Love
Old Piano Roll Blues

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### **Original Leadbelly** 'Irene' Reissued

New York—Original waxing of the current hit tune, Goodnight, Irene, made years ago by Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly), is being re-issued by Atlantic records.

Old Piano Roll Blues

Roses

Roses

Sam's Song
Sentimental Me
Simple Melody
Sometime
Stars Are the Windows of Heaven

### Sidemen **Switches**

Tommy Dorsey: Irv Joseph, piano, for Lou Lavy (to Georgie Auld), and Bill Cronk, bass (from Tommy Tucker: Bob Carter, bass, for Bill Cronk . . . Woody Herman: Vern Friley, trombone (from Ray McKinley), for Bill Harris (to JATP).

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Charlie Ventura: Marty Napoleon, piano (from Phil Napoleon), for Tony Aless . . . Phil Napoleon: Sonny Weldon, piano, for Marty Napoleon . . . Charlie Barnet: Al Porcino, trumpet, for Ray Wetzel.

Herbie Fields: Gene Thaler, drums, for Tiny Kahn (to Georgie Auld), and Lloyd Trotman, bass, for Max Bennett . . . Ralph Flanagan: Rudy Scaffidi, trumpet, for Charlie Frankhouser . . Alvy West: Jack Greenberg, woodwinds, added. Sammy Kaye: Lennie Greenberg,

Sammy Kaye: Lennie Greenberg, baritone, for Warren Parmentier ... Payson Re: Al Kendis, drums, for Ray Michaels... Noro Morales: Raymond Munoz, drums, for Um-berto Morales.

# Capitol Re-Inks Whiting, Starr

New York—Faced with the prospects of losing Jo Stafford to Columbia records at the end of the year, Capitol records is taking no chances on other of their top singers getting away from them.

ers getting away from them.

Label has re-signed Margaret Whiting and Kay Starr to long term deals and is negotiating with Peggy Lee for a renewal. Miss Stafford is expected to follow Paul Weston over to Columbia when her Capitol pact runs out in December. New deals with Whiting and Starr tie them to Capitol for seven and five years respectively. Maggie has done all her waxing for Capitol, while Kay has been working for the label for three years.

Bill Cooper: Herman Burkhart, bass, for Bill Goodall . . . Jimmy Featherstone: Jim Clishem, piano, for Ray Dixon (to George Rank) . . . Chubby Jackson: Don La-mond, drums, for Mickey Scrima.



One of the first sidemen from a top name band to join the colors since the outbreak in Korea was Don Simpson, bass player with Gene Krupa, who left early in August to join the army in his home town, Des Moines, Iowa . . . Ed Kirkeby postcards that the Deep River Boys have 26 weeks booked on their current tour of Great Britain and that the boxoffice is great.



Fran Warren is doing SRO bis on the road with Finian's Rainbow, nevording to her manager, Barbara Belle, who ought to know because she is in the cast, too . . ABC-WENR (Chicago), after pulling the Peter too . . . ABC-WENR (Chi-cago), after pull-ing the Peter Lucas thrice week

Lucas unrice ween
ly Journeys in

Jazz off the air,

restored it for Tuesday nights at

11:30 (CDT), to Pete's delight and
to the enjoyment of his listeners.

Duke Ellington goes into the
Paramount (NVC) on Oct. 4 for
two weeks with options.

Incidentally, Duke lost a fave
vocalist when Kay Davis cut out
to become the bride of Lt. Col. Edward D. Wimp, Jr., of the Illinois
National Guard, at the city hall in
Chicago on July 31 . Nancy
Evans, Wayne King thrush for five
years, quit to open her own office
and produce tevee shows. Mike
Levin, Beat discritic and steady
contributor, moved from the Kudner advertising agency to the Ted
Bates agency last month. He produces TV commercials.

Dwight Myera, Chicago executive
who has been a friend of Louis
Armstrong for a quarter century,
tossed u birthday party for Satchmo' at his home in Evanston . . .

Apparently Billie Holiday and her
manager, John Levy, came to a
final parting of the ways . Last
issue we apologized to Pat O'Comnor for stating she was no longer
with Jimmy Dorsey. This time we're
sorry we said Pat Lockwood was
with JD, since she is doing well as
a single, recently played the King
Cole Room in Washington, D. C.
Ah, this heat and these blinding
headaches!

The Hickory House in Manhattan has nixed out its disc jockey
policy and restored live music, presenting the Gee Cee trio, booked
by Joe Glaser . Although Larry
Clinton sold two fiction pieces to
the Saturday Evening Post, he's
gonna build snother band . . Willard Alexander signed Roger Cole
man and Don McGrane's band
Vaughn Monroe's radio sponsors
promise him a weekly television
show in the fall.

Kappi Jordan is managing Burt
Taylor, who left the Tattlers vocal
group to work as a single . Irving Kolodin, longhair critic, is writing the notes for Columbia's LP release of the Benny Goodman 1938
Carnegie hall concert . Alvino
Rey broke his arm in the propeller
of his plane . Bill Black, singer.
left Gene Krupa and is seeding
radio or TV work in New York.

Ray Althony's waxing of Star

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# Here Plays Cool Piano

Chicago — Bill Snyder, whose Tower record of Bewitched sold more pressings than that company's total for the whole preceding year, plays cool piano. The coolness in this case, however, doesn't come from the fact his pianistics are of the

Bird or Tristano school.

The instrument he plays is airconditioned. Literally.

### Disgusted

He turned the ton of wood over to some woodcarving friends and told them to make him a piano. Six months later he had a lustrous, gleaming object on his hands that had no keyboard or strings, but did have, among other things, a double tone chamber, which would give it as much sound and resonance as a full-sized grand.

"So, as long as I was that far," he says, "I figured I might as well go all the way with the rest of it. I bought a set of magnesium strings that cost \$1,000 and had them installed. And added as fine a keyboard as I could buy."

But there was still one thing to do. Snyder figured there must be some way to keep strings from relaxing in hot weather and tightening again when the temperature went down, thus necessitating a tuning at least once a week.

### Cooling Unit

He bought a small air-conditioning unit from a cigar atore owner, who had designed it to keep his tobacco fresh, and added this little electrical gadget to his pet. It worked so well that he now has the instrument tuned only two or

worked so well that he how has the instrument tuned only two or three times a year.

Now, whenever there's a change in the weather, the piano gets plugged into the nearest electrical outlet, gears start churning, and the temperature inside a et tles down to a comfortable 78 degrees. Cool piano.

Snyder recently took his new, 16-piece group on the road and is working his way east for a date at the New York Paramount on Oct. 11. You'll be able to tell his band immediately, by the way, if you see it on its proposed TV show. Bill Snyder is spelled out in full on the standa.

He doesn't think the initials would look too great.

## **Lawrence Gets** Some Cash From

A few years ago Snyder was leading society bands around New York and was disgusted, as most piano men are, at the pitiful excuses for pianos that were in most places he played. He wished, as most piano men also do, that he could afford to carry his own instrument with him.

But nothing happened until he met an importer of foreign goods at a party one evening. The chap maid he had a solid chunk of ebony weighing some 2,000 pounds lying around that he didn't know what to do with—that he'd get rid of it very cheaply.

Said Snyder was publicity Stunt

Philadelphia—It was intent to be atrictly a publicity st when Elliot Lawrence joined whis composing pal, Bix Reichin creating a baseball song, 'Eightin' Phils, dedicated to local Phillies. Now, the public surt, which already paid off in cold cash.

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Lee Guber will continue the old-time and two-beat jazz kicks for his Rendezvous nitery for the coming season, with Wingy Manone already set for an Oct. 7 date, to be followed by Sidney Bechet, who has already had two trips to the room this year. Tiny Bradshaw, composer-maes-tro who gave up drumming for

Chicago—Bill Snyder, the pianist who has sold a lot of Besoitched records latel; and la well on his way toward another hit with My Silent Love, is shown here with Margaret Whiting in the first shot, taken while they were at the Chicago theater here recently. Second pic is of Bill looking over his unusual piano, described in the adjoining story.

Luis Russell's ork to become an entertainer at the one-time Hotel Douglas nitery, came back to town for the first time in five years at the 421 club.

