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# **Snag Shows Pix** Caution

#### **20th Hesitant on Clearance**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Tip-off that the struggle for television properties will be bitter was indicated this week when the National Broadcasting Comwhen the National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC) struck a snag in its plan to televise *The Late George Apley*, by John P. Marquand, in co-operation with the Theater Guild in early De-cember. Twentieth Century-Fox, which controls the video rights, re-fused to give alcorance when the web fused to give clearance when the web requested same early this week. The film company would not reveal whether its decision was final, but it was learned that negotiations for the property were being carried on by the very top level brass of both the web and 20th Century.

At 20th Century it was stated that a contract covering use of the script forbade telecasts for a period of 10 years

NBC had first obtained permission to televise the script from Max Gor-don, legit producer. Gordon subse-quently informed NBC, however, that rights would have to be cleared with the film company. Fact that the negotiations involved

strictly upper echelons of the web and the film company is taken as an indithe him company is taken as an indi-cation that the principle involved is more important than any specific telecast. With video making every effort to promote itself, the matter of obtaining good programing material assumes precedential implications.

### **Shelvey Reaction**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The sudden move of Matt Shelvey, AGVA topper, in asking to be relieved of his duties, caught all AGVA regional reps by surprise. Dave Fox, New York rep, said he didn't know what to think about it. "I will continue here in the same capacity. What the future will bring I don't know," he said.

he said. Florine Bale, Coast rep said it was all "a mystery to me." "All I know," she said, "is I got a wire from the Four A's. Matt Shelvey was supposed to move out here (Los Angeles) the be-ginning of November. We have the office all ready for him." She also indicated it was her understanding the national office was

to be transferred to L. A. Freddie Dale, Boston head, said: "I knew the man was ill, but the rest is all a puzzle. I will abide by the decisions of the Four A's."

Four A's." Shelvey denied he was plan-ning to move the national office to the Coast. "We took larger quarters there because it was necessary," he said. Shelvey is known to have been under medical treatment for some time. Last year he visited the Mayo Clinic.

## "Apley" Tele Don Lee-Pug Pilot Fracas Looms as Court Test Case

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.-A local told The Billboard that the case is court ruling on the legality of tele- being pressed to establish precedent casting boxing matches without con-sent of fighters concerned loomed last week following disclosure that fight manager George Parnassus would file a damage suit against Hol-lywood's Legion Stadium and the Don Lee Broadcasting System. Par-nassus will charge that video airing of the Fabella Chavez-Lou Bernal fracas from Legion Stadium Friday (14) was done by Don Lee outlet W6XAO without his or Chavez's ap-proval. He will file act on in Superior Court and will seek damages plus an injunction to prevent further telecasting of any bouts in which Chavez participates.

Parnassus's attorney, Jules Covey,

now in anticipation of universal tele-vision set ownership. Covey declared that he seeks to establish the right of

a stadium to permit the televising of a fight without the consent of the participants. Fighters, he contends, contract with promoters and stadium operators to give their services to stadium patrons only, and therefore the stadium has no right to derive profit from the sale of video rights without giving fighters a percentage, as is now the practice in the case of radio or pic rights. Parnassus made a big issue of the

threatened loss of gate revenue as videocasting expands. A check re-(See Don Lee-Pug on page 15)

Kearns, Hartley Team To **Plan** "Restraint of Trade" Law as Record Ban Answer

#### A Cinch in the House But Senate Looms as Obstacle

Committee members will write a bill paving the way for Justice Department action against unions operating

For other important developments or Petrillo-radio front which may have direct bearing on the music biz, see the Radio Department, this issue.

in restraint of trade. Confab was held

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—As a re-sult of a conference this week on the American Federation of Musi-cians' (AFM) disk ban, House Labor "restraint of trade" restrictions as management. Actual wording of the measure will not be determined until (See New House Bill on page 19)

#### Heinz on Calif. Centennial

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22 -George Heinz, theatrical show direcin restraint of trade. Confab was held early this week between labor com-mittee Chairman Fred Hartley (R., N. J.) and Rep. Carroll Kearns (R., Pa.), head of a special subcommit-tee on AFM problems. The bill, which will be ready for introduction early in January, is ex-

