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# JACK HARRIS

ALIEN

N view of our exclusive story in last week's issue about the Dance Band Directors' Association's attitude towards the application by American bandleader Jack Harris for permission to work in this country, the MELODY MAKER has obtained the following explanatory statement of policy— affecting not only Jack Harris, but all alien bandleaders—from the Association's secretary, Hardle Ratcliffe.

Mr. Ratcliffe said: "The decision by the MU and the DBDA to oppose the granting of permission for Jack Harris to work in Britain was in no way directed by any personal ani-mosity, but is part of a definite policy. "The Union, in conjunction with bandleaders, will oppose all applica-tions for work permits by nationals of countries with whom there is no reci-

procal agreement.

procal agreement.

"This ruling will apply to all allen musicians and bandleaders, who will be obliged to conform to the clearly defined ruling that, before becoming eligible even to join the Union, they must prove residence in this country for at least one year immediately prior to making the application.

"This does not apply to citizens of the British Empire, who can join the Union without the qualifying period of residence over here.

"This measure is designed purely to protect our musicians and leaders from an influx of foreign competition, and no exception is likely to be made until such time as other countries accord the privilege of entry to Britishers."

Britishers.

Hardie Ratcliffe also told us that the DBDA is now in the throes of making preliminary arrangements to extend the scope of the Association to include provincial leaders.

Scotland is to be the first objec-tive, and it is more than likely that a meeting will be held in Glasgow in the near future.

Scottish leaders interested in join-ing the DBDA should contact Hardie Ratcliffe, at 7. Sicilian Avenue, London, W.C.1.

## Henry Hall for Coliseum

MPORTANT news this week is two-weeks' season at the London Coliseum commencing on Monday, May 12. Although he has been took a sudden serious indisposition May 12. Although he has been consistently touring Variety theatres since he left the BBC in 1937, this will be Henry's first now led by Ronnie Chamberlain, is one of the many small speciality appearance in West End Variety since he played the Palladium in 1935 whilst still director of the

cluding dynamic Betty Driver, vocal- drummer, Peter Coleman. ists Eva Beynon and Bob Mallin, and

funny-man Freddy Mann. Bob Mallin is as big a success with the band as he was in pre-war days musical profession crowded St. when he made a feature of Hill-Billy Michael's Church, Wood Green, songs. He left Henry in 1939, first to on Easter Saturday for the wed-

attractions in the provinces. Henry's recording staff. strictly commercial offering, backed by ten years of stage presentation to Douglas brought this renowned vocalall types of audiences, should please ist-bandleader and most of his boys West End theatre-goers no less than to play the happy couple from the their provincial cousins.



A sermon to the swingsters was preached on Easter Sunday at the Feldman Brothers' Wembiey Town Hall concert, after protests had been made by local clergy. Accepting the organisers' invitation, the Rev. Herbert R. Peerless, of St. Augustine's Church, Wembiey, is here seen addressing the swing fans, while Coleridge Goods (bass); Bob Fridman (ciart.); Freddle Clayton (ipt.); Jock Bain (trambone); Onco. Erahmer (drams); and Eathleen Stohart (tense) passe in mid-swing to Baien stientively. (See "Besence," page 4.)

### VIC LEWIS AND BAND AT "M.M." CONTEST WITH GIRL TENOR-CAPTURE

special Sunday contests, at lancing. the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, Before additional feature attraction. that most enterprising and versatile of the new big swing bands, the full Vic Lewis Orchestra.

The combination will also be giving swing concerts, under the segis of Lewis Buckley, in the Oval Hall of the City Hall, Sheffield, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, and at the Floral Hall, Southport, at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, April 20.

For all these dates Vic will have with him famous sire available for the second sunday.

with him famous girl saxist Kathleen Stobart, stated in America's "Down Beat" by a GI fan, who heard her while he was serving over here, to be the greatest of all British tenor soloists, irrespective of sex.

combinations from the band.

Also with the orchestra will be its full array of vocalists, including BBC Dance Orchestra.

Henry, who will be "topping" a strong Variety bill at the Coliseum, will feature his full aggregation in
Helen Mack, Frank Holmes, Charles Granville and the Lewisiana Quintet, star pianist Ken Thorne, and the 1946 "All-Britain" champion

REPRESENTATIVES of the BBC and all branches of the undertake war work, and later to ding of popular radio dance band and sports announcer, Alan Clark, One of Variety's outstanding to Miss Joan Heigho, of the BBC

A grand gesture from Leslie church.

## KANE LEAVES ERIC

A FTER seven years' association with Eric Winstone, vocalist FOR the first of this season's band to concentrate on free-

Before venturing into his new stone aggregation has kept him busy for almost two years without a break, as vocalist, drummer with Roy Marsh's Sextet, and deputy-leader for Eric.

This parting is by mutual arrange-ment with many regrets on both sides. However, Alan will be heard as guest singer' with Eric in the future. Also, Bernard Reddington, manager of the Winstone office, will be handling some of Alan's business. | Sunday, April 27.

## **ENGLISH-FRENCH** BAND EXCHANGE FALLS THROUGH

HEAVY taxation in this country is given as the chief reason for the complete breakdown in the negotiations exclusively announced in the MELODY Maker two weeks ago, whereby Bernard Hilda's French band was to play a season at the Embassy Club, London, W., whilst Harry Gold's Pieces of Eight were to have carried out Hilda's commitments at the Club de Champs Elysees in Paris. (See picture on page 4.4

The figure asked by Berrard Hilda (wires our Paris correspondent, Henry Kahn) was too high for even the Embassy Club to cope with, and although negotiations were in a very advanced stage, the whole project has had to be dropped.

Meanwhile, Kahn reports that

Stephane Grappelly spent last week in Paris, sounding the Prench cabarets with a view to taking a British band over to Paris.

We understand that so far no concrete proposals have been made, and if an exchange does take place it will not be for some time yet—at least not before Grappelly has completed

his commitments in England.

Whilst in Paris, the fiddle stylist recorded four sides for the Hot Club—"R-Vingt Six." "Loverman." "Blue Low," and a Blues.

### TED HEATH VARIETY

don and the provinces can keep a date with Britain's swing king when he and his 17 Musicmakers start a tour of leading Variety theatres on Monday next (14th).