Suburban Rainbow Terrace went on a name band kick for the first time this season. Dean Hudson, who started off, gave way to Henry Jerome on July 24, who fades Aug. 11 for George Olsen, with Tommy Ryan set to take over Aug. 21.

DeHaven Sisters, warbling team with the Kenment Variation of the DeSylva estate, reported to be worth some \$5,000.000 and include the state of the control of the control of the properties of the properti

DeHaven Sisters, warbling team with the Kenmore Karavan band, step out as a solo act under the personal management wing of Lee personal management. Rendi, local agent.

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# No Puppets?

# Rich Goes Wild On Video Show

New York—Buddy Rich started a two-hour daily television show on WABD in July which includes practically every gimmick ever dreamed up by radio and/or television. Buddy appears as emcee, disc jockey, dancer, singer, and interviewer. Among the gimmicks involved are:

• A name-the-band in which a blind record is played and viewers are shown pictures of sidemen, vocalists, and the leader as clues. To add interest, Dr. Rich also fakes singing along with the records.
• Song pluggers turn up with their hit songs and bring along vocalists to sing them.
• Viewers are invited to send in lyrics for lyricless tunes.
• Honeymoon couples show up to sing with disc stars, groom dueting with a female vocalist and bride joining tonsils with a male vocalist.
• An adaptation of Freddy Martin's TV band gimmick in which

vocalist.

An adaptation of Freddy Martin's TV band gimmick in which teenage musicians compete, with the finalists ferming the "teenage band of the year."

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Plus silent movies.

### Louis A Deejay

New York—Louis Armstrong is adding his voice to the Voice of America to tell the world about American jazz. He's doing a weekly one-hour disc jockey stint for the state department's short wave broadcasts on which he'll spin hot platters and tell the story of jazz, Louis style.

# Hollywood—Mrs. Marie DeSylva, widow of the late Buddy DeSylva, one of the founders and formerly president of Capitol records, has been elected to the firm's board of directors. Mrs. DeSylva became trustee of the DeSylva estate, reported to be worth some \$5,000,000 and including 80,000 shares of Capitol stock, when DeSylva died recently.

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Look Alike



Chicago — No, this isn't the movies' Jane Wyman. It's Ray Robbins' vocalist Marcy Lynn, who does bear quite a resemblance to the film actress. From Tartle Creek, Pa., Marcy has a degree in music from Indiana State Teachers college, in Indiana, Pa., and formerly sang with Ray Anthony and many of the top units in the Pittsburgh area. You can hear her on Capitol with Robbins' ork now.

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### **Vic Gets Acquainted**



Hollywood—Vie Damone, who checked in at MGM last month to prepare for his flicker debut, gets acquainted with one of his fans. The young lady with whom he's having a snack at the studio cafe is Jane Powell. She'll be co-featured in his first movie. The start was delayed a few weeks, so Vic's been grabbing himself some extra theater dates to sort of tide him over.

### SWINGIN' THE GOLDEN GATE

# New, Original Material

By RALPH J. GLEASON

San Francisco -- Sid Kuller, a Hollywood scripter better known in music circles as the writer and co-producer of Jump for Joy with Duke Ellington some years back, has authored a batch of special material for Billy Eckstine which is some of

### Thiele Opens New **Management Agency**

New York—Bob Thiele, head of Signature records, has formed a personal management agency with Frank Military. Duo is handling Anita O'Day, Irene Stevens, Lilly-ann Carol, Jimmy Saunders, and the Galli Sisters. ann Carol, Jimr

Thiele has also re-signed Miss O'Day for Signature, for which she has recorded sporadically.

the smartest stuff we've heard in ages. Billy broke the numbers in ages. Billy broke the numbers in here during his July one-week stand at Ciro's (where he did very well, incidentally, despite having played the spot for two weeks in February). The material is designed for club dates but has possibilities anywhere. The opener is a gorgeous satire on Frankie Laine. It's full of lines like these "I hear those gentle voices calling Mule Train," "But I don't know where the wild goose goes," "It's not enough to have a style, a singer must have an ani-

mal," "You can't get by with just a noo, you gotta frighten the peo-ple, too," and "Satan wears a satin gown . . . so what? The guy is queer!"

Original Blues

Then there's Billy's Blues, which is better titled, I Got the Blues 'Causs I Got Nothing to Bs Blue About. B wrote the music to this one and its a natural hit, as well as containing the dandy line, "The blues is nothing but a bad cliche."

The third of the Kuller numbers is a little thing called Geneology, which starts out with B's mother coming from Ireland and ends up with rhyming Eckstine with Palestine. The other new number is a beautiful song to America called I Like It Hers, another natural hit. The numbers are terrifically efficiently efficient effici

The numbers are terrifically effective, due not only to the smart lyrics but in no small measure to Billy's fully developed ability as a showman. Since they are mostly about himself, it takes precisely his kind of aplomb to carry them off.

Hamp in Town

Lionel Hampton's Oakland auditorium date on July 30 may have been a casualty of the war of nerves. Anyway, Hamp, who drew 7,100 persons there two years ago, drew 4,988 this time. Promoters John Bur-Ton and Cliff Jones had to guarantee Hamp \$5,500 against 55 percent to get him for the Sunday night date.

Oddly enough on the previous

Oddly enough, on the previous night Hamp drew 1,100 in Vallejo, which is a full house for that town.

Wardell Joins Count

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Wardell Gray, flew in from Detroit to join the Basie band here, really turned the current on in the crew. Count's two weeks at the New Orleans Swing club at the end of July were just before a Southland date at the Oasis. Deal was cooking for Basie to return for a five-day date at Ciro's later. Count has dropped his other saxes and group now has three horns—Buddy DeFranco, Clark Terry, and Wardell.

BAY AREA FOG: Erroll Garner opened a twe-week stand at the Long bar Aug. 1 sporting his shiny new trio, with Johnny Simmons, bass, and Shadow Wilson, drums. The group was in at \$1,500 per which was more than four times what Erroll commanded as a single here barely a year ago. Despite the not-too-hot working conditions at the club, Erroll just went on to prove he's all there is if you like him, and its hard to see how any one could help but like him.

Vince Cattolica, blind clarinetist

vince Cattolica, blind clarinetist formerly with Jack Sheedy, due for a Horace Heidt buildup soon, its rumored here. Paul Desmond, usually considered more akin to modern than to Dixie, replaced Vince with the Sheedy crew. Charlie Duran took over the bass spot from Bob Bates. Bates and Cattolica are with the Frankie Wells combo at the Theater club in Oakland.

Vocalist Killed

Chito Izar, vocalist at the Acapulco and Victor artist, killed in an auto accident July 25 in San Francisco . . . Tiny Davia' all gal band opened at the N.O. Swing club Aug. 2 for two weeks, with Cab Calloway booked to follow, then Billie Holiday prior to the Armstrong Oct. 17 opener . . Edmond Hall brought out Kenny Kerney to handle the piano chores for his August date at the Say Whem. Rest of the band was inharited from Ralph Sutton.

John Schenk, Chicago jaxs impressario, on a quickie trip tarough to case the city for possible promotions and to line up adate for Art Hodes here . . . Enny O'Neill orchestra playing college one-niters and occasionally at Sweets ballroom . . Lu Watters cut eight sides for Mercury late in July, with more slated for November.

ber.

Local jazz circles buzzing with the possibility that Turk Murphy may rejoin the Watters crew following his Seal Beach stint... Don Barksdale now has a KRON-TV show on Sundays utilizing the three-minute movies of bands made by Jimmy Roosevelt some years back and including such items as Fata Waller and Basis. Rain Sutton cut a batch of rags or Watters' Down Home label before he returned to New York.



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# Decrease Seen In Use Of Symphonic Movie Scores

By CHARLES EMGE

Hollywood — Is the "symphonic underscore" on its way out? During the last two years there has been a steady decrease in the size of the recording orchestras and the amount of music, measured in minutes, used for scoring of pictures of the straight dramatic or non-musical type. A number of very good—and financially successful—movies have been turned out that carried little or underscoring whatsoever, such as Battleground and most of the current crop of war picture.

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Gordon MacRae and Doris Day do well enough on the singing assignments, and Doris (who must have been doing a lot of homework on her dancing) treats her fans to something new with Gen envelon, strictly a whiz as a hoofer.

