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EVERY THURSDAY Vol. XX No. 590 44 M.M. " CONTEST CHAMPIONS IN SENSATIONAL SEMI-PRO

A MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE TO THE SEMIPROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS OF THIS COUNTRY,
AND A GRAND BREAK FOR "MELODY MAKER"
CONTESTING BANDS, IS CONTAINED IN THE SENSATIONAL NEWS THAT ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30,
FROM 11 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT IN THE HOME SERVICE,
BB.C. LISTENERS WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR A FULL
HOUR OF DANCE MUSIC PROVIDED BY NO FEWER
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THESE CONSIST OF THE FIRST THREE BANDS IN THE RECENT RECORD-BREAKING "M.M." ALL-BRITAIN CHAMPIONSHIP—GEORGE CHAMBERS AND HIS BAND, OF MANCHESTER; FRED MIRFIELD AND HIS GARBAGE MEN, OF LONDON; AND BILLY MONK AND HIS BAND, OF COVENTRY; PLUS LAST YEAR'S WINNERS, WHO WERE UNFORTUNATELY PREVENTED FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAR IN THIS YEAR'S FINAL—GEORGE KIRCHEL AND HIS BAND, OF LONDON.

Credit for this grand culmination

Credit for this grand culmination to the most successful "M.M." contesting season of all time goes to the B.B.C.'s Dance Band Supervisor, Mrs. "Tawny" Neilson, who conceived the idea whilst actually listening to the bands at the All-Britain.

STUDIO BROADCASTS

So impressed was she with the standard of the performances that she decided there and then that she would do everything in her power to give at least the first three bands a chance to prove their worth on the

give at least the first three bands a chance to prove their worth on the air.

The decision to include last year's winners as well is an added gesture to the semi-pros and a well-deserved break for the Kirchel boys.

Each band will broadcast from a local B.B.C, studio—which is a much better idea from the balance point of view than any outside broadcast-and plans are afoot for a very well-known personality to compère the whole show.

We hope to be able to announce his identity in next week's issue.

Thus once again the value to the semi-pro of participation in "M.M." Contests is amply proved, and the possibility of nation-wide broadcast is just one of the added incentives that bands will consider when the next contesting season opens.

We congratulate the B.B.C. and Mrs. Neilson on what is not only a brainwave in programme production, but should prove particularly gratifying to semi-pro musicians now in the Forces at home and overseas, who will be thrilled to hear their own colleagues on the air.

"KID KRUPA" RECORDS

ONE of the most interesting recording sessions in a long while took place last Saturday (4th) at the E.M.I. Studios, when wizard child drummer Victor Feldman waxed some of his inimitable drumnistics for the first time.

Four titles were recorded—the old favourite "Rose Room." "Drummin' Man." "Serenade in C Minor" (a composition of the Feldman brothers), and another old-time success, "Sweet Georgia Brown."

Two of these titles, at least, will be issued in the December Supplement, under the Parlophone label.

With Victor on the session, apart from his two brothers of the Feldman trio—Robert (clarinet) and Monty (accordion)—were bassist Bert Howard and guitarist Vic Lewis (on leave from the R.A.P.).

Asked originally to do the session, guitarist Frank Deniz was forced to decline, being under permanent contract to the Decca Company.

"BILI GOFFREDO" AT ORCHARD CLUB

GAP left at the London Orchard Club and Restaurant (Wigmore St., W.) by the departure of Cab Quaye and his Band has been admirably filled by a new outfit somewhat in thriguingly billed as "Bill Goffredo" and his Band.

Nomenclature of "Bill Goffredo" and his Band.

Nomenclature of "Bill Goffredo" actually covers the identity of well-specialist Bill Goffrey, who was with Deniz Walton's Rumba Band and later joined Francisco Conde.

New outfit under Bill's direction is a rumba style of outfit, but it plays every type of dance music at the Orchard Club, and is the sole resident band.

