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# WISDOM RECORDING 13 LUXEMBO

# Will Open New Show in April

**PROGRAMMES** 

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OLLOWING THE TREMENDOUS RISE IN THE POPULARITY OF COMEDIAN NORMAN WISDOM, RADIO LUXEMBOURG APPROACHED THE COMEDIAN THROUGH HIS MANAGER, BILLY MARSH, AT 5.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 28, WITH AN OFFER FOR HIM TO RECORD THIRTEEN PROGRAMMES IMMEDIATELY FOR ROWNTREE'S NEW COCOA.

The deal was completed by 8.30 p.m. the same evening and Norman was contacted during his pantomime performance at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton and asked what songs he wished to record, for this was to be his first singing programme.

The Saturday morning, as most

The Saturday morning, as most of the music publishers were closed, gre at difficulty was end or the property of the first process of songs ready for the first recording on Sunday morning at 10 am.

Meantime, Harry Parry had been engaged to play for the programme and Billy Marsh, Luxembourg executive Peter Wilson and Franciscopies of the programme, etc., was thrashed out. At 5 pm., during one of his moments off stage, Norman was given a résumé of what had been finalized on his behalf.

Wilsdom left Wolverhampton at 7.30 am. on Sunday morning, 10 am., and, having selected the three songs for the first programme, a script was then written and, after rehearsal, the first programme was in the can by 10 pm. Production was by Godon. Criembers were selected and, syripts written and the recording essession continuing, with only half-hour breaks for meals and refreshments, until 10 p.m., when Norman Wisdom left London for Wolverhampton, having completed five of the programme was in the can be considered by the unexpected happy that, at hash, he has a programme of the pro

EPSTEIN RESIDENT



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Amlot, Arthur Passmore, and MDA Secretary Bill Sensier.



Jerry Martin took this charming photograph of Cyril and Sheila Stapleton on the eve of their first wedding anniversary in St. Mary's Hospital, where Mrs. Stapleton last week gave birth to a baby daughter who was one week old on the anniversary last Tuesday.

#### **ELLINGTON QUARTET** THREE MONTHS IN LONDON-RESIDENT **ENGAGEMENT**

THE RAY ELLINGTON QUARTET WILL COMMENCE A RESITED THE RESIDENT SEASON OF THREE MONTHS, WHEN THEY OPEN AT A CONTENT OF THE PROPERTY SEASON OF THE PROPERTY SEASON OF THE ROYAL, TOTTENHAM, ON MARCH 3.

They will appear during the afternoon and evening sessions daily, and the engagement is on afternoon and evening sessions and the engagement is on January 24 they have a special soully welcome to the boys as it will enable them to be "on the spot" for the proper which restarts on January 20 as well as his Band. Dates further than past the Quartet's broadcasting of course, their TV show "Eric Barker Hall-Hour" fortnightly own for six months ahead. On the proper will be a speedy car dash across lated their travelling many hundreds of miles to London and then back again to wherever they were playing in the Provinces. When the work again to wherever they were playing in the Province will be a speedy car dash across will

tive respite so far as travelling is concerned.

The engagement with Mecca was arranged by Lewis Buckley Entertainments, which agency represents the Quartet for ball-room, concert, and one-night-room, concert, and concerning the following the Guartet will be captearing at the Quartet will be appearing at the Quartet will be appearing at the Custom Hall, Bristol, on January 18, and the Embassy Steepness, on January 18, and the Embassy Steepness, on January 19. On January 18, and the Embassy Steepness, on January 20 they report at the

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Merrin start the New Year

at the Palace, Blackpool, on
Monday, January 14, with a tour
to follow. On February 2 they
have their first BBG Music Hall
date and Penny will be featuring
a brand new number which Bill
has written specially for this
occasion.

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LESLIE EPSTEIN, the noted
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who received his Jazz training in
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#### **Dates for Sharon**

SINCE the announcement that SRalph Sharon had re-formed his Sextit, offers of engagement have been received by the Wilcox office from all parts of the country including a proposed resident engagement for the summer and a tour of the Commert and the Commert and

### MDA ANNUAL PARTY AND GALA BALL

Highly Successful Evening at Wimbledon Palais



Jack Baverstock, the Editor of "Musical Express" and TV's MD Eric Robinson laugh at a joke cracked by E. O. (Poggy) Pogson.



