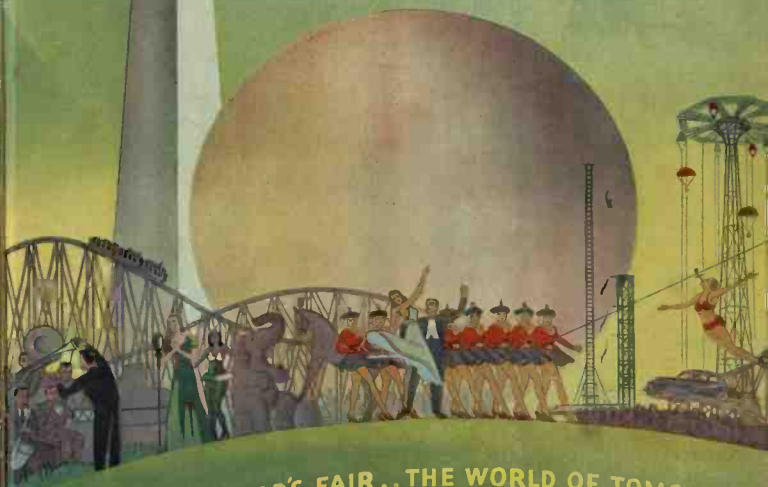


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HEARST HEARS THE PEOPLE

Only 3 New York Showboats Set; Sanford, Parsons Stay on Land

But Optimism Prevails After Rains Promise Nice Crop Money

NEW YORK, June 17.—Punch drum from the season's beatings on terra firma, night club impresarios are showing a general lack of enthusiasm for local showboat ventures this summer—with the result that only three floating hot spots seem to be on the New York Mountain, the McCallister Line, slides down the ways June 27, with Sid Rinebold and Bob Irwin booking five acts and a band.

The 80 American, which operated as a showboat last year, is expected to sail again, but 60 sailings are set. Rinebold and Irwin last year booked the 85 Yankee, which cranked up as a showboat after six weeks' operation, but the boys refuse to be sidetracked from the admiralty.

The 88 Cleveland, with Mickey Walker and his Beating Boatmen, plus an all-star band, Captain Lee Fenners' Yeomanettes, make its initial sailing up the Hudson June 20.

Consequently shows will be such tried and true commodities as May Parsons and Bobby Sanford. Miss Parsons, who last year had the Bear Mountain all season, is keeping her backdoor dry by appearing at the International Casino, Chicago, producing a variety of light club shows, refuses to take out the water

wings. Sanford's showboat venture last summer failed only one week.

In 1938, nine showboats were plying the waters off and around Manhattan. Promoters were so bullish that the figure dropped to three by 1937. Conditions picked up a bit in 1936.

In addition to bona fide showboats, Hudson River Dayline will have four-piece bands on each of its ships but no show shows.

Boats were unloosed last year by the American Federation of Actors' strike, getting a minimum of \$25 and choruses \$25.50. AFA says minimum will be higher this year, probably \$40 per principle and \$25 per chorus.

CHICAGO, June 17.—American Federation of Actors here played 4,350 minimum on singles playing vacation boats in this area. This is the first season the AFA is going after these accounts. First to sign was the Cleveland and Buffalo which is doing so. People who were starting today on its weekly cruises on the Great Lakes.

New night spots that signed AFA agreements recently include the New Elmhurst Club, Zig Zag, Little Jack's Club in Joliet, and Coconut Grove and Dutch's.

AFA, thru La Tucker, Raps Actions of Four A Committee

Actors' union is ordered to answer charges of non-cooperation and mismanagement in writing by June 24 and to stand trial before International Board July 10

NEW YORK, June 17.—Over the signature of its president, Sophie Tucker, the American Federation of Actors attacked the attitude and the procedure of the executive trustees of the Associated Actors and Artistes of America to intimidate its activities in its first round of defense against charges of lack of co-operation and mismanagement, made public by the June 15 Wednesday and reported by The Billboard May 15 and June 17. The AFA has been ordered to answer the charges specifically in writing by June 24, and to stand trial before the International Board July 10. In the meantime AFA has called a midday mass meeting of members June 19 at the Hotel Belmont, to null session to be taken if the parent international trustees to renunciation of the charter. It is likely the AFA will, under those circumstances, go into the courts for assistance.

The committee's report, incomplete, summarizes its charges in eight groups, most important perhaps being the accusations that Ralph Whitehead, executive secretary, and the Council actually thwarted the committee's efforts by withholding pertinent data from it; and that funds were misused and branches mismanaged. The committee claims that the AFA failed to carry out orders of the international; that proceeds earmarked for relief of the needy were diverted into channel rents from original intent, such as salaries and purchase of an automobile for the executive; that the AFA failed to carry out orders of the international; that the union's government is undemocratic in the sense that all council members were not permitted to meet; that the AFA neglected its jurisdiction in presentation houses and main choruses, devoting its time in effect to circus and carnivals; and that the AFA failed to co-operate with the PMA's on reorganization matters for the past year and a half.

The committee devoted the first 17

pages of its report to enumerating evidence in support of its contention that the AFA was non-cooperating, citing refusals on part of the AFA to give the committee a free hand in examination of records in both the home offices and the branches. Miss Tucker defended Whitehead's actions, first as in line of duty prescribed by orders of the AFA Council, and second, as an effort whereby he sought to protect matters which the Council deemed the private property of members and third, to preserve funds of the AFA, which she said had been ordered to extend the investigation until assured the expenses thereof would not be its burden. Against the committee's charges of undemocratic methods of government, the AFA answered: "The AFA has held many Council meetings during the past year than any other actors' union and all Council members have been notified of same by mail or telephone at all meetings."

In the report filed by Bernard J. Reis, assistant chief of the committee, it says there are the following comments: "Prior to December 31, 1938, the books were kept in a very haphazard manner. In some cases such a organization expense no vouchers were available, since

Parks off to good start with spotty returns for circuses and carnivals—operators confident conditions will improve and that harvest prospects mean success

CINCINNATI, June 17.—Outdoor show business is emerging from a period of exceptionally bad spring weather and spotty returns with its usual degree of optimism for remainder of the season. While heavy rains have cut into receipts, and general apathy has assured a poor crop, June 23 will leave the public in a spending mood. In a census made by The Billboard operators of amusement parks, circuses, and carnivals had no greatly satisfactory reports to make but saw signs of a season better than those of the past few years. It appears generally agreed by show operators that June, except in the district fair will do much to put show creators over on the black side.

Relief Bill To Kill FT Project

NEW YORK, June 17.—According to present indications, passage of the 1940 relief bill in its present form will be the death knell of the Federal Theater Project. The bill, which as yet has passed neither the House nor the Senate, would separate the FTA from "subversive influences."

Under the Theater Project initially no funds having been allocated for the purpose of keeping it going. According to critics of Paul Edwards, local WPA administrator, there are now some \$400 on the PIT here. There would come attempt to shift the money to other projects, but very probably only a small number could be absorbed. Certainly, the only project in position to take over some personnel is the Historical Records Project, which employs a few hundred.

Should bill pass in its entirety 1940 would be effective as of July 1, Edwards' office already has an order to cut the local project to \$200.

January 1, 1939, the books are being kept in an improved manner. . . . We also find that not all of the cash receipts of the organization have been deposited in bank accounts, but that the money many times have been retained by Mr. Whitehead or by employees and used to pay expenses."

In supplement thereto the committee added, "Handling union funds in this manner is a bad practice. It makes an accurate and verifiable check of union funds an extremely difficult task and that method of handling funds is contrary to sound principles of handling a union's treasury. Mr. Whitehead himself has on occasions followed that practice. With respect to other monies collected by Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Tamm, auditor of the AFA, has agreed to the following statement: 'On January 31, 1938, I have made a cash book showing \$23,246.66 of money spent out of receipts. Mr. Whitehead had previously

Replying to this item, Miss Tucker wrote: "There are 80 two accounts in the United States that would make the same report on an audit. The last remark is not made to justify the method used in handling our funds. It is a lie. AFA, THEATRE on page 17."

Parks are off to a good start, despite loss of some week-ends and big days this season weather. Although nothing to cheer in gloe about, circuses are finding but much better than last year's 1938 in numerous spots. Rain, cold and the cool strike have done them no good.

Palisades Is Ahead "We find business ahead of what we expected for this summer," said Jack and Irving Rosenberg, operators of Palisades Island in the fast-growing New York World's Fair. Situated 80 we are directly opposite New York, we are happy to report that we have discovered the fair an aid instead of a hindrance to our business. If we get a break in weather during the remainder of the summer, we honestly feel that we will far surpass receipts of 1938 and possibly show an attendance much equal to that which the park used to have back in 1928. We attribute this season's success we have had to one principle and that is, 'You must give the public something for its money.' Our policy of free parking, free dancing and free fireworks, where we present one emotional stage band and an aerial act each week, apparently is what the public wants."

Herbert P. O'Malley, director of Playland, Rye, N. Y., said: "Receipts are about 10 per cent above last year, but the increased outlook and better weather. Otherwise, partly due to the fact that very good publicity due to the World's Fair. There is a possibility of improvement after July 1."

Better in Washington "Despite cold and rain from the opening on April 15 to the second week in May our gross business, up to and including June 12 was \$122,000, an increase of \$6,000 over the corresponding period in 1938," said Leonard B. Schow, general manager of Glen Echo (Md.) Amusement Park, near Washington. "This gross includes 'remittance from city recreation department' which was \$10,000, an increase of \$3,500. With heavy picnic bookings, influx of World's Fair visitors to Washington, and excellent business conditions in the nation's capital, I am very optimistic for a much better season than our usual good one. My only headache is bathroom business thru playgrounds, which is very high at present but there is consolation in knowing that the bathroom crowd spends money thruout the season and especially during the (see WEATHER OUTDOOR on page 41)

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Conclave's Talk Centers On CRA-Line Control

Slip of tongue is credited with failure to change present set-up—Weber's eloquence swings convention to permit radio control to remain as is

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—In former years it was always the bugaboo of merchants' minds that concerned the attention of the American Federation of Musicians, but this year, meeting in convention this week at Municipal Auditorium here, it's the problems of the traveling bands, radio dance simulators and bookers that is dominating the discussion. Problem of network wires has bothered several years ago and dance musesmen through the country have looked eagerly forward to this convention for some new regulation which would take the majority control of radio lines out of the hands of Music Corp. of America and Consolidated Radio Artists. Consensus of opinion among the delegates was that it was not for a slip of the tongue on the part of Clair E. Meader, boss of the Pittsburgh local, there would have been a fair chance of a change in the present set-up.

Much to the surprise of both the delegates and AFM Pres Joe Weber, a resolution was reported out of committee as "favorable" which would give a member musician local the right to demand that for every network sustaining remote control program played by a traveling band in its territory, the same band should be broadcast under the same conditions. And, if the networks are unable to sustain the right of the traveling bands, the local shall have the right to prohibit all dance remotes in its jurisdiction.

Resolution was sponsored by the Pittsburgh and Detroit locals. And, Joe Weber spent the most of Thursday morning explaining the committee's turn of mind. It was not only Meader, but the favorable report of the committee, opposition grew stronger with each speaker. It was not only Meader, but the favorable report of the committee, opposition grew stronger with each speaker. It was not only Meader, but the favorable report of the committee, opposition grew stronger with each speaker.

Weber was alone in his opposition to the approved resolution, pointing out that the traveling bands are not in a position to trade since it amounts to telling a band employer who he can or cannot employ and under such circumstances, would involve the Federation in a controversy with the radio industry, which he felt would be a net loss. He pointed out that the traveling band bands are not broadcast. Weber was off the convention that the traveling band bands are not broadcast. Weber was off the convention that the traveling band bands are not broadcast.

Cut Stand-By Fee On Radio Doubling

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—Feeling that traveling band bands playing radio in a city where they may happen to be located are no longer considered in competition to local bands, AFM convention today recommended the recommendation of Pres Joe Weber that the present stand-by fee for such work be reduced.

Under the present stand-by fee schedule, a band is paid the same as it would be paid to the regular salary whenever their band attraction plays in outside territories. Now, it provides that traveling bands playing commercial radio engagements in addition to any other work, may be paid as much as 50 per cent of their regular rate as a stand-by fee. Stand-by charges are based on the prevailing wage scale in a territory and not on the fee of the band since the musician gets very above the scale on the commercial shows.

Reduction on stand-by charges will aid considerably the same bands playing at commercial shows they can get. Many have had to pay up lucrative stand-by fees in a city where they have been for months, because the stand-by charges made the cost to the sponsor for the pick-up prohibitive.

Pay Upped on Disc, E. T. Work

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—Modification of the present wage scale for phonograph recordings and electrical transcription, as recommended by Pres Joe Weber, was approved at the AFM convention. Change amounts to an increase in the present scale.

For recordings, scale for dance bands only, pay for symphony orchestra is determined by the size of the band in each category. For 800 per man for three consecutive hours recording during which time no more than four 10-inch master (one inch) records are to be made with \$7.50 per man for each additional master made during that time. Three-quarters of an hour to be permitted to record and rehearsal scale. At the same price, 12-inch masters are allowed in three hours, with \$10 additional for each additional master.

To avoid misinterpretation of the present scale for electrical transcriptions (\$18 for each 15-minute program), new ruling provides that two 15-minute programs cannot be recorded in itself, whether it is the 15 minute of a half hour, it is to be 15 minutes.

In addition, convention ruled that no musicians may make recordings which are of a commercial advertisement, nor be they permitted to make recordings to be used by or for actors as accompaniment for their own or their partner's appearances anywhere, except by permission of the exec board. Later ruling strikes at an attempt to place platters carrying advertisements in music-box nickel machines and at Vot-Votins and similar enterprises planning on using or operating using canned music for the accompaniment.

First Tele Acting School

NEW YORK, June 17.—What is claimed to be the first television theater studio is opening in New York under Ruth Carman, who has had experience in legit and radio. Miss Carman will

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TOF AND WINGO—Chinese dance team brought recently to the Fox, Detroit. Thoroughly presentable and well costumed. Specialty in tap and an individual fast, short step, adapting all ballroom styles, from tango to waltz, to these steps. They include good sophistical acting, and wind up with fast toe-step, acre and rubbering numbers. Plenty of versatility. Also make them real novelty. Also recommended for top night spots and musical films.

also teach general dramatics and intend to install a tale receiver for pupil demonstrations and possibly for paid auditions.

Unbraksh Show Legislation

LEICESTER, Neb., June 17.—Misses Unbraksh Legislature closed last week after a record session of 111 days. Four bills aimed at the film business—divorcement, \$1,000 annual exchange tax, a booth-theatrical installation measure and drama legalities—were passed. The law used in doing business in the state (which would have resulted in changed theater billings) was killed.

Measure to outlaw walkathons or any endurance shows was carried by the governing and checked. More to be brought in the state fair board was quashed. A tax of 25 cents per square foot on all billboards, which would have affected churches and outdoor postings in general, was killed.

Thru Sugar's Domino

THIS is not meant for those who want to be amused. They had better turn to the comic strips in the dailies. This is not meant for pleasure, satirical and morally dishonest union officials. This is not meant to be a slap shot or a shot for cynics. This is not more and not less than a fervent plea to actors, performers, players in all branches of the theatrical business in these United States. This plea is to emphasize, an earnest plea on our part to the rank and file of the profession to the boys and girls who are usually too busy with their own troubles and their own struggles to play the real and feed their bellies to deviate from the familiar pattern of following the leader. This is a plea to the actors of both sexes and of every variety to stop and think; to stop following blindly leader; that is in most cases unworthy of loyalty; leadership that holds personal ambition and greed above duty to those who elected them and who thru blind faith have kept them in office year after year.

We beg of actors for their own welfare to rise up in arms against the tyranny of the leaders of the Associated Actors and Actresses of America; against the leaders of all unions deriving their authority from the Four A's; against all these leaders and their forces, against everything for which they stand—not on paper; not with lip service; but in their every act every day.

This authors is based on the present problem between the Four A's and the American Federation of Actors. We could list a hundred reasons that it is because in that ranks lies plenty of corning material for a writing chap who wants to rise. Both spirit and within the depths of our self we have long been critical of the abortion, the monstrosity and the cancer of the Four A's. And we never reached the point, despite occasional and superficial progress note, where we could honestly feel that the Four A's has justified its existence; that it had proved itself to be anything other than a millstone around the neck of those who have tried sincerely to better the economic status of the actor; to improve his working conditions and to strengthen his security.

The monster has at long last reached the point where it is ready to devour those who depend on it for their lives and to take the next step, which is to devour itself. The Four A's is a sort of vicious, disintegrating politician. You can't point out any two leaders in the actors' union movement who sincerely trust each other; who are entirely without malice towards one another; who have succeeded in determining the proper impulse of helping their brother and sister actors get the best of their concern for their jobs.

The Four A's has become a cancerous growth. We don't seriously believe it is possible to save it from within. We don't care, frankly, whether or not it is saved. We care only about the welfare of the actor. Any interest we have ever displayed in the Four A's has been derived from the transitional belief that the welfare of the Four A's is synonymous with the welfare of the actor.

If that which we call a true and unassessable value can be destroyed, if we can realize that he as an individual is the most powerful factor (see SUGAR'S DOMINO on page 38)

Broadway Beat

By GEORGE SPALVIN

WHEN the film version of *The Mikado* played the Rivoli the theater manager advertised "Original D'Oyly Carte cast." That's what was startling here. Even aside from the fact that Henry Blair is hardly a confirmed D'Oyly Carte and that John Barclay got most of his Gilbert and Sullivan fame from the Winthrop-Ames productions. His starting because the original D'Oyly Carte Co. operated in the 1880s, and it must be simply wonderful to see all those people, most of whom have been dead for decades, working around in a film made in England last year. . . . Bob Rice, drama leader of *The Telegraph* almost had a moment of glory as the Captain of the ship when the Agamemnon bartered used one of his guides to the spot. The big moment didn't come, but because the barter introduced the testimonial to "Bob Head, of *The Morning Telegram*."