With "Offredo" himself playing trumpet, flute, sax, clarry and accordion, rest of the outfit includes Maltonim Withell (guitary, Tomi Alvin (drums), Erroll Louis (plano), and Toni Goftrey imaraceas, etc..

Featured vocalist with the band is Bill Goffrey's sixteen - year - old daughter Lynn, singing in both English and Spanish.

THE NAME, HONOURED AMONG SWING FANS EVERYWHERE, OF DJANGO REINHARDT IS ON EVERYBODY'S LIPS SINCE WE GAVE OUR READERS THE NEWS RECENTLY THAT THE GREAT FRENCH GUITARIST IS ALIVE AND WELL IN PARIS, AND PLAYING MORE BRILLIANTLY THAN EVER.

There is no further news as yet of Diango's projected visit to play to Aliled troops in England.

IN THE MEANWHILE, HOW-EVER, A SPECIAL BROADCAST FROM FRANCE FEATURING THE ONE AND ONLY REINHARDT IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (9.45 P.M., G.F.P.).

SPECIAL RECORDINGS

The broadcast will consist of special recordings made in France, and it goes without saying that every Reinhardt fan in the country, together with all his old friends over here will be dolig their utmost to be beside their radio sets that night.

Let us hope that this broadcast will be closely followed by a visit from the great French swingman—in the flesh.

Johnny's Boys Of The "Bulldog" Breed

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London's quota of jive in the West
increased next week, when the Buildog
Restaurant in Bond Street, W., embarks on a The Dansant policy with
a five-piece jive band installed.

This is Johnny McMeighan and his
Quintet, and the outfit, led by Scottish, fiddle stylist Johnny McMeighan,
is being presented by Phil Green.

The rest of the boys—who all originally hailed from Scotland and are all
noted for their stylish propensities—
are Micky Greeve (drums); Arthur
O'Neill (bass); Micky Deans (tenor
sax); and Joe McClounie (plano).
Johnny McMeighan himself has
been on tour with Phil Green's
"Dixleland Band," and has also
played at various London clubs and
niteries; Micky Greeve and Arthur
O'Neill are stylish players from ArtThompson's Embassy Club Band;
Micky Deans is well known both in
and out of Town, and has been with
Harry Parry's augmented outfit; and
Joe McClounie halls from the Piccadilly Club, Glasgow.

FOSTER ON THE AIR AGAIN

THE many fans of Teddy Foster and his Band, currently playing with great success at the Grand Casino. Birmingham, will be glad to know that Teddy and his boys have another broadcast on November 17 (11.30-12 midnight, Home Service).

Teddy's last broadcast, on October 14, brought many appreciative fan letters, and he is going all out to please the swing-minded section of the public on his next airing.

PIANIST Bobby Fairweather, well known in Town and recently at the Berkeley Hotel, has joined up with Barry Seymour's Band at Ciro's Club. Bobby had a long spell with Jay Wilbur's Band, when Jay was on the road.

A COMPLETE change in the dance band arrangements at the London Embassy Club is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 27. The Saturday previous (November 25) Art Thompson and his Band will be finishing up their engagement at the Embassy, after nearly two years' unbroken run, and will give over the stand to a new bandleader in the person of trumpet-vocal ace Jack Wallace. Jack Wallace will need no introduction to London dancing fans. As leader of the "Woodchoppers" hend a lengthy run at the Astoniterie, and previous to that played extensively with this outfit in Variety. Leadership of his own outfit at the popular Embassy Club is Jack's biggest break to date, and there is no doubt that he wilf seize this opportunity with both hands.

WALLACE LINE-UP

Art Thompson, who has worked extremely hard in the past two years, is to have, first of all a complete rest; after which he will undertake a number of one-night stand, Sunday concert and private dates.

Art has built up an extremely modern type of combination at the Embassy Club, and there is no doubt that many provincial swing fans will be glad of the opportunity to hear it. Art also has further broadcasts to hooked, his next being a "Music While You Work" session on November 24 (3-3-30 p.m.).