L. to R. Frances Tanner, Ray Ellington, Benny Lee, Alf Preager and Georgie Vedey.





# **Oldfield Signs for Own New Commercial** Show

AFTER A TWO YEAR ASSOCIATION ON THE MEMPIRE SHOW," TALENTED CANADIAN SINGER KATHRAN OLDFIELD WILL DO HER LAST BROADCAST FOR THEM ON JANUARY 29, IN ORDER THAT SHE MAY BEGIN HER OWN NEW SHOW "TOKALON TIME" SPONSORED BY TOKALON BEAUTY PRODUCTS. KATHRAN WILL BE HEARD BOTH SINGING AND COMPERING THIS NEW MUSICAL SHOW, WHICH IS TO START JANUARY 39, AND CONTINUE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE FEAK HOUR OF 7 P.M. MUSICAL DIRECTION IS IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF AUSTRALIAN COMPOSER-PIANIST RAY HARTLEY AND HIS QUARTET.

### Eve Boswell to Co-Star with Derek Roy

AT THE END OF MARCH
EVE BOSWELL, WELLKNOWN VOCAL STYLIST
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BLACK WHICH IS DUE TO GO
ON THE ROAD ON MARCH 17 MARCH 17

Kathran has just completed a sensational engagement at Lon-don's famous Berkeley Hotel, and had both options on her contract



renewed. The special material for this appearance was penned by this talented artist herself, the songs being it. the sophisticated comedy idiom.

# Trade Music Guild Ball in February

THE VERY WORTHY TRADE MUSIC GUILD BALL WILL BE ONCE AGAIN HELD AT THE EMPIRE ROOMS, TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD, ON FEBRUARY IS. THIS FIRE ORGANISATION, ORGANISED IN 1849 BY THE MAINSTAY OF THE MUSIC INDUSTRY, THE TRADE COUNTER BOYS, HAS SINCE ITS INCEPTION ALREADY PUT INTO OPERATION A PENSIONS SCHEME AND SEVERAL OF ITS MEMBERS ARE ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF A WEEKLY ALLOWANCE.

The Guild has never asked any monetary support from its employers, the big publishing houses and, in view of this, this newshaper feels that the Guild Ball Once again the Guild have paper feels that the Guild Ball Once again the Guild have paper feels that the Guild Ball Once again the Guild have high houses the same support Ornestra, and dancing oill be that is given to the MPCA's from 7.30 p.m.—1 a.m. and the function The Tin Pan Aley Ball. Committee are in process of We, therefore, urge every pubarranging a first-class cabaret to the support of this function that gave the feel with the first paper and the force and the first paper and the force and the first paper and the force and the force and the force and the first paper and the force and the force

#### MARLAND TO LEAD OWN **NEW ORCHESTRA**

IN THE HOME SERVICE, ON JANUARY 14, 7.00-7.30
P.M., WE SHALL BE WELLCOMING AN OLD BROADCASTER IN A NEW MUSICAL SETTING, WHEN
ALBERT MARLAND, FOR SIXTEEN YEARS MUSICAL
ADVISER, PIANIST AND ARRANGER TO HENRY
HALL, WILL BE HEARD WITH HIS OWN ORCHESTRA.

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HARRY GORDON, the well-

PLAYED ONE IN A BAND AS A YOUNGSTER.

Those of you who missed Jonah Barrington's "Record Roundabout" on December 16, will be able to hear music in the style of "Musette" and "Kotaletten" about which there was so much surprise and admiration expressed, for the Kurt Burling of the Heart Marland.

He composed these pieces, and to see if they would became best lellers without any reference to his known works, adopted the name of Kurt Burling, Many people wrote in asking who the "Bown in the Glen."

# From Bandwagon to Solo

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#### THE VOICE

THE NEW MEDIUM

O TEMPORA, O MORES! Once upon a time it was fashionable to take your amusement and pleasure at the Vauxhall Gardens. The Crystal Palace was also, at one time, the place for leisure hours although it was burned down long after it had served its useful purpose as a show place. The old Alhamite and the place for a parell before and dung are presented to the place for a parell before and dung are presented to the place for a parell before and dung at the place for a classic example of the way public taste varies and changes with the times there is nothing more extraordinary than the attraction of entertainment on ice. Empress Hall, at !Learls Court, has an almost all-the-year-round season for the shows on ice. Tom Arnold turned his sagactous attention to the possibilities of the cospectacle. It is, beyond doubt, the new entertainment medium and nothing else draws such total 6,000 people.