Speaking of the Aquasade, Eleanor La Marina, Eleanor Holm's understudy, was a cashier in a Bronx movie house before her job at the fall. Somebody ought to start a "Look-up-at-the-lives-of-cashiers" campaign. . . . Tom Pittman, the boy-dog, is, of course, a dog, is ready to jump into the marital lake with Alan Claverly, Boston socialite and summer resident. . . . George Raft plans to present his first legit run in the fall and is open to suggestions on the title. . . . When Jack Leeper-composer David Fumess married recently he plugged sure that the wedding orchestra played none of his own tunes. . . . Harry Richmond's envelope-cigar case are being

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Dullzell Hits at Leaks To Smart-Alecky Dailies

NEW YORK, June 17.—Displeased with newspaper leaks that have been traced to publicity-hungry social-climber, Paul Dullzell, executive secretary of Actors' Equity, leaders of this week inveighed against newspapers generally, but cracked down most heavily on the dailies. "In opposed to releasing to the dailies matters taken up at the Tuesday Council meetings. It is not courteous to persons specifically concerned by Council dispositions, because they do not receive official daily notification until Thursday, decidedly, the dailies have cultivated a certain smart-alek air which is not good for the trade. If our members want to know what's going on let them read the trade papers. Trade papers, being part of the business, handle stories from a professional angle."

marketed now, the company having \$40,000 behind it and Richman having already given out 1,000 cases to friends, just to introduce the novelty. . . . One of the points of argument when the AFA and NYA's World's Fair show centered on working conditions for the girls last week was the case of a showgirl who contracted poison ivy to the show's Sun Whispers' Garden, where the ladies do casual Goodies for the booth trade, and who had been irritatively lived because the ivy was not respecter of eye appeal. The union men claim that the ladies would not be let out. . . . Earle Oberlin, society No. 1 glamour gal last year, makes her professional stage debut at M. K. Kine this summer in a play to be directed by Auril Lee. Miss Oberlin will be seen in the role of a maid. Type rating again? . . . Despite the tremendous success of the King and Queen's previous four lardo dominos, not one of the papers mentioned what they were appearing in when they get back to England.

Harry Spear, night club performer, was dining with George Jessel at the latter's Little Old New York show at the World's Fair opening night, when he noticed that huge audience for the Bowling Green show was getting out of hand and demanding that Eddie Cantor and Burns and Allen appear. (Cantor and Allen were advertised to appear later in the evening and had left.) Spear hopped on to the platform and started to bid the audience. "If you want Cantor, I'll give him to you, and then did a Cantor imitation. He did impersonations for 45 minutes until the crowd was completely satisfied. Executives of the show saw him and hired him the next day for the run of the show."

New Paris Sex Spot Startles Even French

PARIS, June 13.—Polo Roman has opened a new Montmartre music hall, "Sex Appeal," with the sexiest sex show ever advertised in Paris. The opening bid, by Marcel Prevost, has the nice, easy-on-the-ear title of *Permettez-moi*, which will make a b-b-a, parson and will appeal to the visiting American during the tourist season. If the local chapter of the WCTU doesn't interfere.

Pretty-seven grande et petite beauties et brucina, in all degrees of undress and modesty, mostly delicate, slim, and lean, heavy tans and pink. G-strings have been left in the dressing room. Comedy and blue singers. Irresistibly top and warty, exotic dancers show their stuff between gay scenes by the entire company.

To mention a few names: Lucette Besson seems to lead the "Bridgards" with a canteen and singing; Andre Berli, a songstress; Lucette Besson, a song and good comedy; Pauline Franconi, a comedian and gutting; has the boys frothing; Okey Toot, imitations, and 40 others going turns to amuse an excited audience who can imagine they are seeing something real from *The Thousand and One Nights*.

The entire female troupe seems to take greatest pleasure in making life as miserable as possible for the only male member, Okey Toot, who can sing with a remarkable high note. He is left alone. During the performance even by your correspondent he did a crack, but his name was not in the list.

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offer to do this, benefit applications would have to be in the hands of the Council long in advance of the actual date of the affair, should this set-up be administered with the same severity and foresight as with which the Local 807 Executive Board handles the problem, the actor will make real money out of benefit—as the musician does now—and, moreover, the charitable organization will be getting thereby.

Proper administration will also wipe out the unwarranted resentment among the public against musicians, stagehands and other unions which demand pay. The public cannot help feeling musicians are gold-diggers when actors are willing to work for nothing. What the public does not realize is that, given outstanding performers at least get publicity on occasion thru benefit appearances, the musician who sits in the pit is an anonymous nobody at \$45 an hour as the public is concerned.

APA, THRU

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It is made to show the lack of consideration being given by the examining committee in establishing a report to be made public including such remarks.

Under the analysis of the benefit, the auditors pointed out that in connection with the third fund in 1937, "all advertising has been charged for with the exception of page 9 devoted to Douglas Tisher. This is a similar page devoted to Rudy Vallee but payment of \$100 has been received for that page."

APA was criticized for mingling with the general accounts money raised from February 1938, not one penny of that money (\$15,102.50 net proceeds) was ever used for relief purposes. In fact, on February 19, 1938, the APA had a bank balance of \$8,838.81, but this included \$8,838.81 of the money from charity benefits, so that if the charity money had not been intermingled with the general funds the APA at that date would have shown a cash deficit of \$2,630.23. Two weeks later, on March 13, the APA paid Mr. Whitehead \$1,700 toward the purchase of a new automobile to replace the one he had previously used. This payment to Mr. Whitehead of \$1,700 for his car, however necessary this car may have been for the business of the union, was made out of charity funds that should have been devoted to the needy and sick actors. No explanation has been made by Mr. Whitehead as to his need for the car, why, in these dire days of depression, the APA did not see fit to dispense the relief money in this manner.

Miss Tucker's answer to this point is: "That is not true. We have distributed upwards of \$12,000 of the APA's portion of the Theater Authority money and your auditors, in their report, should have given you a true report as it appeared in our records." (Auditor's report shows that APA received since 1938 \$5,000 from Theater Authority.) Miss Tucker then goes on to state that she claims that money secured by APA benefit shows went into the general fund. The examiner does not desire to merge our charity fund with the Ralph Tucker hospitalization fund, which also has accumulated a balance of \$6800, but she claims this change will please the Power A's committee.

She tells the APA to look for the manner in which it conducts its financial matters, the committee auditors discussed the Death Benefit Fund, the Death Benefit Fund is in separate account, but the death benefit assessments are being made and distributed by the Power A's to this account. Death benefit stamps are not numbered, and the administration of this fund does not possess the necessary safeguards. There is no check on the death benefit stamps that are printed. Then the accounts showed that 13 members of the Council are in arrears in their assessments. With the exception of a half dozen, Council members are also delinquent in payment of their dues. Miss Tucker's dues are listed as paid only to February 1, 1939,

and her death benefit assessments in arrears 18 to 25 inclusive.

As of April 1, 1939, the following Council members were listed paid up in dues: Harry Richmond, honorary life member; J. J. Brady, Peter J. Byrne, Walter J. Diggs, William Donahue, Jack Donohy, Phil Hart, Gus Vasa, Rudy Vallee, Ralph Whitehead. Life members who paid \$100, Sid Williams, Guy Magley, Life member, Jessie Wolfe, Charles McDonald, and T. D. Benna Jr. This group is not owing either in the death benefit assessments or dues.

Report showed that there is a total of \$18,134.67 in the Death Benefit Fund and \$2,824.19 in the Death Benefit Reserve Fund.

Further fault was reported in the APA benefit account which in November, 1935, Theater Authority asked for an accounting of the \$1,000 turned over to the union. Whitehead reported that \$450.00 was paid to 32 people, and that the APA deducted 25 per cent or \$112.50 for administration. Auditors challenged accuracy of the statement, maintaining that 37 persons received only \$307.50, and that \$48 had been disbursed prior to receipt of the money to persons in the employ of the APA.

Defending the expenditure for the automobile Miss Tucker wrote: "That portion of the report does not fairly state that up to the time that automobile was purchased the executive secretary did everything in his power at the lowest possible expense to carry on the affairs of the organization. The report does not include the fact that that automobile was vitally necessary to the performance of service to our various branches and was used for the purpose of limiting the expense of traveling by making it possible to carry more than one representative to the cities where work had to be done. The car has saved money for the APA and has been a great strain on Whitehead and other organizers who should be getting railroad fare money instead." Financial report lists an additional \$1,220.29 for year ending 1938 and \$401.68 for year ending 1939 as gas, garage and other expense for the car used in Whitehead's organizational trips.

Miss Tucker takes vehement exception to committee's accusation that, "reliever responsibility exists rests upon those executives on the payroll of the APA who are instructed by the ruling personnel to handle the matters referred to in this report." "Such a conclusion, said she, can only instigate one thing—that the report of the committee reflects and makes the accusing finger only towards our secretary, Ralph Whitehead, the branch representatives and other organizers. While asserting that they are deserting the faith of our splendid membership in the international union."

Anticipating that effect, The International Brotherhood issued a public statement setting forth on all party leaders, managers, agents and other persons now having contractual relations with the APA and the union, that they are to be the performers will be tolerated, that should any one use the presidency of the union as a shield to cover up any error to injure the American Federation of Actors or its membership in any way, all persons having any official position in the union are hereby notified that they are taking concerted and affirmative action against such persons."

Following a preliminary release, Miss Tucker challenged the Power A's themselves to submit to investigation by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, but she had proposed that at a meeting of the Power A's Monday night, but this was not accepted.

Closing her remarks, she said: "We request the instructions made against all of us and particularly Ralph Whitehead in this report." At the board meeting, she attacked presence of four attorneys administrative committee and the Board. Statement of account she said the APA since its charter was issued March 22, 1934, follows:

Cash receipts:
Dues paid by actors and organists, \$119,620.30; Initiation Fees, \$15,212.00; Orkus and Carnival Dues \$31,234.75; Buttons and Badges, \$12,617.11; Duplicate Receipts, \$79,773.75; Dues from Per 108, \$18,109.58; Reporter Advertising, \$1,029.25; Sale of Bonds \$13,245; Miscellaneous \$2,048.00.
Total \$224,814.08.
Disbursements:
Executive Secretary: Year ending February 2, 1939, \$3,305.60; Year ending February 2, 1938, \$3,305.60; Year ending February 2, 1937, \$3,305.60; year ending February 2, 1936, \$3,305.60; year ending February 2, 1935, \$3,305.60.
Total \$16,518.00.



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Money for July 1, 1939, \$1,000.00; Theatre, \$1,000.00; Rent, Telephone and General Overhead, \$43,893.80.
Total Disbursements, \$97,978.75.

Total Receipts, \$1,714.30.
Summary of net receipts (APA funds) year ending February 2, 1939, \$1,714.30; year ending February 2, 1938, \$1,714.30; year ending February 2, 1937, \$1,714.30; year ending February 2, 1936, \$1,714.30; year ending February 2, 1935, \$1,714.30.
Total Net Receipts, \$1,714.30.

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HITS AND FLOPS IN RADIO

By JERRY FRANKEN

Percentage of 1939 Flops Less Than Last Year; 17% Excellent

NEW YORK, July 17—Based on 108 network commercial program offerings available this past radio season (September, 1936, to date), radio maintained a better average for successful shows than in the preceding corresponding period. The shows are rated by *The Billboard's* radio staff as hits, flops and in-betweeners. Naturally, the entertainment quota of the shows is the standard by which they are judged, meaning that a flop show, as rated here, may have some good songs, but they are not the reason for the show's failure to carry over on sales. Regarding the sales end, only the show business phase is considered in this analysis. Daytime shows are not covered, primarily because

Letters following the program are keyed as follows:
E-Excellent; G-Good; B-Bad. Combinations of letters indicate the show is rated as between the two ratings. Thus, F-G means the show is better than Fair, but not quite Good.

Analysis shows the following results:

Programs rated E-18, for 17 per cent of total.
Programs rated D plus-4, for 4 per cent of total.
Programs rated D-38, for 34 per cent of total.
Programs rated F-C-19, for 18 per cent of the total.
Programs rated F-34, for 32 per cent of the total.
Programs rated B-6, for 6 per cent of the total.
Programs rated D-8, for 7 per cent of the total.

There were two institutional programs (I) which were not given any ratings.

A number of programs rated in both seasons are now on the air for different sponsors. Typical are Hobbs Lobby, Preference Quila and Ben Bernie.

CBS Commercial Programs

Sponsor	Program	This Year's Rating	Last Year's Rating
American Oil Co.	Edwin C. Hill		
American Tobacco Co.	Your Hit Parade	B	B
	Tapered off somewhat but still a popular program.		
American Tobacco Co.	Ben Bernie	F-C	F
American Tobacco Co.	Matty Malneck		Cigarette Co.
	Malneck started only recently, succeeding Eddie Duchin. Too early to tell, but		
	rating so far is no better than F.		
Atlantic	Football	C	
Boyer Co.	Second Husband	F-C	
Brown & Williamson	Dr. Hughes (special)	F	
	First night	F-C	F-C
	Same old hockey drama, by way of Dixie.		
Campbell Soup Co.	Amos 'n' Andy	F	C
	Rating a better one than last year.		
Campbell Soup Co.	Orson Welles	F	
	Program has done a top audience building job.		
Cashmograph Co.	Ben Bernie		
	Strong dramatic entry.		
Charles Mfg. Co.	Major Bowes	C	
	Old Man Bowes and the Mayor keep on rolling.		
Chicago-Aluminum-Pet Co.	Gang Busters	F	
	Crise doesn't pay, except when sponsored.		
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet	J. McWilliams	C	
Continental Baking Co.	Jack Harty	F	
	There wasn't improvement.		
	E. J. du Pont de Nemours Co.	Cavalade of America	F (I)
	Time Up Time	F	F (I)
DeWitt Co.	Handy Andy	F (I)	F (I)
General Foods Corp.	Radio People	C	
General Foods Corp.	Kate Smith	B	
	Went from a very weak rating, changed to B.		
General Foods Corp.	Joe Penner	C	
General Foods Corp.	Joe L. Brown	F-C	
General Mills	Time to Eat	C	
Giffith Mfg. Co.	Time to Eat	C	
	Compact musical.		
G. V. K.	Screen Actor's Guild	B	
Household Finance	It Can Be Done	F	
	Don't cry, now, it's just poetry.		
Houston Printing Co.	Phil Barber	F-C	F-C
	Baker still in and out of order.		
International Silver	Silver Theater	F	B
	Still a good show, but it began to drop.		
Lady Esther Co.	Guy Lombardo	F-C	C
Lambert Co.	Grand Central Station	F	
	Good, but no longer, also barely rated.		
Lever Brothers	Lux Radio Theater	F	
Lever Brothers	Al Jolson		
	Still goes down to a F.		
Liggett & Myers	Burns and Allen	F-C	C
Liggett & Myers	Paul Whiteman	F	
Liggett & Myers	Bob Benchley	F-C	
P. Lorillard	Bob Benchley	F-C	
	Benchley has been erratic.		
Mohr Inc.	Bob Ripley	C	
Monroe Chemical Co.	Professor Quix	C	
	Still a strong show, but not up to K standards.		
Procter & Gamble	Patricia Vittori	F	
	Good, but not up to K standards.		
	Or as Jimmie would say, about two and a half hours.		
Procter & Gamble Co.	Knickerbocker Holiday	F	
Pure Oil Co.	Red Grange	F-C	
	Specialized appeal, and what for these requirements.		
Ryan's Purina Co.	Franklin	F	
	J. J. Bernhardt Tobacco Co.	F-C	C
	Benny Goodman	F-C	C
R. J. Bernhardt	Eddie Cantor	C	

Spencer	Program	This Year's Rating	Last Year's Rating
Name on this show got it an F rating. With the budget taken into consideration, the show is really a flop.			
U. S. Rubber	50 Men and a Girl	B-F	
U. S. Rubber	Pick and Post	F	
Win. Wright	Gateway to Hollywood	F	

NBC Commercial Programs

American Tobacco (American Cigar and Cigarettes)	Edna Duchin	O	I
American Match Mfg	Arnold Band	O	I
American Tobacco Co.	Eay Kye	O	O
Anacin Co.	Early Ayer	O	O
Any one of the best	Album of Familiar Music	F	F
Bayer Co.	Pred Allen	F	F
British-Meyers Co.	Try to get new business	O	O
British-Meyers Co.	For Men Only	O	F
An improved offering	Tommy Dorsey	O	O
Brown & Williamson	Plantation Party	F	F
Brown & Williamson	Informing Time	F	D
Brown & Williamson	Informing	F	F
Brown & Williamson	Informing	F	F

What did you expect if not that?