Fresh Approach



But if our highly paid movie musicians were worried by the success of The 3rd Man, they should be in a panic over an MGM picture to be released shortly. This one, King Solomon's Mines, was not only filmed in its entirety in Africa, but its underscore, with the exception of one very short sequence (see Soundtrack Siftings), consists solely of authentic native drums and chants recorded on the spot as the picture was filmed.

Our own opinion is that really good movies require little, if any, music. But fortunately for motion picture musicians, Hollywood turns out few really good pictures. And glossy, technicolor filmusicals (see below), tiresome as they may be to some of us, will always be the industry's best form of boxoffice insurance.

Movie Music Review Tes for Two (Doris Day, Gordon

### Loaded



Hollywood — Few musicians ever become millionaires, but Bill Lankin, ecen above with an NBC radio producer, now know what it's like to be one. Bill a familiar figure to L.A. nitery folk for years, recently found himself the winner on an NBC show called Line Like a Millionaire, and apent a week at Las Vegas with his wife and son living like he really had loot. NBC feoted the bills. Bill, who is currently playing at Lucey's (as a single), a small but super defuze Hollywood catery, loot the use of his left arm when he was a small child.

## Out Of Sight, Not Out Of Mind



Hollywood—Thought you might like to have a look at Ilene Woods, of whom not enough has been seen since she dropped out of the hand singer business in favor of radio, then came through in a big way as voice of Cinderella in the Disney film. When we asked for a photo with Steve Allen, with whom she currently stars on a CBS show, she borrowed Steve's glasses to show how prim she can look (second photo). But we dug one up that proves she's not so prim, but really quite trim (first shot). How come they've been keeping her out of sight in her movie work?

### Los Angeles **Band Briefs**

Fresh Approach

Music director Ray Heindorf comes up with a fresh approach in the use of the Ernie Felice quartet (Ernie, accordion; Dick Anderson, clarinet; Rolly Bundock, bass, and Dick Fisher, guitar) as the unly musical backing for several of the song numbers instead of the usual over-orchestrated, psuedo-symphonic backgrounds.

Emanuel Vanderhans and Onest Conley, formerly with Katherine Dunham, contribute some rather exciting bongo work in the Crazy Rhythm dance number (they are also seen in the picture). Much of the soundtrack throughout the picture is embroidered in his own businesslike way by pianist Buddy Cole, unbeatable at giving them fancy fingering in a musicanly manner. Jock Egians, clarinet, heads new off-nite Monday) unit at Beverly Cavern. Com-sides are. Bill Steers, trumpet; Merty with, trombone: Art Roach, piano: alph Densely, drums, and Rolph Conser, ass. New Dixie combo is made up largely I former members of Eddie Oliver acci-

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Dave Brebeck trio, heralded by San Francisco Beater Ralph Gleason in recent issue, did a two-week date at the Haig July 30 - Aug. 12, Following and Norwa, who took his trio to San Diego for date at Top's. Brubeck follow-up at Haig not at Top's. Brubeck follow-up at Haig not a top's. Brubeck follow-up at Haig not a minno, celebrated writing.

Beggie Meergemery, piano, celebrated loth agent with Abbey Brown unit on Agr. 1 Brown, with Abbey Brown unit on Agr. 1 Brown, with exception of few weeks last spring during engagement of the late Don (Crossl) Morseby, has held stand at Charley Foy's Supper club for noproximately same period.

### Soundtrack Siftings

Bobby Mexwell, harpist who has been doing nitery and TV dates in New York, reported to 20th Century-Fox where he is recording soundtracks and conching Clifton Webb for role of harpist in For Hermes Sate.

Frankle Carbon and Mel Pedeshy, MGM drummers, were only staff men used on acoring of Kins Solomon's Mines (see Movie Music). They "sweetened" one brief shot, using native inatruments brought from Africa.

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monic orchestra will be lead-off feature in a motion picture concert program in production by Bernard Luber and Rudolph Polk for 20th-Fox release this fall. Film, a combination of short musical excerpts, will run around two hours in length, contain turns by Arter Rubenstein, Jusche Meifert, Josephene and Mediae Censee, with a top non-musical film personality as magrator.

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Georges Georgey, French singer brought to Hollywood from New York singe (Arma end the Girl) for top role in An American in Paris (Gene Kelly, Oear Levent, et al) launched pre-recording sessions at MGM with George Georgham's Statement to Percadise. Recording will be done here but much of picture, which deals with Incidents in Gerahrin's life, will be filmed in Feria.

### Cole To Back Simms

Hollywood—Ginny Simms, one-time singer with Kay Kyser, re-turns to the radio field with a new, sponsored ABC show starting Aug.

27.

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### My Best On Wax

**By Earl Hines** 

While playing at the Grand Terrace in Chicago, I wrote and recorded what I think is my best on wax — Piano Man (Bluebird 10377). We needed a good floor show number and the way things worked out, I hit the jackpot with Piano Man. I remember at the time I got a big kick out of writing it and a bigger one when I saw the way it went over at the Terrace. When I think of those good old Chicago days, I think of Piano Man and how we used to rock the place every night with that number.

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Musically speaking, it was good record because I think that number. He used to come in every night to catch Piano Man and later of men with the proper to catch Piano Man and later Gene brought out Drummer Man.

Any similarity was not accidental. But don't get me wrong—Gene and I are the best of friends.

In our lap recently during a confab in which the chatter, as it is usually does nowadays when music men are in a huddle, drifted to the men are in a huddle, drifted to the

### THE HOLLYWOOD BEAT

# Music Men Unhappy With Radio's Platter Spinners

By HAL HOLLY

Hollywood—"You can quete me in your magazine that (name deleted) NEVER plays a record on his lousy program unless he gets paid for it!" Johnny Mercer dropped that one in our lap recently during a confab in which the chatter, as it

has always gotten swell breaks from the disc jockeys without any kind of payoff."

Despite Gene Howard's relatively generous words, the fact remains that the music world of today is very unhappy, especially here in Hollywood where the strains and tensions of economic problems for musicians seem to have become more acute than anywhere else.

### Can't Blame 'Em

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You hardly can blame an unemployed musician for feeling bitter that a group of smart operators has been waxing wealthy on the product of other persons' talent and ability. The argument, sound enough, that the airing of phonograph records boosts sales and is valuable publicity for band leaders doesn't hold up for the sidemen in the bands — particularly former sidemen.

Enough preaching for this stanza. After all, some of our best friends are disc jockeys—but we herewith inaugurate a campaign to call them radio announcers, which, we think, might be one way of deflating them to their proper proportions. And that's all anyone wants.

BAND BUZZINGS: Jerry Grav

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Palladium patrons to the dismay of some of the cats, who felt it was degrading to the Miller manner to give it the three-four treatment—but to us it appeared there were bigger crowds on the floor for the waltzes than the fox-trots. Much hooting here at reports Frankie Carle is coming in the Palladium at a guarantee of \$5,000 a week. For a long time the spot has been buying bands for just about scale, plus a share of the gate. With scale for sidemen \$110 a week; scale price plus doubling money for reeds; singers; agency cuts, etc., it is quite a nut in itself for an establishment to employ two bands. Freddy Martin's "Band of Tomorrow," numbering 13 to 14 men, will be sharing the date with Carle.

SOLID STIFF: Damita Jo, who seems to have survived the buildup she got in this column a while back, came back to town to share the Oasia billing with Count Basie sextet. Is also set to do Orpheum theater date with Rasie and Sugar Chile Robinson starting Aug. 23.

DOTTED NOTES, That's Betty Taylor, not Lucy Ann Polk, as the label has it, doing the vocal on Les Brown's recently-released waxing of S'Wonderful. Betty has been soloing with Henry Busse at the Aragon . . Southern California Hot Jazz society, Floyd Levin, president, has launched a drive to raise money to purchase a marker for the grave of the late Jelly Roll Morton, whose burial spot in Calvary cemetery in east Los Angeles doesn't even carry his mine.

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Didn't Lena Horne depart from the MGM lot because they refused to give her the role of "Julie" in the forthcoming remake of Showboat?

Ho, hum. Mary, our office gal here, has that song writing bug. Trying to peddle something to Spike Jones titled Minust in G String.