#### THE PA SYSTEM

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IT would have been deemed crazy to conceive an all-talking, singing, musical show on ice in a great arena like Earls Court or Harringay a few years ago. But the PA system of amplification and the technique of dubbing the skaters' voices, make it possible to present a great spectacle, unhampered by the confines of the orthodox stage, and its proseculum, in a fourth dimensional presentation complete with the voices and music which are essentially of the theatrical show.

#### NEW TECHNIQUE

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PRODUCING a show in speciacular form in such a huge arena
calls for a new technique and the technicians are not slow in
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AND all of us with a flair for production, let us not minimise the achievement of putting on shows in the new medium. Quite apart from an ability to produce the acts and chorus an ballet es such a large scale, the Eve Bradleties man and another thing to co-ordinate the whole the state of th

MUSICAL STANDPOINT
THERE is another healthy repercussion from the ice show. It
provides an almost all-the-year-round engagement for
musicians. Star instrumentalists have been attracted to the ice
business as wincess the resident orchestra at Earls Court with its
talented conductor Harry Rabinowitz. Many famous names are
associated with that musical aggregation, for they find it a congenital and useful financial proposition. But make no mistake about
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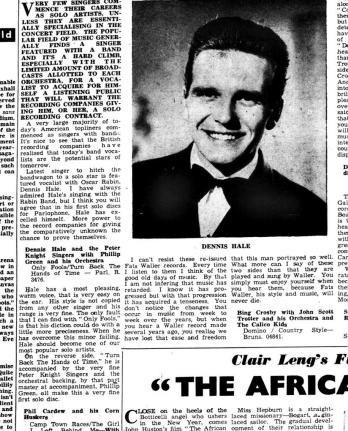
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lists are the potential stars of comorrow.

Latest singer to hitch the bandwagon to a solo star is featured vocalist with Osear Rabin Dennis Hale. In have with the admired Hale so with the admired Hale so with the admired Hale so with the larger that in his first solo discs for Parlophone, Hale has excelled himself. More power to the record companies for giving the comparatively unknown the chance to prove themselves.

David Miller—Parl. R. 3473.

It's no wonder that square dancing has caught on, especially when the music for it is presented in the musicianly manner to the same of the musician manner. The same is a same in the same is a same in the same is a same in the same in the same is a same in the same is a same in the same i



The Old Man of Song comes 'My Heart and Soul' with the along with "Domino" and ease and brilliance of which he "Country Style." I don't think is so capable. I understand that these are two of his best records, he is shortly to have an operation but I don't suppose that will and I sincerely hope that it will deter the Crosby followers. I not be long before he is fully rehave heard much better records and the strength of the str

musical caller, although the brief interlude of The Calico Kids ould quite easily have ispensed with.

Dolores Gray with Orchestra directed by Camarata Shrimp Boats / More! More!—Bruns. 0460.

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Frank Froeba and his Boys. If you like your strict tempo dance would be strict and if you want to travel back to the style of piano music popular. The "Annie Get Your Gun".

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Shrimp Boats, Moore, Moore and the popular boy.

The "Annie Get Your Gun"
Cal, comes up with the best recording I have heard of "Shrimp Boats," and quite honestly this is the first time I have actually heard the lyrics and understood them. She sings it beautifully, with a treatment that is really great. The orchestra and chorus conducted by old friend Tutti me conducted by old friend Tutti may with the loose longue and Camarata gives her great intermediate the perfect diction. The conducted by the conducted by

### Clair Leng's Film Column

# "THE AFRICAN QUEEN"

Make no mistake, when the time comes to look back on the best films of '52, they will have to be a frighteningly good bunch if they don't include "The African Queen."

#### "LONE STAR"



MGM's new Western, dealing with the annexation of Texas way back in 1966, and the visual start, it stars may back in 1966 and the visual start it stars and the bright "Let the Worry ful versatility: part of their adventurer (shades of Rhett Butler, right down to the hat). Far diventurer (shades of Rhett Butler, right down to the hat) favourite number for me was the motion, to give once the intricacion and Ava Gardner, editor of the local news-sheet.