Sanitation Co.	Continental Motor	F	O
Shine Bros.	Jackson	F	O
Chumner Products	Pete Wilson	F	O
Common Products	Battle of Bases	O	F
Genetone	Prince of Pleasure	F	O
Pela Nappitha	Hinky Binky	O	F
P. W. Pich	Bandwagon	F	O
General Foods	Prince of Pleasure	F	O
General Foods	Good News	O	F
General Foods	Jack Benins	F	O
General Foods	Peasants	O	F
Grove Laboratories	Food Waring	O	O
Jergens Woodbury Sales	Johnnie Howell	F	O
B. G. Johnson & Son	Pilbury McGee	O	F
Kraft Foods	Hollywood Playhouse	F	O
	Living Greasy	F	O
One of radio's best best three nights.	Emily Post	F	O
Good idea, very bum show.	Jack Berch	F	O
Manhattan Radio Co.	Barn Dance	F	O
Miles Laboratories	Uncle Ears	F	O
Miles Laboratories	Comeb the corn cobs your way	F	O
Quaker Co.	Carson Robinson	F	O
Pacific Coast Rous	Death Valley Days	F	O
Radio City of America	Farm Terrors	F	O
Dependent Co.	Bob Hope	O	F
One of the bright comedy spots of the season.	Walt Disney	F	O
Pharmaceutical Co.	Tale of Today	F	O
Princess Pst. Ltd.		F	O
More radio.	Tommy Rugg	F	O
Quaker Oats Co.	Magic Eye	O	F
Radio City of America	Metropolitan Auditions	O	F
Sherrin-Williams	One Man's Family	F	O
Standard Brands		F	O
No. 1 show its kind.	Rudy Vallee	F	O
Standard Brands	Show has fallen below standard, but should get back	F	O
Standard Brands	Sherrin-Williams Show	F	O
Sun Oil	Lowell Thomas	F	O
Vick Chemical	Beth Parver	F	O
R. F. Ward	Edgar Bergen	F	O
W. L. Watkins	Manhattan Merry-Go-Round	F	O
Reich Grape Juice Co.	Irene Welch	F	O
Wittich		F	O

MBS Commercial Programs

Barbarel	..Gabriel Heatter	O	
Bayuk Cigare	..Sam Balter	O	
One of the best of the sports commentators	..Orrin Woodward	F	
Co-Operative Merchants	..True Detective	F	F
Co-Operative Merchants	..Show of the Week	O	O
Co-Operative Merchants	..Pamela Brown	O	O
Co-Operative Merchants	..Monograms	D	F
General Mills	..Curtain Tug	O	
Gooden Baking	..Good Wife	O	
Ironated Steel Co.	..Good-Will Hour	O	F
London Co.	..Heidi	O	
Philip Morris	..What's My Name!	O	G
Philip Morris	..Whore Whore!	O	
Philip Morris	..Briest Alone	O	
A recent entry, pointing now toward a rating of F.	..Lifetime Merus	F	
Empty show week.	..Charmaine Long		
Bernation Cigarets	..Don't You Believe It	F	
Sweets Co. of America	..Smiling Jack		
	..Recital		
Wholesale Corp.	..Dorothy Gordon	F	F
Wholesale Steel	..Musical Steamrollers	F(I)	F(I)

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"Stage Door Johnny"
Reviewed Friday, 8:45-9 p.m. CST.
Style—Interview. Sponsor—E. J. Welscheid's Riverside Theater, Station WENP (Milwaukee).

The program admirably fulfills the purpose of permitting radio's fans and Riverside Theater customers to meet the actor and hear the actor's story during the current week. Charles La Pore, interviewer, skillfully draws from the actor's story the points of interest to their careers, as that the listener has a strong hankering to see them personally.

Heard on the program reviewed were a number of members of the Hawaiian Islands, which opened the Riverside the same day. To give variation to the program, La Pore permits Robert Bell, director of the company, to query several of the members.

This string is pretty close and free from topheavy commercials. **B-minus.**

"Bouquet to a Gentleman"

Reviewed Thursday, 8:45-9 p.m. CST. Style—Narrative and songs. Sustaining on WVL, New Orleans.

WVL's program director James Willson's program presents a series of tributes to leading citizens of the Crescent City, reviewing high points of their lives and careers. The program is a series of the bouquet of real roses to the wife of his subject. The speaker interweaves with two baritone renditions of ballads, but these could be omitted and a little more time given to the review.

Speaking with good diction Willson makes his tribute interesting enough and has shown good selection of his tributes. On night of this review, Dr. James Conner, dean of law school of Louisiana State University, was the subject. As a mate to this program the station also, airs tributes to a Lady on July 2, 1959. In WVL's program the procedure is reversed with actual persons. Willson's rendition of *That Long Ago* and *Remember* but he has a better speaking voice. **B-plus.**

"Town Talk"

Reviewed Sunday, 5:45-6 p.m. Style—Talk. Sponsor—Essexville, Station KGH (Riverside).

Two years ago KGH Manager John Lantz heard insurance man Les Sellers speak impromptu over a remote part-work from an election night headquarters, liked his breezy style of chatter on things and personalities.

Following Sunday (morning, Sellers

became a sustaining quarter-hour without fanfare, has continued ever since to gab and gab with the audience. Sellers, to politics, over to chambers of commerce.

Two weeks ago, after Sellers dropped the idea of Town Talk following protests of a bakery that makes bread of the same name, Sellers decided to drop the idea by a sponsor to sell expensive athletic equipment because the speaker is supposed to be a male athlete of better power.

Sellers formula is foolproof. Sometimes he spends his whole part talking about a civic project currently in the headlines, other times he may review books, interpret international diplomacy, tell his office chair officer, recommend sports events and so on. His period usually sounds like a vocal recording. Apparently because he gathers much of his material the day off his broadcast by reading magazines whose facts is condensed reporting of contemporary events. **Plus.**

"Success Session"

Reviewed Tuesday, 9:30-10 p.m. Style—Interview and dramatization. Station—Sustaining on WOR/Mutual.

Success Session tries to tell how to get out of a dead end and make yourself. To succeed, the program has a series of two "job experts." Clara Belle Thompson and Margaret Lukes, who submit job applications, interview applicants and comment upon dramatized interviews of the above's chief angles to help people change their point of view, thereby turning them to get placed in positions in new fields of employment. Chief dramatization of the program was illustrated by a dramatized interview of a man who had been unemployed for a long time. The man's chief angles to help him his troubles were re-stated.

Program reviewed a targeted production job by Robert Louis Clayton, but this reviewer could not harm a guess as to whether it will be a success. Because chief appeal is to the unemployed—this statement being made with full knowledge of the fact that the program is also slanted toward an employed audience trying to get better jobs. *Reasons*, however, are definitely in the public interest category.

Anchorman was Clayton Warren. **A-minus.**

"The Man in the Car"

Reviewed Thursday, 10:15-10:30 a.m. CST. Style—Interview—Sponsor—Cole County Office Co. & Neil Motor Co., Station—KWOS Jefferson City, Mo.).

This one clicks from the sound of the air that gets it under way until emcee John Corrigan says "hiary." It involves interviews at a busy city intersection with various motorists who pause at the corner. Primary function is safety promotion.

City traffic cop co-operates by starting up motorcyclists and other vehicles who are in being prospective interviewees into the curb. The boys usually are interviewed at a busy city intersection by the copper that they are all emcee when informed it's a broadcast for safety rather than for publicity.

Corrigan gets some good angles by asking some of the motorists of having pulled out of the car and most of them frankly admit that they have. Questions follow this line: Have you ever received a ticket? Have you ever been in a wreck? Are you a pedestrian or motorist? What do you regard as the most important safety safety feature on your automobile?

Answers naturally vary greatly, but show is plenty interesting all the way. Reviewer's most interesting perspective was on such person interviewed on the show, but might have been a better one on a auto to a full tank of gasoline, a car wash, or a can of car polish. **B-minus.**

"Busman's Holiday"

Reviewed Tuesday, 10:10-10:30 p.m. Style—Book and play reviews. Sustaining on WOR/Mutual.

Holiday has a highbrow slant and is not for the casual listener. The program is pretty pleasant. **C. B. Bag-**

ular talent includes Carl Van Doren, who reviews books and essays. John Mosher, of *The New Yorker*, reviewing motion pictures, and Morton Gould's modernistic music filling the air. The show will have weekly guests talking about their work.

On first program R. J. Perkinson, of *Architectural Record*, reviewed some humorous opinions on how to conduct the show, and then told how he felt about the show. The show also had a beauty turn brought *Flowerman* some unique fan mail by his breathing apparatus. While the show at times did run smoothly the gaps in continuity will probably be remedied as soon as the program is back on the air.

As a book reviewer via radio Mr. Van Doren had good good and bad points. Shows were interesting. The show's reviews were presented in a rather flat manner. The scholars won't mind, Mosher, the best talker on the program, gave evidence of developing solid program evidence. His stuff was smart and well presented.

Morton Gould did deliver his weird modern music, and his type is sufficient to attract many listeners. **A-minus.**

Row Takes Gershwin Salute From Stadium

NEW YORK, June 17.—Paul Whiteman has been the center of the Gershwin salute. Columbia Broadcasting System July 8. This is in lieu of a repetition of the show at times did run smoothly the gaps in continuity will probably be remedied as soon as the program is back on the air.

Reason for Whiteman's nonappearance is rumored to be the result of his trouble with Mrs. Charles Guggenheim. Stadium concerta program, involving money for special arrangements for last summer's program. Contract called for payment by Mrs. Guggenheim and the Stadium, with the sum going over \$1,700.

Mrs. Guggenheim, protesting that she expected the show to be a success, had the matter brought to Local 802 attention, with the union deciding she expected the show to be a success. The matter was brought to Local 802 attention, with the union deciding she expected the show to be a success. The matter was brought to Local 802 attention, with the union deciding she expected the show to be a success.

RMA Ends Meeting On Pessimistic Note

CHICAGO, June 17.—Radio Manufacturers Association, whose members have been making practically all radio and television set makers, ended its convention on a pessimistic note. The association, which is the largest of its kind in the world, is the largest of its kind in the world.

Pointing out that the RMA has a great deal of work to do, the association added that the presentation of tele in New York may lead to ungrounded hopes of the industry. Wherever the association is in a limited way to people living in the city, the association is in a limited way to people living in the city.

Additional stations are in prospect. While predicted that over 50 per cent of the new stations will be in the United States could not be served for some time, owing to serious economic problems.

On a pessimistic basis, Willis said that until real experience is gained, programs will be limited to a few hours a day.

NBC Red Southwest Group To Be Augmented July 15

NEW YORK, June 17.—Beginning July 15, National Broadcasting Co.'s Red Southwest group will consist of eight stations instead of seven as now, and a certain amount of new stations will be possible. Hereafter all seven had been in the Southwest group.

Under new set-up, five obligatory stations will be KVOO, Tulsa; WKY, Oklahoma City; KPRC, Houston; KARK, Little Rock; KONG, Amarillo.

Say NBC Refusing Black's Resignation

NEW YORK, June 17.—Frank Black, musical director of KGO for many years, reports having offered his resignation to NBC, which the network is reported to have turned down. Black's resignation, it is believed, is an aftermath of the recent dismissal from the NBC house band leader list of Jerry Sears by Les Spilliey, NBC musicians' contractor. Sears was also fired \$2,500 by Local 802 of the musicians' union on the grounds of carrying power assigned to contractors only. This was when Sears was charged with firing several NBC musicians.

One of the reasons Local 802 was so stringent in dealing with Sears, according to a union spokesman, was that the union wanted to impress its members that only contractors can hire and fire. This situation is believed to be responsible for Black's proffered resignation, since even so he may be musical director he cannot engage or discharge men.

NBC's New Business Over \$3,000,000; Renewals Up

NEW YORK, June 17.—Since June 1, National Broadcasting Co. has received \$3,000,000 in new business, according to reports. New accounts include Palmair Mattress, Camel Cigarette and two new accounts, including one from the American Tobacco Standard Brands, Bristol Myers and Mars, Inc.

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Donald MacBain, who handled the R Club press chores for four years, adding the publicity here.

Show, changed every three weeks. In

Tower Inn, Lyons, Ill.

George Curry's one of five plays a good show. Closed June 14 after a three years' run. New band will be Jerry "Muscle" Baum's seven-piece combo. Club is owned by Bill Ashby. Business was 2000 capacity at show tonight. Edward Murnan.

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a couple of stock pattern designs. It is easy to look at and her work has some appeal. Inez Goman, torch stick, suffered from a bad cold, marring

stream, is of the sweet variety. Most of the boys are also featured as a glee club group, particularly in the Door revue.

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Always try to get several scenes of large groups in your reel. The more people you photograph, the more will come to see what they look like. If possible, arrange to take random shots of the business district on busy shopping days and advertise ahead of time that extracts on the public square at a certain time will be shown in the movies the following week. The added dollars a local newsreel draws will more than repay you for your time and effort in this direction.

There are numerous events in small towns that are of utmost importance to the townfolk, and which would make interesting shots. Family reunions and picnics always have large groups of people. When describing the scenes over the tube mention as many names as possible in the scene being screened. With a little practice you will soon become adept at synchronizing your vocal descriptions with the action of the shots.

Strawberry festivals, lawn parties given at the daytime, baseball games, the start of Boy Scout and Girl Scout hikes, horseback contests and scenes at the county fair are all events of paramount interest to small-town people. If a bridge is washed out during a heavy storm get a shot of it. If the mayor's daughter is coming home from school for the summer get a shot of her arriving at the railroad station. Take pictures of the business men's club or Chamber of Commerce after one of their weekly luncheons and of the extra cars given on former Perkins' back ferry.

Be sure to allow enough time for your film to be developed and get back to you in time to make the newsreel. There are local laborers all over the country that will give you four or five-day service. Pick out the one nearest to the territory in which you operate. Whether you produce a local newsreel every week or only once a month, the idea is to keep activity in your towns. The idea is worth a try at least.

Recent Non-Theatrical Releases

(16MM unless otherwise designated)

Key: M—Motion Picture; My—Mystery; Mv—Musical; Ad—Adventure;
W—Western; Dr—Drama; and Co—Comedy.

(Films listed below are feature pictures. Releases of other than feature will be carried in the regular news columns on this page.)

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15 Who Were Condemned (Dr.)...	30	Potish National Theater, East	Garrison
Three Empty Pools (Mus.)...	108	Tito Schipke	
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12/4mm The Wreck (Dr.)...	86		
A Nova Le Livre (Dr.)...	106		
Crime and Punishment (Dr.)...	182		
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PULLMAN, Wash. — Pullman Swimming Pool opened on June 12. Oswald Gates as recreational director and Mary Sands instructor and manager.

Long Island

By ALFRED FRIEDMAN

Amusement impresario Leonard (Oscar) Valardi, who has been one of the island's biggest operators, takes time out to deplore increased taxes and difficult license requirements. He explains that this is one of the greatest factors in discouraging investments in this field, adding that it has made necessary in his case the chopping of his interests by 80 per cent this year.

Jones Beach water carnivals will be fun on a larger scale than ever, despite tough competition from Billy Bums's similarly patterned display at the World's Fair. Long Beach's 25-cent bathing toll is in operation again for those using

The city's bench, and some publicity source let a story break last week that potential patrons who could prove they could not afford the charge would be granted free admission.

BOCKAWAY BEACH: Moose Brill has opened an archery spot on the Bockaway walk, making the third of this type here thus far. Fairlyland, Wigmore and amusement park off to a successful opening. Cope are luring swimmers to young couples using the Boardwalk for dancing. Cops also letting up in a drive against shore visitors who drink in automobiles because of shortage of pavilion facilities.

Playland Park's Roller Coaster is humming, his being so heavy nights that often the ride is going long after other spots have shut down. Syndicate that planned to sponsor a combination dinner-bathing-amusement ticket at ev-

rales abandoned the project. On the first day that the new toll bridge to the beach was open, more than 30,000 motorists filed thru the lanes in eight hours at a time when

Cedar Point Opening Oked

SANDUSKY, Q. June 17.—With favorable weather, Cedar Point on Lake Erie has opened on June 18, drawing enthusiastic crowds, officials said. New dance pavilion has been erected and equipped with lighting and sound systems. Doctor's orchestra played during opening week and Sheep Field's band was scheduled to open on June 18, to be followed a week later by Russ Morgan's band. Mail has been revamped and pre-

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Performers Offer Talent Buyers

Suggestions on Exploitation, Publicity and Presentation

This question of how to sell the public on grand-stand or free-attraction talent is one of vital importance to every buyer of such attractions. The answer, of course, is proper promotion. Without this no amusement offering can be expected to build up attendance, whether it be an amusement park, a fair, a carnival, celebration or what not.

The purpose of this article is not to tell talent buyers their business in selling free attractions to the public, but of offer them some practical suggestions on exploitation, publicity and presentation, which, in the opinion of performers, would possibly produce results, and great results naturally mean large crowds and more admissions.

It was felt by *The Billboard* that performers could relate some instances where their attractions were properly sold to the public and, on the other hand, instances where they were not. In other words, the idea is to present a contrast in the methods of selling talent, with the data coming from performers themselves.

As it is believed and hoped that this article will prove not only interesting but helpful to talent buyers as well as performers.

None of individuals, places and specific references have been omitted. However, it is believed that readers do not want to know where the experiences took place, whether they were in a park, at a fair, at a sponsored event, on a carnival or some other amusement enterprise.

It is hoped that thru the publication of this article attractions will be better sold to the public in the future to the benefit of the talent buyers.

Cited as an example of good free act promotion to the public was the experience had by a performer at a Southern amusement park. On each occasion that he worked there a large outdoor electric sign advertised his name and the attraction.

The publicity man for the park interviewed the performer and obtained a large amount of type space and pictures in the three local daily newspapers. The local radio stations interviewed him at the air after several performances had been given, and on at least three occasions they described the performance as he made appearances.

In addition, arrangements were made by the publicity man to have the performer appear on regular station programs, answering questions and discussing his act right in the studio. Thruout the engagement a large sound truck cruised the city streets and corners, carrying a message advertising that the act was at the park and making loud-speaker announcements inviting all to come to the park and see the performer. The performer was also invited to attend a number of business men and park executives, which, of course, received publicity in the papers.

In contrast to the above this same performer appeared at another park to the Middle West and received very little publicity—no one small picture with a short sketch underneath, as he recalls it, in a Sunday edition. There was no radio broadcasting, and there were no signs at the entrance to the park, although it was located on a much-traveled highway a short distance from the city. Only a few small roadside signs and some telephone cards that the performer furnished were used.

The Southern park attracted large crowds because of the publicity, of course. Several people talked to the performer after performance and said they drove 30 and 75 miles just to see the act which they heard described on the radio. The Middle West park had fair crowds, which could have been larger if the proper publicity had been used.

As for the fair, the smaller one,

according to this performer, overlook big opportunities to publicize their programs. With few exceptions they do not have anyone to handle this end of a fair and consequently receive very little support from the newspapers or radio stations.

"The dailies and weeklies have ceased to look upon a fair as a civic enterprise—something they should foster and help along of their own accord," he says. "They are content to let the fair get

along by itself and publish but a few stories and photos as the occasion warrants. No real effort or campaign is used to make the most of the possibilities to attract huge crowds.

"One small fair I worked last year did a very good job. With a limited budget and unable to book a large and lengthy grand-stand program it went ahead with a small revue, two platform acts, my act and the pricing etc. My act was used as the feature attraction

and publicized in every way possible thruout the county. Approximately 27 weekly newspapers received regular press releases, mail and photos, the local radio station in the county was contacted with the fair board and aired various interesting stories of the fair before and during the meeting. Here again a sound truck was used and sent to all the surrounding towns a week before the opening day. The route was repeated several times, thus creating interest among the entire population in the county. Results: Attendance that shattered all previous records.

