

## MUSIC AS WRITTEN

### HOLLYWOOD

**Benny Carter** and **Brian Wilson** have formed new publishing operations. Carter's company is **Bee Cee Music**; Wilson's firm is **New Executive Music**. In recent years Carter has left the jazz field, where he'd gained prominence as a saxophonist to compose for films and TV. Wilson is leader of the **Beach Boys** and a very busy composer.

**Herb Monti**, of **Johnston-Monti, Inc.**, leaves Friday (8) for a seven-week European business trip to finalize publishing deals. . . . **Buck Ram** and the **Platters** are in Japan on a personal appearance tour.

**Odetta**, **Judy Collins**, **Bud and Travis**, **Ian and Sylvia**, "**Long Gone**" **Miles** and the **Stoneman Family** will be featured at the **Monterey Folk Festival** May 30-31. **Lou Gottlieb**, of the **Limelites**, will be emcee, with **Mahalia Jackson** featured in an afternoon concert. Not to be outdone, the **Monterey Jazz Festival** has begun selling tickets for its bash September 18-20.

The drama, "**The Legend of Hannah Senesh**," is conducting its out-of-town trials here before hitting Broadway in October. **Abraham Ben Astar** and **Joan Huntington** have starring roles. The play ran for three years in Israel before being brought to the U. S. With so much interest in spoken-word dramas by the labels, this play could conceivably become an original cast.

ELIOT TIEGEL

### CINCINNATI

**Mary Lou Smith**, for many years executive secretary to **Syd Nathan**, president of **King Records**, died here recently following a heart attack. She joined the King firm in 1946 and, in addition to her varied executive duties, was considered an expert in the field of foreign publishing and record licensing. . . . **Productions, Inc.**, with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, has set **Liberace** for a one-nighter at the **Taft Theater** here May 9, and **Maurice Chevalier** at **Veterans Memorial Auditorium**, Columbus, Ohio, for a single performance May 25. . . . **Station WCKY**, which this season airs the **Cincinnati Reds'** baseball game, hosted the local ad-agency folk and press at a cocktail session and buffet at the **Hotel Netherland** Tuesday (14) to celebrate the opening of the baseball season.

**Coney Island** here has budgeted some \$70,000 for names to play its **Moonlite Gardens** this season. Among those already inked are **Pete Fountain**, **Homer and Jethro**, the **Four Saints**, **Al Hirt**, the **Si Zentner** ork, **Dave Brubeck**, the **Glenn Miller** ork, headed by **Ray McKinley**, and the **Ralph Marterie** ork. The **Moonlite Gardens** dance floor, which was covered with seven feet of water for more than a week during the recent flood, was reconditioned in time for the season preview two weeks ago (25-26). Coney's over-all damage by the flood waters was estimated at \$150,000.

BILL SACHS

### CANADA

**Canada Columbia** reports its c.&w. records are selling very well, and that the sale of singles is much over last year. **Columbia's Bob Martin** and **Jack Robertson** to tour western Canada soon. They will spend

**Singers'** album, "**Song of Young Lovers**," as album of the week. . . . **Capitol of Canada** announces early releases of albums by **Rich Little**, **Margaret Ann Ireland** and **Paul Brodie**. The latter two are scheduled for May 19. Brodie has signed exclusively with the company.

**Tommy Ambrose**, **Don Franks**, **Barbara Chilcott** and **Don Gillies** combined talents with jazz composers **Norman Symonds**, **Gordon Delamont** and **Ron Collier**, along with eight

other leading jazz musicians, for a May 3 concert at Toronto's **Crest Theater**. . . . **Walter Susskind** officially announced he will retire as conductor of the **Toronto Symphony** after a nine-year tenure. . . . **Toronto Happenings**: **Johnny Mathis** and **Henry Mancini** will appear at the **O'Keefe Centre** May 18-23. . . . "**Beyond the Fringe**" set at same theater May 11-16. . . . **Count Basie** played the **Palis Royale** April 30.

RUTH MCGARRETT CHILDS

### LONDON

The recording of "**Can't Buy Me Love**" which **Ella Fitzgerald** made here with personal manager **Norman Granz** and **Beatles'** recording manager **George Martin** has been issued on **Verve** and looks like a hot property.

**Jim Reeves** flew in from **Scandinavia** on a surprise visit, did two TV's and talked about an autumn tour. . . . **Tito Burns** has been appointed **European**

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**Jackie Cain & Roy Kral**

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