The first part of the film is somewhat obscure, politically and socially ("pistols on the patio for two, Jose"), but once the story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have been dearly the story gets moving it is packed with dynamite. Never have long to the standard to for the standard to the third with the start of the st

Miss Gardner's eyes—left me bruised and breathless. If you like this sort of thing — and frankly, I didn't think I did until I saw "Lone Star"—this is the film for you.

"TWO TICKETS TO BROADWAY"

THIS lively piece is a backseage—the talented team of Janet Leigh. Tony Martin, Gloria De Haven and Ann Miller are trying to break into TV.

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The film is from escapism. If an our own little jazz cubas when jazz was "uncommercial." Most of us began as collectors, and the girls to dance.

The film is from escapism is from the comportantly for. Martin to sing and the girls to dance.

Tules Styne has teamed his music with Leo Robins's lyrics, for in adequate if not impressive loong score. I liked their senti-

# THIS 'FLIPPIN'' MAN!



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TONK HANCOCK is radio's custard
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with the aspirants omitted ab book
Cive Hancock a situation and
instantly you have him creating
belly laughs. Proof, if ever it were
needed, came last week when he
appeared in "Bumbethorpe" as
guest star. He brought a breach
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# Jerry Martin-

# SHOW TALKING

INETEEN-FIFTY-TWO, although just a baby still, is really getting into its stride with a promise of plenty of attractions in the entertain of the control of

to next year's batch.

Called in to see how the cast of Val Parnell's Revue "Peep Show" are getting along in their new home, the Prince of Wales Theatre, and found everyone pleased at the more intimate atmosphere of the smaller theatre where the show seems to sparkle even more than it did at the Palladium, Suc Carson, of course, was quite at home, having stayed and the part of the part o

Anne Shelton is to make her West End debut, after her return from America, at a Charity Concerning to the Concerning of the Concerning of

Hot surprising that all tickets have been sold.

Had hoped to get a phone call from the "Queen Mary" in mid-Atlantic, with singer Vera Lynn on the other end of the line, but atmospheric conditions were so bad that contact with the great liner was not advisable. However, 'Vera, and her husband Harry Lewis, are now in New York with a heetic programme of T.V. dates ahead of them. I feel sure Vera will follow in the footisteps of Anne Shelton, Teesie O'Shea, votable of the content of t

lise this year.

Renewed acquaintance with two "wives" this week, both strangely enough playing in Panto "Babes in the Wood" but at different theatres. First call at Finsbury Park Empire where Kathleen Moody, wife of Lew Grade, the theatrical agent in private life, is surely the pretitest Maid Marion ever to win the heart of Robin Hood, played by Maid Marion ever to win the heart of Robin Hood, played by Las panto, which in this populas panto, which is this populas panto, which is the proposed houses, are C. Deeper Warren as Nurse Glucose, Low and Webster as the Robbers, with

some good support by the George Mitchell Gloe Club. Journeyed out to Lewisham later where, at the Hippodrome, Joan Alexis, wife of pianist Carroll Gibbons, is playing Principal Boy, and Tommy Trinder supplying the fun in the real Trinder style.

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Bandleader Billy Ternent left for Germany recently to team-up with Gracie Fields where they are to do a series of concerts for the troops. Two thousand British soldiers turned out to give the soldiers turned out to give the control of the series of t

Latest recording soon to be in the shops is a novelty number, "Qld Sort Shoes," with Joy Nichols and hubby Wally Peterson. I dropped in at the studio with my camera and took the shot below for "Musical Express" readers. This grand pair, with Sidney Torch conducting, made slowers of the studio with the studio with the studio with the studies of the s



The Edmundo Ros Cubanaires, a lively quartette with a South American air appearing in "Peep Show" at the Prince of Wales Theatre. Sam Walker, clarinet; Pete Peterson, trumpet; Bill Sholanke, drummer and Frits Coleman, guitar.



Principal Boy, Phyllis Hunter and Principal Girl Kathleen Moody in "Babes In The Wood" at Finsbury Park Empire.



at the Hippodrome in Folies Bergere Revue.

Bergere Revue.

Jazz Clubs who are short of a band for club dates should pay a visit to Bertram Mills' Circus and take an option on the Five-piece band who certainly create a new sense of music values.

Comprised entirely of Chimpan have a big following in the Araz world. Colleague Jimmy Asman assures me he has seen them playing during his tour of the Jazz clubs, but I am certain that was the time when the Club secretary made him more than welcome at the bar.