"Of course, program promotion is important and publicity is necessary, but perhaps these essential features of a fair or park's activities can produce any worth-while efforts, and in order to avoid disappointing the organizers and the audience for the program should be selected which possess the necessary angle and qualities for promotion. Anything can be promoted, even what about lasting results? A mediocre program of home talent or otherwise may attract people if promoted and publicized in every possible way, but will they come back again the next week, or next year? Publicity should be used to build confidence as well as attendance.

"There are many number of good promotion stunts that can be worked if the talent buyer, acts and attractions cooperate with the newspapers, radio, news, or various organizations in the community. I have several which I have been thinking about for a long time, but just do not have the time to go over all the details with a fair or park man who does not understand what is required of him—though I cannot do because I am not located in the territory long enough to make all the arrangements. Some day soon I hope to put one or more of these ideas to work and, believe me, when I do some fair or park man will all show people how publicity and me how some people can be attracted if the entertainment program is able to the people who in the end pay for the amusement.

"It all comes down to this—good publicity before the act or attraction arrives, which means feature stories in the newspapers, radio, billboards, sound-truck advertising and sound trucks where possible. And to present the act properly, a good location with plenty of lighting. Proper introduction over the public-address system, mentioning the outstanding feature of the act, also good music if the act is set to music. Of course, all show people know this, but many fairs, parks and celebrations will engage the best acts in the country and then do nothing to tell the public. They are like the man who has some thing they are seeking expert thru the advertising and publicity."

A revue manager gave his experience regarding publicity at the county fair which he has worked with the show.

"If they don't know about you, they can't tell about you," says this manager. "Therefore, we've made it a practice to track up on our publicity director of the county fairs but the county newspaper editors as well. We mail them both still and candid camera photos for money and store our display in a room—male, cute and a press sheet explaining just what the various acts in our revue do—at least four weeks in advance of our opening. We then check the results before our opening, we send press sheets of every item about the numbers of the cast.

"Since the advent of excellent sound amplification, revue and variety talking acts are definitely a part of the outdoor amusement field.

"Even at this early date we have our photos, mats, cuts and publicity ready for the season—ad, make no mistake, it's just a way to sell the grand-stand revue as it is the 'right' act, provided

Second Annual Outdoor Talent Section

Outstanding Acts, Attractions and Shows Are Synonymous With New Attendance Records!

In this, the Second Annual Outdoor Talent Section, The Billboard again presents the announcements of an array of acts and attractions that are available for Park, Fair and Celebration engagements this season.

On numerous occasions they have proved themselves to be good crowd pullers, and the buyers of attractions as well as booking agencies will do well to investigate their talents and abilities if not already familiar with them.

A well-balanced program of attractions of merit, and especially something exceptional, will never fail to draw the public and keep patrons talking—and word-of-mouth advertising means good attendance over the entire season or a specific period. The added revenue created thru increased attendance many times more than pays for the attractions.

Every place of amusement must be SOLD to the public—and real attractions, properly publicized and presented, will do the work. People will not stream thru the gates in large numbers of their own accord—there must be an incentive of some kind.

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Attractions Mean Greater Attendance

HOW TO SELL THE PUBLIC—

(Continued from page 49)
you have the sound and the whole-hearted co-operation of the county editors."

In the opinion of another performer, the reason some programs do not go over better than they do is that the artists do not explain their needs to fair managers. He also thinks fair secretaries and committees should visit near-by fairs and celebrations more often to see what is going on that would be of help to them.

"Every one says last year was very good for the fairs," he says. "It was for me—I had a good season on the West Coast. This year is expected to be much better, and it should be. Most fairs are keeping up with programs or at least trying to. That means they're using more free acts and, if presented properly, the fair should fail. Platform acts should be given good high platforms with plenty of room to work and lots of light, at night."

"Performers, too, can help the fair manager put his free-act program over much better by explaining their needs. One cannot expect all fair secretaries to be showmen, but I do believe if the fair secretaries and committees would visit their neighbor fairs more often and see what goes on, it would help them to better their own fairs."

"Last season I played a small fair where the platform was a foot high and there was a rail fence

1 CONLEY'S ATTRACTIONS—A comedy animal circus of 4 ponies, 4 monkeys and dogs. The humorous antics of this group put thru their paces by Miss Trude create a riot of laughter and fun.

2 GREAT FUSNER—Aid in striking display of fireworks on his spiral tower. Photo was taken February 27, 1939, Sahara Temple Shrine Circus, Minneapolis, Minn.

3 BEE RYLE—High fire diver. The grace with which her body turns as she plunges thru the air makes her dive outstanding and has won her international fame.

4 FOUR SENSATIONAL STARS—From left to right, Lew Hill, Helen Boudry, Mary Vaughan, and Eddie Viera, manager. They have appeared at parks and fairs since 1922. The act uses a double ladder rising distinctively lighted for night performances.

5 OSCAR F. BARCOCK—Photo taken at Billy Rose's Coney Island, Fort Worth Promoter Fiesta, Texas, where because of cramped space he experienced several falls and narrow escapes.

6 FOUR ROBBERS—Owned by Crash Danigan. Photo shows Upside-Down Jimmy Milette, trapeze head balancer, featured in act. Opened their season at the N. Y. World's Fair April 30.

7 BILLY SIEGRIST TROUPE—Upholding the high standard of the well-known Ringling-Barnum-Tierney Act. This group has rapidly gained in popularity with their unique flying trapeze routines. Brankie Siegrist is the youngest member but who has accomplished many difficult tricks. They present a new routine of sensational mid-air somersaults into the hands of the outgoing rider.

8 DEATH'S HOLIDAY THRILL SHOW—Photo shows Buddy Dunn doing a toe hang on a swinging rope, a featured attraction with the show under the direction of Capt. Frank Cushing.



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with a wide board at the top in front of the platform. The grand stand was low, making it hard for people to see the free acts. There was no band and the lighting equipment was poor. The next week we were at a larger fair which had a high platform, plenty lights and a good band. The secretary of the small fair came over and paid us a visit. After seeing the show, he said: "We are going to spend more money next year on our fair. One wouldn't know that I had the same acts at my fair." He was pleased and could now see what it required to have acts properly presented.

"The public is made up of a mass of individuals, each with his own idea of what constitutes entertainment, therefore, it stands to reason that detailed advertising of the various acts pays," says another performer. "Individual advertising of the different acts participating will draw more people than such general advertising as 'Colossal Show, Giant Show, Great Acts.' Superlative adjectives may intrigue the person who will go to the show anyway, but the acid test is to get the person who would not go unless he read an ad giving the acts in detail and found something of interest for almost everyone.

"Human-interest stories of performers in the press, telling how they learned to do this and that feature, if they are nervous when performing, personal habits, etc., arouse a desire in the public to see the acts. Many times acts are asked by the public about something they read in the newspapers.

"I have been interviewed over the radio many times and asked questions pertaining to the dangerous features of my act. This caused the public to talk about the act. I have edited question-and-answer columns pertaining to my line of work, and have addressed clubs which are interested in anyone (See How To Sell the Public on page 55)

1 **EDNA ALEE TRIO**—Photo shows Miss Edna Alee performing her sensational Wheel of Death stunt, shooting at a revolving human target mounted to a spinning wheel. Miss Alee is reported to be the only person in the world doing this death-defying feat.

2 **WVW BOONE COUNTY JAMBOREE**—Showing the Drifting Pioneers, Judy Dell and "Denny," hilariously radio presentation. This will play fairs and theaters.

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4 **DAVE MONAHAN**—Of Monahan and Morris, acrobats extraordinary, who plays with his feet and hands simultaneously. The act is booked for many fairs this season and has recently com-

pleted Warner Bros. and Universal film shorts in addition to their theater and night club activities.

5 **ROBINSON'S ELEPHANTS**—Offer rides to adults and toddlers. The three elephants are well known for their milking and musical performances. Typing pictures of the public are furnished. Have appeared in many parts and at fairs.

6 **DAVE AND JUNE ROBERTS**—Dance team with their World's Fair Revue and the American Booklets, chorus ensemble, are playing Northern fairs, June created and produced the chorus numbers and Dave does comedy in addition to McCreary and working with his lovely partner.

7 **GREAT GEOFRIED**—Stunt jumper now appearing at the Winter Sport Village, N. Y. World's Fair. At night performances fireworks add to the unusualness of this attraction.

8 **JERRY MARTIN**—Photo shows Betty Jane Martin, 8-year-old daughter, and proud of her daddy. Jerry has been on the road since she was 4 months old.

9 **SELDEN, THE STRATOSPHERE MAN**—Waxes to the crowd below byroes ascending the swaying portion of his high pole to present his featured routine, the swaying handstand. The act has steadily grown in popularity among fair and park executives during the past few years.

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- 2 **WHITESIDE TROUPE**—Left to right, Billy Patrick, Thomas Potkowsky, Marion Whiteside and Tommie Whiteside, manager. The troupe presents a light-act act and a high loop-the-loop trapeze routine. The clowning adds a touch of comedy through their show.
- 3 **MARJORIE BAILEY**—The Sty Lady, high-pole performer, featured with Capt. Frank Cushing's Death's Holiday Third Show. Her acrobatic stunting to a high spot in a varied program which includes a high disk, slide for life, a cannon act, rings and trapeze.
- 4 **JERRY MARTIN**—Known professionally as Jaydee the Great, performs atop a high pole dressed in the costume of an ape and does a splendid characterization of that animal.
- 5 **KEN DAVIS**—High-pole performer caught while doing splits on the rings. The routine also includes a swinging handstand, high-pole stunts, trapeze, balancing, etc.—It hits in all.
- 6 **OSCAR V. BABCOCK**—This picture was taken at Oak Park, Portland, Ore. Contracted for four weeks, the engagement was extended to six. Although in years, Mr. Babcock still performs the death-defying stunt, said to be the only one of its kind.
- 7 **JORGEN CHRISTIANSEN**—Whose Liberty horse acts have been an outstanding feature all fairs for years, also is noted for his trained dog acts. Pictured here is his group of polished Great Danes, which have appeared at many of the leading fairs.
- 8 **CONLEY ATTRACTIONS**—One of the members of Miss Freddie's petti tails after a performance at Coney Island Amusement Park, Cincinnati, O.
- 9 **CLAYTON REINE**—Now appearing with the Cole Bros. Circus is shown performing a triple somersault. Photo taken at the "Intergerden" in Berlin, Germany.
- 10 **WILNO**—Appearing this season with the Endy Bros. Show is shown here going over one of the two Ferris Wheels used in his act.



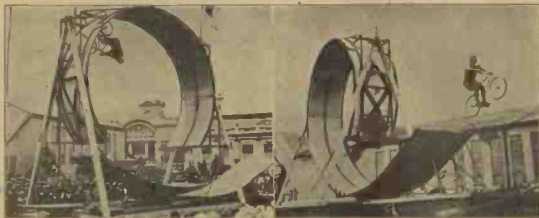
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- 1 **WLW BOONE COUNTY JAMBORES**—Photo shows Helen Diller, Canadian couglt, featured songstress whose specialty is converting popular tunes into hot yodelling numbers.
- 2 **AMERICAN FLYERS**—J. J. Cronkover, manager of the Thrax American Flyers. The other members are Eddie Suero and Floyd Nelson. The American Flyers have played leading parts in the East and last fall appeared with Bob Hartman's indoor circus in Toronto. Act consists of double somersaults, full flutters, passing leap and flying returns all with an edge of comedy and with Cronkover doing the clown stunts.
- 3 **STUART ROBERTS TROUPE**—Managed by Stuart N. Roberts presents a comedy serial horizontal bar act. This troupe has appeared with different agencies and at fairs and parks throughout the country.
- 4 **SELDEN THE STRATOSPHERE MAN**—A. E. Selden is shown here making his thrilling handstand on top of his high pole. While in this position he goes from side to side describing a wide arc across the sky.
- 5 **WOLANDI**—Bouncing high-wire walker, dances rumba and foxtrots without a balancing pole. Also rides a unicycle. Recently appeared with the Ethma Circus in Providence, R. I.
- 6 **DODSON'S HOLLYWOOD MONKEY STARS**—Photo shows Bo-Bo, Educated Mandrill Baboon, one of the featured performers now appearing in Frank Buck's Wild Animal Show at the New York World's Fair. Bo-Bo eats with knife and fork, smokes, drinks himself and has a large retinue of stunts to amuse the spectators.
- 7 **O'NEILL**—Jimmy O'Neill, of the Sensational O'Netta, who presents a fast stepping high ladder and table comedy acrobatic act with plenty of sock, climaxed this novel offering with a 16-foot backward dive, hands first, to a table below, immediately going into a fast routine of tumbling to the end of a 30-foot pad.
- 8 **FOUR ROMBISHILLS**—Owned by Crash Dunigan. Performers named clockwise—Miss Kay Brown, Ray Price, Harry Smith and Jimmy Mullett, the upside-down hand balancer, who is featured.
- 9 **MAXIMO**—Ace wrye walker, who recently played a command performance for the King of Denmark. His interpretation of an intoxicated man is a hit of fun and laughter.
- 10 **THE FOUR ARLEYS**—Willie Arley, Dick Jr. and Irene and Regene, the two Arley girls, in a high-pole, thrilling hand-balancing act by themselves. Family combine three acts in their repertoire. Besides the one aforementioned and two more all four Arleys take part in, head and hand balancing and the other difficult perch stunts. Current end for the next 10 weeks of Steeplechase Park, Coney Island, N. Y.



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- 4 **FOUR BOMBHELLS**—In another one of their interesting routines. The rigging and lighting effects at night make a very impressive appearance.
- 5 **IRLINO LUMBERJACKS**—Left to right, Earle Ward, Washington State champion; Carl Hiller, Eastern champion, and Walter Swanson, German champion, international champion and Pacific Coast champion. This water novelty from the lumber camps is unusual to say the least and is composed

- 6 of true loppers.
- 6 **SELDEN THE STRATOSPHERE MAN**—Photo shows him reeling from side to side atop his high rigging. Selden has been playing fairs and parks many years with his Stratosphere Men act and will appear at several State fairs this season.
- 7 **FLYING COVETS**—The Flying Covets, formerly with Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus and last season with the Santos & Artigas Circus, Havana, are playing fairs this season. Double twisting somersaults, carrying leaps, double outbursts and other difficult feats are highlights of their performance.
- 8 **DEATH'S HOLIDAY THRILL SHOW**—Capt. Frank Cusking, owner and manager, has a Fire-to-Fire Dive. Ten gallons of gas are poured in his tank and lighted, making an immense roaring inferno with flames shooting high in the air. He wears his gasoline soaked clothing and leaps into the blazing tank.
- 9 **FLYING BEHEE**—Miss Rose Behee doing a two and one half of the Weltergarten, Berlin, Germany. This act is one of the featured attractions with the Cole show this season. A very difficult feat

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who has made a profession of the thing that is a hobby to themselves.

"In several places, too, I have done one of my stunts in the main streets of towns, drawing tremendous crowds and stimulating interest in the entire program."

An act with a carnival usually has a hard time of it with promotion and publicity men, another performer says.

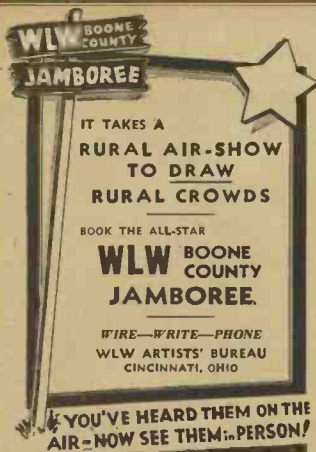
"Owners and publicity men fail to recognize the possibilities that rest right on the job," he says. "No sound care to use if permitted, and very little or no newspaper publicity, special paper or radio broadcasting for the free act, which was primarily engaged to draw people thru the gate. It seems to me that these showmen are overlooking good opportunities to make people want to visit the carnival."

"There also believe the day of radio I worked a show that did make use of some of advertising mediums mentioned above. People would stand and read every word of the special paper, would try to figure out how the performer did his stunt, and this would make them more eager to witness the performance."

"Too many showmen depend upon the strength of the act alone to pull crowds, using just the mere announcement, 'A Free Act—Thrilling Performance Every Night.' This is far from enough. The act itself can usually furnish any amount of material for advertising and publicity, but is unable in many instances to make the carnival man, park manager, fair secretary or special celebration committee use it."

"My suggestion to talent buyers is that they use all the material made available to them by acts. Interview the performers and find out what their experience are, accidents, if any, and capitalize on what has happened before. If this is done bigger crowds will come to witness the exhibitions and spend more money on the rides, concessions, etc."

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bump the same with high-wire performers as in other lines of endeavor. Some are born with the gift for their different lines of work, while others face into insignificance. In other words, a failure has to have "the stuff" or he is out of the picture.

Apparent Facilities

Another point is the apparatus facilities as used by the present-day high-

Grand-Stand Shows

SMITH'S Superba Band has been booked for Tri-County Fair, Elm, Pa. reports Manager Hugh M. Smith.

JIMMIE LYNCH and his Death Dodgers have been booked as opening day attractions at three-day Lippincott (Pa.) Exhibition, mid Fair Manager O. M. Cook.

PAUL WHITEMAN and his organization will be featured musical attraction at the 1939 Wisconsin State Fair, Madison, playing afternoon and night in the grand stand and at the night Horse Show. Blow-off for the grand-stand show is at 7:30 p.m. and Horse Show starts at 8 p.m. and Fair Manager Paul O. Travis stating that the free-act program is closed early to give the midway a break. Whiteman contract was closed by Judge Patton Lockman, chairman, and James A. Cayce, of the fair board. It calls for the entire week, except for auto races on Saturday.

AMONG free attractions at Madison County Fair, Jasper, Tenn., will be Roy and Mae Morris, trapeze. Lynn Clyde Pryor's band will furnish music.

G. A. KLEIN's circus unit has been booked for a two-night grand-stand attraction for Jefferson County Fair, Smithfield, O.

