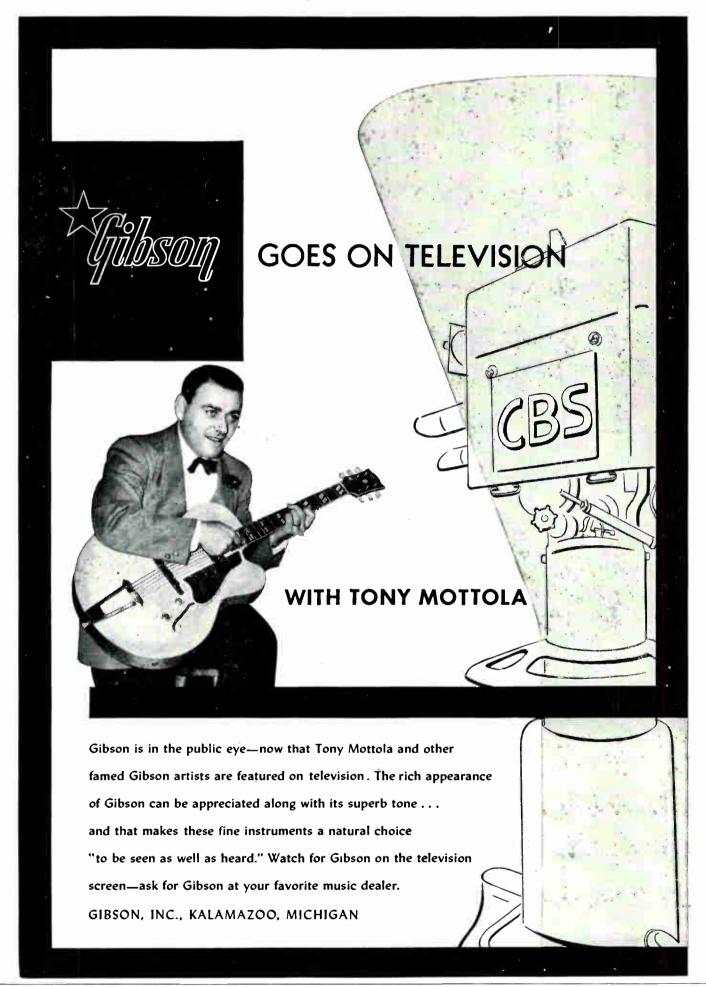


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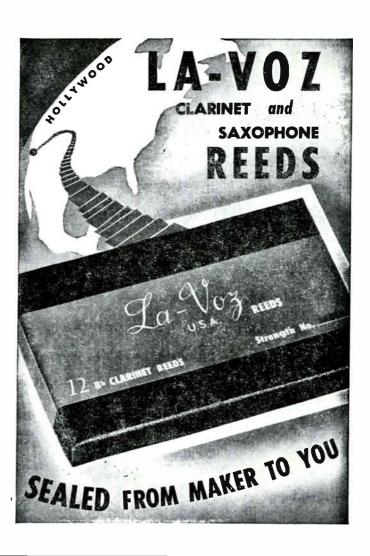
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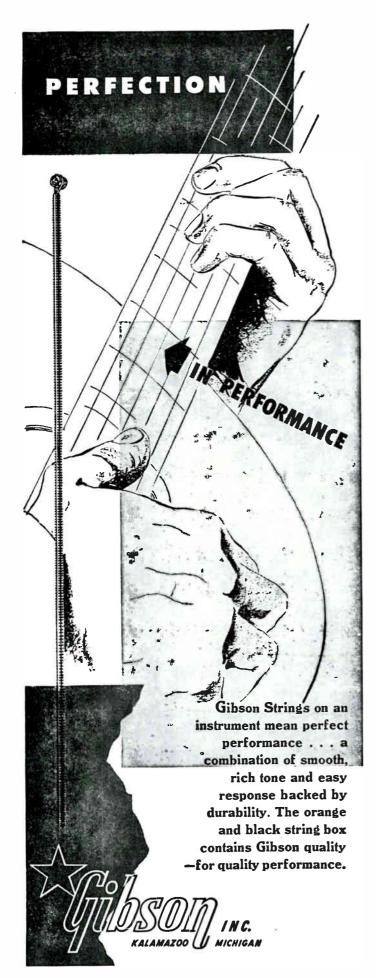
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A monthly review of facts, important and not-soimportant, of more than passing musical interest.

And Sudden Death

One of the saddest incidents we have ever been called to report upon occurred just before we went to press. It is the sudden death of little Davey Tough. While this is being written. there still remains some mystery as to the exact circumstances of his demise. From what we have been able to learn from his close friends, Davey was found unconscious on a street in Newark, where he lived. His skull was fractured. He was taken to a hospital, where, within twenty-four hours, he died, either from the head injury, from pneumonia and/or from other complications. Davey was not well at the time. He had not been working. Nobody knows where he was going or what he was doing when he met his death. It is all much too sad, much too nebulous to report in detail right now. So watch for next month's issue and a much fuller report on one of the greatest guys in jazz, a report which, we hope, will make pleasanter reading than this one does.

The untimely deaths of two other musicians who were both on their way up in the jazz world marred two of the weeks between production of our December and January issues. For us, involved in the final tabulation of our 1948 All Star Poll, the fact that Stan Hasselgard placed third among clarinetists, Chano Pozo sixth among miscellaneous instrumentalists for his conga and bongo work made their violent deaths even sadder.

Stan, on his way to Mexico to pick up immigration papers in order to establish residence in this country, was killed on November 22 when the automobile in which he was riding was forced off the road near Decatur, Illinois, throwing Stan out of the car and killing him instantly. Just three days before the accident, Stan had recorded several sides for V-Discs, his second record under his Capitol contract had just been released.

Chano, whose real name was Luciano Gonzales, was killed in a barroom brawl on 110th Street in New York on December 2. He had taken leave of absence for a few days from the Dizzy Gillespie band to come to New York to borrow a set of conga drums for the band's Strand date, to replace his own which had been stolen on tour.

Sorrowful Parting

One of the longest and strongest ties that has bound a performer and his press agent in show business was broken several weeks ago when Frank Sinatra and George Evans, who had for years been his confidante, praise-shouter and friend, parted company. Sympathies in the split were for the most part on the Evans side, as Sinatra friends who've rushed to the defense of hot-headed Frankie for years admitted that this time he was being too stubborn. Evans says the two parted friends and their well-wishers look for a reconciliation.

Personalities

Woody Herman, who is being sued by former managers Goldfarb, Mirenburg and Vallon for breach of contract, had his band's scores temporarily appropriated during the conduct of the case... Frankie Laine married his childhood sweetheart, Nina Lombardi... Joe Dosh, one-time mystery singer on the Hit Parade and later a Washington disc jockey, has signed a Warner Bros. contract and will henceforth be known as Brad Evans... Ray Dorey, former Benny Goodman vocalist and currently a disc jockey in Boston, has been appointed to the faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music as a voice instructor... Leonard Feather, whose Inside Bebop will be

the ban is over!

As we went to press, the news was flashed that the agreement between the musicians' union and the recording companies had received full approval of the Department of Justice and that recording had begun. Full details will be printed next month.

published by J. J. Robbins, topped off a joint bebop poll of radio listeners (with Symphony Sid) with a Dizzy Gillespie concert at Carnegie Christmas night . . . Anita Ellis replaced Fran Warren on the CBS Sing It Again.

Buddy Stewart, following the breakup of his little group with Kai Winding, returned to his old boss, Claude Thornhill . . . Benny Goodman, whose much-changed and long-rehearsed big band finally opened at Hotel Syracuse with Buddy Greco on piano and vocals, Eddie Bert and Milt Bernhardt on trombone, Doug Mettome on trumpet, Wardell Gray on tenor. will not conduct that projected longhair disc jockey program over WNEW.

Beryl Davis gained herself a husband recently in the person of Peter Potter, real name William Mann Moore, the Hollywood disc jockey. But shortly thereafter, Miss Davis lost her Hit Parade show. Successor there is Eileen Wilson.





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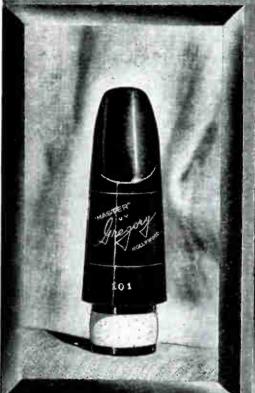




stan hasselgard 1922 - 1948

IT IS DIFFICULT to assess one's feelings at the news of the death of Stan Hasselgard at 26. Death at such an age is always a cause for grief, a cause deepened rather than vitiated by the death of millions at and around Stan's age in recent wars. In Stan's case, the sadness mounts as one confronts the impressive history of his brief American career. In something less than a year and a half in this country he established himself as the third most popular clarinetist among jazz fans and musicians (see poll results, p. 24); he was well on his way to importance as a recording artist (see review, p. 45): his plans for a band were taking more than casual shape. Well-educated formally in Sweden, Stan indicated his openness to the best of the informal education available to musicians in the United States, as he progressed speedily from a Goodman-imitating clarinetist to a modern jazzman, finding first a place for himself with Benny, later among some of the best of the current modernists. His good nature, his charm, his talent, and his large capacity for musical growth will be sorely missed.

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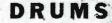


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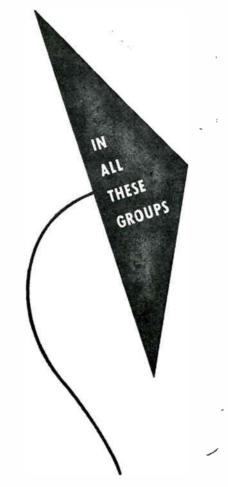
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he's in and he's out!

stan kenton wins poll, disbands to fight for decent working conditions for his music and that of second-place dizzy, third-place woody, and the rest of modern jazz

by barry ulanov

FOR THE THIRD YEAR in succession, Stan Kenton's is the favorite band of Metronome readers, but Stan doesn't have a band any more. He doesn't have a band and he doesn't want one and he won't have one until the conditions under which he (and all other jazz bandleaders) must work today are much improved. Stan is convinced that jazz is a concert music, or at least his branch of it is, and not a series of background noises for the shuffling of dancers' feet and the clinking of drinkers' glasses and the undulating tones of night club conversation. He believes that jazz, to be properly appreciated

by its most loyal audience, America's youth, must be played in dignified surroundings, at decent hours, and must be made available at reasonable prices. Most remarkable, the leader of the country's number one band is prepared to make large personal sacrifices for his convictions and beliefs.

If Stan's plan to offset the difficult working conditions which beset jazz bands is to work he will need the cooperation of the bands which placed second and third, 28 votes apart, Dizzy Gillespie's and Woody Herman's, as well as those which placed fourth (Duke Ellington), fifth (Gene Krupa), sixth (Ray



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McKinley), as well as the top small jazz crews and singers. As new bookers have arisen around the country to organize and sponsor Stan's concerts, new auspices can be found to set up clubs in which concert jazz can be played, according to the Kenton plan. These will have to be commodious, off the track which is so beat, away from the sordid elements in the business which have made what Stan calls "hell-holes" of most of the usual gathering places of jazz musicians and fans.