Shelvey Asks Out ---- Gets It; On Leave 4 Weeks, He's "Ill"; 4-A's Board To Run the Works

#### Rank and File Up in Arms, Chi Convensh Unlikely

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NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—In an un-precedented move Matt Shelvey, na-tional administrator of American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA), was replaced this week by a five-man committee appointed by the In-ternational Board of Associated Ac-tors and Artistes of America (Four A'2) A's)

The move was made at a meeting of the Four A's Thursday (20), called to act upon a petition presented to

it by the program committee, an AGVA, rank and file group. (See box in Vandeville Section for committee names.) The petition called for cancellation of Chicago as the con-vention city; fractional votes for delegates representing fewer than 200 members, and local autonomy. The meeting wasn't a few minutes old when Shelvey presented a doctor's certificate and asked to be relieved (See Shelvey Asks on page 38)

# **ASCAP-Exhib Tussle Gives Scribes Hope**

#### **To Apply December Heat**

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.—Renew-ing their pressure at a time when they feel the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) may find it "unpropitious" not to pay heed, members of the Screen Composers' Association (SCA) here are preparing for a December huddle with society officials which here are preparing for a December huddle with society officials which may hold considerable significance in the music trade. The SCA mem-bers (including such studio scorers as Adolph Deutsch, Max Steiner, Roy Webb, Dave Raksin, Miklos Rozsa, Dave Buttolph, etc.) have arched their backs in the light of current circumstance and claim to be ready for serious battle in their renewed quest to get from the so-ciety a writer-payment system that would "segregate film revenues and provide for distribution therefrom on provide for distribution therefrom on a per-film-use basis."

#### Long-Time Campaign

SCA'ers here long have contended that ASCAP's "writer classification" system fluffed off the film background scorers and about two years they retained an attorney-Leoago they retained an attorney—Leo-nard Zissu—to go to bat for them. Their campaign took the lines that ASCAP each year collects a fat hunk (See Scribes Press on page 17)

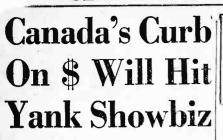
**Drop in Costs Of Production Cheers** Legit

#### Demand for Houses Is Off

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- As the NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—As the legit season progresses and the re-conversion to pre-war conditions in the theater continues, two facts be-come more and more evident. First, in spite of howls of producers to the contrary legit producing is slowly contrary, legit producing is slowly but surely becoming cheaper. Sec-ond, last season's terrific demand for theaters is no more.

for theaters is no more. One show now on the Stem was produced for \$12,500—The First Mrs. Fraser, with Gant Gaither turning in what critics consider a fine produc-ing job. The cost of the set was 3G, but an itemized list of other ex-penses is unavailable because Gaither claims he got special rates from firms claims he got special rates from firms interested in his future as a producer. The production nut of *Fraser* com-pares favorably with those done in the early '30's. John C. Wilson's production of *Pri*-

vate Lives, starring Tallulah Bank-head, now in Chicago and racking up terrific grosses, was mounted for (See Production Costs on page 42)



#### Niteries, Legit To Suffer

MONTREAL, Nov. 22.-Canada's jolting the not unexpected move to Joiting the net unexpected move to curb her gradually dwindling supply of U. S. dollars will have its effect on all branches of show business, but how bad or good the effects will be only time will tell. The federal government, in an emergency decree Tuesday (18), or-dered that Canadians from now on should be allowed only \$150 for pleas-

should be allowed only \$150 for pleas-ure travel purposes in the U. S. Top-ping this is a strict ban on the import of many items which drew shoppers of many items which drew shoppers from Canada into the U. S., and the imposition of a stiff 25 per cent ex-cise tax or outright ban on capital equipment, such as material which is used in radio, stage and flicker production.

#### The Reason Why

The Reason Why The reason for the new restrictions is that Canada was slowly finding herself in a position where her stock of U. S. currency which she needed to pay for U. S. commodities was reaching a precariously low point. It was decided, therefore, that the only way to insure a retention of such bucks as there were around, and to increase the stockpile gradually. to increase the stockpile gradually, would be to impose these restrictions and to get a \$300,000,000 loan from U.S. This Canada did.