The new Embassy Club Band, under the leadership of Jack Wallace, will feature Jack himself on trumpet and singing some of the vocals; supported by Harry, Nixon (piano); Frank Cole (bass); Bill Greenwood (first alto sax, etc.); Ted France (second alto sax, etc.); Ted France (second alto sax, etc.); Bill Power (second tenor sax, etc.); and Ned Whitebread (drums).

Most of these boys are well known in Town, and at least one-Ned Whitebread—has recently been leading his own combination in the West End.

Featured vocalist will be Bobby Young, late of Oscar Rabin's Band.
Don Marino Barreto and his Rumba-Band will, of course, carry on as the before at the Embassy.

The engagement of Jack Wallace at the Embassy has been negotiated by Gino Arbib, of Anglo-American thus to look after the fortunes of Art Thompson in all future dates.

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EXTREMELY GOOD NEWS FOR THE THOUSANDS OF SWING FANS IN THE ALLIED FORCES IS CONTAINED IN THE FACT THAT, STARTING NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 13), A COMPLETELY NEW BROADCASTING SCHEDULE BRINGS MAJOR GLENN MILLER'S OUTFIT, AND THE VARIOUS SEOTIONS OF IT, MORE OFTEN TO A.E.F. AIRWAVES.

The new arrangement will, in the first place, mean that the full Glenn Miller Band will in future be playing not one, but two full half-hour programmes per week from the Queensberry All-Services Club, London.

These full-band programmes, hitherto broadcast each Thursday at 8.30 p.m., at will be held under the auspices of the "M.M." is open to amateur and semi-pro. bands from all parts of the country, and the winners will be considered as having qualified for Ballroom is now firmly settled down, under the leadership of Bobbie.

PREME IN THE PROBLEM OF SWING FAME. THE PROBLEM

BEREAVEMENT

England on Stage

UP-AND-COMING semi-pro bandleader Jack England is enjoying
one of his biggest breaks to date this
current week, appearing with his
outfit in Variety at the Grand
Theatre, Clapham (London)
With Jack compering, the line-up is
Eddie Rock, Tom Smith and Tony
Martin (saxes); Billy Dick, Ron
Goodwin and John Forward (trumpets); Len Capon (trombone); Jack
Coillins (plano); Johnny Quest (bass);
and Ron Somers (drums). Vocalists
are Gillian Ellis and Peggy Vanness.

GROOVE by EDGAR JACKSON

November 11, 1944

(From a sailor to the "Daily
Mirror's" "Live Letters")

If you can answer this teaser I'll
send five bob to the Games Fund.
How many feet of track are there on a 10-inch gramophone record (on side only)? ANSWER

(By the "Live Letters" Editors) Send the cash. There are 494.2 feet of track.

COMMENT

COMMENT
(By me)

Keep your cash, sailor.
The length of track on a record is governed by the length of time it is required to "play."
The ordinary (78 r.p.m.) 10-inch domestic gramophone record plays for anything between 24 and 34 minutes, and the length of track, of course, varies accordingly. Hardly any two records, therefore, have the same amount of track, so no one can say how much track there is on a record without knowing the particular record referred to.

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P.S.—To obtain a rough estimate of the length of track on any given record proceed as follows:—

Find the number of track spirals on the record.

(This can be done by counting the number of revolutions the turntable makes while the needle is actually in the revolving track.)

Then, by repeating the same procedure of counting the revolutions while the needle is in the revolving track, find where the middle spiral is, and measure the diameter of the record at this point.

Now multiply the TOTAL number of spirals on the record by the diameter of the record at the MIDDLE spiral and multiply the record by the diameter of the record at the AIDDLE spiral and multiply the result by pi (3.14159), and the answer is the approximate length of the track.