"I don't blame the theatre managers. I don't blame the ball-room owners," Stan says. "But we can't go on like this, and neither can any other self-respecting jazz unit. This is a growing music, one which requires thoughtful consideration on the part of listeners as well as musicians, and the right working conditions under which such consideration can be given on everybody's part. The way we've been going is the way out. not financially, not commercially, but personally. We're ragged human beings, those of us who play these grueling theatre schedules, the wild hops from town to town, the crazy hours in the crazy places. We're nervous, sick, unhappy, and our music is going to become all of those things too unless we watch out."

There is little doubt in our minds that directness of expression, willingness to experiment, and courage of conviction are the elements responsible for Stan's continuing success. These same virtues highlight his present appeal, an appeal as broad as it is heartfelt, as determined as it is vigorous.

Before announcing his intention to disband following his Paramount engagement in December, Stan consulted with his band. He found agreement, the same common assent which has made of his band a powerful precision instrument, utilized under tremendous pressure, at enormous volume. Soon afterward, he presented his plan to the trade press, and in particular detail, at particular length, to the editors of METRONOME. Again, he found agreement and encouragement.

It bodes well for Stan's plan that he gets it under way at a time when his music and musicians are so popular. The extent of that popularity is indicated by his decisive victory in the METRONOME band poll, along with the firsts scored by Pete Rugolo, Eddie Safranski and Shelly Manne, his own third in the piano division, June Christy's second, and the conspicuous success of Art Pepper, George Weidler, Bob Cooper, Bob Gioga, Chico Alvarez, Laurindo Almeida, and Jack Cos-.* tanza. The overall success in the poll of progressive bands, of Dizzy and Woody and their musicians, of men like Billy Eckstine, Billy Bauer and Lennie Tristano, the general sympathy extended new jazz—all of this augurs well for Stan Kenton's fight. In announcing simultaneously the results of this year's poll and the thinking that lies behind Stan's plan, the editors of METRONOME have a double privilege and an announced responsibility: this article stands as an earnest of our intention to join with Stan Kenton and to support his every effort to establish jazz on its proper level. This is a common endeavoror at least it should be—in which we hope to find every conscientious musician, booker, critic and fan, anybody and everybody to whom jazz means something more than a four-letter word.

METRONOME

ventura's hot!

charlie's little group replaces king cole as winning troupe in small band poll

by george simon



THE MAN of the Poll is very definitely Mr. Charles Ventura. Winner in the tenor sax division, Mr. V. along with his cohorts ran away with top honors in the small band division, the first time any outfit has ever surpassed the King Cole Trio in that category.

To some, the Ventura Victory may be a surprise; to those close to the jazz scene it is an indication of what they felt right along, that Charlie was hot and that as soon as a smart, musical group would come along, the commercial-conscious Cole crew would have to move over.

The winning Charlie Ventura band is hardly a year old. Its chief stock in trade is its new approach to music, that of emphasizing the blend of voices and instruments. It first started to attract real attention when it played at the Royal Roost, just about the time that its two big National records, East of Suez and Euphoria, appeared on the market. From there it went into the Apollo Bar in Harlem, then to the Blue Note in Chicago and now it's back in the Roost. Recently another one of its National discs began to click, I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles, which, like Euphoria, features Charlie on tenor. blending with the voices of Jackie Cain, Ventura's mighty gifted and attractive girl singer, and Roy Kral, the band's pianist and arranger. Charlie's fine, modern trombonist, Benny Green, is also spotted, along with trumpeter Normie Faye. brother Ben Ventura on baritone, bassist Ken O'Brien and drummer Ed Shaughnessy.

Charlie is a Philadelphia lad who worked daytimes in the Navy Yard and at night used to drop into Nat Siegel's Downbeat Club for sessions with Buddy DeFranco, Bill Harris. Lou Stein and others. Roy Eld idge dropped in one night and was so impressed with Ventura's blowing that he got Gene Krupa, with whom Little Jazz was working, interested. They sent for Charlie, but during this first fling in big time he did little else except play section horn. Shortly before the band busted up, Ventura got more to play. Teddy Powell heard about him, got him to join his band, which included guys like Pete Candoli, Ray Wetzel and Fazola, and from then on built his book around Charlie's horn. But when Gene reorganized, Charlie returned and eventually evolved the style that brought him a band and fame. If you want to read more about this, see the October, 1948, METRONOME. And if you want to hear more of his music, watch for more National releases, and, now that the ban is over, for some platters via Victor, with whom he recently signed a recording contract.

One of Ventura's idols, another Charlie, Parker by last name, also pulled an upset in the small band division, rising all the way from last year's eighth slot to a position right behind the Cole trio. Joe Mooney, who occupied third rung in the '47 poll, fell way down, but Louis Jordan held onto his fourth position. One of the few non-modern musicians to do anything at all in this poll was Louis Armstrong, whose Jack Teagardensparked group jumped from tenth to fifth spot where it was closely trailed by Tad Dameron, so very definitely a modernist, and his newly organized outfit.

But all of that is kid stuff when you stop to consider what Ventura has done. Very obviously, Charlie has found his niche at last, and though some very unimaginative theatre managers are currently trying to get him to enlarge his group merely for appearance's sake, there is little chance that Charlie will listen to them. Not that Mr. V. isn't a nice, easy-going, uncocky gent who will listen. It's just that Charlie tried that big band idea, tried it and failed, failed very badly, too. And he has no intention of being burned again, even though he is just about the hottest thing in the business today!



charlie parker won his position in this year's poll with the greatest of ease. His pre-eminence as one of the founding fathers of bop, as the definitive exemplar of the medium on alto, and as a fount of new jazz ideas, in or out of the idiom associated with him and Dizzy Gillespie, has, at this point, carried him to the very top of his profession. Today, very few jazz instrumentalists born since the first World War play without a decisive Parker influence. And yet Bird's imposing position was not easily or directly arrived at . He came out of Jay McShann's Kansas City band in the early forties, gigged around Chicago and New York, didn't really make any lasting impression until four years ago, when his first records with Dizzy began to achieve wide circulation. Then, as the bebop formulations began to make their way out of Minton's and a couple of 52nd Street cellars, the full story began to emerge along with the music. Musicians, fans, and critics discovered how tightly the long melodic line, the fresh colors, and the brightly altered chords were attached to Bird's own playing. His work can be heard, in some small measure at least, in almost all the alto men who placed near him except those trained in an earlier music: listen to Art Pepper, George Weidler, Sonny Stitt, Charlie Kennedy, Lee Konitz-you will hear at least a warble of Bird music.



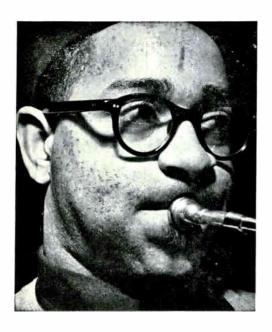
benny goodman has done it again. Winner every time in the clarinet division of the Metronome poll since its inception over a decade ago, BG this year just squeezed by Buddy DeFranco, the brilliant young clarinetist who recently left the Tommy Dorsey band to start his own big outfit. The new star in the clarinet horizon led Benny most of the way, but in the very final week, BG forged ahead to win. Perhaps it was Benny's recent activities that caused some of his supporters to rally behind him with votes. The King of Swing has a new band, a band that he claims is very modern and which boasts of several boppists, including the very respected Wardell Gray on tenor sax. After a comparatively lengthy retirement, in which Benny appeared to be hiding his head in the sand so as to avoid the modern advances which he may have thought himself incapable of playing, Goodman emerged with a modern-sounding group last summer, which turned out to be a commercial flop but which inspired him enough to try it all over again with a big band. In the recent Goodman Sextet was a very talented, handsome clarinetist for whom Benny was predicting a great future. His name was Stan Hasselgard. But Stan's career was ended forever by his recent death in an auto accident. And yet his playing impressed enough people so that they voted him into the third spot in the poll.



charlie ventura is the only double winner in this year's poll, his group having copped top spot in the small band division and Charlie, himself, winding up first among all tenor saxists. The latter, in itself, is a notable achievement, inasmuch as there are probably more definitely "favorite tenormen" around than any other type of musician, well evidenced by the comparatively small number of votes that went to the victor. Charlie, who first appeared on the jazz horizon with Teddy Powell's band and then achieved greater fame when Gene Krupa featured him, has always tried to keep up with tenor styles, of which there always have been many. At the same time he has achieved a certain amount of distinctiveness in his playing, primarily because of his greater use of dynamics. Ventura replaces Flip Phillips, last year's winner, who along with another perennial favorite, Coleman Hawkins, tops one of the poll's biggest surprises, Wardell Gray, in fourth place. Comparatively unknown last year, when he finished twenty-seventh, Wardell received instant recognition during the past year because of his playing with Benny Goodman's Sextet and should be heard much more often in the future as featured tenor man in Gooodman's new band. Like Ventura, Gray is a likable, quiet kind of guy, thoroughly aware of what's taking place in music and eager (allen wound up sixth) to blow.



serge chaloff comes by his music directly and indirectly, directly because his father is an accomplished musician, indirectly because said parent is a longhair long associated with the Boston Symphony. There's nothing longhair about Serge's playing; from his first days of prominence with the Georgie Auld band of 1945 he has been in the forefront of those section men and soloists blowing bop and working for modern jazz. Serge, as a matter of fact, almost single-handedly brought the baritone back into the dance band, making so much more of his instrument than the anchor for arrangers' wide voicings, finding such facility in his solo manipulation of his difficult horn that many a youngster previously committed to the alto or tenor saxophone has switched to the baritone. This past year, Serge has been a vital adjunct of the Herman sax section, making a rich, round sound of his bottom notes in team voicing and offering vigorous solo performances. Leo Parker, who placed third among the baritones, is the other really outstanding modern on his instrument, well known for his own records and his work with Illinois Jacquet's band. Harry Carney, just ahead of Leo, continues to be remembered as the man who for all these years has kept the baritone alive with Duke Ellington. Bob Gioga is the Kenton baritone; Charlie Ventura has alternated enough to establish himself on baritone.



dizzy gillespie has, over the past three years, moved from a bare first place, 43 votes ahead of Roy Eldridge, to a 490 lead over Charlie Shavers last year, to this year's remarkable showing, 685 votes in front of Howard McGhee. The career of John Birks Gillespie has moved with the balloting and the music associated with him, until almost everybody in America who knows anything about jazz is well acquainted with his name and more often than not with his sounds, whether made by him directly or in imitation of him. As remarkable as Dizzy's commanding lead in this division is the voting for second, third and fourth places, all allotted to boppers: Howard McGhee, a particular favorite in California, where he has spent much of the last few years; Miles Davis, especially associated with Charlie Parker, and most recently a leader in his own considerable right: Theodore Fats Navarro, a great star with Billy Eckstine, various 52nd Street groups, with Tad Dameron this last year, and Benny Goodman. After Fats come the famous names of many years' standing, Charlie Shavers, Roy Eldridge, Harry James, Louis Armstong, then some more boppers, Red Rodney, Chico Alvarez, Conti Candoli, then an interesting interlacing of names old and new. But the prevailing trend among the trumpets, as among jazz bands large and small, is expressed by the top four: in '48, bop was on top.