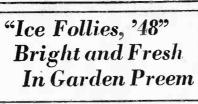
U.S. This Canada did. With the cutting down of travel into the U.S. to a bare minimum, amusement centers which were ac-customed to doing a fairly good trade from Canada's visiting firemen, will have to look elsewhere for the take. have to look elsewhere for the take. have to look elsewhere for the take. After all, you can't expect anybody coming down with just enough dough to get by, to shell out an average of \$3 for a New York legiter, for example.

Niteries Will Suffer So, too, with the niteries. In the past, any visit to the major New York boites, for example, especially the (See Canada Curb On on page 36)

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#### **ICE FOLLIES OF 1948** Opened Tuesday, November 18. 1947 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN Twelfth edition of ice spectacle: Settings and properties by Tommy Lawless. Costumes by Helen Rose. Company manager, Ray Heim. Stage manager, B. J. Lundblad. Musical director Walter Rudolph. Presented by Eddie and Roy Shipstad and Oscar Johnson. PRINCIPALS: Paul Gannon, Monica Moran. Hugh Hendrickson. Ole Ericsen, Jim Hutch-inson, Charles Romero, Hazel Franklin, Mae Ross, Bill Stine. the Schramm Twins, Bill Cameron, Russ Tuckey, Betty Schalow, Har-ris Legg, Marllyn Sahlin, Dick Rasmussen, Tom Mulvey, the Scotvold Twins, Les Hamil-ton, Virginia Morrison. Phyllis Legg, Roy Shipstad, Roman and Norris, Evelyn Chand-ler and Frick and Frack.

ler and Frick and Frack. ICE FOLLIES GIRLS: Gerd Meini Andreson, Billie Baker, Roberta Barton, Nancy Beddor, Gloria Bondy, Ella Brehm, Mary Burke, Rita Bugno, Norma Lee Caine, Charlotte Cameron, June Carruthers. Evelyn Chandler, Ginger Clayton, Freda Consigil. Lois Cooper. Gloria Doggett, Mildred Erbel, Barbara Fawcett, Gloria Fecht, Hazel Franklin, Lois Gordon, Rita Hauble, Shirley Halsted, Marllou Hin-shaw, Patricia Hoyt, Jean Jansen, Donna Johanson, Elsie Johnson, Isabel Jones. Gloria Ketchum, Kathleen Kirby, Stephanie Kirby, Vivienne LaFayette. Joyce Lamont. Phyllis Legg, Lorena McKellen, Beverly Morrel, Monica Moran, Virginia Morrison, Jane Mor-ton, Genevieve Norris, Donna Osterberg, Glee Patten, Cynthia Pettinger, Barbara Pokorney, Rickey Polim, Betty Jane Ricker, Mae Ross, Marion Rudie, Marilyn Sahiln, Betty Schalow, Gerri Straub, Johane Scotvold, Joyce Scotvold, Mary Walters, Nan Wright, Karen Young. ICE FOLLIES BOYS: John Barker, John Burke, William Cameron, Charles Davidson, Prancis E. Dunigan, Olav Ericsen, Werner Groebil, Lester Hamilton, Hugh Hendrickson, James Hutchinson, Harris Legg, Hans Mauch, John Mulvey, Dick Rasmussen, Ted Roman, Carlos Romero, Jr., Walter Sahlin, Patrick Shanahan, Roy Shipstad, Charles Skillings, William Stine, Ray Schramm, Roy Schramm, Russell T, Tuckey. As new editions of ice specs unveil ICE FOLLIES GIRLS: Gerd Meini Andreson.