EXAMPLE:
Say a record has 236 spirals of track and the diameter at the middle (118th) spiral is 7 inches. (Incidentally, these happen to be near enough the figures for a 10-inch record playing for about the average time of 3 minutes.)

7 × 236 × 3.14159 = 5189.90668 inches, or approx. 432 ft. 6 in. of track

You'll notice that I have taken care to use the words "rough" and "approximate."

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This is because the method of track measuring I have suggested could-be accurate only if the spirals were "straight."

But they are not.

They consist (as you will see if you examine the track through a magnifying glass) of tens of thousands of minute wiggles imodulations they are called which make the track longer than it would be if the spirals were "straight," and to measure which would require either some incredibly delicate instrument working on the principle of a map-measuring meter, or a very complicated light-ray apparatus.

So, as far as you, I or the "Live Letters" blokes are concerned, any pretence of having ascertained correctly the length of track on any record is nothing more than it is a pretence.

And having thus displayed my scientific ingenuity and mathematical genius, and got you muddling up your best records with Sunday's pite). I'd better proceed to review some records.

A RECORD REVIEW!

This week it's the turn of :

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HARRY PARRY AND HIS RADIO
SEXTET

**Boogie Bounce (Rolands) (Parlophine CEI1233),

**Rocky Mountain Blues (Simmons) (Parlophone CEI1234),

(Parlophone R2945—5s. 4id.)

**Parry Party (Derek Neville)

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**Cone With the Wind (Magidson, Wrubel (Parlophone CEI1231),

(Parlophone R2950—5s. 4id.)

*Parry (clart.), with Derek Neville

(alto., bar.); Ken Oldham (tenor):

Stan Roderick (tpt.); Pat O'Neil

(pno.); Sam Molyneaux (bass); Syd

Raymond (dms.). Recorded May 26,

WELL, it's much the same old song quite so good.
(Incidentally, first mentioned of these discs was released last September, but demands on space have prevented it from being dealt with until now.)

"Boogle Bounce" is, as its title suggests, boogle-woogle (more or less). Pat O'Nell plays nice quasi-boogle piano, but otherwise the performance, which is a rather more noisy than inspired conglomeration of sound, has not a great deal to recommend it. The slower "Rocky Mountain Blues" is better to the extent that Harry plays his as usual musicianly clarinet and Roderick plays an unexpectedly good blues-style trumpet.

NO HARRY



Famous figures in the world of classy gramophone records, Bettine Rampton, of radio-records fame; and critic, broadcaster and "Collectors' Corner" celebrity Rex Harris, go into a huddle over the script of one of their many B.B.C. programmes. For a long time assistant to Leslie Perowne at the B.B.C., Bettine also worked with Rex Harris on "The Story of Jazz." Rex, besides his many other activities in the jazz world, is busy presenting programmes to India with Ralph Hill, on the lines of their popular E.N.S.A. shows.

activity conducted by our boys overseas, and from nowhere is there such a consistent flow of news as from India.

L.A.C. A. Griffin, of the R.A.F. in India, reports the existence of an outfit which is spreading the gospel of jive in his area. The boys, all R.A.F. personnel, are led by George Lawrie, who plays plano and looks after the arranging. George halis from Edinburgh, and is well known in gig circles back home.

Doug Pegg, from Dartford, is on bass and also handling the vocals; "Dinty" Moore, a Southender, fills the percussion department; Spike Pinn plays trumpet and helps with the scoring—he comes from Stockport, where he had gained an enviable reputation as hornman. Completing the regular band is Jock Tait, another Edinburgh lad, who holds down the trombonist's seat. Jock, too, weights lin with special arrangements.

Cocasionally the outfit has the services of tenor saxist Syd Wright, who has played with several Microny Maker Championship-winning bands in the past.

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But the ensembles which constitute the first and last choruses can only be described as tritely played and not too well balanced. The high register instruments overpower the lower (?recording balance).