Many thanks to the readers

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of you.



"Sensational press campaign for you, Maestro! First you accuse your agent of forging your cheques. He says in court that you spent the money on drink, women and dope. Then you adopt a baby. Oh boy will they lap it up!"

# Recent Events in Ballet and Opera

By Malcolm Rayment



THE most recent ballet introduced by the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company at Covent Garden is "Donald of the Burthens." The story is based on a story in the story is based on the story is based on a story in the story is based on a story in the story in the story is based on a story in the sto

#### "LES SYLPHIDES"

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In the same programme, on Saturday afternoon, December 29, were "Les Sylphides" and "Dapfmis and Chloe." Sylphides," which I had not seen for about three years, is still of a very high standard in spite of a nawkward moment when dancer and orchestra were in a cono instead of the still o

#### "DAPHNIS - AND CHLOE"

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The revival of "Daphnis and Chloe" is a very important event; is the lower important event; is the lower important in the content of the content in the intended context. It is true that "Daphnis" is sometimes given complete in the concert hall, but its effect is greater with a stage action. At Covent Garden it is performed correctly, that is with chous.

New, chorocoraphy is Prederical seather worried about the modern dress before I saw



Beryl Grey as Death and Alexander Grant as Donald

Beryl Grey as Death and Alexander Grant as Donald the ballet, but strangely enough it is perfectly in keeping. The one weak point of the choreography is the ecstatic final dance which the stability of the control of Zieger and the stability of the stability which has preceded it. What could have been done I do not know, but Ravel's music demands something overwhelming at this point, Certainly not the stability which has preceded it. What could have been done I do not know, but Ravel's music demands something overwhelming at this point, Certainly not the stability which has preceded it. What could have been done I do not know, but Ravel's music demands something overwhelming at this point, Certainly not the stability of the sympathetic to everyone ise. The divigour and sensuality of the sympathetic to everyone ise. The divigour and sensuality of the piece were completely realised.

The Covent Garden Orchestra that varies in quality so much. In these three ballets it was conducted by John Hollingsworth and the playing was first rate. The strings sang just as a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was a great soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was updifficult work to play with performing under difficult was the soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was updifficult work to play with the soloist makes his violis insign. The opparating was updifficult work to play with performing under difficult was the sol

#### "FIDELIO"

With "Fidello." which Peter Gellhorn conducted on December 20, the opposite was the case The strings were often thin and uniform, while the chording was not uniform. While the chording was not uniform, while the chording was not uniform. It was not uniform the fore the chording was not uniform the part of the property of

weakness is a tendency to employ an over-pronounced vibrate. Jean Watson was absolutely first rate as the gipsy woman-even if she had not quite the same dramatic power of Shack-ton of page. The reliable Jess Walters sang the "Count de Luna."

### Luna." "ROSENKAVALIER"

"ROSENKAVALIER"

With Kleiber, who conducted Rosenkavaller" on Thursday, January 3, the orchestra gounded as if it might have been composed of individually selected musicians from all the finest orchestras in the world; as with Beechams' Meistersinger' here was complete perfection and what happened on the stage and the selected of the selected have been dead to the selected of the selected have been dead to the selected of the selected have been dead to the selected of Sophie is always being changed. It has always been good but never better than with Ruth Guldback. She is a beautiful singer and her voice has exactly far as her English goes, she might just as well have sung in German; indeed, she might have sung it even better in German. Being unable to hear her words mattered little, especially as much of what was sung by the English singers was far from clear.

GREAT TRIO

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Musically, Sylvia Fisher (Princess), Constance Shacklock (Octavian) and Ruth Guldback made an ideal trio, so much so that it is not possible to imagine greater perfection. The performance seemed to be even greater than those given last year. Howell Glynne continues in the part of Baron Ochs, and the more he seems to mature.

I was very pleased to notice that a point I have been harping on for a long time has at last got into the production, Towards the end of Act II, Ochs asks Annina to look in his pocket for his spectacles and then immediately says, "No, if you are a scholar read it." Until now the has never been made clear. It is, of course, that there is momey in the same pocket.

NEW FANINAL

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the orchestra and few words tould be heard. The chorus, as usual, thoroughly distinguished itself. The principal parts were sung by Sylvia Fisher (Leonora). Thorstein Hannesson (Florestan), Adele Leigh (Marcellinor Williams (Don Pizarro) and Marko Rothmuller (Don Fernando).