As new editions of ice specs unveil each year, a reporter comes annually to the conclusion that the end has been reached—nothing new can be done on or with a pair of skates. The formula must be played out. Of (See "ICE FOLLIES, '48," page 44)

#### Fla. Court Shields "Larry Ford" Name

TAMPA, Nov. 22 .-- Circuit Judge Harry N. Sandler has issued a tem-porary injunction restraining Law-rence J. Ford, former owner of a bar and cocktail lounge at 610 Tampa Street in downtown Tampa, from using the trade name "Larry Ford" using the trade name "Larry Ford" for his supper club at 1200 Cass Street. Florida State Liquor Enterprises, Inc., alleged in a hearing before the judge that it paid \$105,000 for the Tampa Street business formerly owned by Ford and had received written agreement for exclusive use of the name "Larry Ford," in op-erating the bar and cocktail lounge. Charging that Ford is violating the rights of his business successor at the

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Tampa To See Miniature of **Freedom Train** 

TAMPA, Nov. 22 .- In addition to the real Freedom Train, which will visit here December 21, Tampa will have a miniature Freedom Train touring the city during rededication week which precedes the visit of the famous caravan.

The local committee, concerned at the prospect that hundreds of people in this area may be turned away because the train couldn't possibly ac-commodate all who would like to visit it during its 12-hour stand, has decided to take the edge off the dis-

decided to take the edge off the dis-appointment by using the miniature. Nat Rambo, young war veteran who is adjutant of an American Legion post, suggested that the local com-mittee utilize the Legion's 40 & 8 Society locomotive. Hitched to the locomotive will be a large trailer in which reproductions of the docu-ments aboard the Freedom Train will which reproductions of the docu-ments aboard the Freedom Train will be put on exhibit during the entire week preceding the arrival of the real train. The miniature will make the rounds of schools and will be parked on downtown streets. The Rev. E. J. Pendergrass, chair-

man of the local committee, esti-mates only 12,000 persons can see the real train during its visit, and at least 50,000 are expected to turn out for it.

### **Pitt Keeps the Fire Burning on Showbiz**

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 22 .- Showbiz here put up a terrific fight during the past week to prevent passage of the proposed 10 per cent tax levey, but the city administration seemed un-shaken in its determination to get shaken in its determination to get the measure passed. Approximately 325 persons crowded into the limited capacity of the council chambers to protest at an open hearing Wednes-day (19). Jason Richardson, coun-sel for the Pittsburgh Amusement and Sports Committee, argued that a 10 per cent amusement tax would be unfair and discriminatory

10 per cent amusement tax would be unfair and discriminatory. In answer to the question of where else the council could raise the needed tax money, Richardson suggested that the proposed merchantile tax be doubled. The council took this suggestion under advisement when Rich-ardson showed that this approach to the tax problem would distribute the tax load more equally.

Tampa Street establishment by using the same name at his Cass Street club, the plaintiff produced witnesses who said that Ford's action had caused confusion to patrons, with consequent financial loss to Florida State Liquor

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### Lucky Liz

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Among the many gifts from kings re-ceived by Princess Elizabeth and the many girls from kings fee-ceived by Princess Elizabeth and Phillip on their wedding day were a couple of left hind rab-bit's feet with gold-plated key chains and caps. Accompany-ing each of the feet was a card reading: "May this rabbit's foot bring you lots of luck. Sorry cannot be with you." Paws and greetings were sent by and signed: "Charles Brand, the rab-bit's foot king." Brand is ac-tually known by that monarchal moniker to the pitch fraternity, carnival, circus and fair work-ers who buy millions of his bunny feet annually.

#### **Ice-Capades Gets 12G On Claim Vs. Govt.**

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 22. — A claim of \$12,000 was allowed Ice-Capades, Inc., which stages the Ice Capades ice spectacle, against the U. S. Government Wednesday for damages sustained when the army took over Convention Hall here just eight days before the ice show was to begin its summer's run in July. begin its summer's run in July, 1942.

Alexander K. Blatt, one of the Alexander K. Blatt, one of the three commissioners appointed to hear the case last spring by U. S. District Judge Thomas M. Madden in Cam-den, N. J., announced the verdict here. Ice-Capades, Inc., originally asked for \$35,000. Blatt's statement revealed that the Arena Management Corporation, a New York corporation which owns the show and which also asked for damages, will receive noth-ing. The commissioners held, Blatt said, that the managers association suffered no loss.

#### MCA Books Blackhawk

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Music Cor-poration of America (MCA) got its first booking at Chicago's Black-hawk Hotel in six years with the Sherman Hayes ork, which is in right now. Hayes will be followed into the location by Art Kassel.