"Parry Party" is a fast plece written by Derek Neville, and it is to some extent a showcase for him. Unfortunately, he hardly does himself justice, and I preferred the soles by plano, clarinet and tenor. But it is again Stan Roderick who gets nearest to saving the record from being anything more than mediocre. Roderick's best performance is, however, in "Gone With the Wind." This piece (not to be confused with the Basic-Goodman swing opus "Gone With What Wind?") is a ballad foxtrot, and a quite charming little melody, too.

The first and last half of the second are taken by Roderick, who may not have a Harry James tone, but uses his reliable technique to illustrate a nice taste and style.

The first half of the last chorus is piano solo by Pat O'Nell.

The last time I heard Pat in the flesh was in the band he had at the flesh was in the band he had at the generally supported the performance he gives on this record has turned out to be a pleasurable surprise.

It is a pity, however, that for once Harry Parry himself takes no solo. This is the sort of treatment of the kind of tune in which his always polished and often quite artistic clarinet might have shown up to great advantage. FAVOURITE DREAM

IT'S WRIGHT!!

BRAND'S ESSENCE

DANCE BAND GOSSIP

Band at the Ritz Ginema in Huddersfield, "playing with great wizardry
and finesse."

The concert at which Alec was
featured was a "Parade of the
Bands," which, besides Aubrey Hirst
and his outfit, featured the Band of
the 41st Battalion R.A.P.C., directed
by Capitain H. Buckley, with Private
Vera Bolton (A.T.S.) as vocalist.

Also distinguishing themselves were
the Gresham Swingtet; Eric Pearson
and his Orchestra; with Jack Parker
vocalising. Norman Briggs and Billy
Hobson played "pop" tunes on the
organ; and W.A.A.F. Edith Cross, Les
Lee, Eddie O'Sullivan, Colin Michael
and the Services Mixed Choir, gave
variety to a show that, besides the
efforts of the boy drummer already
mentioned, was full of good things.

In addition to the grand work which it is doing to entertain the swing fans, Major Glenn Miller's Orchestra —or rather the magnificent string section of it on this occasion—delighted straight-music lovers among the Allied Porces last Monday (6th) by playing a series of classical pieces under the distinguished baton of Sir Adrian Boult.

A lovely programme by any stan-dard; but why, oh why, were Home listeners given no chance to hear it? It was not even recorded for future 0

FOR many listeners to the "Itma" broadcasts, the screwy arrangements played by the Variety Orchestra are almost as eagerly awaited as the ultra-screwy programme liself.

Many of these have been the work of 27-year-old Ronald Hammer, whose published fantasies, "The Oak and the Rose," "Capstan and Windlass" etc., are already familiar to musiclans, and whose "Typhoon" is being featured by Tony Lowry and Clive Richardson to-night (Thursday) with the B.B.C. Midland Orchestra.

Ronald's next "Itma" contribution will be his interpretation of "Waltzing Matilda" in next Thursday's broadcast.

It is, however, in last night's broadcast by the Variety Orchestra that listeners probably found their most interesting composition to date from Ronald's pen.

For "A Jazz Overture," written as a straight overture and founded on original dance-type tunes, shows most clearly the breadth of this young composer's talent and his ability to interpret his own inspiration in a really modern and musically effective manner (writes Pat Brand).

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THE MELODY MAKER AND RHYTHM

STILL they come rolling in, these "prodigies of percussion," and once again this week the question arises as to whether our "Kid Krupa" (Victor Feldman) has got a rival in this country.

Runner-up for the drumnistic garlands this time is fourteen-year-old Aleo Oldham, of Huddersfield—but twas actually two years ago that Harry Parry prophesied a great future for this boy.

Playing in a one-nighter in Huddersfield, Harry was pestered all the evening by a small, merry-faced youngster who calmly asked to be allowed to play a session on the drums. When Harry at last gave way, both he, and all his boys, were amazed at the young lad's playing.