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# Is The Pendulum Swinging

If there weren't so much foolish hysteria in the air, even If there weren't so much foolish hysteria in the air, even the music business would be good. As usual, the amusement industry, including the dance band activity and other phases of musical entertainment, always the first to feel the effects of recession, probably will be the last to profit by any upturn in business generally.

We are confronted by one of the greatest markets of all time. Just before the Korean fraces, all production was from a fraction of a percent up to 10 percent ahead of demand. Now department store sales are booming, manufacturers of refrigerators, radios, television sets, stoves, and similar products have cleared out warehouses that were crowded with material a few weeks ago.

People are buying like crazy, and we mean that literally. There are welrd stories afloat of single sales of \$1,500 worth of nylons to individuals, and these instances are multiplied. Tires, sugar, new automobiles are being seized at any price by persons in all income brackets. Such hosrding is silly, and will only serve to increase prices in all directions.

There actually is no shortage and none is in sight, according to business men in the higher levels who should know what they are talking about. Employment is up and steadily increasing, and nothing but good could come from such a situation if the public would just recover its sanity, continue to purchase intelligently, and stop going crazy.

This is the time for all executives, whether they are manufacturers or merchants, or whether they are band leaders, bookers, club or ballroom operators, or others interested in purveying music or entertainment, to shake themselves out of their lethargy, put aside all confusion and doubt, and begin to make an all-out pitch for the better business that is here now for the taking, or will soon be so available that it will be ap-parent even to the pessimists who are sitting around shaking

The crop is about ready, and it will be harvested by the shrewd leader, booker, or operator who uses his head, discounts the random, hysterical war talk, applies plain, common sense business practice to his operation, goes out after the profit with the aid of plenty of promotion and advertising—and grabs it!

# CHORDS AND DISCORDS

# Louis Says Thank You For Birthday Greetings

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"Howdy Folks"

Allow me to thank my Fans and Friends from all over the whole world for making me very happy on my Birthday, by sending their best wishes for a Very Happy Birthday, which was July 4th. I received loads of telegrams, Birthday Carda, and Letters. Also want

### Fireman Red



Youngstown, Ohio—Gets to be that any photo with the propedisplayed a bove automatically brings to mind another group. but Red Ingle doesn't mind. Ingle and the Natural seven played a two-day benefit for the Youngstown fire department recently, and both auditorium appearances were sellouta. Red was made an honorary fire chief, which is why he's at the wheel of that fire engine.

did. Man that makes me feel real

did. Man that makes me feel real "Grand."
Just think, people of all walks of life sent in some of the finest things. You take a great actress like Miss Tallulah Bankhead with all those whole flock of lines she has to memorize and deliver. She finds time to sit and "Dig" some of that good 'ol Jazz Music.
Also thanks to Joe Bushkin for writing such a fine tune for me like "Storyville." That tune just fits me. It reminds me so much of

writing such a "That tune just fits me. It reminds me so much of the good ol days in Storyville." So long my Dear Public. Thanks for Everything and God Bless you's all.

From your boy,

Louis Armstrong

Louis Armstrong

### It Can Happen

Glassboro, N. J.

Reading your article on Hugo Winterhalter in the Aug. 11 issue reminds me of the night back in 1942 when I was talking to Count Basie. When I asked who was doing his arranging at the time he mentioned several well-known men and then added: "Oh, yeah, there's a new kid who did some arrangements for me. His name is Hugo —I forget his last name—but he's fine!"

fine!"

Some time later, I noticed on several record labels: arranged by "Winter." I'm glad to see now that Hugo Winterhalter has come into his own—and with his full name,

Rube Cummings

### Danceable Decade

To the Editors:
Here is another reader of Down Beat who agrees with Bill Inchley of England (Chords and Discords, July 14) that the golden age of dames bands was from 1938 to 1025.

In my opinion, the way to revive that kind of music is by having disc jockeys play recordings of bands that were at the top during that period to give the teenagers of today a taste of what good dance music is. If this is done, and the teenagers like dance music as it was played then, it shouldn't be long before band leaders get wise and give them some good dance music today.

Mrs. B. J. Keyes

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### To Each His Own

Bedford, Ind.

To the Editors:

Just a note to say I think your magazine has improved in the last few months, especially since this "bop" situation has cleared up. It was rather disgusting to read every issue with column after column devoted to what some people think

**Wax Types** 

by J. Lee Anderson Chie

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### THE PURIST

This cutup could be Dr. Jazz himself; he's the morbid mortician who insists that the Real Stuff died way back when. His half-dozen examples of the only true jazz on wax are carefully spun on a windup gramophone as musty as his musical ideas. For our Bitter One, the printing glory that was le hot lies buried 'neath six feet of sentiment alongside of such other once hardy perennials as Prohibition, Model Ta, and Happy Hooligan.



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of the Clark Sisters formerly with assembly Dorsey,
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DFRANCOS — A daughter to Mr. and
Mrs. Leany DiFrancos, July 14 in Philadelphia. Dad plays bass with the Chuck
Gordon orchestra.
HELD—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Michael
Field, July 11 in New York. Dad is
pianist in the Appleton-Field team; mother
is a magazine writer.
KAUPMAN—A son to Samuel Kaufman,
July 18 in New York. Dad is on NBC
staff; mother is legit radio actress, Dorothy
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LOWENTHAL—A daughter, Dru, to Mr.,

1d Mrs. Leon Lowenthal, July 12 in

hiladelphia, Mother is former singer

Darlene Graves.

RUDNICK—A son, Edward II, to Mr. and
Mrs. Edward Rudnick. July 14 in Ft

of bop and what some think of Dixie. Just so much hot air as far as I'm concerned, since time will decide and it evidently has. The demand of the public settles the arguments.

### **Bopposition?**

Bechenham, Kent, England
To the Editora:
I feel I must contradict Stephen
Miller's letter defending the BBC.
There are times when our leading
combos are on for occasional sessions, but they are all commercial
programs and nearly half the
broadcasting time is taken up by
sports commentaries. When Jimmy
McPartland and Marion Page were
in England last, they were on Jazz
Club but we only heard half of it
because of sports, and this is citing
only one instance.

Michael F. Wright

Down Beat covers the music

Worth, Texas. Dad plays sax, clarinet, and violin, formerly lead tenor with Ken Har-

violin, formerly lead tenor who have a service or chestra.

SEYMOUR—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Seymour, July 15 in Brownaville. N. Y. Dad is on NBC's We the People.

SONLIGHTNER—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sonlightner, July 28 in Hollywood. Mother is Jessiea Jordan, singer.

### TIED NOTES

ARKIN-WINTERS—Bob Arkin, sales men-ager of Decca's music operations depart-ment, and Lis Winters, July 1 is New York.

GRUENBERG-ERWIN — Max Gruenberg and Marcella Erwin of Mayfair-Morris Music Co., July 22 in Las Vegaa. GLOW-PRAGER—Bernie Glow, trumpeter wMGM staff, and Gail Prager, August in NYC.

2 in NYC.

GRILL-FROMMAN—Hy Grill, Decca recording staff, and Eileen Frohman, a Decca
secretary, July 15 in New York.

MOLIAND-HOLLAND—J im my Holland,
tenor and baritone aax with Ivory Joe
Hunter, and Dorothy Holland, July 20 in
Chicago.

JENKINS-LEAMY — James Jenkins and Terry Leahy, WFAA vocalist, July 28 in Dallas.

Dallas.

RAMBR-WHITNEY—Alex Kramer, song writer-publisher, Far Assay Places, My Sister and I, and Love Somebody, and Joan Whitney, his business partner and collaborator, Aug. 3 in New York.

ROTHSCHILD.68780— Warren Rothschild, Decca photographer and former music trade publications' cameraman, and Kaye Grygo, July 26 in New York.

WIMP-DAVIS—Lt. Col. Edward D. Wimp-Jr., commander 184th Field Artillery battalion of the Illinois National Guard, and Kay Davis, vocalist with Duke Ellington. July 31 in Chicago.

### FINAL BAR

BURES—Adolph Bures, 42, violinist with Philadelphia, Indianapolis, and Minneapolis Symphony orchestras, July 30 in Philadel-phia.

BURROUGHS - Alvin Burroughs, 29. rummer with George Dixon combo, and ormer Keynote recording artist, Aug. 1 a Chicago.