On that date Ted, who has only twice previously appeared on the halls, will be featured in the top-of-the bill spot at the Empire. Pinsbury Park. Subsequent dates will be played at the Hippodrome, Birmingham (May 5th); and the Empire,

A Sunday concert will be given at the Empire. Newcastle (May 18), following which further Variety appearon April 20, at 2.30 p.m., organiser sphere of work. Alan is taking a well-Lewis Buckley has engaged, as an earned month's holiday, as the Win-Golders Green (19th), and the Hippodrome, Coventry (26th).

to-night (Thursday, Meanwhile, April 10) Northern enthusiasts can enjoy Ted Heath's Music at the Floral Hall, Southport, where pro-moter Lewis Buckley is featuring Heath at a mammoth dance.
Cart Barriteau and Benny Lee will

be the guests at the next Ted Heath London Palladium Swing Session on

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### Jerry Dawson's PROVINCIAL NEWS

NORTH-WEST. EDDIE CARROLL (tpt.); with Harry Bostock at Ritz, Manchester, in place of Joe Royle. . . Joe is now with Bill Edge at Levenshulme Palais, where Ted Smith has replaced Le: Johnson on drums. . . Morris Mack taking an 8-piecer to the Floral Hall, Goldstone, Yarmouth, for the summer. Tenor man Roland Mott to marry Evelyn Bullengh, April 26th . Pot-Evelyn Bullough, April 26th. . . . Pot-teries branch of M.U. gaining strength. Press excluded from recent "hush-hush" meeting. Local price-cutting thought to be one of the main topics. . . Bassist Bert Daniels has left Jack Jordan's "Sing-Song" outfit. Is working for Richard Valery. . . Manchester trumpet. Bud Jacobs, became a daddy last week (a boy)... Eddie McGarry did a grand broadcast in last Friday's "Band of the Week." ... Likewise Billy Forrest in Easter Monday's "R.S.V.P." This band should definitely go into "Band of the Week."

SOUTH COAST. PONNIE PLEYDELL urgently requires alto and tenor saxes (doubling violin pref.). Contact Ronnie at Ballerina Restaurant, Bournemouth (B'mouth 6549). . . . Recent Brighton Jamboree in mid of the M.U. Benevolent Pund terrific success, with a thousand dancers and five bands, . . . Brighton's Metropole Hotel has reopened with altoist Bobby Martin directing Tim Carney and Mark Java (saxes); Reg Paine (tpt.) Fred Shoesmith (piano); Cyril Drew (drums); and Inch Crabbes (these) and Jack Crabtree (bass). . . Teddy Foster was the attraction at Hove Town Hall, Easter Saturday and Monday.

HAVING just completed a winter season at the Blue Lagoon Ballroom. Newquay, Bill Harding will be prein Newquay, Perranporth, and St. Austell. . . . After 20 years in the band husiness. Billy Gammon and Ken Lancey have decided to call it a day. They and drummer Eddle Hedworth are directors of the Star Engineering Co. (Worcester), Led., which business they entered during the war years. . . Den Wheeler (tpt.) takes over the Gammon band, and commenced at the Winter Gardens, Malvern, on Easter Monday.

E Studio-has been opened by Miss Dorothy Glendinning, and a four-piece band, the "Harmonicans," has been in-stalled. Under Bill How (piano) are Bill Buckle and Alf Bewes (saxes) and Pat Piuchnell (drums), . . . Jack Hylton is the latest public figure to express support for the project of forming an Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra . .

Bebby Foley, well-known Glasgow drummer, now started with George Colborn at Plaza, Glasgow. . . Also there is trumpet Barney Dillon, recently at Dundee. . . . Jack Britton, alto, play-ing at Lewis's with Pete Low. . . Louis Freeman conducted "Gang Show" at Royal Theatre last week. . . . Squads at Glasgow Empire, with Tommy McQuater, Andy McDevitt and Jimmy Watson, glad to meet old friends in the Club. . . . Tommy Sampson's American-style band from Edinburgh, attracting attention still further afield, a one-nighter at

## BUTLIN BOOKS OVER 250 MUSICIANS FOR SUMMER

NNOUNCING the feast of entertainment devised for holiday-makers at Skegness, Clacton, Pwhelli, Filey and Ayr throughout the summer, Al Berlin, musical director to Butlin's Holiday Camps, disclosed to the MELODY MAKER that "Billy" Butlin is spending even more on music this year than last, hiring over 250 musicians, at substantial salaries.

With four of the five camps now open, and Ayr opening on May 17, the season has got well into its stride. with several bands already at work and all the others due to weigh-in by

Every camp has something different to offer from the attractions put on last summer, except Clacton, where by overwhelming demand the Squadronaires return, complete with Doreen Stephens and Billy Nicholis, on June 1, staying until September 28.

Skegness, which had Eric Winstone and his Orchestra in 1946, will undoubtedly find Nat Temple and his Orchestra appealing, for clarinettist Nat will be leading a spendid new 16-piece band with two well-known vocalists, whose names he cannot at present divulge.

#### FIVE CAMPS

Eric Winstone, fronting his full stage-band and vocalists, is the attraction at Pwhelli, North Wales, and Ronnie Munro is the obvious choice for Ayr, being a Scot himself and well acquainted with the local likes and distilled in music likes and dislikes in music.

Some idea of the lavish fare campers are going to get for a moderate inclusive figure at all five camps can be gathered from the fol-lowing information:

Pwhelli opened on March 29 with Maurice Sheffield (14-piece dance band), Jack Dwyer (15-piece theatre orchestra), Harold Hones (organist), and Stam and Doris (entertainers), with Eric Winstone due on May 25, by which time Dwyer will have augmented to 25.

Clacton opened on March 29 with Stanley Barnett (12-piece dance band, including vocalist Dorothy Clinton). Alvin Gould (15-piece theatre orchestra), Bunny Austin (accordion, vibra and xylophone), and Arthur Wood (organist), with the Squads orchestra). Bunny Austin (accordion, vibra and xylophone), and Arthur Wood (organist), with the Squads arriving on June 1.

Piley opened on March 29 with Dick Denny (14-piece dance band). Al Freid (15-piece theatre orchestra) and Len boys conclude their season at High Street Baths, Manchester, on April 26.