MORRIS TROUBE, tightrope, who recently closed with Walter L. Main Circus, will play special events and celebrations until fair closes late in July.

KLINTH Attractions have been again contracted for the grand stand at Dayton (Pa.) Fair, circus unit will be offered the first three nights and musical revue the last two.

SI AND FANNIE O'NE and trick music, Abner, at George Jessell's Old New York at the New World's Fair, report contract for New York, Colorado, Thompsonville, Benton, Albion, Peconics and State Fair, Springfield, all Illinois, Montpelier, Fairmontville and Loudonville, O., and Jackson, Adrian and Hastings, Mich., last two being repeats.

STARKE County Fair, Canton, O., reports Fair Secretary Ed. L. Wilson, has booked the Circle A Ranch Rodeo for afternoon and night performance with the grand stand at the 1939 four-day fair.

CHICK FRANKLIN, manager of Capt. Jerry Edwards Cavalcade of Thrills, also third show, reports that Utah State Fair, Salt Lake City, has contracted for 10 shows in eight days.

wire acts. During my long career I have never seen two apparatuses alike erected in the same manner. Each and everyone of the acts had his own ideas and methods in erecting apparatus. Up to 15 or 16 years ago a high-wire act never thought of carrying two high poles for the erection of persimmonella. Today that has all been changed. Since the introduction of the transport truck high-wire acts now have their own private trucks for transporting equipment, making it possible to carry their own two high poles in sections. This, I must say, is a big help to them in that they become used to performing at the same height, and the use of a shorter span of wire on which to perform between their own two poles is another reason for now seeing a class of high-wire performances different from those in years ago. As an old hand at the high-wire game, I know what I have just related is a fact. It is a lot different from what we oldtimers had to contend with in putting on our acts. In the old days I never knew beforehand when the act out to play an engagement whether the parties engaging his act were going to furnish him with 80, 60 or 40-foot poles for the erection of the high wire. Some of these poles were crude and crooked, and it was very seldom that the performer had the same height pole in succession, nor the same span of wire between the poles to work on. This made a vast difference in one's balancing powers and in carrying out

the same routine of tricks at every performance. No doubt this is why the change has come about.

I have seen a lot of the present-day high-wire acts in operation and am of the opinion that they would be unable to accomplish the feats they are now doing on the fit-ups as provided us oldtimers. How could they perform them over such long stretches of poles as required at Niagara, Monticoneyrie Falls, Genesee Gorge or from the tops of high buildings over streets as they are now so accustomed to performing between their own two special poles.

The methods used and feats performed nowadays, as compared with the same type high wire acts of yesterday, are naturally nothing but what would be expected in these so-called streamlined and progressive times, and, aside the present-day high-wire acts are introducing a different brand of feats. In another decade or two there will come into being entirely new high-wire acts that will put on performances in midair without the aid of even a man-made pole.

Still am interested as ever

Since my retirement I have not lost interest in the profession and never make an opportunity of attending an aerial act in operation. When doing so the old aerial spirit and the love for my profession always take a grip on me, so much so that I am "on pins and needles" while watching every move of the performers, and I feel glad that I can relax when the act is ended.

One of my boys, an aerial "true" can take hold on one who has been in the business for so long a period, not long ago I attended the Shriners' Indoor Circus at the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, accompanied by my little granddaughter, when the high-wire act was taking place she grabbed my arm and said: "Grandpa, you are not doing nearly as well as I am in the matter with your" Believe it or not, I was so "wowed up" that people all around us seemed as interested in my actions in the act as the performers could not control my feelings. Witnessing that high-wire troupe in action brought back many pleasant memories.

The act to which refer was a very clever one, put on by a troupe of five, naturally giving one another plenty of assistance in carrying out their routine of varied and amazing stunts.

Acts better yet—high wire acts are concerned, like in the past there are some really outstanding performers, and there are others that don't seem to fit into the picture. I believe I can still pick out a natural-born star and am always willing to give credit where credit is due. The present-day high-wire performer, I will admit, has a great task to perform than we performers of the past, and, believe me, ours was hard enough. Today it not only requires skill and nerve in carrying out the act, but a lot more of professional business tact to get spectators interested and to suit their different tastes. The public in general has seen so much in late years that it is inclined to be skeptical and doesn't seem to appreciate the fine points of an act unless the stunts are daring to the nth degree. When such stunts are given spectators roar out their approval and clamor for more.

In answering the question often asked me as to how I compare the career work of high-wire acts of the past with the present, I must say that my verdict is in favor of the present-day acts. They outstrip the performers of the acts of the old school. As the performer of today who stands on the top rung of his professional ladder has outdistanced the performer of the past, it is no wonder to have some of the present-day high-wire artists, advancing with the times, make their feats more daring and hamdramatic, and originate the present-day act in the category of a scientific performance. I wish all of them the best of luck and hope they will continue to do so, and that the complete art of high wire art for many years to come and uphold the prestige of the high-wire profession in the same manner as the high-wire artists of yesterday.

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How To Get More Newspaper Prominence

By C. A. UPCHURCH, Jr.

ONE of the most dangerous and least desirable practices in show business usually impudently last year, show publishers set a new level when in an unusually large number of instances, they left a town and heaved in *The Billboard* and elsewhere about how much space they got. There were numerous signed letters in which press agents practically gloated "they did it just one over on the papers in that town" and made the editor out to be a scoundrel who talked the editor out of a streamer and two pictures on page one, at very little cost.

Well, it's all right to feel good after giving a capable performance in the press. But it's mighty poor taste to boast in front of your associates, thus tipping off the many newspaper men who read *The Billboard* to the fact that you think lightly of their co-operation and regard them as little more than scoundrels. Some objection was raised by level-headed press agents at the time these boastful, personal plays began to appear with regularity, but the custom prevailed until the end of the season. And a lot of press agents will be surprised this season when following one of these self-admitted "space-grabbers," they hear the fellow behind the city desk say, "Well, I gave a lot of co-operation to one of your guys last summer, and he went off and bragged about what a chump he'd made out of me. Our space is sort of tight right now."

On Pleading the Boss
With the carnivals and circuses out of winter quarters, now is a good time to think of remedying last year's errors and improving this year's relations with the press. If you are a press agent, on both sides of the desk many years. On the editor's side the stuff has looked good, indifferent and bad—mostly bad and never amusing. On the press agent's side it's been mainly a matter of planting the most words possible, regardless of how carefully they have been arranged, and hoping devoutly some of it will get into the next issue.

There are a number of simple steps which a press agent can take to make his task more productive and a greater credit to himself and to his show. Practically all of these steps concern the preparation of copy. Others involve his personal behavior in dealing with the press and his policy. A press agent should set a high standard and adhere to it.

On a level with personal justification is continual plugging of the boss. I've read countless yarns telling what a great fellow the boss is and how high he stands in the esteem of his employees because he pays off every penny of the clockwork. Everybody I know takes a job expecting rightfully to be paid regularly without having to chuck the boss

under his chin or scratch his back. At any rate, it's not understanding how useless plugging of the boss enhances a press agent's value to the show. If a press agent is to be a press agent, which is rarely the case, consider whether the yarn is newsworthy and whether it will be a credit to the show. It's a waste of time to print and absorb space that should be given to the sides or the free acts or Children's Day. How many of you now are mind-numbingly sorry about the day? How many of you think the public is more interested in the boss than in his show? And how many think the newspaper will continue to assist you in indulging the boss' ego as that he'll think you're hot stuff?

Put your time and talent on the real object of press-agency, which is publicizing the show in a legitimate, workmanlike manner. If your stuff draws crowds the boss will know you're producing. If you prefer to publicize him, he'll not care. Editors are wary of the boss in a pit. This will cut expenses and you can learn whether your boss or the other attractions draw the customers.

Scrapbook Is a Liability

Scrapbooks don't mean anything any more in newspaper offices. Time was when a press agent in a horse-blanket suit, with a pseudo-diamond earring in his tie and a big cigar dangling from the corner of his mouth, could breeze into a newspaper office with his scrapbook and make one hell of a big impression. We not that way now. Editors are wary of the man who lugs a scrapbook around. He's likely to consume too much of their time and patience looking up pictures and stories clipped from other papers over a period of months. They figure the copy he's about to hand them can't stand on its own feet. It's a reflection on the intelligence of the editor of *The Post-Tribune* and a slam on the size of his paper to expect him to jump at the chance to handle more pictures and stories clipped from other papers over a period of months. Show him what you got in Buffalo, Boston, Dallas and Milwaukee, and he'll marvel wonder what all that has got to do with his paper and his policy in dealing with shows. No practice ever tried less more than this attitude that fairly shouts, "You're just small-town stuff, and look what I got in *The Philadelphia Record*." Rely on your copy selling itself as you go, without having to dig into the past to show why your attraction draws space. If you keep a scrapbook of your clippings reserve it for the edification of your boss in case he wants to know what you're doing and why you're in or out of inclination to scan the local papers.

The comparatively simple matter of preparing copy proves a stumbling block to many press agents. Most copy of every description, the copy a press agent's office is bad. Consequently, the harassed editor humanly looks favorably upon copy that requires a minimum of his effort. Careful attention will make your copy look better to any editor in the land and he will bless you for your consideration. When you start to prepare your copy remember the editor will put a guide-line at the top and maybe mark the page on which the story will go. Therefore don't start writing at the top of the page, but give him two or three inches of space. Don't attempt to write a head for your story. The editor will behead it anyway as he sees fit. Keep short first few lines. Don't be too clear of any writing whatever. Use plain paper and make your impressive letterheads for correspondence.

Points in Preparing Copy

Always double-space, or even triple-space, your copy. Leave plenty of space possible. After completing the story edit it carefully and trim out every unnecessary word—or the editor will do it for you and maybe blame the

point you want to make. It's not the number of words that make a good story. It's the way you tell it. Try to keep your story to 300 words, and don't exceed 500 unless the editor expressly gives you permission to shoot the works. Few editors will allow a word count over 600 words long unless it is a feature backed with interest. The editor will be grateful and will give you better coverage. Most publishers are running tight papers now because of the rising cost of newsprint, increased competition from radio and the fact that they are not getting the same return for their space.

After you have written your story and edited it, rewrite the entire story so your copy will be clean when you hand it in. Be sure that you give the most important facts in the first two or three sentences, because a good, well-written lead pays the way for publication of your story. Don't submit it to the editor until you are satisfied that you have done everything in your power to present a story that will not need any rewriting. Don't use a typewriter. Write a machine with eccentric or small type faces. Use a machine with large, plain type on the story and line copy. Your copy will not have to squint their eyes out to learn what you are trying to say. And keep your typewriter in repair so that a broken "X" or "L" or "M" will not mess up your copy.

Newspapers appreciate good pictures and mats, especially if the lines are properly prepared. Most cut lines have to be prepared by the press agent, make no attempt to follow any standard newspaper style. In no case should your line be pasted to the back of a mat or photograph. If you have a copy of the mat, it's a two-column mat, write a snappy top-line and mark it for a two-column cut. That's all you do. The editor and line copy writer will do the rest. The cut, also marking these two columns and indicating they are to go under the cut according to the top-line. The best practice is to study the picture style of the paper you're shooting for and make your cutlines correspond to that style. Take a press proof with you, and so the editor can see what you're asking him to print.

Co-Operation Is Appreciated
Offer to co-operate with the editor should a spot news story break on the grounds in any other way you can. Tell him you can arrange some good human-interest pictures if he wants them and invite him to visit you in the press room. If a newspaper is going to break be the first to call him. If your show is on a fatigues act the editor if there is any help you can render outside of your regular picture line. I remember one year when Gaylord White volunteered to cover the results of live-stock judging at our State fair. His assistance was big help at a very time. He had failed to get his stuff in the newspaper on which I worked, and this co-operation for mutual benefit has continued thru the years.

These comments have covered some of the elementary angles of press-agency. Some others should be borne in mind, such as going into a newspaper office after a picture and not being too demanding, presenting a clean-shaven face and a tidy front when making your appearance at the city desk, mentioning the fact that you're just the boss' editor (if you have bought advertising space) when submitting your readers' "wording" any impression that you're trying to sell your show. Don't be nervous and refrain from spending unnecessary time around the newspaper editors. Above all, never forget that editors often are very sensible and very sensitive people.

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CONSIDERABLE has been written on the validity of laws that require merchants, agents and other sellers to license fees. However, little or no legal information is conveniently available on the legality of State and city laws which require corporations located in other States to pay taxes for the privilege of temporarily doing business in the particular State or city.

The importance of reviewing leading court cases on various phases of law on this subject is readily apparent when it is realized that the owners of carnivals and circuses and concessionaires and manufacturers of merchandise sold to pitchmen, commissionmen and solicitors are directly affected by such laws.

Intervente Taxation Void

First, it is important to know that neither a State nor a city may lawfully tax interstate business. The sole legal right of States, counties and cities to collect taxes or license fees originates because the higher courts have consistently held that no State, or subdivision of government within a State has the right to lay a tax on interstate commerce in any form, whether by way of duties laid directly or indirectly on commerce, or on the receipts derived from commerce or on an occupation tax. But the reason that such taxation is a regulation which belongs solely to Congress.

To clearly understand the present and former law it is well to review the important early-to-the-latest highest court decisions. One of the earliest cases on this subject is the decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Robinson v. Barr*, District of Columbia Circuit, 170 U. S. 488. The records show that many years ago a county in Indiana exercised authority of the Indiana State Board of Taxation to impose a license tax upon a traveling salesman who solicited within that county orders for merchandise. A salesman who represented a manufacturer in Cincinnati, O., was arrested for failure to pay the license tax. The court held that soliciting of business by a salesman, whose employer was located in another State, constituted a part of interstate

commerce, and that the statute of Tennessee imposing a tax upon such business was in conflict with the commerce clause of the Constitution. Therefore, this higher court voided the Tennessee law void.

In still another later higher court case, *Stuckard v. Morgan*, 183 U. S. 37, it was shown that a broker had a sample room in Chattanooga, Tenn., and that he solicited and accepted orders locally from pitchmen and others. The goods were shipped into Tennessee by rail located in other States. These firms paid the broker, a commission on the sales he negotiated. It was held by the Supreme Court of the United States that the business operated by the broker was interstate and that neither the State of Tennessee nor cities therein could lawfully compel him to pay taxes on his business. Obviously, however, if this broker had purchased the goods and ordered them shipped to himself and afterward he had made deliveries directly to the pitchmen he would have been required to pay the local taxation. This is so, because, under these circumstances, the transactions would have been purely intrastate. In other words, the complete transaction of selling and delivering the goods to pitchmen would have been performed within the State of Tennessee.

Office Not Taxable

Altho a foreign corporation maintains an office in another State, it may actually transact interstate business there-

For illustration, in the case *Meyers v. Miami*, 131 So. 375, it was decided that a corporation located in Indiana had an office in Indiana. The higher court corporation employed a district manager to operate the office and he employed solicitors. All of the orders were mailed from the office to the State of Indianapolis, from where the goods were shipped by the corporation directly to the purchasers in O. D.

Altho the branch manager and solicitors in Miami attended to taking orders from purchasers, yet since the goods were not delivered from the Miami office but were shipped from the corporation's main office in Indiana, the higher court held the Miami branch office not subject to payment of taxes in Miami under its ordinance which required "every business, occupation, profession, or exhibition, substantial, transitory or temporary, engaged in by any person, firm or corporation, whether in a building, tent or upon the street, vacant or otherwise, within the open air, within the city" to pay a license fee of \$80. This court said:

"A municipality cannot by ordinance lawfully impose a burden upon interstate commerce. The question to be determined is whether the ordinance of the city of Miami is invalid as an attempt to impose a burden upon interstate commerce. The ordinance is actually carried on by petitioner (branch manager) was exclusively interstate commerce. The tax sought to be imposed on the other side of the line, upon a means or occupation of carrying on interstate commerce."

In still another important case a manufacturer shipped goods to a distributor located in another State. When orders for merchandise were received from purchasers located in the State in which the distributor was located, the State manufacturer sent these orders to the distributor, who shipped the goods from his stock.

In this case the higher court held that neither the manufacturer nor the distributor was subject to payment of license fees or taxation for transacting

business in the State in which the goods were distributed. This court explained that, altho the goods were deposited with a distributor and later shipped to purchasers, the complete transaction was interstate because when the goods were shipped by the manufacturer to the distributor, the goods were shipped to purchasers within the State by the distributor.

On the other hand, in order that readers may realize the distinctions of the law, it is well to explain that a distributor transacts intrastate business and, therefore, is subject to payment of license fees and other forms of taxation if he purchases the goods, deposits them in his warehouse and subsequently sells and delivers the goods to purchasers within the State. This is true because the complete transaction of selling and delivering the goods is completed within the State. However, at the time the goods were shipped to the distributor, the future transactions were contemplated to be SALE AND DELIVERY of the goods to purchasers by the distributor, and it was NOT contemplated that the transactions were between the manufacturer and purchasers thru the distributor as a representative of the manufacturer.

Agent Delivers Goods

Recently the higher courts have held that altho an agent of a manufacturer delivers goods and collects money therefor, it does not result in a city or State being entitled to levy a tax where it is shown that the agent, as a pitchman or solicitor, sends the goods to the headquarters or main office of the company for which he works.

In this case, *Canon v. Quincy*, 30 So. 2d 481, an agent of a Pennsylvania corporation took orders for merchandise by displaying and demonstrating samples. The orders were sent to the company in Pennsylvania, which shipped the goods to the agent. When he received the goods he delivered them to the purchasers, collected the money therefor, and remitted it to the corporation in Pennsylvania.

Since this agent received mailed payment from the corporation for the sales completed, the higher court held that this business is interstate commerce and that the State and city laws were void which required either the agent or corporation to pay license fees or taxation.

The fact that the agent is paid a commission on sales, instead of a salary, does not change the status, according to the late higher court case of *Will v. City of Boston*, 212 U. S. 1. In this case the court said that the sale of goods manufactured by a corporation located in Connecticut, its merchandise was to be carried to one place or another in a different State and display samples of the merchandise and otherwise solicit orders. The agent was not paid a salary but was paid a commission, but at the end of each week the agent completed an order which was mailed to the corporation. Upon receipt of the order the corporation's agent delivered the goods to the purchasers, collecting the money due and retaining 60 per cent of the sale price for his commission.