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## American Tobacco Agency Squawk To Drop Paar Seg

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22. - Upon notification that American Tobacco would drop the Jack Paar stanza at the close of its present cycle, it was learned that the Paar package will be offered for resale at \$7,500—less than half the current \$16,000 price than half the current \$16,000 price tag. While Foote, Cone & Belding retains a 60-day resale option on Paar's services, it is understood that the agency will not attempt any seri-ous sales pitch and that the package will revert to Sam Jaffe Agency. Amusement Enterprises, Inc., Jack Benny's firm which now controls the Benny's firm which now controls the package, will release Paar unless an imminent sale is made. Sale price of the Paar package has

Sale price of the Paar package has been subject of trade talk, inasmuch as commissions tacked onto basic price now total 45 per cent. With 20 per cent to Amusement Enterprises, 15 per cent to FC&B and another 10 per cent to the Jaffe office, commis-sions paid set a new high for a show of its kind. Under revised budget, talent and writing costs will be pared, with slashes in Paar's take, plus mu-sical cuts and elimination of the singer a certainty. singer a certainty.

## **Over Plug Skip Burns Winchell**

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.-The Wal-HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.—The Wal-ter Winchell-Robert Orr Agency tiff about "who said what" looked like little more than a tempest in a lotion bottle at week's end. It all happened when an Orr agency exec was re-ported to have been miffed about Winchell's cutting the middle com-mercial during one of the commenta-tor's recent Sunday broadcasts tor's recent Sunday broadcasts. Winchell told The Billboard that

Andrew Jergens had given him the okay long ago to skip the middle plug anytime he felt it necessary. The rapid-fire radio reporter was warm under the collar because the agency was making these differences public

was making these differences public. "Supposing these stories were true and supposing they were having trou-ble with me about the middle commercial—why embarass me by mak-ing it public?" Winchell asked. Asked ing it public?" Winchell asked. Asked if he wants to quit his *Jergens' Journal*, Winchell said he could not say at this time. "I can't tell you now how I will feel in June," Win-chell said. "Andrew Jergens has been great to me for the past 16 years and the friendly relationship still **evist**:" exists."

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. - Walter Winchell and Louella Parsons, both of whom broadcast over ABC for An-drew Jergens Company, both have been renewed, ABC announced today (Saturday). No reference was made in the Winchell renewal to the Win-chell-Robert Orr Agency dispute over the middle commercial on the program.

### Morgan Gets 3-Wk. Reprieve NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Deals to re-

furbish the Wednesday night schedule furbish the Wednesday night schedule of American Broadcasting Company (ABC) were hanging fire at week's end, with the web deep in negotia-tions for sale of the 9:30 p.m. seg which becomes available after De-cember 3, when American Tobacco's cancellation of Jack Paar becomes effective. ABC also is holding tenta-tive talks with prospective clients for sale of Henry Morgan, but Eversharp, Inc. which had canceled Morgan, has Inc., which had canceled Morgan, has until 5 p.m. Wednesday (26) to make its final decision about renewing the comic.

One ABC official expressed annoyance at the turn of events leading to Paar's cancellation. He said the net-work had turned down several surework had turned down several sure-fire shows which would have been good for lengthy, stable runs in order to sign American Tobacco. Demise of the Paar experiment, he confirmed, was due as much to the program's excessive cost as to any deficiency of the opus itself. It is known that the show's cost rose from \$16,000 weekly during the first 13 weeks to \$18,000 during the first 13 weeks to \$18,000 in the second 13 weeks, with virtually everybody getting a substantial slice except Paar himself, who is cut up among Jack Benny's Amusement En-terprises, Inc.; Music Corporation of America (MCA) and the Sam Jaffe office. At least two substitute shows are nearing the pact stage, with one a brand-new program and the other a

show now on another network. Morgan received a three-week extension, from December 3 to Decem-ber 24, with two major factors contributing: Announcement of a con-test (made the same day the sponsor test (made the same day the sponsor first decided to drop Morgan) which will not end until the 24th, and the fact that a major portion of the spon-sor's sales is made during the last quarter of the year. A special Hooper survey of the November 12 show made by the web shows that Morgan's rating rose to 9.1 from 7.8 on Novem-ber 5. Eversharp is understood to be satisfied with the show's progress

the state

### **June Dairies May Rejoin BR Ranks**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — June Dairies, which sponsored the late Fiorello H. LaGuardia in his network commercials, may return to the air shortly, it was reported this week. It's understood the company has three commentators under consider-otion: Errork Kingdon May Lemer

ation: Frank Kingdon, Max Lerner and Quentin Reynolds. A decision is expected shortly.