Trombonist Frank Gamble is the only member of the present line-up who will not be with the band at Sale, and with Percy conducting, the

(15-piece theatre orchestra) and Len Roy (entertainer). Charles Amer (16piece orchestra) starts on May 24.

Skegness opened on March 29 with Alan Green (15-piece dance band) and George Colbert (15-piece theatre orchestra), with Tommy Brown and his Quintet and Billy Gold and his Trio at the adjoining Ingoldmells Hotel. Nat Temple opens on May 29, and an additional theatre orchestra commences on June 1 under a leader not yet named.

Ayr opens on May 17 with Ronnie Munro (16-piece orchestra), Harry Joseph (15-piece theatre orchestra). and King and King (entertainers).

## **GELDRAY'S NEW** ACT FOR TROOPS Roy FOX and Band. Hippodrome, Dud

PAMOUS Dutch harmonica player Max Geldray is at present holidaying in London, and at the same time putting final touches to his preparations for the new Continental venture which he will launch this coming

week-end. Building up a small swing combina-tion to accompany him, Max will be visiting Germany and other Con-tinental countries on a tightly scheduled two months' tour, bringing his unique swing abilities to entertain the occupation troops, under the auspices of Combined Services

Entertainments. Max will be taking with him a distinguished "veteran" of the pro-fession from London in the person of fession from London in the person of piano stylist Garry Moore, who is arranging a holiday from his resident post at the Baker Street Merrie's Club to make the trip. To the trip of Max Geldray, Max's wife, who is vocalist Zara Poters, and Gerry Moore, a bassist and a guitarist will be added. The two last-mentioned musicians will be Prench players who will join the outfit in Paris, which will be Max Geldray's first port of call, after he leaves England on Sunday.

For some time past Max Geldray has been touring the Continent as featured artist with Ray Ventura. Musical conditions being what they are on the Continent, however, the Ventura boys are at present resting after their eighteen months' tour.

### Percy Pease Back to Sale

OPENING on April 28, Percy Pease and his Band return to Sale Lido Ballroom, Sale, Cheshire, where Percy was resident for five years in pre-war days.

boys are: Jim Edwards and Sonny Swann (altos); Reg Dyson and Ron Sheen (tenors); Phil Moss and Ralph Collins (tpts.); Ernie McLeary (trombone); Sam Skirrow (bass); Bob Shaw (drums); and Bert Annable (piano); plus vocalist Johnny Moran.

Percy and his boys replace Roy Tomkins and his Band, who are now available for a summer berth.

RESPONSIBLE for the first public performance of Geraldo's "Dancing Through" presentation, to be played and broadcast by the Concert Orchestra from the Albert Hall on May 10. Ron Heath Productions are in the meantime inaugurating a series of Sunday concerts at the Kingston Empire and the Wimbledon Town Hall.

Ted Heath and his Music set the ball rolling at Kingston on April 13, followed by Oscar Rabin (27th) and

the Skyrockets (May 11). Wimbledon opens with Oscar Rabin on April 20, and its second presentation will include Roberto Inglis and his Latin American Music, with Stephane Grappelly and George Shearing as guest stars.

PROUD father of the first "Embassy Baby" is planistarranger Norrie Paramor, whose wife, Joan, presented him with a daughter four days after his opening at the Embassy Club with Harry Gold and his augmented Pieces of Eight, on March 31.

Born at 4 p.m. on April 3, the baby is to be christened Jane Diane, and is Norrie's second daughter.

JOHN ABBOTT, Director and General Manager of Francis, Day and Hunter, is leaving on April
16 aboard the "Queen Elizabeth"
for an extended visit to the U.S.A.
Accompanied by his wife, he will visit New York and Hollywood.

### CALL SHEET

(Week commencing April 14)

Ivy BENSON and Girls' Band. Empire, Shepherd's Bush. Blanche COLEMAN and Girls' Bane One-night Stands, North. Billy COTTON and Band.

Tivoli, Hull. Leslie DOUGLAS and Band. Opera House, Workington.

Hippodrome, Dudley.
Stephane GRAPPELLY and George
SHEARING.

Paince, Leicester. Henry HALL and Rand. Palace, East Ham. Ted HEATH and Music Jee LOSS and Band.

One-night Stands, Midlands. Vera LYNN. Empire, Hackney.

Felix MENDELSSOHN and Hawalian Serenaders.

Green's Playhouse Pallroom, Ghagow, Sid MILLWARD and Milwits. Empire, Kingston.

Iver MORETON and Dave KAYE.
Palace, Dundee.

Woolf PHILLIPS and Bond.
One-night Stands, North.
Oscar RABIN and Band. One-night Stands, London and North. Charles SHADWELL and Orchestra.

New Theatre, Cardiff. Anne SHELTON. Empire, Edinburgh. Eric WINSTONE and Band. Empire, Chiswick.

### **SQUADS DATES**

RETURNING to London next week, after a few weeks out of Town on their current musichall tour, the Squadronaires are on the air on April 14 and 19, do an overseas session for ORBS and a dance at the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells, on April 15, take a brief holiday on April 16 and 17, and record for Decca on April 18.

Until they go to Butlin's, Claeton, on June 1, the Squads are due to visit Birmingham Hippodrome (week April 21), Wolverhampton Civic Hall (Sunday, April 27), Cardiff New Theatre (week April 28), Brighton Hippodrome (week May 12) and Swansea Empire (week May 25). They have one-night stands and broadcasts during the weeks of May 5 and 19, and are appearing at a Sunand 19, and are appearing at a Sun-day charity concert at the Palace Theatre, W., on May 11 in aid of the Variety Artists' Ladies' Guild and Orphanage.

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## Woody Herman Fans It

### Edgar Jackson's Record Review

RED NORVO)

\*\*\*\*Fan It (Frankie Jaxon) (V. by Woody Herman) (Am. Columbia CCO.4544). \*\*\*\*Steps (Shorty Rogers, Red Norvo) (Am. Columbia CCO.4542).

(Columbia DB.2289—3s. 114d.) Herman (clt.) with Joe "Flip" Phillips (tenor): Sonny Borman (tpt.):
Bill Harris (tmb.); Jimmy Bowles
(pno.); Billy Bauer (gtr.); Chubby
Jackson (bass); Den Lamond (dms.);
Kenneth "Red" Norvo (vibes). Recorded May 16, 1946.