It is interesting to know that in this case the higher court held that the transactions were interstate commerce, and that upon the facts the case was an ordinance requiring payment of a license fee was valid.

Saleman Carries Goods

Irrespective of how a pitchman or solicitor receives goods, he CANNOT in-

voice interstate commerce laws to escape payment of license fees levied by State or city laws if he carries the goods with him and delivers the same to purchasers. This is so because the complete transaction of selling and delivering the goods to purchasers, (1) Contact with the purchaser, (2) sale of merchandise, and (3) delivery of the goods to the purchaser. If these three acts are performed by a pitchman or solicitor he must pay license fees to the city in which he does business, altho he may hold a license received from the State in which he does business or from another municipality in the State, or from a foreign State.

For illustration, in *Hillman v. Bee Isle City et al.*, 8 A. 2d 871, reported May 6, 1939, the validity of a city ordinance was contested which provided: "Every person . . . carrying on, transacting, or conducting business exclusively along the streets and avenues or alleys in this city by selling or offering for sale or soliciting orders for sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or any device, or any other commodity, shall pay a license fee of \$40."

A person was arrested who solicited sales on the streets of this city and had obtained a license in another town in the same State. He contended that this ordinance is void because it requires payment of license fees by all persons who sell or solicit orders for goods, whether they have headquarters in another city or State, and, also, without regard to the fact that they may have paid a license fee in another town in the same State.

However, the higher court held the ordinance valid, and said:

"One who goes from place to place and solicits orders for carrying for sale and exposing to sale goods, wares and merchandise which he carries, or, better, he is an itinerant, solicitor, venditor or peddler, who solicits the consumer the identical goods WHICH HE CARRIES WITH HIM."

Property Taxation

Considerable controversy has existed from time to time whether or not chattels of circuses, carnivals and the like are subject to property taxation in States thru which they are being transported.

It is important to know that in *People v. Brooks*, 30 N. E. 856, a higher court held that if chattels are being shipped thru a State, and while passing thru such State the same have not remained for the use of a TEMPORARY PURPOSE, as changing cars or trucks, such chattels are actually in transit and are not subject to taxation. However, if the chattels are moved they have a situs in the State which results in their being subject to taxation there. This court said:

"In construing and enforcing the Intercourse and Commerce and Peddling and Distribution, the role has been established by the United States Supreme Court that property actually in transit from one State to another is exempt from local taxation; but, if such property be stored for an indefinite time during such transit for other than natural or local uses, or for local distribution or transportation, it may be lawfully assessed by local authorities."

On the other hand, circus, carnival and the like show and chattels are not subject to property taxation, unless the same are utilized for exhibition purposes in the State on the day, received by the State to another, it is exempt from taxation. And chattels which, pass thru a State on a continuous journey usually are not subject to property taxation. However, when the freight, passenger and pullman cars, and transportation vehicles may be assessed on the basis of the estimated or average days within the State during the year.

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JULY 4TH BIRTHDAY

Concessioners, Streetmen Out To Beat Memorial Day Receipts

Vast of British Royalty and Americanism campaigns to boost patriotic items

NEW YORK, June 17.—Concessioners and streetmen are said to be well advanced in their preparations for July 4, and are expected to make big money on the Memorial Day period, merchandise is moving rapidly from supply houses in this city in order to be ready for display on the big day.

Among items expected to go well over the profits in the American flag sale of lapel pins. There is a patriotic fervor existing today which is tending to increase sales of American flag and any product which has a tendency to point out the "true American."

Prizes are expected to work together with the usual line of novelties. Those in the vicinity of New York will

offer in increased quantities the usual novelties, in addition to many new items. However, world's fair souvenirs are expected to lead the field.

In New York, N. Y., an elaborate celebration is in the making. Borne in the vicinity, in some instances, have offered to lend cooperation. It is expected that Paul Harvey, Joe Bright, Russom and Greenport will join in making this an outstanding event. Similar events are expected to be staged in Long Beach, Ashbury Park, Keyport and Manhattan.

Although many dates are not yet announced, every state, regardless of size, is expected to present some sort of celebration. The South, especially Louisiana and Mississippi, will soon release complete programs of a series of events.

Large crowds are expected to gather at resort points on the Fourth. Cooney Island, Connecticut; Lake Placid, New York; and Coney Island, New York, and dozens of other spots anticipate record gatherings if the weather is good. Clear and warm week-ends have increased sales at many amusement centers of late.

In the areas noted for camping sites, insect repellents, sunburn lotion, and other goods have set a new mark. In the opening weeks of the summer, the sales trend is expected to continue upward. Letters from resort men in the Catskills, Poconos, Berkshire and Ozark regions are showing much optimism as to the business outlook for the remainder of the summer.

Merchandise Laws Pass in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis., June 17.—Two acts affecting merchandise sales in Wisconsin have been enacted into law. The one, Chapter 8, became effective June 1 and is expected to have a bearing upon premium giveaways in connection with sales.

The act prohibits "any advertising offer to sell or sale of any merchandise, by either the advertiser or the retailer, which is in excess of the value of the merchandise." The statute defines cost to the retailer and wholesaler and declares that no person shall sell with the intent, or effect, of inducing purchase of other merchandise or of unfairly diverting the sale of merchandise to another, by offering a competitor unfair and preferential fair competition, injure public welfare, or be to unfair competition and contrary to public policy.

Violators are subject to fines of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days upon first conviction, and upon each subsequent conviction, not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

The second statute, which became effective July 1, prohibits employers from selling to employees merchandise which they do not manufacture or deal in. The bill exempt meals, candy bars, cigarettes, tobacco and "such specialized equipment or paraphernalia as may be required in aid enterprises for the employee's safety or health and recompense for when such item is paid for by deductions from employees' pay checks."

Proponents of the new act contend that millions of dollars annually are diverted from retail channels by large organizations when purchases merchandise from employees. The bill is expected to be of no more than \$100 or less than \$500 for the first offense or less than \$1,000 for each subsequent one.

199,900 Play Bingo in Cincy During May, Report Reveals

CINCINNATI, June 17.—A total of 199,900 people attended 100 bingo parties here during the month of May, it was revealed by Police Chief Eugene T. Weathersby in his monthly report to City Manager C. O. Horthill.

The statement issued by Chief Weathersby is as follows: "Although the month of May, which included Holy Week, showed about a one-fourth drop in bingo playing in Cincinnati, reports from organizations sponsoring parties indicate that the month of May was bigger than any month since we started to receive the certified statements in December.

"More persons attended these meetings, more money was received as admission and more prizes were given than in any previous month. More meetings were held than in any other month with the exception of February and March.

Weather Breaks For Ops, Farmers

NEW YORK, June 17.—Rain which fell in this area the past week was welcomed with relief by both vegetable farmers and growers. Before the rain, it hampered operations of concessioners and pitheaters for several hours, the shortage of rain had taken in the future. Farmers were nearly desperate as crops were being seriously damaged by the three-month drought.

In the South, especially in Mississippi and Louisiana, farmers welcomed a let-up in rain. Farmers in many sections were forced to replant cotton acreage following steady rain and cool nights which prevented germination of seeds. Borealis and some dealers of New Jersey and Long Island welcomed the brief but helpful showers. Before the rain, farmers in the area of Princeton, N. J., were reported carrying water in pails in an effort to keep their crops from withering. In the Woodbury, L. I., section reported the rain worth thousands of dollars.

The condition of crops in the vicinity of Rhode Island, was reported "as good as could be expected" by W. E. Wentworth, Jr., Buir's business manager in the planter and dealer in sugar cane molasses. "Our crops were somewhat tardy by rain," Wentworth said, "but with the coming of fair weather replanting will no longer be necessary. We are lucky that the long time to time to give planters a chance for 1939."

Milwaukee Bingo Operators Use Handbill Advertising

MILWAUKEE, June 17.—Competition has become so keen among organizations sponsoring bingo games on the city's South Side that they have resorted to as many as 30 a week are sponsored by churches and award merchandise.

Some congregations have resorted from getting a large number of bingos and the game is played at some South Side church every night. The nights are heavy nights for the game. Mattinson says growing in popularity.

Some of the game's getting the biggest play on the city's South Side, it is also doing well in other sections and continues to hold popularity at a fairly even level despite warm weather.

when there were more games but fewer players.

"If April is considered on a three-week basis and the figures are adjusted accordingly, it appears that, since regulations under the present system was started, attendance, receipts and number of prize award parties held increased to a new high in March, then declined, which may indicate a tendency toward fewer but larger parties.

"The figures for May are as follows: (Bingos) 100; number of parties held, 100; reported number of persons attending, 199,900; total receipts reported (gross), \$169,737.70."

Chief Weathersby said his report did not include a party at which 1,611 persons were present. The party, the chief said, was stopped by the sponsor because of failure of the public-address system. The 41-hour party, which was scheduled was refunded, the official reported.

Vacation and Travel Dollars Plentiful

CHICAGO, June 17.—From practically every standpoint the 1939 crop of vacation and travel dollars is plentiful. Income and travel in history. With the rare situation of two world's fairs attracting the historical populace, and the active tourist season that ever in sight, the average citizen is planning to take the time to travel and play this year.

And to play and travel requires proper equipment, more, in fact, than a good percentage of travelers own.

Alert bingo and board operators know this and have decided to do something about it. In fact, when the present season winds up, it is quite likely that to bingo and the prize field generally will go credit for having made the 1939 vacation period for millions of Americans more enjoyable and economical than would otherwise have been possible. Many vacationists will be willing to spend a small amount on the chance of winning a vacation. They will be willing to spend a small amount to buy a portable radio, for instance. Who could turn down an opportunity of acquiring a set at a cost of perhaps a few dollars? Or a colorful, useful suit robe or a lot of bathing trunks? Few do bags and few turn their backs on the chance to get many other numbers conducive to greater enjoyment.

Bingo and pinboard men have spent months assembling an array of similar recreation items that will produce a near-won-long run of cash. Aside from the awards noted above, they're featuring radio, cameras, comb and mirror sets, electric fans, cameras of movie, boys and girls' linens, handbags, and even a few essential shakers and drinking sets, luncheon service, lamps, stuffed animal bathing costumes, and so on.

As a result, the stands are teeming with fresh, new and timely merchandise to attract those who are vacation bent.

Stuffed display of items also is producing a great deal of interest. Best examples are the grouping of bathing trunks in one outfit, the pair of bathing trunks, and the combining of luncheon and beverage serving units.

A Column for OPERATORS, CONCESSIONERS, SALES, BOARDS, SALESCARDS, AND TRADE STIMULATORS

By BEN SMITH

L. Loris & Son, Inc., New York, are in New York quarters, where they occupy 20,000 square feet of space. Since from 1910 on Fifth Avenue and is keeping with its address, it is beautifully furnished. Firm has been doing business with operators for many years and carries a complete line of nationally advertised products, featuring silverware, dresser sets, chromium ware, clocks and electrical appliances. Joe Loris says he is holding open house and invites friends to visit.

With the World's Fair in full swing, New York is a camera town these days. Whenever you turn there is someone snapping pictures. Bill Bunn claims that many of the editors are using his Right-Scope Snap-Maflex. He says his deal is clicking unusually well and is sure that it is carrying on thru the summer.

And talking of summer, we have often heard the remark that hot months are not so hot for the sidewalk operators. People here town on vacations and business does seem to a crawl, it is said. But by following the plan to recruit, enterprising operators can make these months pay dividends. We know here who go to the mountains each summer and when up playing summer hotels. They find people in a spending mood and sales featuring merchandise which help make vacations more enjoyable, such as cameras, athletic equipment, sport wear, bathing trunks and swim suits, are sold rapidly. Operators who have stayed in town and found the going rather tough have not paid for by deductions from employees' pay checks.

It's been some time since stuffed toys and dolls received a real play on a card. As merchandise (travel) in expense, people like the time to play for another run on these.

TRY OUR See Why THE Best Tested BRING Quicker Sales



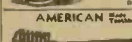
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This is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

Any quantity, \$1.50 per gallon.



ZINC POT CREAM
No. 1181—Made of zinc pot cream, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

Dozen, \$5.00. Gross, \$5.50.
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AMERICAN
No. 1182—Made of zinc pot cream, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

Dozen, \$5.00. Gross, \$5.50.



LATEST 3-PIECE HANDBAG SET
No. 101—A practical set for every lady. First set in the line. Dozen, \$5.00. Gross, \$5.50.



BOTTLE STYLE SEWING KIT
No. 1120—Made of zinc pot cream, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

Sample, 5; Dozen, 45; Gross, \$4.95



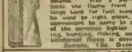
BIGLYN MADE HIGH QUALITY FLY RIBBON
No. 100—Made of zinc pot cream, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

Suggested selling price per box, \$5.00. Dozen, \$5.00. Gross, \$5.50.



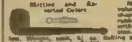
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No. 100—Made of zinc pot cream, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

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JUNIOR RACOLITE PIPES



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LADY LACE 6-PIECE DEAL
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WATER HEATER
No. 100—Made of zinc pot cream, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories. It is a fine quality water, used in the manufacture of all kinds of automobile parts and accessories.

GET LOCATIONS FOR YOU EASY



COSTS YOU \$3.50



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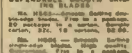


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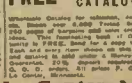
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NEW YORK

(Continued from opposite page)
your "weight" scales, but here, too, lack of out-of-town patronage is being felt. Live turtles bearing colorful World's Fair decals on their backs are doing okay, but a preliminary survey indicates sales will have to show a decided pick-up if turtles are to finish third in fairgoers' preference as they did at Cal.
Jewelry trays are leading in the novelty and souvenir field. Some idea of the variety of trays being offered for sale can be gathered from the fact that some 70-odd manufacturers have been licensed to make them. Compacts, rings, pins, brooches, etc., are doing best in the jewelry field. Something new in the way of photo jewelry that is catching is a pin of the Trylon and Perisphere in which the "ball" opens to disclose a small pin inside. Pennants and compasses, sailor and baseball hats done in official orange and blue colors and similar items are in for a good play, sales to date indicate.
Chanceuses where merchandise awards are being given out are few and far between since the fair stores are allowing big wheels, rollaways, etc. Best bet is being enjoyed by the Chime-Ball and Size-Roll alleys, where gypsy-dressed vent dolls are thrown out for high scores.

In Town

While experienced observers state that the bulk of World's Fair merchandise will be sold on the grounds of the fair, retail sales of concessionaires are bound to be affected by the stores in New York City which are featuring soups and novelties. Some 50 or more spots in the Radio City and Times Square areas are displaying hundreds of World's Fair

items to catch the fancy of sightseers. Fire and tent and department stores, too, have set off aisles and counters for exclusive sale of these numbers. Some of the department stores are going strong for better-than merchandise.

Sale of World's Fair merchandise is not being confined to New York and the fairgrounds, however. Wholesale reports they've been filling good-sized orders from points as far north as Maine, as far west as Buffalo and Pittsburgh and from Atlanta and similar points in the South. Stands featuring soups are to be seen on all the main arteries leading to the fair and railroad and bus terminals are crowded with spots where such numbers can be purchased.

Pitch Shows

Restrictions of World's Fair associations have curtailed activities of pitchmen and roadside workers who planned to work outside the grounds in the immediate vicinity of the fair. Some of the boys featuring usual run of whips, canes, balloons, flying birds, etc., hit the highways leading to the fair on the weekends and reported good business over Decoration Day week-end.

Inside the grounds the Goldstein Brothers are working their humaneness to good takes, while a few other pitches of various items have been caught. Guide book workers, both inside and outside the grounds, have been well pleased with results. This is one spot where a guide book is a decided aid to the fairgoer.

Conclusion

In general, one can say that novelty and soups has been up to par. Lack of out-of-town patronage is seen as the main reason. With the coming of vacationers but is expected to boom. With



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Their coming also certain items are sure to emerge from the thousands being displayed for which the public will manifest a particular like. At this writ-

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Conducted by WALTER W. MURD—Communications to Woods Building, Randolph and Dearborn Streets, Chicago.

FREE PLAY

The principle of free-play awards to players of pinball and other mechanical games is the result of experience since pinball made its appearance as a modern amusement in 1931.

It is definitely a compromise between the player's desire for some recognition of his playing, and at the same time not to offend those people who are disturbed by anything that may resemble gambling.

The American democracy has been built on the idea of finding a compromise between groups that hold opposing views. Free-play awards on pinball games is in keeping with this American ideal. It is a reasonable compromise.

Statistical agencies report that about 80 per cent of the American people take a sporting chance on some kind of game, race or device. Some prefer racing bets, some prefer golf and some prefer pinball. But whatever the game, all want to win some merit, badge, honor, token or memento of value, supposedly in recognition of skill.

Now about 80 per cent of the people take a sporting chance and want some token for it. Technically, they may be guilty of breaking the law in nearly every State. But these 80 per cent do not feel that they are gambling, or that they have violated any moral law. But there is a 20 per cent of our population that is disturbed at anything that may look like gambling. Some of these people who have bitter prejudices against anything that looks like gambling are in official positions and seem to go to unfair extremes in their official position by showing their personal feelings against some forms of games and devices.

Fortunately the will of the people has been so strongly in favor of many forms of taking a sporting chance, such as cards, national sports, pari-mutuels, etc., that legislatures, courts and enforcement officials have been compelled to either legalize the supposed gambling or else ignore it. But the effect of all this has seemed to make some officials all the more bitter against the minor games and devices that have not yet gained the overwhelming support of the public.

Eventually we know that pinball and other mechanical games will be accepted everywhere and that tokens or free-play awards will be accepted as a natural course, just as today we accept college sports regardless of the amount of gambling they inspire among young people.

But now it is necessary to reason with those who vent their prejudices against minor games and ask for fair play and common sense. The sensible course in a free country where 80 per cent of the people take some kind of sporting chance is to make some compromise between open and overt gambling and the desire of the people for some kind of token or award for their playing.