#### S-B Cheese Acct. Shifts to D-F-S

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—As follow-up to dropping the Fred Allen show in its current retrenchment drive, Standard Brands this week shifted its Shefford Cheese Products advertis-ing from J. Walter Thompson Agency to Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, Inc. Shefford was one of the products plugged on the Allen program.

and future promise. but it is common talk that the firm's financial situatalk that the firm's financial situa-tion has caused the re-evaluation of its budget and probable radio re-trenchment. Unless Eversharp re-arranges its advertising appropria-tions again by Wednesday, it will be faced with lopping off an established show (Take It or Leave It on Na-tional Broadcasting Company) or one it is building in Morgan, with the latter most likely to get the ax. An ABC spokesman declared that should Eversharp find it necessary to confirm the cancellation, the web would retain Morgan in his current slot on a sustaining basis until he is sold.

## ABC-Capitol

Latest developments in Capitol Records — American Broadcasting Company negotiations will be found in this week's Music Department.

## "Crank Handle" Song-Emsee Job For Uncle Jim

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Uncle Jim Harkins, general factotum on the Fred Allen show but who's never appeared on the program, will be the emsee of a new series now being pre-pared by WOR, New York. Program is based on Pat Ballard's recent in-vention, the "song machine." The contraption, by the turn of a handle, turns out a complete melody. Program will feature an audience participation gimmick, both for studio

participation gimmick, both for studio and home listeners. In addition, Bal-lard is to write a set of lyrics for one machine-made song on each show.

one machine-made song on each show. Program formula has just about been set, following four auditions. Also in the WOR hopper is an Americanism series based on the Horatio Alger Jr. stories. Program will be played straight, without bur-lesques of old yarns, with the last five minutes of each show being used to interview a current luxit used to interview a successful busi-ness man who scored in the Alger manner. It will be a Sunday offering.



Company is reported close to a deal with Donald O'Connor for a radio program to be sponsored by Roma or

Cresta Blanca (Schenley). Milton Biow, Friday (21), admitted O'Connor was under consideration, but added that "many other artists are being considered and no conclu-sions have been reached."

# PACTS '50 Deadline Jump Sought **On Contracts**

#### ASCAP Competish Involved

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Broadcast Jusic, Inc. (BMI), this week sent Music. its 1,800 broadcast licensees a request that they renew performing license contracts immediately. Agreements now in effect expire March 11, 1950. Several elements enter into BMI's

Several elements enter into BMI's move to sign renewals now, rather than wait a year or so. One is the fact that all four networks, at the recent broadcasters' convention in Atlantic City, renewed their con-tracts from 1950 thru 1959. But more important is BMI's competitive position insofar as the American So-ciety of Authors. Composers and Publishers (ASCAP) is concerned. This last aspect deals with the fact

This last aspect deals with the fact that without assurance that it will continue in business beyond 1950 (the current expiration date), BMI is at a disadvantage in negotiations with publishers and foreign performing rights societies. ASCAP's member contracts run until 1965.

In addition, ASCAP's broadcast contracts have a clause which makes renewal automatic unless ASCAP asks for an increase. In current negotiations with broadcasters, ASCAP has stated it wants no increase, but does propose a revision insofar as co-operative network programs are concerned. ASCAP and the broadcast-ers are to meet again December 4, ers are to meet again December 4, and in a letter accompanying the contract renewal, Carl Haverlin, BMI president, commented: "The quicker our industry renews with BMI, and thus gives renewed assur-ance of its permanence, the stronger the industry's position will be." Haverlin also told BMI licensees that broadcasters have paid, since 1941, "\$60,000,000 alone under the 7½ per cent contract which it offered broadcasters in 1940."