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is Metronome poll trombonist for the third year in a row. Tall, bespectacled Mr. H., who looks more like a professor and walks more like a guy who'd rather whittle a stick, topped slide-horner Kai Winding for the second time in a row, though his victory this year wasn't as overwhelming as it had been in the two previous polls. Out of the Herman band for a while and unheard of except by the few that caught him in smaller groups, Bill's tremendous influence still managed to bring him victory. Had others been able to hear him in these smaller groups, his margin of victory might well have been greater, for, according to reports, his blowing in those outfits, especially in the one that featured three bones, was far and away the best thing he has yet put down. Like Charlie Ventura, Bill developed his musical skill in Philadelphia. He left in 1942 to join Ray McKinley's band, but his reading was so poor at the time that he had to return to his Quakertown jazz haunts. He brushed up on his reading, however, and was fully ready when Benny Goodman offered him a job. From Goodman fame he went to Woody and small combos. Winding also wasn't heard as widely during 1948, but still his small-band work seemed to impress more people than his blowing with Kenton had. Third-placer is J. J. Johnson, now a member of Jacquet's troupe, Ventura's Benny Green is fourth.



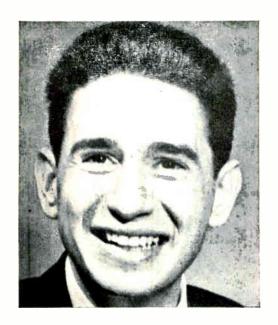
mat cole is occupying the all star piano bench for the third time this year, a position from which he ousted Teddy Wilson in the results of the 1946 voting. Nat's piano, much admired by the critics during the early days of the King Cole Trio, is now firmly entrenched in the hearts of his listening public, the result of such Trio instrumentals as Body and Soul (on whose chords Nat's melodic inventions have been copied by many an instrumentalist), and the Trio's appearances on the Kraft Music Hall, the Chesterfield Supper Club, its own Wildroot show and countless guest radio appearances. Though Nat's musical interests have been rather commercial the past few years (his biggest record, Nature Boy, had piano by Buddy Cole, if you please), he still can hold his own not only as a pianist but as a composer: METRONOME'S All Star side of 1947, Leap Here, was based on a riff which Nat had been mulling and perfected on the spot for use on the date. The chief Cole competition this year as last is the Royal Roost's recent weekly attraction, Lennie Tristano, who in the first rush of votes had such a strong lead that it seemed he might win. Stan Kenton, pianistic choice of the faithful Kentonites who vote for a member of the Kenton band in every division of the poll, came up from seventh spot to third, passing long-time winner Teddy Wilson and Dodo Marmarosa, Art Tatum, and Johnny Guarnieri.



billy bauer is the most modest of musicians, the most selfcritical. He found it difficult to believe he had won such great favor with METRONOME readers, such a clear plurality of the votes cast for guitarists. But Billy does to some extent echo the belief of our readers in his ability. He knows he has made striking progress in his work in 1948 with the Lennie Tristano Trio and Quintet; he feels greater and greater confidence in his solos: he feels less and less like the man whose performance as one-fourth of the Woody Herman rhythm section from 1944 to 1946 made him a universal favorite as a rhythm guitarist. Billy's high achievement this year can be measured by the infrequency of his appearances. Since leaving Woody in August, 1946, he has played solely with small groups, confining his regular work to the Chubby Jackson unit in '46 and '47 and to the Tristano outfit since. A few records with Lennie, a few broadcasts, and the limited showings of the Tristano groups have been Billy's outings in public in the last year and a half, outings which have displayed sufficient musicianship, fecundity of idea, and ease of expression to push him to the top. Barney Kessel, Billy's closest competitor, is another modernist, one closer to the bop school. Oscar Moore and Irving Ashby, Cole guitarists of yesterday and today, Stan Kenton's Laurindo Almeida, and virtuoso Les Paul follow.



eddie safranski is a very modern bassist. He would have to be, in order to play the tough, advanced book that Pete Rugolo and Stan Kenton have given him in the Kenton band. But Safranski is that way by choice, not by demand. Long before most other bassists, he began to realize the greatness in the playing of Jimmy Blanton, and long before other bassists, Safranski began to pattern his style along the lines of that of the Ellington Great. So doing demanded a maximum of technique plus a well-founded knowledge of chords. Eddie first exhibited these talents of his while a member of Hal McIntyre's band, where he was featured for several seasons. Kenton heard him and offered him a job, but Eddie, loyal to the man who had given him his first opportunity, would not leave until it was all right with Hal. McIntyre cooperated and Safranski was on the way to fame. This year marks the second time that he has won the METRONOME poll, though his victory over second-placer Chubby Jackson was not quite as decisive as it was last year. Third and fourth spots went to two more modernists, to Ray Brown, who has been leading his own trio and accompanying wife Ella Fitzgerald and who upped from fifth to third spot, and Oscal Pettiford, recently with the Duke Ellington band and on 52nd Street, who subbed for Safranski with Kenton during the latter's recent incapacitation.



manne didn't have the slightest notion several years ago when he subbed in Joe Marsala's band for the late Dave Tough that he would ever win the METRONOME poll. He was thrilled enough that he was able to sit in for his big idol; that was a dream in itself come true. But it was the beginning of a wonderful career for the New York drummer boy who went from a job with Marsala into the bigger bands of Les Brown, Bobby Byrne, Will Bradley, Benny Goodman (for a very short time) and eventually to Stan Kenton. Always keeping abreast the times, Shelly is today a modern drummer of the loose, relaxed school, a drummer who believes that touch and taste are every bit as important as technique and who thinks it's just as important to know what to do as how to do it. The selection of Shelly by METRONOME readers goes hand-in-hand with their secondplacing of Max Roach, considered by most to be the top bop drummer and, of course, like Manne, a truly modern percussionist. Gene Krupa, often a winner, came in third, partially on the strength of past performances, but also, one would suspect, because of his support during the past year of progressive jazz. Buddy Rich, last year's winner, dropped to fourth spot this time, while Tough, another former victor, settled in seventh place, chiefly because of inactivity. In fifth place is Woody Herman's Don Lamond.



red norvo was a very poor second to Lionel Hampton in 1943, the first year the miscellaneous instrument division was added to the All Star Poll, a little better in 1944, close to Hamp in 1945, and a vigorous first in 1946, 1947, and this year. That first year for odd horns, glockenspiels, and such, Red was still dancing his mallets over xylophone blocks. Today, as for the past five years, he has been amplifying his delicate sound. Red emerged as top man on his instrument in 1945, largely as a result of his work with Woody Herman's band, making for Mr. N. his third or fourth major success in this business. For Red has been a big name since he and Mildred Bailey led their superb band of the middle thirties, well known to musicians even longer. After the big band, Red ducked in and out of big and small cities with several impressive little bands, wound up the early forties playing with Benny Goodman's Sextet, then joined Woody. When the Herman organization disbanded in 1946, Red went out to the Coast, where he has become a fixture, holding national attention with his Capitol records. Hamp makes himself known with one of the three or four biggest attractions in the business, his own band; Milt Jackson, a Gillespie alumnus, is in and out of New York; Jack Costanza is the Kenton bongoist; Terry Gibbs is Woody's recent addition.



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Dete rugolo doesn't play with the Stan Kenton band, but he is as clearly one-third of it as he would be if he played a couple of trumpets, trombones, and saxes and doubled on the piano and drums as well. For Pete writes most of the music in the number one band's books, some with Stan, some at Stan's instigation, a great deal created in his own head and by his own hands. Pete, the overwhelming choice as arranger of the year by our readers, is a well-schooled musician, a craftsman trained by Darius Milhaud, an experienced dance-bandsman after two years with Kenton, and behind him an earlier fourteen months of playing and writing for Johnny Richards, three years of Army band work, and eight months of playing in Leon Mohica's outfit in Denver. A sharp, articulate, enthusiastic defender of the work of Bartok, Stravinsky, Schönberg, and, of course, Milhaud, Pete stays close to his music and to such other distinguished practitioners of his art as his friend Eddie Sauter, who last year nosed him out for the number one spot. This year, less active, Eddie wound up third, with Ralph Burns, who was second in 1945 and 1946. once more in that position. After Eddie comes bopper Tad Dameron, holding the fourth slot he established for himself last year, veterans Ellington and Oliver, Ventura pianist-arranger Roy Kral, Dizzy's Walter Fuller.



billy eckstine, whose National and MGM records plus successful personal appearances during 1948 helped him become the top male vocalist in our 1948 poll, is a former Earl Hines singer and a former bandleader. After leaving Hines, with whom he was most famous as a blues singer, Billy formed an orchestra which included such bop figures as Dizzy Gillespie, Fats Navarro, Sonny Stitt, Charlie and Leo Parker, Gene Ammons, Dexter Gordon, and Sarah Vaughan. Mentored by Dizzy, the band, with which Billy sang and blew a bit of boppish valve trombone, was a musical success but was dubbed uncommercial by bookers and promoters. Eckstine stepped out on his own, appeared on the now defunct 52nd Street, transferred from the National to the MGM record label, broke it up at the Royal Roost in New York. Currently he is turning out some of the most impressive vocal sounds in jazz; his original tags to his ballads, his swooping approach to important notes or words, his amazing vibrato have made his voice distinctive and distinctly successful, so much so that his influence has been clearly heard in the styles of many young singers. Frank Sinatra, previous winner for five years, whose work has been far from consistent in 1948. dropped into second place, and Herb Jefferies. METRONOME Singer of 1947, passed 1947 runners-up, Nat Cole, Mel Torme and Frankie Laine, to place third.



sarah vaughan again is the female vocalist with our All Star Band, duplicating her 1947 victory. The professional career of the exchoir singer from New Jersey in many wavs resembles that of her baritone counterpart. Billy Eckstine. After winning an amateur contest at the Apollo Theatre in New York, Sarah also went with Earl Hines, doing vocals and playing second piano with the band. Soon after Billy left Hines and formed his own band, he sent for Sarah and together they made vocal and instrumental history. Sarah preceded Billy in the single routine, leaving the band before he broke it up in despair, and sang at Cafe Society Downtown, made some record dates for small companies, landed her present spot with Musicraft, where she has been one of the best-selling artists for some time. Her bent notes and her twisting of musical phrases have been the envy of and basis for the styles of a good many singers, and her theatre and night club appearances, to the sound of handclaps and tinkling cash registers, have made her the logical choice for the opening of New York's new Clique Club. Second and third place winners are also duplications of last year's best, with June Christy of the Stan Kenton band rating second in the hearts of our voters, Ella Fitzgerald, who upon her return from appearances in England opened at New York's Royal Roost, remaining in third position.



the pied pipers this year repeat their top standing among vocal groups, having been the first winners in a division that we first included in the 1947 poll. They started professional life as an octet (including Jo Stafford) but chopped their number in half when they joined Tommy Dorsey, followed fellow Dorseyite Frank Sinatra out of the band and were signed to vocalize for Capitol Records. When Jo left their ranks to do a single, the male Pipers, Chuck Lowry, Clark Yocum, and Hal Hopper, replaced her with June Hutton, who had sparked the Stardusters with Charlie Spivak and who had also sung solos with the band. The group still records for Capitol, by itself and in collaboration with various Capitol singers, notably Johnny Mercer, and occasionally they're loaned out to Columbia to accompany Sinatra, on whose radio shows they've appeared. They were also on the Chesterfield Supper Club with Mercer, several years ago. Runners-up to the Pipers are Babs' Three Bips and a Bop, a vocal group which is actually no longer in existence, but whose wordless antics have influenced a good many hitherto wordy singers, and whose discs still receive many spinnings by jockeys and by record collectors. In the show spot are the Ravens, whose National records have helped them to third position, passing such headliners as the Pastels, Mills Brothers, Meltones, and the King Cole Trio.

it all started with blue lou!