PHIS Frankie "Half-Pint"

Jaxon classic of the jazz era, with (if you know enough to appreciate the only thinly veiled double-entendre) its distinctly bawdy lyrics was first introduced over here via the 1931 recording by Red Nichols and His Five Pennies on still-available Brunswick 01213.

Later, in 1941, entertainer Jaxon himself recorded it with accompaniment by Barney Bigard, Lil Arm-strong, Wellman Braud and Big Sid Catlett.

The record is available to English Decca, and, considering the amount of rubbish they (in common with all the other English companies) managed to find space for in their supplements. they might have found space for this

However, that says nothing against this 1946 Woody Herman version, which, different as it is in outlook and approach from the Jaxon record, is, in its way, an at once amusing and brilliant three minutes of modern swing.

Accent is partly on humour, evidenced in Woody's flippant but obviously understanding vocal, and partly on revealing how highly individual the better American swing soloists can be in the exploitation of

the latest fashion in the swing idiom.
In this respect, "Flip" Phillips's tenor. Bill Harris's trombone and the late Sonny Berman's trumpet give you something to think about, while Red Norvo's vibes and Chubby Jackson's bass are outstanding in a record which gets its atmosphere from other factors than its fast pace.

But likely to remain a more cherished favourite after the novelty of "Pan It" has worn off is the slower, more sincere and more charm-

## STERLING

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WOODY HERMAN AND HIS ingly melodic, but nevertheless equally stylised and individual, "Steps."

stylised and individual, "Steps."
Though in more subdued vein,
Phillips and Harris are just as
interesting, and a good deal more
tasteful and sympathetic; and planist Jimmy Bowles has a more than ordi-

narily attractive spot.

But the record is made by Chubby's bass (note his superb two bars at the end of the riff introduction), Norvo's again entrancing vibraphone, and, perhaps above all, the manner in which Woody flavours charm with ingenuity on his carinet

HENRY "RED" ALLEN AND HIS ORCHESTRA, featuring J. C. Hissinbotham

\*Get the Mop (The Ignorant Stick) (Henry Allen) (V. by Henry "Red" Allen and Ensemble) (Am. Victor D6-VB-15631.

Stoval) (Am. Victor D6-VB-

(H.M.V. B9537—3s. 11id.)
Allen (tpt.), with Don Stoval (alto);
J. C. Higginbotham (tmb.); William Thompson (pno.); Clarence Moton

Thompson (pno.); Clarence Moton (bass); Allan Burroughs (dms.). Recorded January 14, 1946.

In "The Crawl," veteran J. C. Higginbotham, who under the right conditions can still be so good that he managed to come sixth and seventh in the trombone sections in the 1946 "Down Beat" and "Metronome" polls, respectively, takes a good solo and "Red" Allen plays a chorus that has some interest. Hence chorus that has some interest. Hence the two stars for this side. But otherwise both these records

are so bad that one can only wonder whether whoever was responsible for their release over here can have any taste or understanding at all.

"Mop" is just a conglomeration of fast, frantic noise that could never have meant anything even if it had been well recorded.

The label has on it: "Vocalists: Henry 'Red' Allen and Group." But all this means is Allen croaking. with such bad diction that you can't

understand what he says, something about "Eh. Mop. M.O.P." And that's about all the lyric seems to consist of.

The amateurishness of "Crawl" would be obvious enough without such kindergarten lack of understanding as one savesbone trains to standing as one saxophone trying to play riffs answered by just a har-monically thin trumpet and trom-bone, and I was happy when, follow-ing Mr. Allen's very sound advice to "weigh down," Higginbotham, blowing raspberries on his trombone, put an end to the proceedings.

### Britain's Top Tunes

(In Alphabetical Order)
ANNIVERSARY SONG C. and C.
APRIL SHOWERS Chappell DON'T FALL IN LOVE Bradbury-Wood
DON'T FALL IN LOVE Bradbury-Wood
FIVE MINUTES MORE Morris
GO HOME Yale
*HI-JIG-A-JIG Box and Cox
HOW LUCKY YOU ARE Kessner
OPEN THE DOOR RICHARD Leeds
RICKETY RICKSHAW MAN Southern
SENTIMENTAL REASONS Peter Maurice
THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER Dash
THE STARS WILL REMEMBER
THE STARS WILL BEST Peldman
THE WHOLE WORLD IS SINGING
MY SONG P.D. and H.
TO EACH HIS OWN Fictoris
*WHEN CHINA BOY MEETS CHINA
GIRL Macmelodies
(* Newcomer to Frame)
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### U.S. HIT PARADE

THERE is the list of the ten most popular songs in America during week ended March 29, as assessed by the weekly nation-wide ballot conducted by the American Tobacco Co., and broadcast in their "Your Hit Parade" programme over the CBS network:—

1. ANNIVERSARY SONG (1-1-1-2-2-5). HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA

MORRA? (3-5-9). 3. MANAGUA NICARAGUA (2-2-2-8-0-9). 4. HEARTACHES,

5. FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS (6-3-5-1-4-1-1-1-1-1-1-3-4-6). 6. I'LL CLOSE MY EYES (4-6-6-9-5-6-

10-0-8-10). 7. GUILTY (5-4-7-4-9-10-9). 8. LINDA (8).

9. IT'S A GOOD DAY (0-9). 10. OH. BUT I DO (10-8-3-3-3-3-4-5-

## HITS AND PIECES SAMMY QUAVER

fifteen. . .

"Daily Mail" readers sent Jack White's stock soaring last week. . . Ran into a million-dollar fashion plate ambling down Bond Street. Took a peep 'neath the huge sombrero, and lo and behold' 'twas lush-voiced Borothy Squires, just in from New York, and very nigh causing a sidewalk hold-up with a breath-taking Pifth Avenue get-up. . They've built a special desert island scene for the Reveilers' opening in the new crazy show at Victoria Palace. . Lynd Joyce teeing off Lee Towers, Don Pelosi and Lewis Ilda's "Little Old Mill" un "Itma" to-night, Thursday (17th).

SENEATION DEPT.!-Strongly reported several ace contact men will branch out on their own if and when song-plugging ceases. . . I'm tipping Nat Temple's ork. for one of the big hits of Putlin's summer season. They swomed when Joseph Locke sung "My Heart and I " on "Northern Music Hall " from Tivoli, Hull, and he's a straight singer!! Ted Heath's "Bakerloo Non-Stop " discer stood up well to Woody Herman's "Apple Honey" on "Family Pavourites."