It is all largely a matter of letting reason prevail against personal prejudice. Technically, the principle of tokens for free-play awards with pinball games is gambling, or it is not gambling, according to the personal prejudice of the person who decides it. Technically, tokens for free-play of pinball games are "things of value," or they are not "things of value," according to the personal prejudice of the person who decides it. In some cases extreme prejudice against gambling has put

statutes on the books declaring that any device that "may be used to win or lose a thing of value" is per se a gambling device. But the common sense of the American people pokes fun at such statutes by gambling with everything from money itself to the stock and grain exchanges.

Who can decide whether a metal token emitted by a pinball game is "a thing of value"? Or, what statute can clearly define what is "a thing of value"? To one person a metal token from a pinball game may have sentimental value; to another person it may be something to obtain another play, or just something to toss away or take home to the kids. It is all a matter of the prejudice of the person who decides it.

The New Jersey State Supreme Court has recently performed an outstanding service to the cause of common sense and reason on the subject of gambling devices. It emphasized the fact that there is no satisfactory definition of a "slot machine," neither in common law nor in the statutes. It implied the fact that legislatures and courts are letting personal prejudice lead them beyond both law and reason in relation to modern mechanical devices.

The New Jersey Supreme Court could have gone farther. There is no satisfactory definition of gambling itself in the common law, nor in any statutes, nor in all literature. All known definitions of gambling lead to quibbling and hair-splitting. Endless reams of court opinions and legislative statutes can be had, and yet after reading thru it all, the question of gambling is still one of hair-splitting.

The Bible itself does not define gambling, nor does it refer to it as a moral question. Probably the best application is that too many people are "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel" when it comes to the gambling question.

Since there is no satisfactory and workable definition of gambling, or of predominating skill, or of "a thing of value," why not let the common sense of the American people and their everyday practices decide the issue.

If legislatures and courts would let the people decide there would be a lot more respect for legislatures and courts. In view of all the technical quibbling and hair-splitting about gambling devices, it is no wonder that the people sometimes lose confidence in their representatives.

It is safe to say that 80 per cent of the people take some kind of sporting chance for diversion or amusement; they do not feel they are violating any moral or civil law. Some people prefer one kind of sporting chance and some prefer other forms. Hence legal recognition should be general in its scope and not partial. A grand jury in Illinois recently condemned in strong terms any and all legal partiality toward the various forms of popular gambling.

To the American people, they gamble only when they win or lose hard cash money. They do not feel they are gambling on games when they may win merchandise, or tokens, or tickets, or free plays. They want to win something, but the common sense of the American people has no guilty conscience about "a thing of value." To them it is a piffle.

Note: See Notice on "Free Play" elsewhere in this issue.

Busy Week at Western Products

CHICAGO, June 17.—Duke Anderson, sales manager for Western Products, Inc., reports one of the busiest weeks of the season. Said Anderson: "This past week saw every one of us working at top speed. Sales on all our recent releases have stepped up production and shipping in our plant. In fact, if it keeps up this way we will have to have even more help than our present increased forces. Leading the sales parade are Mardi Gras, Whooperdoo, Horse-Shoes and Baseball."

"Mardi Gras is the four-in-one game," he continued. "It is easily and quickly interchangeable to a four-coin multiple free game, a one-coin Eye game, a four-coin multiple one-ball payout game and a one-coin one-ball payout game. Mardi Gras is the game with the new mystery 'Red-Lite' hole that pays out \$1 or 20 free games for every coin played. As for the other three games, they are as well known as Mardi Gras and need no further detailed description of their value to the operator."

Drop Cig Tax Relief Plan

BALTIMORE, June 17.—City Councilman Leath Abramson has abandoned his proposal to tax cigarette locally for relief purposes. Instead he suggests that the mayor of Baltimore, the governor of the State and certain senators meet in conference to seek a solution of the city's pressing relief question. Abramson proposed the 3-cent-per-package cigarette levy some time ago and estimated that it would raise \$1,000,000 a year. However, he has announced, "After making a study of the laws of state and city I find that Baltimore does not have the power to enact special taxes to meet the situation. It would be necessary to get an act of the Legislature passed in order that a cigarette tax be enacted locally."

Illinois Lottery Passed by House

CHICAGO, June 17.—Despite the publicity-seeking crusade of certain Illinois



IN THE TOP PICTURE you see the scrappy little team of the CMA of New York, which triumphed over the CMA of New Jersey by a 14 to 8 score. The occasion was the softball game held at the annual convention of the CMA's, held this year at the Berkshire Country Club. THE MIDDLE picture shows machine operators in the lower picture scene from Connecticut to attend the CMA convention. They unanimously reported a good time at the affair.

officials in haste against pinball, claw machine and slots, the House of Representatives at Springfield on June 15 voted for a State lottery to raise funds for slum clearance in Chicago.

Only 24 members voted against the bill. The actual arguments that "would put the State in the gambling business" were made by opponents.

Strong arguments were made in its favor by leaders that brought some surprise. Democratic minority leader said that even if the plan passed only one housing project it would be something to be proud of.

"It provides that 64 per cent of receipts would go to the Illinois Home Building Corp. Six per cent would be allowed for expenses. Tickets, called membership certificates in the corporation, would be sold to the public. Winners in drawing would share 10 per cent of receipts."

Daval's Liberty Lights Ops' Hopes

CHICAGO, June 17.—"Liberty, Daval's new five-ball game, is definitely on the road to fame as a money-maker," say officials of the Daval Mfg. Co. They described the game as a "Build-up, award-while-play" game.

Describing the action of the game, they said, "The object of the player is to distinguish lights on the playing field by contact and at the same time light up numbers on the backboard, thus earning an award which is constantly being built up by the balls hit the bumper. The game may be had in four models which, according to the firm, make it available to operators in practically every type of territory.

"It looks like the lights of Liberty are lighting up the hopes of operators for

Jack Keeney says—

THE OPERATOR WHO CLAIMS THAT RECEIPTS HAVE FALLEN OFF ISN'T OPERATING

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IT'S THE HOTTEST 5-BALL FREE GAME ON THE MARKET — HAS A DOUBLE AWARD SYSTEM AND PLENTY OF OTHER MONEY-MAKING FEATURES.

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a game which will equal and even surpass the earning power of our famous Odd Ball," declared D. H. Helfenbein in conclusion.



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Portable standard 110, 80, 60 Watts, for operating self-contained music machines, motion pictures, A.C. lamps, electric organs, etc. etc. Complete 250 Watts, \$10.00. 100 Watts, \$7.50. 50 Watts, \$5.00. 25 Watts, \$3.50. 10 Watts, \$2.00. 5 Watts, \$1.00. 2 Watts, \$0.50. 1 Watt, \$0.25.

KATOLIGHT, Mankato, Minnesota, U.S.A.

It Pays To Advertise

"Hello, is this the Panther Novelty Co.? I saw your sign on the highway that says you handle photograph and cigar machines. I need both for my new store which is opening next Saturday. I was about to go out to see one" Such calls as this are nothing unusual for the Panther Novelty Co. of Fort Worth, Tex., to receive. Almost every day such a call comes in or the person calls the office. "I will call you," I saw your ad in the newspaper," or "I noticed your ad in the telephone book" or "I saw your sign at the ball park." So well known is the Panther Novelty Co. in Fort Worth that a stranger need not be surprised to find that he will receive such calls. The Panther Novelty Co. states that it is one of the Southwest's most successful operating firms.

What's the key to such success? "Advertising and service," says Jack Maloney, the firm's aggressive head. Free, if any, operates in a role maligned by the general public as an extensive adverting ploy. As does Maloney. The steady rise of his firm to a place of eminence in the rent machine world is in itself proof of the value of the service. The best spots have been secured by the owner calling us over the phone," says Maloney, "and the reason he called us was that we were the only firm with a national and promotional work that we are on air now and ready to give him the best of music and service. A live-wire location owner wants to hitch his wagon to a firm that can give him the very best operator who lets himself be known by doing some extensive advertising will certainly attract the attention of the best operators who have the best paying spots."

Not only does the advertising of Panther Novelty pay dividends in the form of new locations, but the firm also finds it does a lot to increase play on its phones and build extra sales thru its character machines.

The Set-Up

The Panther Novelty Co. has come a long way since Jack Maloney first entered this business some eight years ago with 10 Kerney Rainbows. Today Maloney employs about 25 people and has his business housed in a large two-story brick building. There are three distinct divisions of the business: automatic phonographs, cigar machines and salesboards. Each division functions in-

independently of the other, has its own head and must show its own profits. All three are taxed a definite amount to carry on the general advertising campaign of the organization.

Maloney is a firm believer in advertising. He maintains that it is just as necessary for a coin machine operator to advertise his business as it is for a man in any other field. The firm's advertising program is well mapped out and covers all media, including newspapers, outdoor signs and billboards, programs, telephone directories, window signs, business cards, wall cards, postcards of various kinds, etc.

Outdoor Advertising

Maloney's outdoor advertisements consist in the main of road signs and billboards placed in strategic spots along well-frequented highways and highways. The firm's structure in this case is an all Panflier advertising: is a giant-sized panther "on guard" in cut-out design perched on the top of the sign. These signs are mounted on eight-foot poles. The equipment offered by the firm as well as its "all-night service." Recently the firm contracted for a huge sign to be located in the Fort Worth area. The sign is 25 feet high and 25 feet high and in 25 feet long. The huge panther cutout is in itself eight feet high. So large is the sign that it dwarfs all others inside the park and is visible from the outside of the park as well.

Newspapers, Etc.

Every week this firm takes space in the local newspapers to advertise the latest record hits. Sometimes these ads contain lists of the various locations where "such and such a hit tune can be heard for only a nickel on a Super Panther Novelty Co.'s sweet tone automatic phonograph." Not only do these ads boost the play on the machines but they build good will with the location owners so that they have the highest regard for the equipment and services offered by the company.

Not only does Maloney advertise in newspapers, but he never passes by the opportunity to carry his message in church, lodge, school and other similar publications that solicit him for space. He has carried ads in labor union journals and similar publications and reports that they have done much to establish

Record Buying Guide

An Analysis of Current Songs and Recordings From the Standpoint of Their Value to Phonograph Operators

By DANIEL RICHMAN

Tabulation is based upon radio performances, sheet music sales and record releases of the week. Reports from music publishers as to the relative importance of certain songs in their catalogs are also considered, as well as information received each week from prominent operators.

GOING STRONG—KEEP THEM IN

Barrel Polka. Time doesn't seem to be able to dislodge this titan among contemporary machine successes. Each week for the past several should have seen the start of its demise, but it's apparently imperishable. There's no sense in guessing or even attempting to estimate when it should be taken out. Hlod on to it until the barrel can't roll any longer. It's still Willie Gabe, of course, as if you needed to be told. And for support it's still the Andrews Sisters.

Wishing. Absolute hope as far as the called field is concerned is this Milton Buddy De Sylva number. It was No. 1 this week on every music dealer's list from which The Billboard's weekly sheet music leaders list is compiled, which puts it pretty far ahead of the mob in the over-the-counter endeavor. And when they're buying copies like that the natural corollary is great popularity in the phonos. Glenn Miller has the favored dish here, altho the Chicago territory is leaning a bit toward Orrin Tucker's platter.

The Lady's in Love With You. It's no surprise to find this exceptionally good rhythm tune up among the big boys this week. It took a little while getting there, but its course followed a straight line and reaching the top was practically inevitable. Glenn Miller again and Bob Crosby are sharing recording honors with a pair of swell greetings.

COMING UP—BETTER STOCK THEM

Stairway to the Sky. This department devoted quite a bit of space last week to what it firmly believes will be one of the smash tunes of the summer. This dance adaptation of a theme from Mitty Malneck's and Frank Signorelli's several-year-old instrumental composition, *Park Avenue Fantasy*. This week all we've got to say is—watch it. It's available now from several of the most popular bands and undoubtedly there will be still more to come. It's worthy. Who will cap this phone honors list? **Ray Kruger, Sammy Kaye, Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey** or a dark horse—remains to be seen.

Strange Enchantment. This appears to be the hit tune from the forthcoming Jack Benny starter for Paramount's *Men About Town*—or at least the first number out of the picture's score to achieve hitdom. Growing out of the popular paper-doll theme, the song is a corker that will certainly earn this week, and by and large it's showing all the earmarks of a success. In the face of all that, then, it would behoove operators to look into the matter of suitable recordings, of which there are, at the moment, two. Particularly noteworthy is the one by the vocalists of the *Harmonies*—for, for a fact, there is Dorothy Lamour. The latter, as a novelty, seems to be especially suited to the box. Miss Lamour is definitely one of Hollywood's most glamorous and popular figures (the word is used advisedly), and her rendition of the above-mentioned country will soon be heard on her radio show and on the *Harmonies* record.

concert in the Park. This has a great deal more to recommend it than most summer tunes because it deals with an American institution on down-to-earth and as pleasant as picnicking, surf bathing or any other substantial warm weather pastime. This is no inane ditty about a summer love that didn't last (or variations on that familiar brand of tripe) but a song that should appeal universally. The number is only starting now, and it's too soon to tell if it will be the one that will give the band a real chance. Jay Garber, Guy Lombardo, Stanley Kay and Ray Charles offer plenty of choice along the platter line.

My Last Good-Bye. Still not setting the world on fire, this ballad nevertheless has not lost any ground in its climb to the top. It's selling copies in fair quantities and it's getting enough air plugs to give it a chance to catch on in a big way. Dick Jurgens knocked out a disc that Midwestern ops are going for.

OPERATORS' SPECIALS

Listing covers those songs which in themselves cannot be classified as popular nation-wide hits, but which are, or give every indication of becoming successful phonograph numbers.

Rancho Grande. As it's turning out, this is by no means duplicating the success of Mexico's Rose or even some of Bing Crosby's lesser items, but it's doing well enough for itself in a quiet sort of way.

Well, All Right. If you find the Andrews Sisters version of *Beer Barrel Polka* beginning to ease off a bit, don't discard the disc. On the reverse you'll find a swing thing in the best tradition of *Hold Tight* or any other screwball ditties that have proven so adept at nickel-grabbing. This has already done well for those ope who have had it right side up under the needle, and we're inclined to feel that it's going to be a pretty big one if it's flipped over in every machine.

Little Brown Jug. Last week this Glenn Miller adaptation-in-swing of a well-known nursery fiddle was listed merely as a suggestion to ops; this week the suggestion turns into a definite recommendation based upon a growing number of reports showing that the record is starting to click.

Hot Pretzels. While *Beer Barrel* begins shipping, it's possible that this Willie Glabe polka (on the reverse) may make a fool out of the adage that says aqua never repeats the success of the original. This may ride along the crest of the polka wave—plus the beer and pretzels relationship—or possibly on the strength of Glabe's sudden popularity in the phone. If the latter has any substance two more of his numbers are available. *Low Down* and its platemate, *Play Me*. The first, another polka, and the second, a fox-trot.

Pippinella. Dick Robertson, whose novelty recordings have at times proven profitable for opa, comes up with this oddly-named ditty. Operators are currently showing signs of interest in it.

Down on the Desert, Here is a honey of a song interpreted in the superior manner of Tommy Dorsey. It's almost certain to get a big play from Dorsey admirers and it has what it takes to attract the interest (and the nickels) of most everybody else.

(Double-meaning records are purposely omitted from this column.)

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Phone Men

Selecting proper recordings for his machines is one of the most important jobs of each service man who works in the automatic phonograph division of this company. First thing on the program of all phonograph service men every Monday morning is a one-hour meeting with Jack Maloney. Jack service men know his route, knows the customers who frequent his spots and what sort of music is needed to entice the most nickel into the machines. Maloney interviews each man personally and goes over all the late hits with him. The service man suggests the platens he needs and which ones he believes should be left on the machines. As soon as this meeting is over, Maloney hops in his car and dashes for the record distributor's headquarters, where he buys the records needed upon.

Repairs

An important cog in the firm's system of giving first-class service is the repair department. Expert mechanics are in charge here. Oared to maximum efficiency, this firm can take a machine of local origin, recondition it completely and have it back on the job shining like a new silver dollar within 12 hours. Once a phone was damaged by fire. The machine was picked up after dark, reconditioned and repaired and was back on the spot the next morning looking as good as new. Maloney is one of those men who does not attempt to recall old equipment. He replaces each piece as long as it is profitable. "We are not in the used machine business," he states.

Just as he is particular about keeping his machines in first-class shape, so has Maloney trained his men to do the same. He is particular about "wherever" possible to location owners. If a location owner runs out of small change, all he has to do is call the office and a service man will immediately deliver a supply of nickels, dimes and quarters. Service men keep in close contact with the office and by no means are evoked to answer location requests promptly. Maloney says that he has found most location owners greatly appreciative of the services his firm offers.

Meet the Man

What's the man like who's behind this business? A shy Irish lad is Jack Maloney, who served his business apprenticeship in the automatic distributing business before entering the coin

"THE TINKLE SONG is recommended strongly as a fine machine bet . . . this department feels that ops should lose no time in getting it under the needles."

From The Billboard's Record Buying Guide—June 10th

machine business in 1931. Usually he seeks the background when it comes to publicity, pictures and such things. He has yet to attend a coin machine convention, but always has been active in local and state association work. His only formula for success is "work." The best of modern equipment, fancy service trucks and good locations won't get the job done unless you are willing to work," he says. That's why one won't find him behind a mahogany desk playing the big shot when dropping in on him at 1010 Monroe street. Instead he is more likely to be out visiting location owners or in the back of the store putting away stock. Advertising, service and "elbow grease" have taken his firm a long way during the eight years' existence, and it's a safe bet that it will continue to take great strides forward in the years to come.

Lazar Opening A Big Success

PITTSBURGH, June 17.—B. D. LAZAR & Co. were hosts to hundreds of coin machine men in the Pittsburgh area on June 17 and 18. The occasion was the opening of their new showroom at 1235 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh, and the first showing in the territory of Rock-Ola's new center model.

B. D. and J. D. Lazar were both on hand to receive the congratulations on their expansion which necessitated larger quarters. Everyone was delighted with the new showroom, allowing greatly to better advantage of their coin-operated equipment.