PETRILLO WILLING, there's going to be another Metronome All Star Band record coming your way before too long. As many winners as possible will be gathered together at one time in a recording studio (it's RCA-Victor's turn this year) to wax two sides, proceeds of which will go to charity. So far, more than \$30,000 has been distributed to needy musicians and to others by Metronome, all that money being the royalties accrued from the sales of the seven records issued so far. Just in case you're not familiar with all the sides, here's a recap for you, year by year, with 1943, '44, and '45 blank because of World War II and Recording Ban I.

THE BLUES and BLUE LOU. Trumpets: Bunny Berigan, Harry James, Sonny Dunham, Charlie Spivak. Trombones: Tommy Dorsey, Jack Teagarden. Saxes: Hymie Shertzer, Eddie Miller Arthur Rollini. Sax and clarinet: Benny Goodman. Piano: Bob Zurke. Guitar: Carmen Mastren. Bass: Bob Haggart. Drums: Ray Bauduc. The first side features a trombone duet between Dorsey and Teagarden; the second, Berigan. (Victor 26144)

Trumpels: Harry James, Ziggy Elman, Charlie Spivak. Trombones: Jack Teagarden, Jack Jenny. Clarinet: Benny Goodman. Saxes: Toots Mondello, Benny Carter, Eddie Miller, Charlie Barnet. Piano: Jess Stacy. Guitar: Charlie Christian. Bass: Bob Haggart. Drums: Gene Krupa. The full band plays the first side; James, Teagarden, Goodman, Carter, Miller and the rhythm section jam the blues on the second. (Columbia 35389)

All Star rhythm section on the METRONOME 1911 date had Artie Bernstein on bass, the late Charlie Christian on guitar, Count Basie on piano. Buddy Rich is the unpictured drummer.

BUCLE CALL RAC and ONE O'CLOCK JUMP. Trumpets: Harry James, Ziggy Elman, Cootie Williams. Trombones: Tommy Dorsey, J. C. Higginbotham. Clarinet: Benny Goodman. Saxes: Toots Mondello, Benny Carter, Coleman Hawkins, Tex Beneke. Piano: Count Basie. Guitar: Charlie Christian. Bass: Artie Bernstein. Drums: Buddy Rich. Both sides are tight, Goodmanesque jumping jazz; the second features successive solos by Williams, Elman and James. (Victor 27314)

ROYAL FLUSH. Trumpets: Harry James, Cootie Williams, Roy Eldridge. Trombones: J. C. Higginbotham, Lou McGarity. Clarinet: Benny Goodman. Saxes: Toots Mondello, Benny Carter, Vido Musso, Tex Beneke. Piano: Count Basie. Guitar: Freddie Green. Bass: Doc Goldberg. Drums: Gene Krupa. The second big band side, DEAR OLD SOUTHLAND turned out so badly it was never issued. Instead, nine leaders got together at a later date and recorded I Got Rhythm with this personnel: Cootie Williams, trumpet; J. C. Higginbotham, trombone; Benny Goodman, clarinet; Benny Carter. alto; Charlie Barnet, tenor; Count Basie, piano; Alvino Rey, guitar; John Kirby, bass; Gene Krupa, drums. (Columbia 36499)

1946 LOOK OUT and METRONOME ALL OUT. Trumpets: Sonny Berman, Pete Candoli, Harry Edison, Neal Hefti, Rex Stewart, Cootie Williams. Trombones:

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All Star rhythm section on last year's METRONOME date had Eddie Safranski on bass, Billy Bauer on guitar and the pictured Buddy Rich. The unpictured King Cole played piano.



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modernists cop top poll slots

SITTING ON TOP of the Poll here, we've got a pretty good idea of how America feels about its jazz these days. We've got a pretty good idea, just from looking at the tollowing results, that the jazz enthusiasts and participants are looking ahead, that they want their music modern and imaginative and that the tradition which has been pervading some tolks thinking, and sometimes their voting in the past, is, in itself, very definitely becoming a thing of the past. Now its strictly a case of backing up musicians who are great now because they are playing great stuff now. As for the guys who were great years ago, even just several years ago, if they're not going to progress, then America's jazzmakers and listeners are no longer interested.

This truth becomes pretty self-evident when you take a look at the winners in the various categories. Look at Charne Parker! Regarded by many as the most important influence in modern jazz, Yardbird this year polled more votes than any other person in the entire poll, an honor which in former years used to go to such traditional favorites as Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey and Harry Carney. And look what happened to Benny! He would have lost his shirt and title to Buddy DeFranco if some of the voters hadn't gotten wind of the fact that Benny had been playing more modern stuff during the late summer and that he was very busy organizing a modern-sounding band. As for Carney, he lost for the first time and his successor, Serge Chaloti, is strictly a member of the new school. And Snelly Manne, a loose drummer of this era, succeeded Buddy Rich.

Now look at the follow-ups, the seconds and thirds and so on. The trumpets serve as an excellent example. The first four, Dizzy, Howard McGhee, Miles Davis, and Fats Navarro are strict boppers. Yes, Diz won last year, but McGhee came up from fitth, Davis from tenth and Navarro from fourteenth. And the runners-up in the trombones are also all 1948 blowers, Nai, J.J. and Benny Green, the last-named unrated in 1947.

Another nowhere guy last year, Art Pepper, spiced the alto sax division with his tourth spot finish, while in addition to the near Defranco victory among the clarinets, that section offered one of the biggest surprises of them all, the polling of over three hundred votes by the young, late Stan Hasselgard, a lad who finished twentieth last year with only fourteen votes. During 1948, Stan, in addition to being heard on Capitol discs, modernized his playing to such an extent that Benny Goodman was often noted digging the handsome Swede's playing rather assiduously when Hasselgard blew in the Goodman Sextet.

And so it goes. The first four arrangers are all men with pretty advanced ideas, Rugolo, Burns, Sauter and Dameron. Among singers, Billy Eckstine, who has definite ideas about singing songs and doing things with them, displaced Frank Sinatra, the first time in years that anybody has been able to unseat The Voice. And in so doing, Eckstine hopped all the way from a 1947 sixth slot to this year's number one position. And the nearest thing known to Billy, young Kenny Hagood, came up all the way from twenty-second to seventh.

You'll find lots of interesting material in the listings that follow. Read 'em and keep your eyes, your ears, and your mind open. If jazz is any criterion, America is definitely moving ahead. Maybe next year we'll even have Harry S. on piano!





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smith

alto

1.	Charlie Parker1058	15.	Herbie Fields	22
2.	Johnny Hodges 393	15.	Ernie Henry	22
3.	Willie Smith 230	17.	Les Robinson	20
4.	Art Pepper 195		Woody Herman	16
5.	George Weidler 133	10	Ray Beller	13
6.	Sonny Stitt 107	20.	Sonny Criss	11
	Charlie Kennedy 93	20.	Charlie Ventura	11
8.	Benny Carter 79	''''	Toots Mondello	9
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		24.	Vido Musso	7
	Boots Mussulli 41	24.	Jimmie Tyler	7
	Charlie Barnet 37	20.	Pete Brown	6
	Johnny Bothwell 34	26.	Sam Marowitz	6
13.		28.	Tex Beneke	5
4.	Jimmy Dorsey 25	28.	Edmond Gregory	- 5



defranco

hasselgard

clarinet

1.	Benny Goodinan	703	12.	Tony Scott	20
2.	Buddy DeFranco	678	13.	Edmond Hall	18
3.	Stan Hasselgard	302	14.	Peanuts Hucko	16
4.	Woody Herman	241	15.	Pee Wee Russell	15
5.	Jimmy Hamilton	161	16.	Abe Most	11
6.	Artie Shaw	116	17.	Rudy Rutherford	10
7.	Barney Bigard	75	17.	Jerry Wald	10
8.	John LaPorta	68	19.	Sidney Bechet	8
9.	Herbie Fields	52	20.	Irving Fazola	5
10.	Hank d'Amico	36	20.	Andy Fitzgerald	5
11.	Aaron Sachs	34	20.	Danny Polo	5

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hawkins

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tenor

1.	Charlie Ventura 731	21.	Arnett Cobb	17
2.	Flip Phillips 362	21.	Erv Hinkle	17
3.	Coleman Hawkins 210	23.	Ted Nash	16
4.	Wardell Gray 174	23.	Charlie Parker	16
5.	Illinois Jacquet 163	23.	Al Sears	16
6.	Allen Eager 146	26.	Boomie Richmond	15
7.	Vido Musso 144	27.	Al Cohen	13
8.	Bob Cooper 128	28.	Corky Corcoran	11
9.	Lester Young 127	28.	Sam Donahue	11
10.	Stan Getz 106	30.	Gene Ammons	9
11.	Dexter Gordon 55	31.	Teddy Edwards	8
12.	Lucky Thompson 48	31.	Bud Freeman	8
13.	Don Byas 44	31.	Eddie Miller	8
14.	Tex Beneke 30	34.	Herbie Fields	7
15.	Georgie Auld 29	35.	Warren Marsh	6
15.	Buddy Wise 29	36.	Jimmy Ford	5
17.	James Moody 21	36.	Morris Lane	5
17.	Zoot Simms			5
19.	Ben Webster 19	36.	Ike Quebec	_
20.	Charlie Barnet 18	36.	Herbie Steward	5

trumpet

1.	Dizzy Gillespie	962	24.	Bernie Komer	14
2.	Howard McGhee	277	26.	Al Porcino	12
3.	Miles Davis	147	27.	Al Killian	11
4.	Fats Navarro	138	28.	Charlie Spivak	10
5.	Charlie Shavers	137	28.	Cootie Williams	10
6.	Roy Eldridge	125	30.	Clark Terry	9
7.	Harry James	118	31.	Don Fagerquist	8
8.	Louis Armstrong	103	31.	Shorty Rogers	8
9.	Red Rodney	93	33.	Cat Anderson	7
10.	Chico Alvarez	67	33.	Edward Preston	7
11.	Conti Candoli	63	33.	Muggsy Spanier	7
12.	Ziggy Elman	6 0	33.	Rex Stewart	7
13.	Buddy Childers	55	33.	Nick Travis	7
14.	Billy Butterfield	42	38.	Buck Clayton	6
15.	Ernie Royal	40	38.	Wild Bill Davison	6
16.	Pete Candoli	32	38.	Max Kaminsky	6
16.	Norman Faye	32	38.	Ray Linn	6
18.	Neal Hefti	31	38.	Bobby Nichols	6
18.	Ray Wetzel	31	43.	Ray Anthony	5
20.	Bobby Hackett	30	43.	Alec Fila	5
21.	George Cherb		43.	Joe Guy	5
22.	Harold Baker	17			5
22.	Jimmy Zito		43.	Bobby Sherwood	-
24.	Randy Brooks	14	43.	Joe Thomas	5