Well-known contact man starting legal action against a bandleader-componer, involving rumbs hit of yesteryear. . . There's a new smash ditty on the way over from Uncle Sam's country, so watch out for "Oh Why, Oh Why Did I Ever

DREAM DEFT.!-Won't it be nice when BBC record programme planners decide on "The Day" for the build-up of British bands and singers? . Holiday week wax shows with the disc jockers should have been tagged "Easter with Bing, Frank, Inks and Mills." . . Bob Sharples turning in some great arrange-ments for the "Hutch Song Album" series. . . Who's the guy who continually shouts "More" before Billy Ternent has played a note on "Variety Band Box "? and what's happened to Harry Budson's middle eight song quis? Was it too popular, Miss Smith? . . . Den (Joe Loss) Rivers tied up "Band Parade" (31st) with wonderful job on "Anniversary Bong." . . . Reported Sam Browne-Mary Naylor act all washed up. Mary's just signed up to Tom Arnold for three years.
PAT ON THE BACK DEPT.!—To Bobby

Sannders and Reg Evans for some real high-powered action on new frame entry. "When China Boy Meets China Girl." . . My apologies to Gloria Brent for inadvertently stating she'd be making a P.A. with Harry Farmer's crew at Newquay. Should have read Gloria Kane. ... Maybe this column ain't no "Police Gazette," but it's too "hot" for some folks that I know. . . Queen's Park ingers are the prayers of Ray Sonin, Bill Elliott, Charlie Chester and Arthur Haynes are answered! . . All America now hum-ming the good old oldie, "Heartaches," and it's put maestro Ted Weems right back on the map again, with his original version of the song, the big current record click. .

Ace lunesmith Billy "The Gypsy " Reid caught Ray McKinley's Band at Meadow-brook, New Jersey, and says the famous sk nbeater's herd is positively sensational. Bil also rates Louis Prima the best showruan of all the leaders.

TIN PAN ALLEY OSCARS.-TO Anne Shelton for a real "smoothie" on "The Whole World Is Singing My Song" in "Workers' Playtime." . . To Johnny

POPS wound up briskly, collective sales for four-day week pleasing publishers. "Hi-Jig-A-Jig" and "China Boy-China Giri" made last-minute spurt to join the select for providing sole special special states of the charm chirper. To Fregry Reid for another swell upcal with Terment's outlie, this time on lush balled. "The Beginning Of The End." . . To Builty Terment for providing sole special specia this time on lush balled, "The Begin-ning Of The End."... To Belly Terment for providing solo entertainment and-versatility on "Variety Band Box."...

### CARTOON by Betts



" Do you mind if I listen to your heart again? It makes such a sice change from 'Open the Door, Richard'!"

### DECCA'S GESTURE TO BERYL DAVIS

DEHIND the news given in the MELODY MAKER last week to the effect that Beryl Davis is to record on Victor while in the U.S.A. lies a story of the generosity of the British Decca Record Co. in allowing her to do so in order that she should obtain the maximum benefit for herself.

For Beryl is still under contract to Decca and will resume recording for them when she returns to England. When Victor offered her a contract to last during her stay in America, however, Decca sportingly agreed, realising her enormous popularity on both side, of the Atlantic and wanting to see her achieve even further success over there.

A N extension of contract at the couraging Easter Egg presented by the management to Sid Phillips and his 14-piece Orchestra, who opened there on January 6 with a six months' contract.

This has now been extended until Pebruary, 1948, with option until the end of July of that year.

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## Spivs!

IT is with concern that circles of that ostentatious, over- swing as such.

dressed and exaggerated behaviour which is dubbed "spivvery."

It is the new generation of instrumentalists which is bringing this regrettable quality into our business, and we would ask why these young men think it necessary to dress and behave like Camden Town "barrow boys."

swing as such.

"I am very fond of swing myself."

said the Rev. Mr. Elsley, of St. Michael's Church, Tokyngton, "and feel that it is the music of today. In fact, the Melopy Maker comes into my home every week."

"I like lively music and well-played jazz" stated the Vicar of St. James's.

The Rev. Mr. Peerless summed up the Church's viewpoint when he said:

on our profession is given to the public by the rainbow-tied over-dreased super-padded, loud-talking and queerly tonsored youths who cover their inferiority complex by

looking like "spivs."

It is well known psychologically that the people who shout to make themselves heard, who run down the next man because they have not the

Indeed, both the Wembley clergy as a whole and the promoters of this concert are to be congratulated on the broadmindedness shown on this occasion, as must the thousand-strong audience on their reception of what after all, was an unprecedented event in the history of British swing.

One point has stood out prominently throughout this minor controversy. Neither the Rev. Mr. Peerless nor two other Wembley vicars ment into London dance music whose views were sought decries

The Rev. Mr. Peerless summed up the Church's viewpoint when he said: "In the same way as children asso-This profession needs dignity. It care that its own prestige based on the intrinsic good which it does to public intrinsic good which it does to public morale, but an entirely wrong slant morale, but an entirely wrong slant today have probably associated this today have probably associated this

EVERYONE will applaud the are content merely to deplore the courage and enterprise shown last Sunday by the Rev. H. R. Poeriess, their pulpits, his effort to seek an their pulpits, his effort to seek an their pulpits. last Sunday by the Rev. H. R. Peerless, vicar of St. Augustine's Wembley, in accepting the Feldman Brethers' invitation to address the audience at their Wembley Town Hall swing concert.

Indeed, both the Wembley clergy as a whole and the promoters of this concert are to be congratulated on the broadmindedness of the series of this concert are to be congratulated on the broadmindedness of the series of the series of this from religious observances.

SINCE she was a few weeks old, the nine-months-old daughter of Skyrockets trombonist. Don Macaffer, has evinced an astonishing appreciation of music, crooning rapturously to the radio and gramophone.

None was prouder of her musical leanings than her father, and nothing, suggested her mother, would give her greater pleasure than to hear her own father making music.

So one night Don came home with his trombone from the Palladium pit. Wonderingly, his daughter watched him take it, gleaming and golden, from its case and insert a mute. Wide eved, she watched him place it to his lips.