That Aleo Oldham has "kept it up" is proved by the fact that he was recently guest star with Aubrey Hirst's Band at the Ritz Ginema in Huddersfield, "playing with great wizardry and finesse." and us, with astonished admiration.

SUPPOSING there were a £6 fine awaiting you every time you to played boogle-woogle, and one of £5 any time you rendered any Negroid music; supposing your radio had been confiscated and the death penalty lasing one, how do you think you'd be able to keep in touch with modern jazz—in fact, do you think you'd be able to keep in touch at all?

Those are the conditions in Holland during the reign of the swastika; those were the conditions up to a week or two ago in a certain Dutch town prior to its liberation by the Allies—who included in their force Driver Ken Everett, ardent swing fan Maurice Burman.

Keen swing fans during the occupation, despite the rigid restrictions, were two Dutch brothers whom Ken met shortly after the town's partial liberation, and who forthwith invited him home to a cup of tea and a yarn about the world of jazz—and to a chance of listening again to some jazz records.

Eagerly Ken agreed, and over the teacups familiar names once again filled the hitherto restricted air that resounded still with the crash of enemy shells. And then the Dutch boys brought out their records, selected one, and Ken prepared himself for a treat.

He got one—and the biggest surprise of his life. The disc spun round once or twice, and then, drowning the noise of bursting shells, gave out with the Geraldo version of Maurice Burman's "Soft Shoe Shufile."

To say that Ken was thunderstruck is an understatement. For where on earth, during the dark days, could they possibly have acquired a Geraldo disc?

"Simple," the Dutchman told him, yes, their radio had been confiscated; yes, death awaited them." the surprise of the sur



Another rung of the ladder of success was climbed last Saturday by the amazing British "Kid Krupa" (Victor Feldman) when he recorded four titles for Parlophone (see story on P. 1). Here is tenyear-old Victor standing proudly behind his drums, and next to him is E.M.I. recording manager Wally Moody. In back row (l. to r.) are West End drummer Carlo Krahmer (Feldman Club Bandleader); Robert Feldman (clary); Vic Lewis (gtr.); Monty Feldman (acc.); and Bert Howard (bass).

Vic Lewis (gtr.); Monty Feldman (acc.); and Bert Howard (bass).

Sid Fendy, leader (alto), formerly of Ceres Harper's Band, Bridlington; Sid Morgan (alto), from Hull: Ernie Holden (tenor), from Ashington; Harry Alton (tpt.), formerly with Doug, Swallow in London; Joe Maltby (tpt.) and Percy Stather (tmb.), both from Hull; Fred Aleock (pno.), previously with the Rialtonians in York; James Stewart (acc.), from London; Harry Boagey (bass and vocals), from Jack Marwood's Band in Hartlepool; Bert Bolton (vln.), from Huddersfield; and a drummer who wishes to remain anonymous.

PROM a member of the R.A.M.C. and bert Howard (bass).

France comes an urgent appeal, and one to which a number of our readers will wish to respond. It contents to ever there.

In the words of Private P. Hard-castle, R.A.M.C., who makes the appeal:

"I am serving with a hospital in France, so the records would bring enjoyment not only to me and anonymous.

Burman's Soft Shoe Shufile."

To say that Ken was thunderstruck is an understatement. For where on earth, during the dark days, could they possibly have acquired a Gerald countryside, is that directed by Ronnie Bevan, formerly with the Burman reception of it for their own outfit, but, unwilling to the to take a transcription of it for their own outfit, but, unwilling to the played it at local dances under another name.

Then, awaiting an occasion when reception was extra good, one of the brothers had recorded it on his own machine, made sixty copies altogether, and sold them for 50 gulder each approximately five pounds!

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November 11, 1944

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"One Hour — Two Bands" programme.

The combo is none other than the little R.A.F. outfit originally directed by Billy Amstell.

Billy Amstell having recently returned to civil life, the leadership has been assumed by Arthur Mouncey, and Billy's place on sax and clarinet has been taken by Chick Milne.