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1.	Serge Chaloff	794	11.	Boyd Raeburn	10
2.	Harry Carney	511	11.	Benny Ventura	10
3.	Leo Parker	495	14.	Charlie Barnet	8
4.	Bob Gioga	163	15.	Danny Banks	6
5.	Charlie Ventura	150	16.	Dick Comenda	5
6.	Ernie Caceres	39	16.	Bob Dawes	5
7.	Paul Williams	32	16.	Johnny Dee	5
8.	Dean Kincaid	25	16.		5
9.	Bob Poland	21	16.	Willie Jackson	5
t0.	Butch Stone	11	16.	Joe Rushton	5
11.	Gerry Mulligan	10	16.	Jack Washington	5

winding

johnson

trombone

1.	Bill Harris	764	9.	Milt Bernhardt	66
2.	Kai Winding	632	10.	Vern Friley	43
3.	J. J. Johnson	363	11.	Eddie Bert	35
4.	Benny Green	183	12.	Harry DiVito	29
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				Trummy Young	
				Vic Dickenson	
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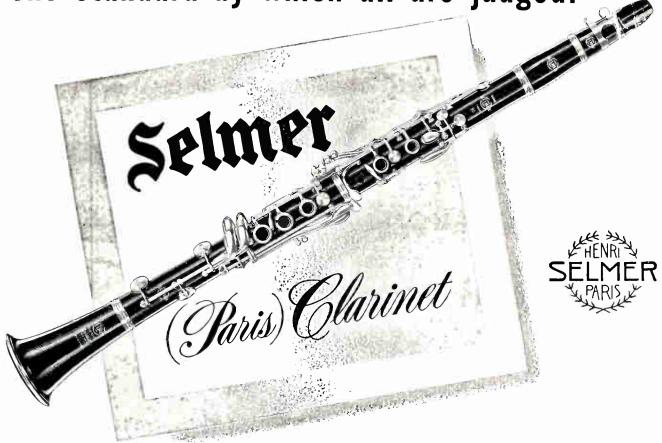
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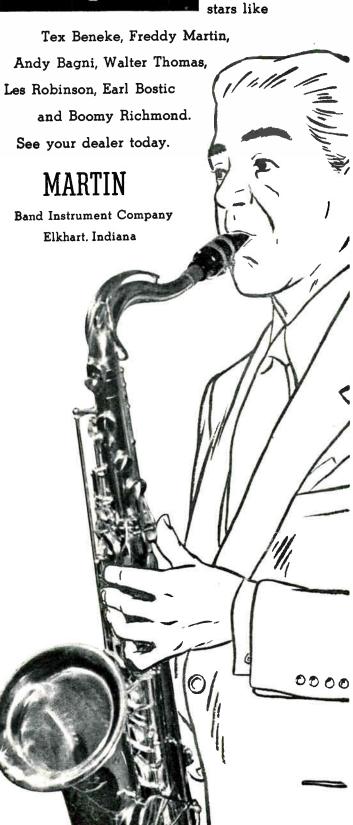


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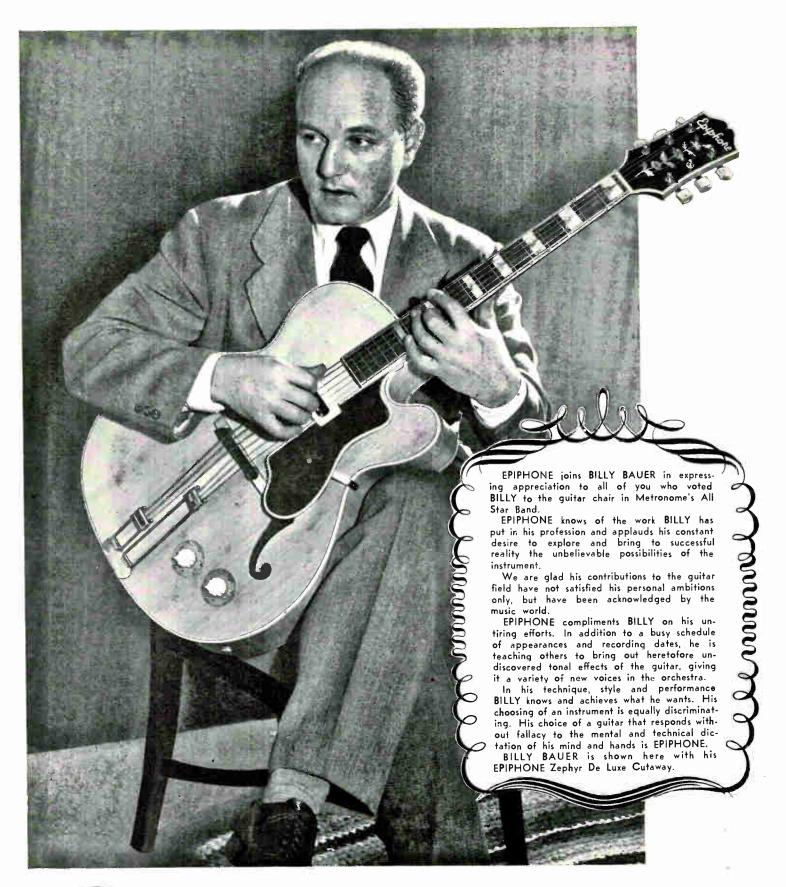
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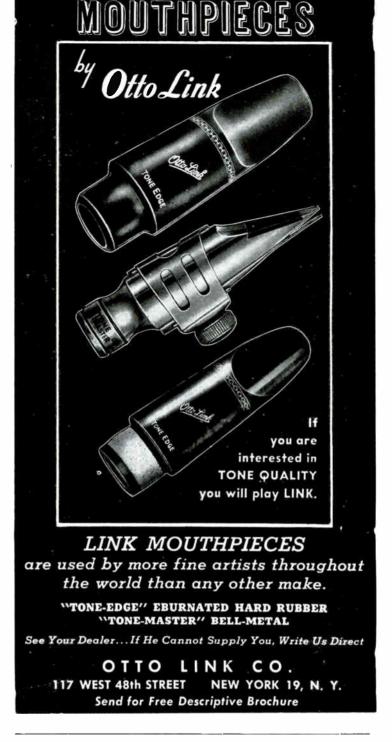
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A handsome collection of eighteenth-century music (the Mendelssohn, though nineteenth-century in origin, is unmistabably eighteenth in spirit), all well-performed and recorded. With the possible exception of Leon Goossens, Mitch Miller is the nonpareil performer on his instrument today, and in this concerto, a free transcription by Arthur Benjamin of several keyboard sonatas of Domenico Cimarosa, his taste and skill are brightly exhibited. Koussevitzky's dispatch with the Italian Symphony is well-known to record collectors, for this new set is simply a replacement for an old one long in favor. I prefer Beecham's reading in his recording of some years ago with the N. Y. Philharmonic, but this is certainly a more attractively recorded, better-sounding orchestra than the ensemble Sir Thomas directed. Again, the Mozart D major, one of his masterpieces, is beautifully reproduced in these new records, but I much prefer the more sensitive musicianship of Szigeti, with the same conductor, in an older set. And the Scarlatti sonatas, too, could be more sensitively performed, though not better recorded, and they are not otherwise available. The Beecham anthology presents a pleasant Handel Scherzo (from his Amaryllis Suite), a pert Paisello Overture (to his opera buffa, Nin. Pazza per Amore), an unabsorbing Méhul Overture (to Les Deux Aveugles de Tolede), and a wonderful little Mozart Symphony, No. 27 in G, K.199, which it would certainly be nice to have all by itself.

III

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JOE PARKNATT

Duquesne, Pa.

Bought the METRONOME magazine-November issue. One of the most interesting Letters to the Editors was that written by Bob Tharalson. After reading his letter-regarding a petition to force Columbia to release the guarded Herman masters of his '44-'46 Herd-a group of avid Herman doters around the neighborhood decided to draw up this petitionlike letter in the hope that others will take up the almighty pen and snowball this growing movement into such avalanche proportions that stingy Columbia will realize the vast demand for Herd-hungry collectors and give them to the public, where, I might add, they belong. The records would look good in album form. I hear that Columbia has enough hidden Herman Herd masters to make four albums-each containing four records.

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IN BENNY'S FIRST blindfold test, last month, he reviewed records from New Orleans (Bechet) through swing (Tommy Dorsey) to bop (Tad Dameron, Woody), with several other items that didn't fall into any one category.

My impression that Benny was gradually veering toward a more modern attitude was confirmed with the second set of records, but you still can't pigeonhole him as a bopper, a Fig, or even a fence-straddler. Not having heard his new band at this writing, I don't want to jump to any conclusions, but it seems highly probable that his reactions to the music of others will be reflected in a wide variety of styles in the performances of his own organization. Anyway, here's what Benny had to say in his second blindfold test, according to the evidence of a very honest tape-recording machine.

the records

1. This one I know all about! You don't have to play it . . . I like Jimmy, I like the way he plays very much. It's a good novel piece, and the clarinet playing's excellent. I'he performance is fine; I don't really like the piece particularly, but I think he does it very well. Jungle piece, isn't it, or something? Well, I'd give it four stars anyway—for Jimmy.

2. (No comment until piano solo) . . . It's Jess-eeca! . . . Well, that's good Dixieland isn't it—who's that, Vernon Brown? . . . I don't know who's playing trumpet . . . well. first of all, was this made recently? I think that's got a lot to do with it, don't you? Well, Jess has always been one of my favorite piano players . . . I don't know the clarinet player . . . Brown or Lou McGarity on trombone—they're both more or less from the same school . . . don't recognize the drummer; rhythm section's kind of —well, fair; I think it sounds a little dated. Solos not particularly inspired. I haven't heard very much Dixieland lately—unless you call Louis Dixieland; he's wonderful, but it's awful hard to categorize . . . The particular fellows on the record we just heard, I've heard 'em all play better solos. One star.

3. Huh, that's good! That sounds like Dizzy and Charlie, and probably Al Haig, eh? That's a very good record, and it's one of the cleaner ones, too—good execution. I don't like that little quack-quack-quack—you know, the introduction and coda. I like when they get into the solos. The theme is good though—in fact, almost the whole thing is, as far as I'm concerned, but who am I to say? The main thing is, there's some very fluent, interesting playing there. Isn't that an old record?

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4. I've never heard that before. It's very well played . . . it sounds to me more or less like some kind of music for—er—well—dancing, I guess. Not to dance to, I mean—some kind of, well, some kind of exotic dancing, you know . . . I don't think the composition is . . . er . . . well, the composition is fair. Would I call it jazz? No, certainly not. Progressive? Gee, I don't think it is progressive, I don't know what that word means! I think it's a fair composition, period. Probably Kenton, isn't it? Couple of stars. Is that Petey Rugolo's? In the album? Yeah.

5. I like it. I like that very much! I like the piece, and I like the way he played it . . . I haven't any idea who it is. I think he's got a sense of humor, and he's got some good things in

records reviewed by benny

Following are the records on which the King passed sentence. He was given no information about the records, or the artists performing on them, either before or during the playing.