Three minutes later he and his trombone were outside the front door, with strict instructions that the instrument should never be brought into the house again, and a frantic mother was desperately trying to soothe her daughter's cries of alarm. While so many religious luminaries Don. . . .

## COLLECTORS' CORNER

mext man because they have not the courage to stand on their own two feet, who draw attention to themselves by their garish garb are all suffering from an inferiority complex.

Young people entering this profession and climbing the rungs of the rocky ladder to fame would do well not to ape the "spivery" of the new musicians, but to look at the acknowledged successful ones of our mexture. At a meeting of the Dance Band Directors' Association, you will see in many ensured that make the many content of the mexture in dance music. They do not meet a loud ties; their shoulders are more or less their own and not their mark in dance music. They do not wear loud ties; their shoulders are more or less their own and not their tailors'; their hair is cut sedately; and their general attitude is quiet, unobtrusive and dignified.

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(Quicksteps)

official dates is obviously incorrect. On the strength of Mezzrow's evidence alone, little credence need be given to this matter, for in truth his remarks in "Really the Blues" are as wild and irresponsible as his own background. Instances picked at random will show what I mean. For example, Mezzrow would have us beexample, Mezzrow would have us believe that McPartland is blonde, that
Teagarden roamed Chicago in 1926
listening to the New Orleans Rhythm
Kings, that Trumbaner based his
"Singin' the Blues" on Armstrong's
"Heebie Jeebies," that Teach died
two months after Bix, that Teacarden
is on Waller's "Won't You Get Off
It?" and Armstrong's "Muggles."
Oddly enough, Armstrong himself Oddly enough, Armstrong himself made this same mistake many years ago, he, like Mezzrow, insisting that "Muggles" and "Knockin' a Jug" were products of the same session. Louie even went so far as to "confirm" the presence of Teagarden when listening to the Fred Robinson trombone solo in "Muggles"!



Excinsive picture of noted Paris bandlesder Bernard Hilds, whose projected band exchange with Harry Gold has been in the news-

But Ray Ventura is to put on a full-scale jazz and symphony concert at the Salle Pleyel very shortly, using 80 musicians, including his own 26 men. Programme will contain three items:

The "Melody Maker" this week turns the spotlight on—
. Czechoslovakia . . . South Africa . . . Croydon Aerodrome on Sunday morning, March 9, for Prague. by Alan relay later, and recorded six sides for their recording comlling almost every day by coach, with a two-hour concert each ot exactly easy work. But the warm hospitality we received derful reception every audience gave us made it not only an success but an unforgettable experience. In fact, Czech

e spoiled us for a while

Kane

we were the first big "J'Attendrai," Eric's descriptive nce Hylton, and that "Chinchilla" or "Torna Sorriento," music has made such it was encouraging to watch the expressions of our audience. Yes! was not surprising that ere concerned as to how what is happentoslovakia—re the "iron coslovakia—re the "iron corny, either, we went into a gramo-

standard of dance music is corny, either. We went into a gramophone shop and listened to some very nice ensemble playing. We also heard a very creditable performance by Karel Vlach in Prague's Lucerna Concert Hall. This band carries a corn, nay roar, of welcome is Stan Kenton's "Eager brought forth shouts of Bute-Bop!" which sounded in token English.

The bounded in everything Perfectly behaved audiences, it was what they called for Areil Chorus," Julie Dawn's Deans, Bruce Bain and I sat and listened to some of

listened to some of the best trumpet playing we have heard in the flesh playing we have heard in the flesh for a long time. The Harry James style it was. "Trumpet Concerto" and the rest were features. Played with great artistry and with definite individual interpretation, intonation would not have shamed our Kenny Baker. When each piece finished we burst in with our applause, the other customers looking rather bewildered at our enthusiasm.

Baker. When each piece finished we burst in with our applause, the other customers looking rather bewildered at our enthusiasm.

Yes, jazz, live or call it the modern school of dance music, has taken root firmly in Czechoslovakia. Even in their dance halls they have their jitterbug dancers—maybe with an "Eastern sway" which makes it amusing—but definitely in the category of live dancing. They have not got round to throwing the lady over the shoulder yet, but maybe they are too civilised for that. The main thing is that the masses there have taken to it, so there you have the guarantee that it has come to stay.

Los Angeles first if he wished to work in the work of the wished to work in the work. Capetown is roughly the size of Brighton. Imagine Great Britain as a vast expanse of country, partly cultivated and partly wild land, and prospects than any other town in the world (bearing in mind that we, as Britishers, cannot freely emigrate to not the South Coast, viz., Brighton. A few settlements and villages scattered over the countryside complete the plcture. Our hypothetical capital. Brighton, would probably possess half a dozen or so establishments capable of affording good-class bands, with a sprinkling of hotels and cafés running the lady over the country side complete the plcture. Our hypothetical capital. Brighton, would probably possess half a dozen or so establishments capable of affording good-class bands, with a sprinkling of hotels and cafés running the is to achieve fame and fortune as a latter in the store of a scannot freely emigrate to not the South Coast, viz. Brighton. A few every there).

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On the other hand who wishes to keep alive the spirit in the category of the Bri

### GOOD PROSPECTS

sufficiently (as it is gradually doing) there is a potential venue of employment for good British bands. The friendliness of the Czech people to us in Britain is not fully appreciated. I am convinced that, with the growing prospective of Czechoslovalia. ing prosperity of Czechoslovakia, a

TT may please you to know that the so-called highbrow programmes available of also criticise jazz, and, incidentally, show a very progressive attitude, which is, in short: "Providing the music is well played with good intonation and musicianship, then it is good for the people to enjoy jazz: Rumbers, is good for the people to enjoy jazz: Rumbers; for this will, in time, act as a bridge 4/- per set. to other and more serious music."

And to prove that their critics are not just highbrow snobs, listen to their criticism in one of their papers of our show (remember our concerts | list. were billed as "English jazz").

I quote their critic: "Although technically well played it was not authentic jazz," which all of us concerned would be the first to admit. So it seems that those who have the pen and who are watching over what is good or bad for the people over there are competent and honest, and I think that every one of us who visited Czechoslovakia has returned with a profound respect for that country, and I for one feel that that country will in time serve in every respect as a fine example and inspiration to democracles the world

over.