"The new Rock-Ola luxury light-up phonograph, for which we are distributors, particularly pleased the crowds," said the Lazars. "The new center model really ran away with the show."

D. B. Lazar stated, "Our opening was a great success. I believe everybody had a grand time. We are now fully equipped to take care of our customers whenever they need us. The reception given the new Rock-Ola luxury light-up center model is indeed stirring and we are delighted with the many orders for immediate shipment."

Phono Operators Plan Camden Trip

NEWARK, N. J., June 17.—The Automobile Music Association of N. J., Inc., will visit the RCA Victor plant in Camden, N. J. on one of the following dates: June 22, 23, 26 or 27. The association members will be given a tour of Mr.

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Comment by an Association officer was, "The visit will be very educational as well as entertaining and at the first opportunity that many of us have had to learn just how records are recorded, tested and manufactured. There are many other phases of our business that we can learn by accepting this invitation."

Weinbergers To Show Latest Photo Models

CINCINNATI, June 15.—Leo Weinberger, manager of the Southern Automatic Music Co., Louisville, announces that a complete showing of Feenber machines will be made at the Hotel Gilmore, Cincinnati, Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. All executives of the firm's Louisville, Indianapolis and Cincinnati offices will be in attendance, as well as representatives of the Weinberg Co. Operators are invited to visit the display rooms and see the latest models.

History of Philadelphia Operators' Association

PHILADELPHIA, June 17—Now in the 11th year of its existence, the Philadelphia Amusement Machine Operators' Association is conceded to be the largest organization of its kind in the country. With a membership numbering 2000 rank almost every operator in Philadelphia is now a member of the group with new members entering the ranks constantly.

During the time the organization has been functioning many problems have arisen which at times threatened the existence of the association. However, the strength of the leadership as well as good sense on the part of the members, have always managed to weather the storms that at times threatened to engulf them.

It was due to the far-sightedness of the comparatively few coin machine manufacturers that the Philadelphia Coin Machine Operators' Association owes its existence. They foresaw the need of organizing the few coin machine men into a compact and adhesive unit. They predicted the need of fair trade practices, and complete guidance for all the operators in the field. At the behest of one of the firms serving operators and three manufacturers representatives gathered at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on Saturday, October 27, 1928, and formed the nucleus of what now does the strongest operators' associations in the country.

Seven Planners Left

Out of the seven that were present at the first meeting, Jack Brandt, Sam Pinkowitz, Samuel Klien and Irving Newman have withdrawn the leadership that came to planners in the field and remains as pillars of the organization today. Samuel Klien was elected as the first president and Jack Brandt took over the post of secretary-treasurer.

The beginnings had been formed out of which was to arise an organization which was to be looked upon as a model of efficiency by every operator's association in the country.

It was the day of the penny game with A. T. Threlke and Bob Whitworth leading the way. Operators were waiting for the coming of the brighter day. The turning point arrived in 1930 when a new era was ushered in with the appearance of Bingo and Parly-Bow. Two games which were the forerunners of the modern pin ball. A person associated with the industry foresaw the tremendous impetus the game was to receive with the introduction of these games. It took Penn Star, Final and Parly-Bow in 1932 to add further momentum to the ever-broadening demand for games of the pinball variety.

Unemployed Enter Field

A chaotic condition akin to the California dust rash soon afflicted the industry. The depression sent many men into this field, many of whom brought with activities habits to everyone else. Drifting new members were slow and tedious process. Many of the operators did not understand the needs of the association. It was difficult to interest them in the association, consequently the membership was slow to grow. It took grit and determination, on the part of the membership to bring the industry clean and to sell that gospel to others.

However a threat arose to the pinball operators that could have easily been persuaded them to become organizational minded than all the efforts of the association. A reckless element, a residue of the bootlegging days, demanded "protection fees" or the alternative was having the games mutilated or destroyed. A general meeting was called to combat this evil and the response brought the most of the independent into the association. Quick to foresee the need of a united front to fight any tax-payers, the independent operators initiated with the organization and thereby tripled the strength of the group. A committee working in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety succeeded in eliminating the racketeering element before it had grown to serious proportions.

Prepare Code of Ethics

With the increase of membership, the association foresaw the need of a code

of ethics and various committees were organized to study the situation. It was evident that permanency had arrived in the industry and the membership was co-operative in adhering to the prescribed code.

It was at that time that Samuel Klien relinquished the presidency after six consecutive terms, and was succeeded by Michael Schoenfeld.

While association members did their best to keep the industry on a legitimate level, there soon appeared another element that invited turmoil by placing upon operators a heavy burden. The game was forbidden by police. The police in turn therefore set all eyes whether they liked it or not, on the operators. The organization then inaugurated a vigorous campaign and soon succeeded in establishing order. The operators that were prone to agreeing played in line and another troublesome period was over.

When World Series and Big Bow were produced, the field saw a new high for originality and another wave of prosperity followed. However, operators were due for another surprise when the first electrical game Contact and Lightning were introduced. It was then realized that the ingenuity of the industry had at last come into its own and operators all over the country began to realize that its possibilities were unlimited and the industry took on greater life.

Favorable Games Selling

It was in 1934 that a new craze developed. With the inauguration of a new administration, games were sold on sight and warrants issued for storekeepers. The business was completely demoralized by this sudden assault. Because of these harrowing experience the membership dwindled, but a strong group remained to carry on.

After considerable attempts to have the law lifted, a test case was decided upon. Lemuel Schofield, former director of public safety, and Bernard H. Cohen argued the case on behalf of the operators. After a skirmish in the lower courts, the case was taken to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Justice Louis Brandeis in his opinion decided that pin-ball games were a form of amusement, and the machine was not to be taken out of the game that device had been used for illegitimate purposes.

Shortly thereafter Schoenfeld resigned the presidency and was succeeded by Simon Glickman. A period of rehabilitation followed which was emphasized by the introduction of spring bumpers instead of the conventional flippers. The new games, and the operators began to recoup their former losses.

Operator's Federation

In 1937 Martin Mittelsch was elected to the presidency and Frank P. Bruck to the vice presidency. With the election of these men, a progressive shift was indicated. The new president, in inaugurating was the first aggressive step of the administration. The security of the industry was the first step. The security of the operators in the area were established in the association. Operators began to fraternize with each other. Ideas were exchanged and social as well as business relations were mixed to everyone's advantage.

The recent establishment of a charter for the association assured the industry its legitimate status and is one of the highlights in the history of the entire industry.

Today the Philadelphia Amusement Machine Operators' Association is looked upon as a model through the country. Operators by the thousands, other operators in other cities have come to Philadelphia to study their methods and pattern themselves accordingly.

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Of course, Bing Crosby is filling the cash box with his latest, and the *Angels Sing*. This is top in my spot. Tommy Dorsey and Art Shaw keep swinging ahead of the other swing bands; however, almost all the bands go well down this way. With a number of name bands soon to step into our Cash Manana and Showboat, as well as Laika West Casino, we expect their cuttings to be in heavy demand throughout the summer and early fall.

Swanee River, for trot, whipped out by Gene Krupa and OK. If I did my way, for trot, sound by Harry Wood. You're Got Life Grogg Again, also by Harry and the Grogg. Band of Washington Square, out by Hal Horbeck, are all good money-makers at the time.

Playboy to the Stars, vocal quartet with dance tempo, is one of our newest numbers that is promising. I expect this tune to make a big run. The publicity hit of the day is by Bob Wiley doing "No Difference Does It Make." This record is making real money. This number and it is still going strong. Looks good for a spell, light now we need a few good publicity numbers. They can't come too quick.

Race numbers that are good at this time are also few and far between. However, New Little Owl, Little Owl is going good in the colored spots. When the time comes we'll be in a swinging fast. Now Long, Now Long Blues is getting the money.

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Bag Your Pardon

In the June 17 issue of The Bill Board, page 71, an illustration of Al Brown was published, with the statement that he had joined Al's Novelty Co. as manager of the firm's domestic distributing department.

This was in error. Mr. Brown has recently joined the Monarch Coin Machine Co., of Chicago, as manager of the firm's domestic distributing department. He will be written up in a new item appearing on page 73 of the June 17 issue of The Bill Board.

We regret this error and apologize to all concerned.

"Best I move along in first place as a musical artist and promise a nice run. It will take the best of music to get money down this way. Corby stuff won't spin twice. Customers have been good time by the several outstanding numbers above at Cash Manana and today they demand the best. This is true of most spots.

A tune either goes over with a bang with Tenors or slips to the moth ball overnight. Our service men can tell quickly if a sample platter has a showing. We check closely and give every release a chance to do the job before we discard, but we lose no time snapping up the hits just as soon as we see they are good for the money.

Keep up the good work and best of luck. BEATRICE PLANKRICH, FRANKLIN Distributing Co., Ft. Worth, Tex.

Geneva, N. Y.

To the Editor:

We enjoy reading your column and find it very helpful in our record selection.

The present polka trend is getting the bootlegs for us, namely, The Beer Barrel Polka, Ring Crosby, Artie Shaw, Cliff (It Makes No Difference Now) Bruner, Dick Robertson, Chick Webb and Kay Kyser are the best recording bands we have at present. Guy Lombardo has no appeal to our playing public, as he seems to lack the punch to deliver on any popular number. Horace Heidt has been very disappointing after his fine head-banging performance. We are getting a very nice play on Jimmie Davis' Nobody's Darling and if I didn't care, by the Ink Spots.

We would like very much to find some work that really plays swing. The hottest number of shows is still too slow. We also think that Ring Crosby could deliver much better on the poppy if the accompaniment had a little soul and less semi-classical air. A few more pyrotechnic numbers would go good, plenty numbers.

Looking for a big summer season, we say goodbye until the next time.

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N. J. Decision Will Benefit All State, Declares Counsel

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—The far-reaching precedent of the action on pinball by the New Jersey State Supreme Court recently has not yet been fully realized, according to Bernard B. Cohn, counsel for the Philadelphia Amusement Machine Association, who helped prepare the brief that was presented before the highest court of New Jersey. Cohn had been notified by Lemuel B. Schofield in important legal work for the Philadelphia group.

Cohn says that the Jersey decision reaches much farther than the city of Camden, where the operator was originally fined. It means to the benefit of operators in the State he said, since it was based on a State statute.

The constitutionality of the statute was questionable, Cohn said, and eventually he thinks this question will come into court. The statute is too vague and gives to the policeman on the beat the power to decide what is a gambling machine, he says. This is in violation of the property rights guaranteed by the constitution, Cohn thinks.

Fort Worth

FT. WORTH, June 17.—Six former Ft. Worth men are now recognized as the largest coin-machine family in Texas. Before the passing away of one of the Durban brothers, there were six of them and all operators. Today the remaining five Durban are wide-awake operators and reside in various sections of Texas.

The former Ft. Worth men are Jack, Gus, Bob, Virgil, Grayford and Ernest Durban. All six were born in this city but now operate in Houston, Tex. Their firm is the Southern Amusement Co., and they do a big volume of business annually.

Each brother has a certain route to develop and certain detail work to do. Their organization moves accurately and smoothly. They boast of an air-conditioned operation, which is really something in the State of Texas.

The Mills Throne of Music is taking on with music ops in this section. Several of the units have been placed here recently.

Willard White, dapper op of the row, is being kept pretty busy these days with his various club spots. Willard graduated from automobile row to coin machine some seven years ago and the auto row lost a good man. Willard started in the business back when the old "pina" were just pins and a few scoring holes with marbles rolling into them.

It is reported that an op on the row asked another op if the King's visit increased his "take."

" Nope," answered the op, "but it cost me the price of an umbrella."

Paul Edgell, former Ft. Worth publisher and old man, has invented a very unique coin-operated amusement machine. It is a "squir" device. The player inserts a five-cent coin and when he pulls back the sliding coin chute a small answer with a question written upon it. The player then has 30 seconds in which to answer the question by writing the answer across the card. The card is then quickly drawn forward, remaining beneath a glass all the time, where the correct answer shows on the end formerly concealed. If answer is correct the 30-second record. A certain reward which is stated upon each card. If player does not write down his answer within the 30-second record, the card is automatically punctured which signifies that question was not answered within the allotted time. Prizes of up to \$100 are given by hard and easy questions.

The machine looks promising and will be in production shortly. Edgell has a number of protection claims on the device, he being the sole originator of the machine in every detail.

The fruit and melon crop will soon be moving onto the Ft. Worth market and operators will enjoy their part of the proceeds derived therefrom. Ft. Worth affords the largest market for the famous Parker County watermelons that grown near Matt's town of weatherford, just west of this city.

Increased cattle receipts at the huge North Ft. Worth stock yards and packing plants have also stimulated machine earnings the past few weeks, especially in the north side section.

This present summer has brought to Ft. Worth operators more new spots for coin machines than any previous summer. Dozens of new taverns and outdoor eating places have opened their doors for business the past few weeks. The highways have done their part in creating more locations.

Ft. Worth ops are all set for a big summer season. Machines are well stocked and the big season is on.

Speaking of highways, lines could be written around just what the hard surface highways have done for coin machine operators. Yet, they have not been credited to an extent as being the secret they are. It was the highways that actually lifted the operators out of the ditch and placed them in the limelight. Ten years ago a Ft. Worth operator would not even consider a country route, but today many of them have paying routes of miles of shining road. Highways brought thousands of locations into existence. They brought a portable for equipment and created a

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Houston

HOUSTON, June 17.—Jack Armstrong, of the music operating firm of Armstrong & Allen, returned from a trip to San Francisco Bay Exposition the first week in June. Jack made the trip in his car and managed to stop over at many interesting points on the way, including Yellowstone and Sequoia National Parks, Hollywood and others. Altogether he drove more than 7000 miles.

Jimmie Davis, record recorder, visited the Houston Discs store June 8, en route from there to Corpus Christi, Davis, who lives in Shreveport, La., is commissioner of public safety of the state of Louisiana.

Joe Spadofora, local Discos office manager, went to New Orleans June 10 to make final arrangements for his wedding that will occur early in July.

June 13 opened the second week of the mail fraud trial in which W. F. Main, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and 13 others are charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of so-called "miraculous" machines. The trial is expected to continue more than three weeks and is being held before Federal Judge James V. Alfred, a former Governor of Texas.

Stern With Monarch



CHICAGO, June 17.—In charge of the firm's domestic distributing department, Al Stern, who recently joined the Monarch Coin Machine Co., said that orders are pouring in for machines of all kinds.

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CHICAGO, June 17.—"Inclosed," says E. D. Rodkin, ad. manager of the Daval Mfg. Co., "is a letter Octavio Benavides, of Ensenada, B. C., Mexico. Won't you please pass it to an item of interest to the entire trade? The letter proves the truth of the statement that Daval gets inquiries from all over the world regarding its products."

The letter, as submitted by Rodkin, follows: "Gentlemen: As you are the manufacturer of all the games I am interested, and how I want to install a playhouse furnished with your products in Mexico—City Mexico. I will be glad if you answer to me mailing full information of each one of them and telling me, too, how can I do for buy them."

"So I don't know if you can build machines which can be played with Mexican coins or any other kind of them. I will appreciate that information, too."

"Hoping you will answer to the soon, Ing Octavio Benavides."

Says Rodkin: "Of course, we can take care of him and we are now in touch with Mr. Benavides."

Dallas Paper Says Business 400% Better

DALLAS, June 17.—"Business must be good—despite the crying of our local businessmen," Texas are saying. The reason for this attitude may be found in a recent story in The Dallas News, which reports that the Business Index shows a climb of 400 per cent over 1938 for the Dallas area.

"Businessmen who talk poor business," declared the paper, "should take a peep at the property barometer reflected in records of County Clerk Bill H. Steger. Steger reports that fee collections for instruments filed such as deeds of trust, chattel mortgages, judgments and other business, are five times greater this year than during 1938 at the same time."



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Comments on Tennessee Liquor

MIDVILLE, June 17.—Since the Tennessee General Assembly empowered the counties of the State to legalize the sale of liquor, a total of 11 elections have been held, says The Commercial Appeal, newspaper, in its issue of June 16.

The counties have voted to remain dry and five have legalized the sale of liquor. It remains to be seen whether the anti-liquor counties have actually voted themselves about as dry as a wet hen or will seek and obtain a genuine control of the liquor business to any of its forms.

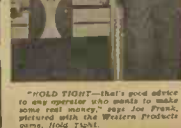
The paper thinks that the counties voting "dry" will more than likely perpetuate the "miserable conditions of disregard for law that so long featured state-wide prohibition in Tennessee."

Editor's Note: But on the same editorial page the Memphis paper takes a rap at pinball games, which are licensed by the State of Tennessee. When will intelligent newspaper staffs learn that the same arguments for legal liquor also hold for legal pinball games, etc. The only difference seems to be that newspaper champagne liquor advertising, but pinball games are not adaptable to such advertising.

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Interesting Data On Southern States

RALEIGH, N. C., June 17.—Joe Calcutt was the subject of an interesting and favorable story recently in the columns of *The Raleigh News and Observer*. The story was almost three columns in length. It was typical of the reputation that Joe Calcutt has earned in his home State and reflected the attitude of the people who have benefited from Calcutt's vast business.

Many interesting figures and facts were brought to light in the story. A summary of the story would reveal that coin machines were legalized by the North Carolina Revenue Act of 1923 and that the machines will pay a license tax of \$20 per year. Calcutt is quoted as estimating that there would be 28,000 machines licensed in the State. This will mean an annual revenue of \$560,000 for the State.

Some of the figures attributed to Calcutt were that he operates about 10,000 machines in North Carolina alone and that he has 128 trucks, each carrying two salaried men, servicing and collecting around 100 machines. One hundred and twelve of these trucks were operating in North Carolina on June 1, leaving 16 trucks to work in other States. At the estimate of 100 machines per truck, this places Calcutt's total operations at approximately 12,000 machines.

The article brings to light the fact that Calcutt is in favor of good wages for his employees, paying a minimum wage of \$17.50 a week to his Negro porters, a high wage for labor in the South. It is stated that his payroll probably reaches the total of \$300,000 not including commissions. The article states that Calcutt figures the cost of operating a bell machine at \$3.50 per week and expects a minimum of \$5.00 to be in the machine each week on the collection day.

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