- 1. Duke Ellington. Air Conditioned Jungle (Columbia). Comp. Ellington. Jimmy Hamilton, clarinet.
- 2. Eddie Condon. Lady Be Good (Decca, from Gershwin album). Maxie Kaminsky, trumpet; Joe Dixon, clarinet; Lou McGarity, trombone; Jess Stacy, piano; Condon, guitar; Jack Lesberg, bass; Johnny Blowers, drums. Recorded June, 1945.
- 3. Dizzy Gillespie. Shaw Nuff (Musicraft). Gillespie, trumpet; Charlie Parker, alto; Al Haig, piamo. Recorded May, 1945 (same session as Salt Peanuts.)
- 4. Stan Kenton. Monotony (Capitol). Comp. Kenton-Rugolo. Arr. Pete Rugolo.
- 5. Thelonious Monk. Off Minor (Blue Note.) Monk, piano.
- 6. Boyd Raeburn. Prelude to the Dawn (Jewel). Arr. Johnny Richards. Wilbur Schwartz, alto.
- 7. Louis Armstrong. A Song Was Born (Victor). Armstrong, trumpet & vocal; Jack Teagarden, trombone and vocal; Barney Bigard, clarinet.



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there. I think the piece has a sense of humor; I don't know whether it's deliberate—must be deliberate, I guess. Very unusual; it's very interesting, he's got a little real corn in there play it again, I'll show you what I mean (imitating phrasing of eighth note and dotted quarter) . . . puh-paah . . . there, hear it? Puh-paah . . . I like it, give it four stars!

6. Very schmaltzy saxophone, but very nicely done . . . give it three stars.

7. The first part is wonderful . . . who's that clarinetist, Barney Bigard, yes . . . I don't like that song, do you? Well, it's Louis ... I'll give it four stars just for the soloists.

afterthoughts by benny

Changed my opinions? Well, yes, I suppose I have really . . . I think the important thing about bop is that it's bringing something new to jazz melodically. It's very interesting. Of course, some of the old things, some of my older records still sound great to me, but it's a different age.

As far as Kenton's concerned, I do like some of the things he's done . . . in fact, I think one of the first things he did was one of his best. What was it called? Rhapsody something? It had quite a success. Oh yes, Artistry in Rhythm. Swing? No, he doesn't, but I don't thing Kenton wants to swing!

it all started with blue lou!

(Continued from page 23)

Will Bradley, Tommy Dorsey, Bill Harris, J. C. Higginbotham. Clarinet: Buddy DeFranco. Saxes: Johnny Hodges, Herbie Fields, Flip Phillips, Georgie Auld, Harry Carney. Piano: Teddy Wilson. Guitars: Tiny Grimes, Billy Bauer. Bass: Chubby Jackson. Drums: Davey Tough. Sy Oliver conducts his original composition on the first side; Duke Ellington does likewise on the second, adding Red Norvo on vibes and omitting Stewart, Williams and Bradley. This is the only twelve-inch record in the Metronome series. (Victor 40-4000)

SWEET LORRAINE and NAT MEETS JUNE. Trumpet: Charlie Shavers. Trombone: Lawrence Brown. Saxes: Johnny Hodges, Coleman Hawkins, Harry Carney. Piano: King Cole. Guitar: Bob Ahern. Bass: Eddie Safranski, Drums: Buddy Rich. Frank Sinatra sings a chorus and a half on the first side with the horns dividing the rest; King Cole and June Christy sing a chorus each of the blues reverse. (Columbia 37293)

LEAP: HERE and METRONOME RIFF. Trumpet: Dizzy Gillespie. Trombone: Bill Harris. Clarinet: Buddy DeFranco. Tenor: Flip Phillips. Piano: King Cole. Guitar: Billy Bauer. Bass: Eddie Safranski. Drums Buddy Rich. The first side is a Nat Cole original; on the second, a Pete Rugolo original, the Stan Kenton saxes and brass play with the above-listed all stars. (Captol 15039)

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by the three deuces

barbara hodgkins george simon barry ulanov

buzz adlam

In A Sentimental Mood C.

Carry Me Back To The Lone

Prairie C—

Disappointing sides by one of the better writers of the last decade. This is typical sloppy, stodgy, studio band stuff; even the Ellington tune sounds pompous and uninspired. (Capitol 10323)

gene ammons

Blowing The Family Jewels B—Sugar Coated C+

Small jazz band stuff featuring Ammons' tenor. Deuce Ulanov likes his tone; Hodgkins and Simon don't. All appreciate the beat and the piano on the first side; none is impressed with either piece of material. (Mercury 8905)

louis armstrong

Please Stop Playin' Those Blues C+

Lovely Weather We're Having C Deuce Simon thinks the first side is good; he likes both the playing and singing by Louis and Teagarden. The other Deuces call it mediocre stuff. The reverse is more disorganized, Louis mever quite getting with the song. (Victor 20-2648)

sidney bechet

Laura
Just One Of Those Things
Kansas City Man
Polka Dot Rag
I Had It But It's All Gone
Spreadin' Joy
Love For Sale

Shake 'Em Up

album rating C—George Avakian's notes to this handsome-looking album describe Bechet as "one of the two or three most inventive and inspired musicians ever developed in New Orleans... one of the small handful of jazzmen worthy of being called the all-time best."

If you feel the way Avakian does, you will probably like these sides. The Deuces remain annoyed with Bechet's jello-like vibrato and his paucity of ideas. The more effective sides are those on which the simple compositions fit the unimaginative presentations, like Spreadin' Joy which is good enough New Orleans parade music. But what Sidney does to Laura, for example, can only make the poor gal shiver. (Columbia album C 173)

the caldwells

It's Like Taking Candy From A
Baby C-

Within Your Heart C

Simple, semi-hillbilly singing of simple pop songs that might satisfy those souls who like their singing very simple and straight from the shoulder and/or heart. At first hearing Deuce Ulanov exclaimed, "This knocks me out!" But the charm wore off quickly. (Victor 20-3179)

barbara cameron

Love That Boy C+
Feeling Zero C+
Two Loves Have I B—
I Love You, Yes I Do B
What'll I Do B—
Let's Pretend B

Barbara Cameron continues to impress as a far above average singer with a feeling both for ballads and for rhythm tunes. The first two sides are poorly recorded, sound rushed as well as forced. Miss C. emotes with much feeling on Two, though she uses tricks unnecessarily. The dull accompaniment detracts on What'll, but Barbara sings it well. She is at her best on Yes I Do and Pretend, especially on the latter, a good song on which she employs intelligent shading and a naturally fine voice. (King 4185, 4203/09)

benny carter

Reina C+

Let's Drink A Toast Together C
Bob Decker's Woody type of vocal
impresses Deuces Hodgkins and

Simon, but otherwise there's nothing on these sides that does justice to an artist of Carter's standing. Benny himself plays a few unexciting bars of alto on the first side, which suffers from muddled recording, dull material and poor intonation. The reverse is a rough performance of a corny tune. (Reina 103)

page cavanaugh trio Gee But It's Good To Be C+

Gee But It's Good To Be C I Want A Little Girl C+

Pleasant, light sides in typical Cavanaugh fashion. On the first, Page sings nicely by himself. The trio whispers together throughout most of the second, which, like other recent Cavanaugh sides, is hampered by a rushed tempo. (Victor 20-3016)

frank culley

The Pig Is Diggin' C-Ready For Action C-

Two fine examples of why some people hate jazz. Both sides are almost all loud, screeching tenor, backed by slashing cymbals. Ready is very obviously *I Got Rhythm*, but this is one time, we suspect, when the copyright owners would rather overlook the similarity (Lenox L 513)

vic damone

Far Away Places C+ Senorita C My Own True Love C+ In A Market Place Of Old Monterey C+

Vic continues to record pretty dismal songs. Of these, he sings the last the best. It's much too bad that Mercury doesn't give him material worthy of him. (Mercury 5198, 5207)

eddie davi<mark>s</mark>

Fracture C Spinal C

Except for a few trumpet bars here and there by Fats Navarro, these are totally unimpressive small band sides, loud, blatant, replete with cliches. (Savoy 933)

miles davis

Sipping At Bell's B— Milestones C+

Sloppy ensembles mar both sides. The first has some pleasant legato Davis trumpet, good Charlie Parker sax and interesting John Lewis piano. The solos on the reverse are less impressive. (Savoly 934)

The Three Deuces listen together to all records reviewed, rate them separately, then average their ratings to reach the final awards listed on these pages:

A+ !!!!

A artistically extraordinary

A— excellent

B+ very good

B good

B- fairly good

C+ fair

C mediocre

C- poor

) terrible



Marion Morgan is Columbia's latest entry into the gal singer field. Associated with the Harry James band, Miss M. receives Ben Pollack band backing on her first solo release.

clark dennis

Tenderly B-

I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry C+ Once you get used to Clark's high tenor, it sounds better and better. He sings the first side, a very pretty song, with much feeling. though the ending is a bit too hammy. Walter Gross, the composer, plays sympathetic piano. Clark sings lower and more through his nose on the reverse; the result isn't as pleasing. (Capitol 15307)

jimmy dorsey

Angela Mia B—

At Sundown C+

Bob Carroll's vocal on the first pleases Deuces Hodgkins and Simon, but the dull background is no help. The band sounds very clean on the reverse, which Dee Parker sings well enough. (MGM 10316)

billy eckstine

Blue Moon B+ Fools Rush In B-Say It Isn't So B-Without A Song B

Billy sings the first side with much more confidence, much less vibrato, than usual, and receives exceptionally good backing from Hugo Winterhalter. This is easily one of the best of all Eckstine record performances. Unfortunate overphrasing mars the flip-over. Except for Deuce H., who comments that "he sounds wonderful" on Say, the consensus is that Song displays much better Eckstine, though the unnecessary, out-of-tune trumpet detracts. His vibrato is most in evidence on the third side. (MGM 10311, National 9061)

duke ellington

Sultry Serenade B+ Do Nothing 'Till You Hear From Me B-

Deuce Simon rates the first side A minus; Deuce Hodgkins gives it B; Deuce Ulanov hits their average. In any case, this is definitely one of the best Ellington sides in recent years. It features Tyree Glenn's trombone, first straight, then jazz. The dynamics of the band, especially of the saxes, are superb; the entire side is a wellpolished, rhythmic, musical performance. The reverse has some very lovely, typical Lawrence Brown trombone and a vocal by Al Hibbler which becomes somewhat too dramatic for the material involved. (Columbia 38363)

four chicks and chuck

I Want To Go Back To My Little Grass Shack B-My Best Girl C+

The Deuces feel they've been a bit remiss about this group, very definitely one of the best vocal aggregations in the business. Its work is precise, imaginative, and on the first side especially, humorous. The bits of Chuck Goldstein on the reverse make the Deuces want to hear even more of this singer. (MGM 10319)

giants of jazz

A Song Is Born C+ (two sides) Stealin' Apples B Muskrat Ramble C+ Daddy-O B-Redskin Rumba C+