FEJER - Joseph Fejer, 64, violinist and rmer orchestra leader, July 22 in New

York.

FAR.—Chito Isar, vocalist and Victor recording artist, auto crash, July 25 in San Francisco.

JACKSOM—Edward Grant Jackson, 35 tenor with the Gharioteers for the past 15 years, July 30 in New York.

OKIS—Jack Okie, 47, orchestra leader.

July 25 in Detroit.

SMORA—John F. Sikora, 17, member of the Baardmaters, in automobile accident July 18 in Atso, N, J.

### LOST HARMONY

WEIDLER-DAY—George W. Weidler, mu-sician-song writer, and Doris Day, film and recording star, July 17 in Los Angeles

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### Hollywood **Teletopics**

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THE HOT BOX

# **New Dixie Discs Achieve Authentic Concert Mood**

By GEORGE HOEFER

Chicago—It's time to get back to fundamentals with Dixie music. It stems from the heart not the head. If you want proof, listen to the records about to be mentioned in this Box. What Norman Granz did for modern jazz has been done for Dixie by Sig and Rolly Seymour October 17 Dixie by Sig and Rolly Seymour Woodpecker song).

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George Tibbels, plane (writer, with Remove Idrise, of Woody Woodpecker song), not as accompanist on KLAC-TV's new Setty White Show (Sunday, 7-3 p.m.). Setty, a singer, caught on with televiers of the Show (Sunday, 7-3 p.m.). He was a singer, caught on with televiers of the setting pears ance with Al Jarvie on some setting pears ance with Al Jarvie on setting the setting of the s

A bar drunk once sidled up to the late Irvin S. Cobb and said, "If you ain't never had the DT's, you ain't been nowhere yet." In the jaxs world, if you haven't been to Seymour's in Chicago yet, you ain't been nowhere. It's a record store on South Wabash where things happen.

Wared Concert

There's an upstairs room where, on Saturday afternoons, a bunch of musicians gather around a piano and give. Twenty-five persons can comfortably be accommodated, but there are usually 50 there. Several Saturdays ago a tape was taken at the peak of activities and Jazz at Seymour's was born. The on-the-spot results are available on two records under the dignified looking Seymour label, a label belying the barrelhouse jazz thereon. The sides feature several jazz musicians little known outside of Chicago. In the Windy city, they are favorites of long standing, play most of John Schenck's jazz fests. Seymour calls them the Jimmy James Jas band, and rightly, between the standard manual contents of the standard manual calls.

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cause trombonist James is the star and floating power on Royal Garden Bluss and Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter, and ably backs up George Zack's version of Black and Blus.

George's Armstrong-like singing is unintelligible until he praises Schenck's gin as he pulls a broken key off the board. The Zack spirit and the James trombone coupled with the crowd noises give the records an authentic feeling.

### In Fall Swing

In Full Swing

The Letter side is a well-edited tape. Groove one starts kicking the minute the needle is applied and sustains the drive throughout. Seymour has captured a Chicago Jam session in full swing.

James, who is regularly featured with Danny Alvin's Dixie Kings, is aided by Freddie Flynn, drums; Jug Berger, clarinet; Zack, piano, and Jimmy Ille, trumpet. Berger hails from the bayou country around New Orleans, on this session plays some fine low register clarinet.

So if you want to hear Dixie from the heart, get these sides. They are a relief from the Outhouse Tens that are so prevalent on wax these days.

JAZZ MISCELLANY: Tony Parenti, during his run at Charlie's Downbeat room in Miami Beach, unveiled his own creation of Dixieland caps. Parenti's Dixie crew, made up of local musicians, appears nightly in caps made of loosely woven wool of mixed, bright, creole colors, plus gayly-colored sport shirts. They feel they are vividly set apart from the now-passe, beret-wearing bop bands.

JAZZ ON RECORD: Good Time Jazz, west coast label owned by

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JAZZ, west coast label owned by
Lester Koenig, has now made
available the Benny Strickler &
The Yerba Buena Jazz band sidea
originally cut by Hal McIntyre off
the air during a Dawn club broad-

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cast in San Francisco in August, 1942 (see Down Beat, Aug. 25). Tunes pressed include Dipper-mouth Blues, Kansac City Stompe, Jazzin' Babies Blues, and Fidgety

Feet.

JAZZ CLUBS: Svavar Gesta, secretary of the Jazz club of Iceland, writes that members of their club would like to correspond with members of American jazz clubs. Adventical is Ranargata 34, Reykjavik, Iceland.

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A group in England has organized the Glenn Miller Appreciation society, 32 Woodfall avenue, Barnet, Herta, England. It is their desire to make the club a fitting and lasting memorial to Glenn Miller. Ronald C. Lipka advises that a jazz club has been formed in Cincinnati. The Cincinnati Jazz club intends to include those interested in all good jazz whether it be Dixie, awing, or bop. Headquarters is at 3850 Spring Grove avenue.

JAZZ ON THE RADIO: Leon D. Vogel has his own traditional jazz program called Jazz Parade on station WFAX, Falls Church, Va., every Saturday from 1:30-2 p.m. Tom Delaney, composer of Jazz Me Bluss, Log Cabin Bluss, Down Home Bluss, and Nobody Knows the Way I Feel This Morning, was a recent guest. Tom is now living in Baltimore.

COLLECTORS CATALOG: Edith Rodene, P.O. Box 5165—Metro, Los Angeles, has a collection of Duke Ellington records (200-400 sides) which she is interested in selling. Sven Erik Andersson, 3 dje Tvargatan 16, Gefle, Sweden. A Swedish jazz fan who is interested in obtaining some American recordings that are not available in Sweden. He can supply English HMV, Parlophone, Columbia, and all Swedish releases.

Wants Foreign Discs

Lorin Andrews. 129 Bloomfield

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Lorin Andrews, 129 Bloomfield road, Burlingame, Calif. Has 4,000 American jazz records and has been trying to start a collection of foreign records by progressive and bop artists.

Barrie Turton, c/o Box 127, G.P.O. Leeds, Yorkshire, England. Wishes a pen-friend who is interested in jazz of around 1930.

Helene F. Brown, 5601 N. Pulaski road, Chicago, Ill. Would like to correspond with some real jazz fans. Has been a bop fan but now feels she would like to investigate this Dixie music.

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Maurill Wiratunga, Park View,
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the practice of buying recording dates outright . . .

Throughout the time that Paramount was recording artists from Chicago and the New York area, they also continued to use various Wisconsin units on their label such as Young's Croole hand, which included several Chicago men, and Jese Cohen's orchestra. In the late '20s Paramount established the practice of buying recording dates outright rather than using musicians on a strict royalty basis and many such sessions were purchased from Mayo Williams, later a "race" talent scout for Decca. They also exchanged masters with other record companies during this time, firms that included Regal and Gennett as well as various English labels. Paramount's peak of popularity came during 1928-29 when they were stamping out upwards to 10,000 discs a day, but with the stock market crash and the resultant depression, the bottom dropped out of the record industry practically overnight. By 1930

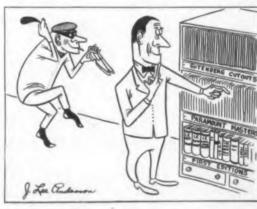


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Paramount had virtually abondoned their popular artists and was engaged in the production of radio transcriptions. When the company decided to give up the recording husiness entirely, Fred Boerner, a record dealer, purchased the entire remaining stock of Paramounts and established a mail order trade, catering largely to the southern states until 1938 when the supply was at last exthausted. The company's masters were leased to Jack Kapp, who promptly moved them to Richmond, Ind., where several later turned up on his own label, Champion, the forerunner of Decca. Champion at length disappeared from the scene but Paramount items kept showing up on several other labels; the Commodore Record Co. released China Boy/Bull Frog Bluss featuring Muggsy Spanier and Frank Teschemacher on U.H.C.A. and followed that with other

by J. Lee Anderson



Whenever possible, all sides are taken from original masters . . .