"IL TROVATORE"

The orchestral playing was up to standard again when Franco Capuana conducted "Il Trovatore" on New Year's Day, For this performance Anthony Martower epiaced James Johnston, who was indisposed, for the part hower epiaced James Johnston, who was indisposed, for the part how replaced James Johnston, who was indisposed, for the part of Marrico not be fair to criticise him. "Leonora" was sung by Gre Brouwenstin who, like most guest artists, had a somewhat hazy idea of English pronunciation. At the end she gave it means that happen in extremely me singer and actus, fully equipped with all the technical necessities to cope with such a part. Her voice is of a very fine quality, and her only

#### Abbott's Southsea MAWSON FORMS Personnel

FOLLOWING Frank Abbott's successful opening at the Embassy, Southsea, with his new orchestra on December 17, Manager Billy Forrest reports the complete line up of the orchestra as heing.

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### Joe Saye **Sunday Concerts**

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THE Joe Saye Trio resident at London's Starlite Room, will shortly be embarking on a series of Sunday concerts commencing February 10. Joe has received many enquiries from bookers and agents during the past year lowing to his resident engagement this was not possible. However, with the consent of the Starlite management the Trio are now free on Sundays which enables Joe to please his long-waiting fans both in the provinces and London who have been wonder-hig when he was going to appear in the Life Trio record regularly and in has been the phenomenal sale of these records which has created the big demand for the personal appearances of the Trio in various parts of the country. Concert bookings for the Trio are in the hands of the Wilcox Organisation.

#### The Royal Philharmonic Society Open Prizes

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(Telephone: WELbeck 5803).

# **NEW GROUP**

When the well-known Bradford contesting band, The Modernaires, disbanded early last year, Ken Mawson reformed a new which is now known as Ken Mawson and His Music. The band has been rehearsing a brand new book for six months and engagements they have played recently include Bradford Technical College Christmas Dance, Burnley Municipal College and, on Janual William and College and the State of the College and the State of the Stat

#### VICKY AUTIER



Vicky Autier the French cabaret artist who, since 1950, has made several successful appearances in London cabaret and on the radio, returned on New Year's Eve for a new cabaret season at the 96, Piccadilly Restaurant.

### Bert Collier's Come-back

DERT COLLIER, lead trumpet with Joe Loss for five years, after ten years of ill-health has mow formed a semi-professional curumpets and three rhythm.

After rehearsing for several weeks the band are now playing at the Corn Exchange, Chelms-ford, and have recently played opposite the Squadronaires and Cyril Stapleton at this venue. At an audition last week-end Berd and the standard of the square of the squ

#### Randall at Lewisham

Tonight (Friday, January 11) Tonight (Friday, January 11)

Pete Payne Promotions presents
its sixth Jazz Concert at the
Lewisham Town Hall. Topping
the bill is Freddy Randall and
its Band. Other attractions are
the Galtion Jazz Band and
vocalist Beryl Bryden.

Further concerts are scheduled
throughout the year with topline
traditionalist bands and artists.

January 15.

### Colin Hume and Partu



"Musical Express" exclusive photo was taken in Lisseter's Orchid Restaurant at the New Year Party given by Tony's Birmingham MD Colin Hulme, and shows the full orchesira with guessi including Billy Forrest, Ken Page, ballroom director Charles Harris, and Middand BBC's Alan Waterman.

#### Central School Dance

MEMBERS of the Student's Social Club of the Central School of Dance Music are reminded that tickets are stimulated for the dance available for the dance held at the St. Martin's School of Art, tomorrow (12th). They can be obtained from the School. 15. West Street, W.C.2.

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As well as students' bands and singers, there will be Derrick Francis and Bob Dale, Evor Mairants Carbon Brown Brown Coup with Jimmy Deuchar, Keith Bird, Douggie Robinson, Denis Wilson, Eric Delaney and Frank Donnison.

#### 18-vear-old Accordionist for Fields' Show

HARRY DAWSON Enterprises informs us that Gwendardiskin, 18-yes of the control of

#### Fox Cubs to Broadcast

THIS Saturday's Jazz for Moderns broadcast features the Fox Cubs (not the Wolf Cubs). This is, of course, the group of modernists from the Roy Fox band led by Victor Feldman on vibes. The line-up includes Lennie Bush on bass, Martin Aston on drums, Jo Hunter trumpet, Bert Annable piona and Pat Bateson on tenor.