Four of these sides, the first two and the last two, come direct from the sound track of A Song Is Born. The first two feature, in order, the Golden Gate Quartet, Jeri Sullivan, Louis Armstrong (singing), Tommy Dorsey, Louis (playing), Charlie Barnet, Benny Goodman, Mel Powell. All produce typical performances, with Deuce Simon, high man on all the album's sides, impressed with Armstrong. Stealin' is easily the most interesting and the best side musically. It features Goodman's recent septet, with good blowing by Wardell Gray and Fats Navarro, the last "by far the best thing on the side!" according to Ulanov. Simon likes Benny too. Ramble is Dixieland, spots a "savage" (according to George) trumpet chorus by Clyde Hurley, Gus Bivona's clarinet, Don Lodice's Dixie tenor and Lou Mc-Garity's ditto trombone. Mel tinkles but not too well. Jeri Sullivan, the Page Cavanaugh Trio and a bright, big studio band do Daddy-O, while Barnet's band runs through Redskin in a pretty frantic way, with an unnamed trombonist stealing the side. All proceeds from this album go to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. (Capitol Album)

brad gowans

Singin' The Blues C+ Muskrat Ramble C+

Pure Dixieland, better organized than most, with leader Gowans surprising with his "valide" trombone, Billy Butterfield batting out a good lead and the late Dave Tough playing behind some stuff that's good by Dixieland standards and some that's mediocre by all standards. (Victor 20-3230)

lesly gray

I Gotta Right To Sing The Blues C+ My Ideal C+

This chesty-throated gal shows promise. She sings with a certain amount of conviction and feeling and receives good support from a small band. (Bullet 1052)

stan hasselgard

I'll Never Be The Same B Sueet And Hot Bop B-

Delicate and tasteful music, both sides make a tring testament to the talen. Stan Hasselgard, both as a clarinetist and leader. Though the second side doesn't seem to us quite to come off, it does extend the mellow mood of the first, a lovely old tune made most listenable by Stan, Red Norvo, Arnold Ross and especially Barney Kessel's chording. On the bop bit, a sluggish pedal figure played by Red interferes with but doesn't emtirely offset Arnold's, Barney's, and Stan's solos. (Capitol 15302)

erskine hawkins

I'm So Doggone Melancholy C+ Needle Points C+

The band gets a fine sound on both sides, singer Jimmy Mitchelle makes some of his own song (Melancholy) appealing, and a trumpeter particularly much to Deuce Simon's liking makes a pleasing entry on the instrumental side. There are also some moments of the leader's horn. (Victor 20-3231)

peter lind hayes

Dainty Brenda Lee C
My Darling, My Darling C+
Life Gets Tee-jus, Don't It? C
That Certain Party C

Deuces Hodgkins and Simon think comedian Hayes has a decent voice and does as well as possible with the material at hand, achieving something like an appreciable quality on the second side. Deuce Ulanov thinks Hayes has one of the worst, most wobbly voices ever to affront a record reviewer and marvels at his colleagues' approbation, confident that they have taken leave of their senses. (Decca 24519/20)

russell jacquet

Suede Jacket C+ Lion's Roar C-

Some of the bop trumpet (by Russe! J.), baritone (by Leo Parker), trombone and alto on the first is agreeable; none of the Lion's roaring (Leo P.) on the second, nor the messy entrances, nor the recording can be so described. (King 4242)

jazz at the philharmonic

Perdido C

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Lesly Gray, whose first sides appear on Bullet Records. is a gal who's scheduled for a big build-up out Hollywood way. The Three Deuces found her promising in her wax debut.

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gene krupa

How High The Moon B Tea For Two C+

Agile ensemble performance, some sprightly solos by alto Charlie Kennedy, trombone Leon Cox, trumpet Don Fagerquist, and renor Charlie Ventura, the riff associated with Ella Fitzgerald's version of Moon and interpolation of Flamingo and Deep Purple are synthesized effectively in this master of a couple of years ago just made available. Deuce Ulanov, while not displeased by the facile production. is not as enthusiastic as his colleagues. All agree that the reverse is a poor presentation of Anita O'Day, that the clean band and the singer are victimized by the recording which is remarkably low on highs. (Columbia 38345)

kay kyser

Say It Isn't So B— Ever Since Eve C The band offers some handsome background sounds on So for Loulie 'ean Norman's high-pitched humming, the Campus Kids. a tenor soloist and an arrangement which Devie Simon thinks very pleasant, L'euce Hodgkins almost as good, and Deuce Ulanov finds only well-played. Eve is an antifeminist tract delivered in stalwart Southern accents by Kay, with all kinds of vocal assistance, not amusing to any of the Deuces. (Columbia 38348)

frankie laine

Tara Talara Tala C+ You're All I Want For Christmas C

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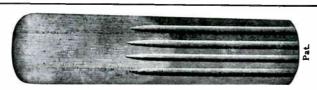


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Hodgkins on Christmas, which (Capitol 15203/300) Deuces Simon and Ulanov find full of the exaggerated phrasing and tasteless scooping which has marred so much of this singer's recorded singing. (Mercury 5177)

billy langford

Be-bop On The Boogie C Blues In Nashville C

The first is a clumsy attempt to cash in on a currently commercial name, combining the worst aspects of boogie backing and blues singis made tolerable at times by a vigorous but not violent tenor sax. howard mcghee (Lenox 504)

john laurenz

Somebody's Lyin' C+ Red Roses For A Blue Lady B-The Mountaineer And The Jabberwock B-Morning Glory Road B -

Sounding sometimes like himself, more often like Bing, John Laurenz makes much of meagre material here. The Jabberwock novelty, a cut above average for this sort of thing, ties too much narrative to the wonderful Lowis Carroll lines, and makes too many changes in the greatest of all nonsense poems, but still manages to preserve some of the charm of the original. On the first side, a pianist tries hard to shuffle his way to a Busse, and almost catches the wheezy vehicle. (Mercury 5201/2)

julia lee

Charmaine C-Christmas Spirits C Living Back Street For You C Cold-Hearted Daddy C+

George is high man on all these sides, finding much only on the last, but not annoved with the blues singing and playing stereotypes nearly as much as his associates, who found only the Christmas cclebration really listenable. Solos of some quality are contributed by Red Norvo to the first two. by Vic Dickenson to Christmas, and guitarist Jack Marshall to Charmaine. A sample of the diaviewing of these sides is this trans-GEORGE: "It is for me." BARBARA: "Oh, that background! (King 4235) Over and over and over." GEORGE: "I like that background."

first, singing softly and sensitively. George keeps the record and can He is almost as agreeable to Deuce listen to it over and over and over.

peggy lee

Hold Me B-

I Wanna Go Where You Go B-

Peggy sings most of both sides well, gets into trouble in her scoopy, droopy coda on Hold Me, which is further afflicted with a flute. There are pleasant guitar (Dave Barbour, of course), trumpet, and piano solos on the second and in case you are troubled by the intro to the first, it is lifted bodily from Raving. The second, no better vocally, el's Rapsodie Espagnole. (Capitol 15298)

Oodie Coo Bop B

(parts one and two)

The label insists that Oodie Coo Bop is a traditional tune, but we and you know very well that the chords are straight out of How High the Moon and the routine from Ornithology, Fortunately the solos, by pianist Jimmy Bunn and tenor Lucky Thompson on the first side, by trumpeter Howard on the second, aren't quite so unoriginal. If McGhee could find the courage to eliminate those audience-provoking high notes and stick to his middle register, he would be, we think, am entirely fresh bopster, and we offer the best of his side here as evidence, as well as much of what he plays on the Jazz at the Philharmonic album reviewed on page 45. (Black & White 150)

marion morgan

Embraceable You C Is It True C+

You can't hear the woodwinds of Ben Pollack's background band for the Helen Forrest of Miss Morgan's style. Marion's first record away from the James band is a throbbing disappointment. And who let that gazelle loose on the otherwise wellplayed True? (Columbia 38349)

lord nelson

Stardust C+

Ratio And Proportion B-

Deuce Ulanov is amused by the alto perambulations of Lord N. (Sonny Stitt in sea-going uniform) logue which accompanied the re on the Carmichael; his associates are not. All three Deuces are cript of the response to Daddy: pleased by most of the Bird imita-GEORGE: "I like her on this."

BARRY: "T'ain't for me."

pleased by most of the Bird imitations on the delightfully titled coupling, which also spots some tions on the delightfully titled coupling, which also spots some familiar trumpet and piano sounds.

patti page

Goody Goodbye C+ What's Wrong With Me BO



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Patti and the George Barnes what they do is hard to decipher. Trio both sound somewhat stilted (Columbia 38355) and perform with little of the jazz feeling that has informed their past collaborations. Wrong, heard out of its Kissing Bandit context and sung with great seriousness, inspired in the Deuces a mild case of hysterics and such comments as "The singing is Arrid" and "The Deuces remain Mum." Sorry, Patti, our actual rating is C+. (Mercury 5799)

charlie parker all stars Barbados B-

Parker's Mood C+

These two sides, made under the I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over "direction of Teddy Reig" it says here, include among the all stars It Shouldn't Happen To A Dream C Miles Davis on trumpet, Curley Mood is definitely blue, with a modicum of bop for seasoning. As (Victor 20-3213) on Barbados the unknown pianist drags, but on this side he moans as he goes. S. likes what he plays, however, and U. allows as how he likes both sides better than the other Deuces do. (Savoy 936)

leo parker sextte Chase N' The Lion C-

What Leo is chasing seems to the MGM quadruped, for that's the kind of piano that Sir Charles Thompson puts forth. There's much disagreement between Simon and Ulanov over whether or not Leo is out of tune, with Hodgkins too depressed by the honks and squeals to care. "Sounds like a vacuum cleaner," she mutters. On Senor Leo, which is a little less dreary. Leo follows Charlie into the Spanish Senorita Bgroove, adding a boogie strain. Joe If I Steal A Kiss C+ Newman on trumpet, A. L. Lucas on (Savoy 935)

tony pastor

It's Like Taking Candy From A Baby C

The Chowder Social C

What little of the Pastor band bia 38334) there is sounds fine, but most of jo stafford Baby is given over to the whispered Smilin' Through C vocals of Rosemary Clooney and Ave Maria B+ Tony. The Social has a funny idea about a boilermakers' clambake and among the Deuces about these sides. is a fairly amusing song, but the Smilin', a song which all three Clooneys, Tony, and the shouting thoroughly detest, finds the singing band don't do much with it, and

the ravens

Silent Night C+ White Christmas C

This increasingly popular vocal group (see METRONOME All Star Poll results) takes a very deep sea dive in its "rendition," as the label calls it, of two Yuletide musts. Deepest diver of them all, bassist Jimmy Ricks, is featured on both sides, with a wail or two from a tenor. (National 9062)

leslie scott

You C+

Each side has a Carterish alto Russell on hass, Max Roache (sic) introduction and a bit of Thompon drums, with no piamo credit sonish tenor by Budd Johnson, given. Barbados is a Spanish thing, some rather pompous singing of on which Charlie crowds a lot of the hot-potato-in-the-mouth school notes into familiar riffs, and Miles by Scott. Deuce Simon likes the plays with what Deuce S. calls quiet background on Sentimental; "weak attack" while U. says "he Deuce Ulanov prefers the Ellingtongets some nice sounds." Charlie's esque backing for the Ellington esque backing for the Ellington tune; nobody cares much for Leslie.

dinah shore

Far Away Places C+ Say It Every Day B-

Both sides (made out of this country) are accompanied by the tasteful work of a piano duo (identity concealed by Columbia), with whom Dinah sings with much more relaxation and control than when she's pursued by a 30-piece orbe Willie The Lion Smith and not chestra. Places has an Aloha introduction, pianistic moments from Moonlight Sonata and Begin the Beguine; Day, which is very nearly Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams note for note, is very pleasantly done, except for the persistent impression that Dinah is singing the wrong words. (Columbia 38356)

frank sinatra

Frank does two songs from his bass, Charles Rouse on tenor, Jack new movie, The Kissing Bandit, Parker on drums struggle along, with as much interest and feeling as the rather dull melodies and words demand. Both feature a guitar, but the Stordahl arrangement of Senor-ita is right out of Ravel, Kiss straight from Kostelanetz. (Colum-

There was complete agreement (Continued on page 49)

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happy new year!