The complete line-up is thus Mouncey (tpt.), Milne (sax and clarry), Bobby McGee (piano), Freddy Phillips (g'tar), "Tiny." Winters (bass), and Sid Heiger (drums).

Introducing the band, Charles Chilton (where you been all this time. Charles, and how goes?) said that the accent would be on Dixieland style.

style.
And so it was.
Not only were we given such old favourites from the Dixieland era as "Clarinet Marmalade," "The Jazz Me Bluess!" "Changes," and "Panama," but they were also played more or less in the Dixieland manner, even if it was at times flavoured with more than a mere suggestion of the more modern swing idiom.

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"DETECTOR"

you've got for your signature number. Arthur. What's it called, and where did you find it?

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—For the benefit of Detector" and others, the signature tane is the theme of the Mouncey-McGee composition "Trumpet Impromptu" which Joe Loss recently recorded for H.M.V., with Arthur himself playing the trumpet part.]

LAST week, in Tuesday's "Variety Band Box," and in the repeat performance iast Sunday, the B.B.C. It shows the British Isles, and for all I know the greater part of the world, a chance to hear the young ten-year-old drummer sensation, Victor Feldman. Goodness knows he has his faults, but that he is a sensation no one who is heard him in the flesh can deny. Yet what chance the listeners had of appreciating the fact is another matter. In the first place, owing to bad balance about the only time one could hear him was when he took a break by himself or had a solo.

But it wasn't only the faulty balance that hampered our hearing of Victor not only adequately, but at his best.

For this the blame lies to a great extent with his two brothers, Robert and Monty, who accompanied him respectively on clarinet and accordion completing, with Victor, the Feldman Trio.

I hate to say this, because no one

band, very much in demand amongst Service musicians as the only instrument doctor in the whole India Command (or so it seems).

The band does lots of gigs and broadcasts, and whilst Alan was recently in Bombay he played several times with Ken Mae's Band, which as I have mentioned before, is the leading outfit in Bombay. About the only other outstanding civilian outfit in India—so Alan tells me—is that led by Rudy Cotton, who operates from New Delhi.

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One-time lead trumpet with the famous desert outfit, Don Artingstall's Dots and Dashes," in its early days. Driver Tom Hall, of the R.A.S. Driver Tom Hall, of th



Cheerful figure above is Lieut.

Tracy Coy, of the 1st Allied Air-X borne Army, who is now over here with the U.S. Forces.

Before joining un, Tracy—who hails from Cincinnati, Ohio—was manager of Count Basie's Band, which is sufficient reason why we welcomed him with open arms when he drifted into the M.M.".

offices on a recent leave and regaled us with fascinating stories of the U.S. band business.

Tracy first met Basie when he hooked the band for a dance at Miami University. It was a Battle of the Bands between Basie's Bunch and Dick Stabile's Band. As Tracy says, "Gee! There was not much of Stabile!"

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U.S. JIVE JOTTINGS

IN Los Angeles, preparations are already under way for the V-Day celebrations which are expected to exceed anything hitherto known.

On that day, bands will parade the city streets, and to that end local Union 47 has asked musicians not engaged during the day time to register now for parade duty.

gaged during the day duty.

Niteric owners' one dread is that the authorities may night life, when the time see fit to impose a ban on night life, when the time arrives, so as to avert possible rioting due to excessive high spirits on the Great Day.

Red Nichols' "Five Pennies" are again in currency.
At the Hotel Hayward, in Los Angeles, Red revived the
Tamous name when he opened the new Rhythm Room last

month.

Though he now uses scores, and makes no attempt to ape the style of his early recording groups, his band certainly has something to offer enthusiasts. Visitors on opening night included Joe Venuti, Arthur Schutt and the Dorsey Brothers—all ex-Pennies who wished to congratulate their old leader.