### TWO AMERICAN SINGERS TO DEBUT HERE

FIRST VISIT TO LONDON WILL BE MADE BY TWO YOUNG AMERICAN SINGERS.
MARION ALCH AND SYLVIA CARLISLE, THIS MONTH.
THEY ARE GIVING A JOINT RECTTAL UNDER JULIUS FINZI'S MANAGEMENT, AT THE WIGMORE HALL ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.
Alch made his debut with the St. Louis Opera Company, and, while serving in Europe with the American Francisco of the States he sang with the Nec Symphony Orchestra under Arturo Toscanini, and in 1948 had the tenor lead in the Broadway hit "Ballet Ballads." While he was 18 Joyn and William Salburg. After returning to the States he sang with the NBC Symphony Orchestra under Arturo Toscanini, and in 1948 had the tenor lead in the Broadway hit "Ballet Ballads." While he was 18 Joyn and the Work of the Casare Sodero, of the Metropoliton Opera House, and has premiered many new American works for the International Society for Contemporary Musicians.
Alch's most unusual achievement was when he went to Rio and was invited by Serge Koussevitsky to sing the tenor part in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony while there. He did both—with great success!

Gerald Moora programme which Handel, Dowland and Haydn, and dues by Mozart, Schumann and Smetana.

### Nathan Signs New Trumpet

Jack Nathan informs us that young trumpet stylist Dave Usden joined his orchestra last Monday as a permanent fixture with the band. Nathan, who has been r-sident for eighteen months at the exclusive Coconut Grove has just had his contract extended for a further six months until June, 1952.

#### Studio '51 Give Farewell Party

THIS Saturday an all-star group led by Kenny Graham and Jo Hunter will be at studio 51. Sunday night will be a special farewell party for monite Bal will be a special farewell party for resident all will be present to give Ronnie a big send off. Next Wednesday Geraldo's Jimmy Deuchar leads a group of modernists. The Club's compere, Tony Hall, is broadcasting in Jazz for Moderns this Saturday (12th) with the Roy Fox Bop Group.

#### Letters to the **Editor** (Continued from page 2)

When they have sucked it dry, and when the jazz fans haves with the state of the st

clubs and the amateurs blowing just for unhell of it.

It won't be so profitable, but maybe it won't be such a bad thing, after all!

PETE PAYNE.

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# Around the Clubs

With James Asman

Since their sensational record debut on Parlophone the NFJO Royal Feeting and the NFJO Royal Roy

Lyttelion and his Band and the Saints. The two bands exhanged stands in the intervals, and the Manchester Jazz Club cooperated in making an epic brass while, the Saints Jazz Band will barbe playing for dancing on January 16 at the Majestic Ballroom, and the playing for dancing on January 16 at the Majestic Ballroom, and the playing for dancing and the Blackburn Corporation at King Royal Cooking and the Covern Saints of the Blackburn Corporation at King Royal Cooking and the Saints and the S

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#### FOSTER NEEDS TROMBONES

Teddy Foster informs us that the is interested in hearing from irst-class trombone players. He can be contacted at Cunningham

the club held their first 1952 Jazz Band Ball with Chris Barber and his New Orleans Jazz Band and the Merseysippi Jazz Band. Saturday night, January 12, at Band Ball with Chris Barber and his New Orleans Jazz Esada and Salt were seen Jazz Club holds its New Year All Night Party with George Melly as singing host and ligan and his Magnolia Jazz Band. If you happen to stroil igan and his Magnolia Jazz Band. If you happen to stroil igan and his Magnolia Jazz Band. If you happen to walk down Gerrard Street. If you do, look out for the basement of No. 44, and follow any student types and sleep walkers. Jazz is stroid of the stroid

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# TOP TEN

Longing For You (Sterling). I Love the Sunshine of Your Smile (New World). The Loveliest Night of Year (Francis Day). Because of You (Dash). Rosaline (Michael Reine). Allentown Jail (Bourne). Some Erchanted Evening Belle. Belle, My Liberty Belle (Dash).

8. Belle, Belle, My Liberty Belle (Dash).
9. Shrimp Boats (Walt Disney).
10. Too Young (Sun).

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