Paramount reissues. Signature brought out an early Honky Tonk Train by Meade (Lux) Lewis, other releases have appeared on Jam Information and American Music, and not a few dube of the early Paramounts have been issued by various bootleg firms. In 1944, Steiner-Davis records released the first of many later reissues, Mabel's Drown by King Oliver's Jam band. SD acquired the rights to the masters long-controlled by Decca and has since instituted a program that promises to reinstate all worthy jam that has appeared on the Paramount label. Whenever possible, all sides are taken from the original masters. But where this is not feasible, a dubbing of a record in new condition is used, in 1948 SD issued 13 Paramounts on the original label, 13 more are scheduled for 1950, with LP issues of Ma Rainey, Johnny Dodds, et al to follow.

# **Buddy Cole Is** One Of Busiest **Recording Men**

By Sharon A. Pease

Chicago—For another of our series of repeat columns we have chosen Buddy Cole, one of the busiest musicians in Hollywood. When his initial column appeared in Down Beat Jan. 1, 1943, Buddy was holding down the keyboard assignment with Alvino Rey's orchestra. Now, in addition to extensive work in both the recording and transcription departments at Capitol, Cole plays organ on Truth or Consequences, piano on Bing Crosby's program, and is featured, with his trio, on the new Ginny Sinims show.

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He is also active in the motion picture studios and is responsible for the piano work in Young Man with a Horn. Forthcoming pictures in which his piano stylings will be spotlighted include Mister Music, starring Bing Crosby. Also, two movies starring Doris Day and Gordon McRae, Tea for Two, and The West Point Story.

The West Point Story.

This column is vitally interested in the trends of modern music, especially when piano stylings are involved. The work of Buddy Cole reflects one of these healthful stabilizing trends. Cole is fortified with the talent, training, and experience that would enable him to Bright



Budde Cole

excel in any idiom of modern mu-

However, instead of either extreme of old or new, he has chosen to develop current modern formulas within the logical discriminatory framework of proven values. The enthusiastic acceptance of his work by both the general public and contemporary musicians proves the soundness of Cole's musical theories. Here is a biographical sketch: cal sketch

Born Irving, Ill., 1917 . . . Moved with parents to Los Angeles before his first birthday . . . Nickname Buddy replaced Edwin La-

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Mar during early childhood . . . (He now uses the name Eddy LaMar for some of his transcription
dates) . Began formal musical
studies at 9 . . When 12, he became interested in the pipe organ
and a year later was working as
organist at the Fox Figueroa theater . Held this job throughout
four years in high school, during
which time his solos were a regular feature.

After leaving the theater he
worked with various bands, including those fronted by Jimmy Bittick, Gil Evans, Garwood Van. Bob
Grant, and Frank Trumbauer . . .
Played organ for NBC in Hollywood and at Radio City Music
Hall, New York before joining Alvino Rey's orchestra . In addition to previously mentioned activities, Cole does much freelance recording, including recent records
with Bing Crosby and Lionel
Hampton.

The accompanying style example
is a portion of the jazz classic,

Hampton.

The accompanying style example is a portion of the jazz classic, Stompin' at the Savoy. as recorded by Cole (Capitol 814). This solo version is a compilation from the very clever recorded trio arrangement. Section A is the eight-measure introduction. Section B, including the first ending, is the first eight measures of the first chorus. The second ending, following section C, was taken from measures 15 and 16. Section D is the bridge. The fine ending is from the last two measures of the record. Minor alterations have been made in the connecting cadences and some bass connecting cadences and some bass notes added for more effective sold performance.

Section A is a completely original introduction that features a melodic and harmonic construction

8 B C E

### Kids Beat Out Old-Time Sounds



Cincinnati-The Dixieland Rhythm Kings of Dayton, Ohio, moved nati way to play a date recently and knocked out corresp Bud Ebel. Says that although they're just kids they've made a big study of Dixie and are just as close to the real stuff as possible. They're shown here ripping off a set. Left to right: Charles Sonnanstine, trombone; Carl Halen, trumpet: Jan Carroll, banjo: Jim Campbell, clarinet: Tom Hyer, drums, and Gene Mayl, tuba. Crew doesn't use a piano.

in contrast with the principal theme at B. (Measure five contains two significant fundamentals of modern harmonic deduction; First two counts, a broken D ninth chord skipping tones; third and fourth counts, basic harmony G seventh with chordal extensions through melodic movements—augmented Down Best covers the music new-from coast to coast and is read around the world.

counts, basic harmony G seventh with chordal extensions through melodic movements — augmented fifth resolving to added sixth, back to G seventh and then added ninth. Section II is a unique improvisation of the original tune. The rhythmic changes produce a more effective instrumental stomp characteristic. Section D is again a new melodic invention derived from the harmonic pattern of the original bridge.

Buddy Cole's renditions are always executed with a flawless technique and his composition and improvisation, as illustrated here, are in perfect musical form.

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### Alvin Burroughs Dies In Chicago

Chicago—Alvin Burroughs, long-time drummer with George Dixon at the Blue Heaven here, died Aug. 1 of a heart attack. He was 39. He formerly played with Red Allen and had worked for years in this city. His record dates include those with Allen, Lionel Hampton, Bill Harris, Earl Hines, and oth-ers.

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Two sprightly sides by the Basic combo (small) with Buddy De-Franco's perky clarinet highlighted. (Columbia 38888.)

### DANCE

Ralph Flanagan

Tsena, Tsena, Tsei Pink Champagne

Tzena is a perfect example of how badly a style can hamper a band. Listen to the Gorden Jenkins recording—and then see how aavorless and stiff this version is, held in by the voicings and rhythm riffing of the Miller carbon treatment. Champagne is a blues like many others you've heard and will hear. (Victor 20-3847.)

Claude Thornhill

I I Sweet and Lovely

Two nice dance sides, well, but not overly-distinctively played by Thornhill. (Victor 20-3842.)

### NOVELTY

Ray Mckinley

. . . Rockabye the Boogie . . . S Boogie W ashem

The wheel turns full cycle—now The wheel turns full cycle—now Ray is back to playing the eightbeat upon which, with Will Bradley, he built his original band leading teputation. The harmonies are a little more complex, otherwise it's just the same. Washerwoman is one of the old Don Raye novelties Ray used to do, played here by a small Dixie group, including Vern Friley's soft-toned trombone. (Victor 20-3849.)

### **VOCALS**

Fred Astaire, Red Skelton, Arlene Dahl, Anita Ellia, Helen Kane, Gale Robbins, and Gloria DeHaven

and Gloria Dellaven
Where Did You Get That Girl?
Thinking of You
Love You So Much
Thinking of You
I Wanne Be Loved
My Sunny Tennessee
Three Litle Words
All Jone Manday
Who's Sorry Now?

Album Rating-

Album Rating—JJ

Somebody's doubling for somebody—evidently Anits Ellis is doing all Vera-Ellen's singing in this
picture, since Vera-Ellen is billed,
but not listed on any records—
while Miss Ellis is listed on the
records, but not billed. Most confusing, Helen Kane boops-doos her
limpid imitations of 1930 Bussestyled hot trumpet on Wanna,
while Astaire and Skelton give a
vaude ville song-and-dance due
treatment of Tennessee and Words.
Astaire has aged in that the old
sparkle, the personality kid treatment of a vocal doesn't come
through in the same fashion. In
addition, Andre Previn's backing is
rather lack luster, matching the
singing done by most of the other
people. (MGM 53.)

Doris Day

J. Darn That Dream

Doris singing two songs

### Youngster



Asbury Park, N. J. — Singer with the Guy Granado hand, playing at the Rainhow room of the Albion hotel here, is young (just 18) Helen Ramsey, Pert young brunette also has aung with Lawrence Welk's crew for 2½ years, Got an early start.

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Lena. Her whole style has improved as well as her technique. The tone is warmer, truer, more surely handled. (Columbia 38887.)

Frank Sinatra

... My Blue Heaven

Sinatra angs Heaven in two, right down to the old Lunceford trio riff figure on "a nest that's nestled where the roses bloom." (Columbia 38892.)