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Cain and Roy Kral, and to Gordon Polk.

To all wanderers from the fold such as Andre Previn,

Have fun, make plenty, keep in touch—and that goes for you too, Jimmy Maxwell, Paul Nero, Bob Bach and Mike Levin.

And the rest of you in Hollywood, Carlos Gastel, Jerry Lester, Barney Dean, Jack Mass, Jack Clark, Jimmy Van Heusen and Johnny and Sonny Burke,

Keep that elbow straight, don't overwork.

Don't forget to salute George Weidler, Bob Cooper, Buddy Childers, Eddie Safranski, Shelly Manne, Pete Rugolo, and Stan Kenton,

For the noble cause that they're bent on.

In show business they're all:

Earl, Nat, Dodo, Teddy, Mel, Art, Bud, Lou, Hank, Johnny, John, Jimmy, Hal, Mary Lou, Eddie, Kenny, Buddy, Count, Erroll.

And the best of grinding of their respective axes,

To Virginia Wicks, George Evans, Cholly Stone, Bud Granoff, Jim McCarthy. Milton Karle. Wayne Varnum, Marvin Draeger, Buddy Basch, Dixon Gayer, Marvin Frank, Marvin Kohn, and all the other nice flackses.

Lawd, you made the list too long:

l don't want to do no wrong to Charlie Shavers, Pete and Conti Candoli, Ernie Royal, Ray Wetzel, Al Porcino, Clark Terry, Bobby Hackett, Cat Anderson, and Ray Linn, Kai Winding, J. C. Higginbotham, Lou McGarity, Will Bradley, Eddie Bert and Joe Mooney. who took the fine-grained stuff out of cigarettes and made it oolong.

And neither will I neglect a skip and hop

To celebrate the success of the Bird, Diz, J.J., Thelonious, Tad and Sarah, and all the other Maharajahs, and Maharanees, Moguls, Solons and Sultans of bip and bop.

And may Buddy strike it, as he'd like it, Rich,

And that other fine stud named Bud, DeFranco, to bandleading make a successful switch.

And don't forget to see or hear,

Your Dennis (Matt or Clark or Denny) once a year.

And if I've forgotten anyone, step up now and take a bow as your name is called:

Fats Navarro, Miles Davis, Willie Smith, Benny Carter, Eddie Miller, Bud Freeman. Sam Donahue, Ted Nash, Charlie Ventura, Coleman Hawkins, Wardell Gray, Allen Eager, Warren Marsh, Charlie Barnet, Joe Rushton, Peanuts Hucko, Barney Bigard. Aaron Sachs, Tony Scott, Les Brown, Butch Stone, Symphony Sid, Will Roland, Jack the Hook, The Jughead, Lester. Lucky, and Georgie Auld.

Next year I'll list everybody I oughter,

From Richard Whiting's daughter,

To John La Porta.

(And just in parenthesis,

Imagine the len'th o' this,

If to all these seasonal bleatings

I added the very warm greetings

To all I've missed

On the personal list

Of George Simon and Barbara Hodgkins and all the rest of us, Who send their very best too, and just as much as I do, want you to love us.) dull and placid; Ave Maria, the Schubert version, is done in very good taste by Jo, who sings it handsomely in very acceptable Latin, and by Paul Weston, who has adapted the traditional background to her voice. (Capitol 15291)

butch stone

My Feet's Too Big C Etiquette Blues C—

Butch has now popped up on the Capitol label, backed by Van Alexander who was last heard on MGM. The confusing result is not very funny. Feet is in shuffle rhythm, with inoffensive trumpet and tenor bits, but offensive singing and recitation by Butch. The Blues is all talk and no song and not very amusing. (Capitol 15301)

claude thornhill

I Knew You When B .-

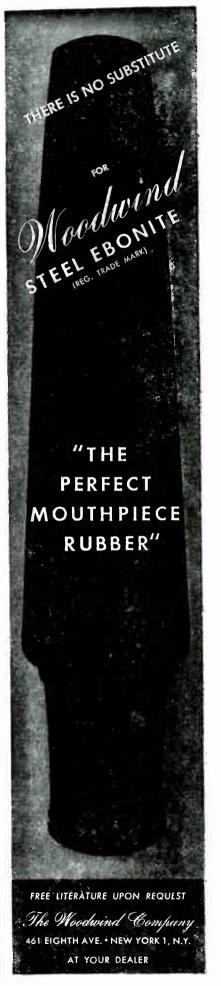
Polka Dots And Moonbeams C+ When is a very pretty tune which is tramed in a nice mood by the Thornhill piano, pretty muted trumpet, Armstrongish open trumpet, before Buddy Hughes comes in to sing. Though this is in Buddy's groove, unfortunately it's not his best singing; his control is ansure. his phrasing jerky. Some pretty alto, a few notes from Claude finish the side off. As for Polka Dots, Deuces H. and U. can't see the song, the dragging tenuo, the one-note piano, the French horn-the side. Deuce Simon thinks this also creates a pleasant mood. (Columbia 38347)

charlie ventura

I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles B—Baby, Baby, All The Time B—

Vocalists Jackie Cain and Roy Kral sing the first chorus of Bubbles

with the horns in a modified bop, their voices badly recorded; Ventura and Benny Green, sounding much like Trummy Young, trade phrases and bars in a chase chorus that gives neither time to develop any ideas; Jackie and Roy return for a wordless vocal, together with Charlie. It's not as good as Euphoria. Baby, which has been so sensitively handled by singers Buddy Rich, Lucy Ann Polk and composer Bob Troup, is thoroughly man handled by the old Ventura group To the particular distress of Deu-H., who is fonder of the tune than are her cohorts, Buddy Stewart wreaks havoc on the melody and Kai Winding intrudes upon his efforts with a trombone obbligato. There's a nice coda in which Buddy sings with the instruments, however. (National 9057)



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george simon: the good old vs. the bad new days

THEY LAUGH at you when you talk about the good old days and they make disparaging remarks about Figs and about "why don't you get hip, man, this is 1948!" And they've got a point there, so far as their attitude toward jazz itself is concerned.

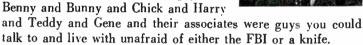
But there's another aspect of the good old days that still intrigues a lot of us old, old men who have been in jazz for fifteen years or so. That's the attitude of the people in the field. As each year goes by, this seems to become increasingly smug, intolerant and arrogant. And as this metamorphosis takes place, those of us who used to enjoy covering jazz and its musicians find the task less and less tasteful.

Before I go any further, let me state emphatically that what I have to say does not cover ALL the people connected with progressive jazz and bebop. Men like Kenton, Gillespie, Herman, Ventura, Rugolo, Manne, Safranski, Sauter and some others are all gentlemen, all guys you enjoy spending time with either talking about music or just plain having a ball.

But there are others, some of them musicians, some of them connected with jazz in other ways, who are making this business a sorry mess. Their morals and their ethics are of the lowest sort and not only are they out to cut anybody who doesn't feel just the way they do, but what's just as bad, they're fighting and conniving continually among themselves. Their morals, and

I include in this, their personal habits, have resulted in a degeneracy that has affected innocent members of their movement and which has also, directly and indirectly, brought about the destruction, even the death, of promising musicians.

This sort of undisciplined existence is entirely unnecessary. Perhaps the jazz of ten years ago was not as "gone" as some of today's music. But guys like Benny and Bunny and Chick and Harry



Some of today's offenders are simply emotionally immature. Unfortunately they are being misdirected by other musicians and also by other over-hip characters, by certain disc jockeys, by certain publicity men, by certain personal managers and by certain others whose vocations had better remain unlisted. The sooner jazz rids itself of malignant tumors, such as these, the sooner will it become, once again, a healthy, growing art form, capable of acceptance by all of America instead of by merely its own chosen few.



barry ulanov: happy new year!

What, ho-

To all friends and enemies, musicians, singers, readers and bookers, managers, bandboys, connections and hookers. greetings go:

May the new year

Bring to all one-finger pianists nine new fingers and plenty of cheer.

To drummers who bang cymbals and tempos rush,

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To Illinois Jacquet, Leo Parker, Flip Phillips, Lockjaw Davis and Herbie Fields, hello,

This year please don't bellow.

Season's best to Sam Marowitz, Shorty Rogers, Bill Harris, Chubby Jackson, Don Lamond, Nat Wechsler, Walt Yoder, Al Cohen, Blue Serge, Ralph Burns and Herman Woody,

To Dizzy Gillespie and James Moody.

For Mary Ann McCall

May singing this year be as much as last a ball. For Ella

All that's good, and also for Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan, June Christy, Anita O'Day, Peggy Lee, Doris Day, Fran Warren, Ivie Anderson, Kay Starr, Jo Stafford, Lena Horne, Frances Wayne, Mildred Bailey, Helen Humes, and Ella's fella. As me Irish friends say, God lave us
In peace, and keep well the Governor.
Swee' Pea, Harry Carney, Al Scars.
Rabbit, Ben Webster, Jimmy Hamilton, Al Killian, Scad Hemphill, Floor Show, Harold Baker, Tyree, Lawrence Brown, Little Willie, Al Celley, Freddie Guy, Junior, and Kay Davis.
And let's shout with Jerry Rhea

And let's shout with Jerry Rhea, Hip hipster, hooray!

A deep bow in the direction of Lennie Tristano, Billy Bauer.

Arnold Fishkin, Mel Zelnick, and Lee Konitz,

For their music and their principles, for playing, instead of for dollars, for doughnuts.

Billy Eckstine, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Mel Torme, Al Hibbler, Perry Como, Vic Damone, Dick Haymes, Artie Wayne, Art Lund, Buddy Hughes, Andy Russell, Johnny Desmond, Stuart Foster, Pancho Hagood, and Jeffries Herb, Let nothing you disturb.

A couple of ool-ya-koos. a lop-pow and an ecstatic oo-papa-da to all good scatting folk,

To Babs Gonzales, Dave Lambert and Buddy Stewart, Jackie
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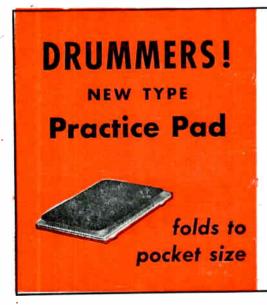


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