Another film which looks a "must" for Jazz fans is the Monogram pic entitled "Block Busters." Reason? One sequence features the late Jimmie Moone in his beloved "Apex Blues," and playing two background picces for dancers. Despite the brevity of the spot, Jazz lovers will value it as probably Noone's one and only screen appearance.

* * Before leaving the West Coast, a news flash from California. Rudi Blesh, who was partly responsible for putting Bunk Johnson before the San Francisco public, now says that the veteran trumpet man has returned

Johnson hailed from New Iberia, Louisiana, where

Johnson halled from New Iberia, Louislana, where he worked in the rice fields, and it is to be presumed the has reverted to that occupation. Fortunate that Decca captured his music in time.

And latest about the Orson Welles radio band is that acc-drummer Zutty Singleton has been rehearsing an outfit which unfortunately includes none of the previous members of Welles' Jazz Band. Apparently, Zutty is as sore as anyone at the dropping of such grand musicians as Papa Mutt Carey, Ed Garland and Wade Whaley.

* * Roughs are abroad in Greenwich Village these days, and it seems they're picking on Jazz talent for their victims. Musicians are usually safe from the attention of mobsters, perhaps because of their habitually impoverished state, but lately they have been badly treated in the village.

Of the several cases reported, the most recent concerns clarinettist Rod Cless, and trumpeter Sterling Boss. Both were waylaid after working hours, as they made their way home, and severely beaten up.

Arthur Shaw was recently a figure in yet another divorce proceedings, when his wife, Betty, filed suit in the Los Angeles courts. Artie has apparently made the necessary property arrangements, but his wife is now seeking custody of the child.

Singing guitarist Josh White, who already has albums of his songs on the Keynote, Musicraft and Columbia labels, has quite recently completed a set for the Asch Company, 117, West 46th Street, New York City, Release will be any day now.

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A session held in the studio of photographer Gion Mili is said by critics to have been one of the greatest things ever heard in New York.

Eddie Condon (of course) organised the session and played guitar: Brad Gowans and the Nick's brigade dropped in; Wild Bill Davidson brought his trumpet from the Famous Door; while Café Society and the Zanzibar delivered the bands of Teddy Wilson and Don Redman respectively.

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Others present were Cozy Cole, Bobby Hackett, Jess Staey, Miff Mole. Lou McGarrity, Sid Weiss, Mary Lou Williams, Irving Fazola and James P. Johnson. Duke Ellington and his Band arrived to play a couple of numbers, and Billie Holiday obliged with "Fine and Mellow," accompanied by the Wilson outfit.

Josh White, too, came over from the Café Society Dwintown to sing his inevitable. Jim Crow sons. This Dwintown to sing his inevitable. Lee Wiley rendered "Sugar," backed up by husband Stacy. Sid Welss and Cozy. It was four in the morning when the session finally came to a close!

severe elembration for the good wishes to trombonist Geo. Birch, who (says Tom) gave him a lot of help and encouragement in the early days of the desert war.

Heat recently from Eddie Mendoza. Who, after a spell in a Highland Infantry Band has now been transferred to the Royal Engineers as a driving instructor.

He tells me that the unit is just starting a band and concert party. So he's keeping his fingers well and truly crossed.

So get busy all of you. Every single So get busy all blacked to a close!

So get busy all of you. Every single Cozy. It was four in the morning when the session finally came to a close!

Ben Webster, ex-Ducal tenor ace, now leading his own group at the Garriek Bar downtown in New York. . . . Head of Decca's Race Record department. Mayo Williams, is after the services of a sensational West Coast blues singer named T-Bone Walker. . . . Louis Armstrong has not only lost a lot of weight lately but he is going around town giving out free copies of the deter responsible. . . . Billie Heliday has just recently signed don only lost a lot of weight lately but he is going around town gi

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'Elenny Morton, Harry Carney, Everett Ellington "specialist" Norman Evans of Reading, who backs up the Corner in its recently stated policy, and and adds a word or two of advice on our prospective discographical features. Says Norman:

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