### CONCERT

Morton Gould

Aralon
I Love You
Stumbling
Nobody's Sweetheart
Moonlight on the Ganges
Fil See You in My Droams

# Louis Discography

By GEORGE HOEFER

Chicago—This ends the complete discography on Louis Armstrong which started in the July 14 issue of Down Beat. Send any additions or corrections to me, care of *Down Beat*, 203 N. Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill. They will be published

RECORD REVIEWS

Esquire All-Stare
Jan. 36. New York
VP467-Mop Mop V Disc 152
VP469-Bluca/Esquire Bounce V Disc 168
VP472-Ten for Two V Disc 163
VP665-Basin Street Blues V Disc 234
Esquire All-Stare with Billio Heliday

VP670-I Love My Man V Disc 248 Esquire All-Sto Sume

VP1025-Rack O'Town Blues V Disc 366 Faquire All-Stars with Mildred Bailes

My Ideal/Squeeze Me V Disc 665 Enquire All-Stars are Lionel Han Same Flying on a V Disc V Disc 874

Louis Armstrong Orch. Aug. 9, Los Angeles L3500—Grooving Uninsued
L3501—Baby, Don't Cry Uninsued
L3502—Whatcha Say? Uninsued

V-Disc All-Store
Dec. 7, New York
VP1064—Jack-Armstrong Blues V Disc 886
VP1079—Confeasin' V Disc 491

1945

Louis Armstrong Orch Jan. 14, New York 72692 Jodie Man Decca 18652, BrE03595

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5546
Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong with
Boh Haggart's Orch.
Jan. 18, New York
73255—You Won't Be Satisfied Decca 23496,
BrE03544
75256—The Frim Fram Sacre Decca 23496,
BrE03544
Louis Armstrong Orch.
April 27

devo-1736 -- Linger in Mu Armu e Little Langer, Babu Vi20-1912

style double piano, and even tap dancing effects on the Charleston. Only thing which keeps the album from a top rating of its type is occasional sloppiness in the sections. Gould's arranging is adequate, far more effective with this sort of material than his usual scoring. However, his band lacks the opulence of the Kostelanetz records, while his reeds and brass sound in need of further rehearsal. There is none of the clean, vibrant bite to their of the clean, vibrant bite to their playing, the kind of thing you heard on the Les Brown Dance LP. (Columbia Ml. 2132.)

Vincente Gomez

1111 Themes from 'Crisis'

Diane
Album Rating—JJ.

A very slick, commercial job,
Billed as hits of the golden 20s,
this album uses all the tricks:

too complex and too non-commermandolin playing the passing notes in the changes, Ohman and Arden

JJJ Themes from Units

More of the wonderful Spanish guitar playing of Vincente Gomez.

Unfortunately, unlike the Third too complex and too non-commercial to have the same vogue and success. (MGM 10756.)

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# **Jax Lucas Visits England**

# Says Lyttelton **Group Equals Our Dixie Orks**

London—British jazz lovers are no less split than the Americans. There are the hoperowds and the Dixie circles, and apparently never the twainshall meet. Though their respective forces are nearly equal in volume—size and sound—I have moved solely in the traditionalist set since my arrival and can therefore report only on the Dixieland doings. In these, Humphrey Lyttelton.

In these, Humphrey Lyttelton, cartoonist-cornetist-clarinetist, is the big thing—the boss of British Dixielanders and the favorite of

This is only as it should be, for Lyttelton is not only the finest jazzman in England, but the equal of our own best. His present band, furthermore, is far out in front of the pack.

### Outstanding Groups

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There is a pack, too, for England has fully 50 Dixie and pseudo-Dixie bands. Outstanding among the amateur outlanders are the Saints' Jaxx band and the Yorkshire Jazz band; among the tourner processions. Freddy Randall's band and Harry Gold's Pieces of Eight. In London the two most celebrated crews are rightly Reg Rigden's and Lyttelton's.

Of them all, as I say, Humphrey's is clearly the best. His stiffest competition has come in fact not from any English group but from Graeme Bell's, which was in England from December, 1947, to July, 1948, and is returning this November for 15 months. From what one can indue by their records, however, I suspect that even the Australians are no match for the Lyttelton outfit.

Humphrey left George Webb and organized his own band 2½ years ago, when Webb still had the biggest reputation among British Dixieland band leaders. Soon it was evident that Lyttelton was going to be king. Webb consequently disbanded and joined Humphrey on piano, bringing with him elarinetist Wally Fawkes and banjoist Buddy Vallis. Rigdon, Webb's first trumpeter, built his band accordingly around what was left of the original Webb group.

Two More

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Meantime, two of the finest young musicians in England had made their debut with Lyttelton, the brothers Christie: Keith, trombone, and Ian, clarinet. Bassist Mickey Ashman and drummer George Hopkinson had also become part of the Lyttelton aggregation, and with the addition of blues singer Neva Raphaello, the group was complete.

It is, as a group, easily the equal of any like it now in America. Its pattern, like that of Lu Watters, is taken from the New Orleans Negro. Its sound, unlike that of Watters, is always alive and fresh and all its own.

The front line—really the back line now because the dancers at



London—Here are four members of the Humphrey Lyttelton band, which John Lucas reviews in the adjoining story. Left to right, Keith Christie, trombone; Lyttelton, trumpet; Wally Fawkes, clarinet, and George Webb, piano.

### **Band Enlarged On** Moore Video Opus

New York—Howard Smith has a u g mented his band for the Wednesday night CBS-TV Garry Moore show. Crew he is now using is made up of Yank Lausen and Bart Wallace, trumpets; Billy Pritchard, trombone; Ernie Caceres, alto; Wolfie Tanenbaum, tenor; Howard Smith, piano; Carl Kress, guitar; Trigger Alpert, bass, and Morey Feld, drums.

the London Jazz club used to get tangled in the trombone—is superior to the rhythm, but the rhythm is nevertheleas more fluid and flexible than the Watters section. Humphrey plays more like Louis (1926-28) than like anyone else; Keith is very similar to Ory: Ian belongs to the Simeon-Nicholas school of clarinetists, and Wally is of the Dodds-Bechet persuasion. Indeed, these four form a formidable a front line as any to be found today.

Despite the band's ensemble excellence, two individuals deserve special notice, Neva Raphaello and Lyttelton himself. Suffice it to say of the former, who was born at Cintro in Spain, that she sings the beat blues I have heard since the death of Chippie Hill. Lytelton ranks, I think, very near Yank Lausen and Doc Evans as a leader of Dixieland ensembles. His solo—simple, forceful, and all of a piece—suffer occasionally from slight technical deficiencies, but never from a lack of imagination. Altogether, his talent is really tremendous.

# **Britishers Ban** U.S. Jazzmen

London - Kirsten Flagstad

London — Kirsten Flagstad may sing and Anton Karas may play with impunity for all, but S id n e y Bechet and Coleman Hawkins may not. Such the situation in England today, or so at least in would seem.

The two events which gave rise to this ruling—not formulated or pronounced, to be sure, in these terms—took place toward the end of 1949. On Nov. 13 at the Winter Garden theater, in the initial production of the Humphrey Lyttelton show, promoters Bert and Stan Wilcox presented Bechet to London enthusiasts for the first time in 30 years.

in 30 years.

The audience, 1,800 strong, responded by according Sidney 'the most tumultuous welcome ever given to one man in the whole history of the British theater." Less than a month later, Bix Curtis and Tony Hughes offered 1,400 fans their first real shot at Hawkins. Backed by two Frenchmen and another American—pianist Jean Mengeon, bassist Pierre Micheleot, and drummer Kenny Clarke—Coleman jammed for the most exciting half-hour of an all-star concert at the Princes theater on December 11.

### On Trial

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For their pains, Bert Wilcox, Curtis, and Hughes were charged with and tried on two separate counts. Their first violation, according to the immigration office, involved assisting in a false declaration at the time of an alien's entry. Their second offense constituted a contravention of the aliens act of 1920, aiding and abetting an alien to work in England without the permission of the ministry of labor.

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The trial itself lasted more than a month, ending in June. Curtis and Hughes, who had clearly had no hand in the Affair Bechet, were found guilty on both counts with regard to Hawkins. Wilcox, who had done nothing for Hawkins except meet the plane and cover the story for his magazine, Jazz Illustrated, was charged nevertheless in respect not only to Bechet but also to Hawkins.

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to Hawkins.

Furthermore, he was found guilty of the first charge (assisting illegal entry) with Hawkins as well as of the second charge (aiding and abetting illegal employment) with Bechet. The fine imposed upon him was fixed at 143 pounds, counting costs. That's about \$400, an amount representing a staggering sum to the average Britisher today.