AT 1.45 a.m. on Wednesday (9th), as the "M.M." was going to press. a 'phone call from trombone-star Nobby Clark brought the news that his wife, Kathleen, had pre-sented him, only five minutes before-hand, with a baby boy, to be chris-tened John Anthony.

Within five minutes, John Anthony's



London is the most centralised capital in the English-speaking world.
Every other town in Great Britain is
"provincial," at least, as far as the
dance musician is concerned. There
are literally hundreds of musicians
booking engagements in London every
day of the week. When the pro. falls
out of a job he comes to London to
get another, even if, as does sometimes happen, his next job happens
to be at his own local palais. In all
probability he would have never got
the job unless he came to London
for it. capital in the English-speaking world

London is therefore unique in this respect, and he will not find anything like it in the Dominions. The rank-and-file New York musician. unless he possesses some valuable "contact" would have to emigrate to Los Angeles first if he wished to work

sumably) prosperous farmers and miners from the "neighbouring"

business that must not be forgotten The people in the Dominions, generally speaking, work hard and play hard, and the playing hard part affects the musician. The average newcomer to the business in England is thoroughly the business in England is thoroughly spoilt. He looks upon 11.30 p.m. as being a "late" night. This applies particularly to the young gigster, who knows nothing about the pre-war midweek 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. gigs, and who, until 1945, played the "King" at about 9.36 p.m. and went home feeling tired out!

#### LONG HOURS

The musician emigrant must be prepared to work long hours—the money will be good to make up for it. He must be prepared to travel long distances and to play "hill-billy "music. He will be able to turn up at the local jazz club on Sunday mornings (if he is not too tired!) and give way to his feelings to his heart's desire to make up for the rest of the desire, to make up for the rest of the week, for there are jazz enthusiasts in every Dominion city!

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Condon recordings tallies exactly with that of McPartland is too striking to be ignored. Can somebody in America recheck the actual dates, please?

and he (Mezz) saked to attend the session only in an advisory capacity. ("Sure Mezz was in the studio." Jimmy assured me. "but wasn't he always? "!) The evidence all points to the four sides being waxed at the one sitting, and the only possible explanation which occurs to me is that the handwriting of one of the OKeh clerks was sufficiently vague to OKeh clerks was sufficiently vague to cause confusion between a 3 and an 8.

It will be seen that if an error was thus made in the penultimate digit for either the first pair or second pair of titles, two sessions would be indicated where in fact only one had taken place. The actual mat, num-bers may thus be \$2030/1/2/3 or \$2080/1/2/3, in which case one of the

But, disregarding Mezzrow's many obvious inaccuracies (often a direct result of vanity, I suggest), the way in which his account of the McKenzie-

# voyage, is Hatchett's leader, Chappie d'Amato.

Off to the States on April 2, vocalist Doreen Henry (left) and BBC Dance Music Chief, Mrs. Tawny Neilson, were caught by the "M.M." cameraman

about to soard the Boat Train. Wishing them bon

THE first MGM records are sched-uled for release this month. Sy Oliver's new band has recorded a Billy Moore original. "A Slow Burn," backed by "Hey Daddy-O." which might become MGM's first hit record. Sy was forced to dispense with the white musicians in his mixed band when he discovered that he couldn't get bookings. Sy fought a good but losing fight to end racial discrimination.

Ella Fitzgerald opened at the Paramount Theatre with Cootie Williams' orchestra. Ella is featuring "Stone Cold Dead in the Market."

Mercer Ellington, talented 27-yearold son of Duke Ellington, is readying
his new band, which will feature
arrangements by the leader and by
Luther Henderson, planist. Henderson
composed more than one-third of the
score for "Beggar's Holiday." Mercer. who plays trumpet, also horn and piano, as well as composing and arranging, studied composition with his father and received his musical training at Juilliard, Columbia, and N.Y.U. He is composer of such hits as "Things Ain't What They Used to Be" and "Jumpin' Punkins." The band will play relaxed swing with a

Benny Goodman made a surprise switch in recording companies when he recently signed with Capitol Records following the termination of his Columbia Recording contract. His first session for Capitol included two original arrangements by Mary Lou

Margery Lewis-

Williams, "Lonely Moment" and "Just Whistle." Benny also cut "Moon Faced and Starry Eyed," a Kurt Weill tune arranged by Johnny Thompson and sung by Matt Dennis. The fourth side was an arrangement by Tommy Todd of "It Takes Time." featuring a vocal by Capitol's president, Johnny Mercer.

Stars recording with Benny were Jess Stacy (piano); Allen Reuss (guitar); Skeets Herfurt (alto); Babe Russin (tenor); Fat Went (trumpet); Lou McGarrity (trombone). Benny's jump to Capitol's label will add much to the Capitol prestige.

Columbia Records also lost Count Basis to their chief competitor, RCA Victor. For his first offering on Victor, the Count Count Capitol Count Capitol Count Capitol Capitol

Victor, the Count recorded the bit of nonsense, "Open the Door, Richard!" And speaking of "Open the Door, Richard!" the Jack McVez recording is still doing the best business on the West Coast despite several records put

Ray Baudus returned to the Bob Grosby Band after having a fling at being leader of a large orchestra and then a small combo. We wonder, though, whether Ray will like the Crosby band since it isn't Dixie any-

out by the larger companies.

Jack McVea recorded his version on Black and White Records. Since the success of McVea's record, Victor made it with Count Basic, Decca did it with Louis Jordan, and Capitol did it with the Pied Pipers, not to mention all the smaller companies that tion all the smaller companies that have recorded it.

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THE uncertainties of the economic situation and the inevitable postwar reaction may be having their effect on dancing.

But this did not prevent the "M.M.'s" Greater London Area Contest Organisers' Committee from achieving another success when, at the North-West Kent Championship, held at the Lewisham Town Hall, Catford, on Wednesday of last week (2nd), they had an attendance that was not far short of 100 up on

Unfortunately, two of the eight bands which had made up a full entry list scratched at the last minute. This raises a problem which organisers

will have to tackle. Owing to the time required for the judges' on-the-spot verbal reports to the competing combinations, it is no longer possible to accept the same number of bands as could be accommodated before this reports procedure was instituted last year, and it is unfair to both the audiences and the many bands whose entries this year have had to be refused because the entry lists were full that the already limited number of entries should be further reduced on the night by withdrawals received too late for other bands

to be accepted in place of them. A possible way out of the difficulty might be to demand from all bands a forfeitable deposit of, say, one or two guineas as a guarantee of appearance. But before we resort to such drastic

measures, organisers might do worse than consider the desirability of accept ing one or two extra entries on the understanding that they would be on a "waiting list," and programming them accordingly.