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PEARL BAILEY with GIL EVAN' OB-CHENTHA (Columbia, 7/20/50). Chris Griffin, trumpost; Will Bradley, tromboso; Hymic Schortzer, alie; Raymond Tunia, pi-une; Barry Galbraith, guitar; Franh Car-rull, heas, and Tarry Sayder, drum. Vagabond Shoos; Donn the Callar; Some Days There Just Air's No Fish, and He Didn's Have to Know How, Nahow.

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BILL DARNEL with SY OLIVER'S OR-CHESTRA (Coral, 7/19/20). Trampeter-Red Solomon, Bernie Privin, and Paul Web-ster; trom hono-Henderson. Chambers, anou-Hymio Schartzor and Mult Yanor, di-ton; al Kilah, tonor; Bill Holeemb, hari-ton; al-hum-Silly Tojor, pianos. Excent

tion, which sponsors jazz concerts, publishes a jazz journal, and operates a jazz record shop—had not repeatedly attempted to secure for their presentation of Bechet the sanction of the ministry of labor. They had, in fact, all but obtained it when the British musicians union stepped in to prevent it. The reason advanced for this move was the old one of non-reciprocity on the part of the American union, which explanation seems scarcely to justify it since the appearance of Bechet (and of Hawkins) actually made possible the hiring of British musicians who would otherwise have remained unemployed.

The occasions in question meant work to many who would have gone without it and pleasure to many more who have long been without it, yet they cost honest and enterprising promoters more than they could well afford. A ban has thus in effect been placed on American jazzmen in England.

—Joha Lucas

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# TIPS TO TRUMPETERS

By CHARLES COLIN

New York—Last time we talked about the importance of the lead man to both the section and the band. Now let's give some attention to the rest of the team. The word itself is the

some attention to the rest of the team. The word itself is the tipoff: a team is a unit, a team cooperates, a team pulls together or it pulls apart. No matter how you say it, harmony remains as important among the sidementhemselves as it is in the music they play.

Need for teamwork in the band business has given rise to certain unwritten laws based on seniority, respect, and general good fellowship. Woe to the character who breaks them; woe to the band that lets him. lets him.

Take Treetop

Take Treetop

Take the case of a trumpet student we'll call Treetop Jones. Treetop was exceptionally fortunate in mastering the upper register. He could pick a note out of the clouds on demand and he knew it. His artistry brought quick recognition. Before long he was screaming in the stratosphere for a nationally known orchestra.

Then came the big break, a chair with what was generally considered the best band in the land.

Then came the big break, a chair with what was generally considered the best band in the land. But it turned out to be a third chair, and Treetop found himself playing in the lower register.

Couldn't Flash

Couldn't Flash

The cellar did not flatter his ego. Neither did it allow him to flash his best wares, those pure, hard high notes.

But Treetop found a way—at the first rehearsal he began topping the lead man. Every time the first trumpeter smacked a high F as penned in the sheet, Treetop

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After the rehearsal, no one tried to get better acquainted. In fact, the lead man rounded up the mainstays of the band and put it to them straight—"either Jones goes or I go."

Settled on the plane back home, Treeton had time to mull over the

Settled on the plane back home, Treetop had time to mull over the shortness of his career in the real big money. He began to realize that each team and each section of a team must have a leader. Anyone who takes it upon himself to get out of line, even in the innocent attempt to test his stuff, can tap a barrel of trouble.

(Ed. Note: Sand questless to Charles Colla, 110 W. 48th, New York, N. Y. Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for personal reply.)

**Top Names Head** Vancouver Way

Vancouver, B.C.—Top talent is traveling to this city, with Nellie Lutcher in at the Palomar nitery, Lionel Hampton at the Cave supper club, and last week's Horace Heidt talent show. Jazz at the Philharmonic will be here Nov. 4, according to Norman Granz. And Hilker Attractions is bringing in Hildegarde and "her orchestra," so save a press release. degarde anu ...,
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9/7-13, t
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Lombardo, Guy (Canadian Nat'l, Exposition) Toronto, out 9/2, b
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By SY OLIVER and DICK JACOBS

New York — Since we've started the column, we've been meaning to get this off our chests. And we're going to be as frank and blunt about it as we possibly can. Many of you are going too wild in the stuff you're using in your scores.

New Angle

Now, you're probably saying, "What do these guys want us to do? Write like Lombardo?" Our answer is, "Positively not! What we're after is the "happy medium."

It MUST be realized that to make a real buck in this arranging business, you must be commercial to an extent. Believe us, we like bop and progressive jazz just as much as you do. However, the basic fact must be taken into consideration that the prime purpose of the dance band is to provide music for dancing and entertainment.

The Right Place

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The person who wants progressive jazz will go to a Kenton concert where his every wisk will be fulfilled. But the guy who takes his gal out for dancing and romancing purposes wants to hear some dancing and romancing music some music.

music.

The question is this: Can this happy medium be achieved without our becoming musical prostitutes?

We think so. It is our firm opinion that good, musicianly arrangements can be turned out that still fill the public need. For a prime example of this, let's look at Les Brown's I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm. It was certainly appreciated by the musicians and still turned out to be one of the biggest commercial records of the year.

Boils Down

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Of course, the whole thing boils down to a matter of taste in ar-ranging. Remember this: Most of the highest paid musicians and arrangers are the radio and movie guys. Guys who never win any polls, but who draw down the heavy loot year after year. Which

way are you going?

If any of you have opinions on the subject, shoot them along and we'll air your views.

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The Man Who Plays

Chicago—Here's a switch. An artist press-agenting for a press agent and manager. This is Jack Ruel, manager of Patti Page, who has been nominated by Patting and the Manager of the control of the Chicago and the Manager of the control of the Chicago and t

who has been nominated by Pat-ti for the "Manager of the Year" award. And she's also started a fan club, of which she is president, to show her appre-ciation. Like we said, it's a

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Playing certain figures at a very fast tempo requires relaxation and no lost motion. So by using fingers at a fast tempo, you get excellent results because of the decrease in motion



Left Hand
Squeeze: In order
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aqueeze the fingers against the
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Example II.
Right Hand
Squeeze: In order to make an accent, squeeze the second, third and fourth fingers against the stick and the palm of the hand as the stick touches the drumhead. Second finger never

leaves the stick. A whiplike motion is to be used here. Repeat Example I, using right hand.



Right Hand Re-lease: After exe-cution of the ac-cent, loosen stick by releasing pres-sure from ingers. There is hardly any change in movement of the fingers on stick.

any change in movement of the fingers on stick. Just squeeze, then release the pressure. Repeat Example II. Using right hand. Now, combine both hands and play the figures in Example III. I have had many requests to write out the half paradiddles I use myself during a practice seasion, so here they are, 1½, 2½, and 3½, with a couple of variations. (Examples IV and V). On the variations, make sure that the two rights and two lefts in each example are played as a bounce, one hand motion only.

THE MUSICAL DRUMMER

By LOUIE BELLSON

(Ed. Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the "finger method" of trumming by Louie Bellson, Tommy Borsey drummer.)

Chicago—When executing the right and left hands, make sure you use the finger position. That is, no arm or wrist. We are interested primarily in fingers now. Remember that the first finger is the controlling agent for the left hand, the second finger is the controlling agent.



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Rain contains an abundance of triplet phrases in repetition, but, due to the tonal span, they do not become monotonous. The tune is

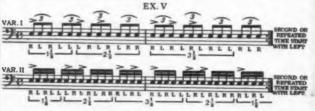
easily remembered. Trumpet, with saxes in support, introduces the first of the split choruses, with the rest of the brass falling in to form ensemble work on a four-bar sequence repeated. Saxes soli the release and brass fill in. This returns to the first and saxes pick up the repeat of this 24-measure tune. A piano solo and a unison soli by reeds share the special, while muted brass furnish added color. The triplets are broken up in the finale and saxes soli over a plunger efand saxes soli over a plunger ef-fect. A climax leads to a fully voiced ending.

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Goes West, and is one of the better
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with a rhumba background. While
ensemble forms an organ effect, an
alto and trumpet furnish melodic
material for a suitable introduction. The split choruses are divided
equally between the two main sections and the counterparts are
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the saxes for the first eight of the
special, falling into a soft background for trombone. Brass pick
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