CONTEST RESULT
NORTH-WEST KENT CHAMPIONSHIP.—Catford, Wednesday, April 2.
Adjudicators: Billy Amstell, Les Evans.

Mess Kaye, Bill Lewington, Vie Lewis, Winners: STAN FRY AND HIS BAND (three saxes, three trumpets, trombone, piano, guitar, bass, drums). 55. Grenville Gardens, Woodford Green ('Phone: Keystone 4887.) Individualists award for: Alto (Bert Kiggina); Tenor (Peter King); Piano (Don Bond); Bass (Bill Samuela),

Second: SIDNEY GOLD AND HIS BAND (tenor, trumpet, piano, guitar, bass, drums). 12. Anson Road. Willes-den Green, N.W.2. ('Phone: Gladstone 4877.) Individualista' awards: Guitar (Paul Smullian); Drums (Peter John-

Third: JOHN HAIM AND HIS JELLYbone, piano, banjo, drums). All coms.:
Ken Lindsay, 193, Oakleigh Road, London, N.20. ('Phone: Edgware 0618, day only.) Individualists' awards for: Cornet (John Haim); trombone (Harry Stene).

THE attention of all bands unable for A any reason to take part in ordinary weekday evening contests is drawn to the 1947 Middles-x Champienthip to be held on the afternoon of Whit Menday. May 26, at Hillingdon, near Unbridge. Middlesex.

For further details see Pixtures List.

### CLASSICS from the CLUBS

THE S's are full of good things. lists reminding you of some of the fine old tunes you might otherwise forget. St. James Infirmary ..... Fmi St. Louis Blues ..... Gmi-Gmaj ...... F Say It Isn't Se ..... Eb Send Me ..... ..... Bb Eb Ab Sensation Serenade In Blue ...... Eb Seven Cum Eleven Ab Shanty In Old Shanty Town F Sheik of Araby ..... Bb She's Funny That Way .... Eb Shimisha Webble ...... Cmi-C Shine On Harvest Moon .... Should 1? .............. Shuffle Off To Buffalo .... Singing In The Rain ..... Singing The Blues ...... Eb Sing You Sinners ..... Eb PERSONAL CHOICE.—Like the Small Fry

rest of us, Coleman Hawkins was a great admirer of George Chisholm, the Squads' trombonearranger, and so George chooses his, and The Hawk's favourite, "She's Funny That Way," a tune they always played together 'way back in the good old days of The Nest.

#### Carlo Krahmer

FTER being closed throughout the war years, Trentham Ballroom, Stoke-on-Trent, famous Midlands dancing spot, reopened in a blaze of glory on April 2 as more than 1,500 dancers thronged the floor to dance to the music of Eric Winstone and his Band, supported by Norman Jones and the Trentham Gardens Orchestra.

The evening was a personal triumph

### CONTEST FLXTURES

LONDON AREA

WATFORD.-Thursday, April 24 (7.39 to midnight), at the Town Hall.-The 1947 Hertfordshire Championship, (Entry list full.) Organisers: The MELODY MAKER Greater London Area Contest Organisers' Committee. All coms.: The General Secretary (Mr. Bill Waller), 324b. Brixton Road. London, S.W.9. ('Phone: Brixton 4841.)

HILLINGDON (Middx.).-Whit Monday, May 26 (2.30 to 5.30 p.m.), at Court Drive Park, Long Lane,-The 1847 Middlesex Championship. Organisers: The British Legion, North Hillingdon Branch. All coms.: The Organising Secretary, 9, Burleigh Road, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middx.

#### PROVINCES

OXFORD .- Tuesday next, April 15 (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.), at the Town Hall .- The 1947 Oxfordshire Champlenship. Organ-izer: Mr. Stanley Moulson, 22, Glanville Road, Oxford. ('Phone: Oxford 77640.)

NORTHAMPTON. - Thursday, next week. April 17 (7.30 p.m. to midnight). at Franklin's Gardens .- The 1947 Northamptonshire Championship. (Entry list full.) Organisers: Musicians' Union (Northampton Branch) (Secretary, Mr. Art Lewis), 21, Stimpson Avenue, Morthampton.

LEEDS.-Friday, April 18 (7.38 p.m. to midnight), at the Asteria Ballroom, Roundhay Road.—The 1947 Central Yorkshire Championship. (Entry list full.) Organiser: Mr. Lewis Buckley, 28, Carr Lane, Birkdale, Southport, ('Phone: Ainsdale 78218.)

LIVERPOOL-Sunday, April 20 (2.30-5.30 p.m.), at the Philbarmonic Hall. before a seated audience.—The 1947 Lancashire Coast Championship. (Entry list full.) Organiser: Mr. Lewis Buckley. (See Leeds, above.)

ROCHDALE,-Friday, April 25 (7.30 to 11.30 p.m.), at the Carlton Ballroom .-The 1947 Central Lancashire Champion-ship. Organiser: Mr. Lewis Buckley. (See Leeds.)

NOTTINGHAM .- Friday, May 2 (7 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.), at the Greyfriars' Rall .-

to 12.30 a.m.), at the Greyfriars Hall.—
The 1947 Nattinghamshire Championship.
Organiser: Mr. Arthur Kimbrell. 38,
Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leics. ('Phone:
Hinckley 563.) (Entry list full.)
HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—Friday,
May 2 (7.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.), at the
Town Hall.—The 1947 Buckinghamshire
Championship. Organiser: Mr. Eric
Wakefield 87 Changl Lang. Sands. High Championship, Organiser: Mr. Eric Wakefield, 87, Chapel Lane, Sands, High Bucks. ('Phone: High Wycombe, Wycombe 66.)

YORK .- Sunday, May 4 (7 to 10 p.m.) at the Rialte Cinema, before a seated audience.—The 1947 Yorkshire North Riding Championship. Organiser: Mr. Lewis Buckley. (See Leeds.) BOLTON.—Tuesday, May 6 (7 p.m. to

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