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## Webs Ask Consideration **Of Old Problems in Early AFM Negotiation Sessions**

#### AM-FM Duplication, Music for TV, T-H Effects Pointed Up

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- American Federation of Musicians (AFM) will shortly file notice of expiration of AFM-network contracts with the four webs and the National Labor Relations Board, as a preliminary to possible strike action, James C. Petrillo, AFM head, said this week. Contracts terminate January 31, and according to Taft-Hartley law a 60-day notice is mandatory. Petrillo at network contract negotiations Friday (21) indicated the notice was in the nature of a formality, but necessary in order, to maintain the union's bargaining position. Talks between Petrillo and

network execs Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, were exploratory, with no discussion of wages or working conditions. Opening sessions dealt with legalities inherent in the Taft-Hartley law, and the In the Tatt-Hartley law, and the problems facing musicians' locals thruout the country. On Friday, the networks presented to the AFM a set of proposals covering points which they (the webs) wanted to see incor-porated in a new contract. These points included (1) original music on FM; (2) AM music duplicated on FM; (3) employment of musicians on television; (4) use of musicians on television; (4) use of musicians on co-op programs, and (5) continued employment of musicians on regular AM broadcasts.

AM broadcasts. Pctrillo, for the AFM, and Mark Woods, president of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) de-livered cognate statements to the effect that for the first time AFM-network negotiations were faced with complicating factors (such as FM, tele and Taft-Hartley), and that working out an over-all pact necessi-tated exploration of the "developing changes" in radio. Petrillo and the webs will meet again December 8 in Chicago. Chicago.

Situation facing the AFM is re-garded as rocky in the event the union cannot find ways and means of operating under the Taft-Hartley law. According to one union official, cuts in musician employment thruout the country are already being felt in AFM locals. The severity of the unemploy-ment is expected to increase materially as more contracts expire and more employers take fuller advan-tage of the anti-featherbedding pro-visions of the new labor law. (See story on this page.)

The cut in radio revenue is ex-pected to be paralleled by a cut in stand-by fees, on which point theaters are already growing bolder. In other words, locals through to keep going from find it very tough to keep going from an economic standpoint. As for radio, what the federation hopes to avoid is a situation whereby all radio employment will be concentrated—to an even greater extent than now—in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, which cities are originating points of which cities are originating points of network programs. The situation in the film industry is considered as none too favorable for the AFM either, for it is believed that in the event of a showdown musical en-gineers have enough music on the shelf to carry on for years.

With Petrillo at the negotiations were representatives of the New York, Chicago and Los Angeles locals. Network brass included Frank E. Mullen, National Broadcasting Com-pany executive vice-president; Frank White, vice-president and treasurer of Columbia Broadcasting System: white, vice-president and treasurer of Columbia Broadcasting System; Mark Woods, president of the Amer-ican Broadcasting Company; Robert Swezey, vice-president and general manager of the Mutual Broadcasting System and Ted Streibert, president of WOR of WOR.

#### 'Polar Cola' Sound Like 'Coca-Cola' to You, Supreme Ct?

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.-U. S. Supreme Court is weighing a plea by the National Association of Broad-casters (NAB) to reconsider its refusal to take up a case involving a similar-sounding names in radio advertising. A brief was filed by NAB yesterday (21) in the case of the Coca-Cola Company vs. Snowcrest Beverages, Inc., which has been ad-vertising a product called Polar Cola. The NAB brief pointed out that in radio advertiging the value of a

in radio advertising the value of a trade name depends entirely on its distinctive sound. To refuse aural protection said NAB, is to place radio at a disadvantage with other adver-

tising media. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court by Coca-Cola after a lower court had refused to enjoin Polar Cola.

### Princesses & Pain NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Hardly figuring to persuade Britishers that commercial radio is con-ducive to better programing than government-controlled etherizing were some of the Princess Elizabeth - Phillip Mountbattan nuptial broadcasts here. On WOR, for instance, the 9 a.m. newsshow (John Win-gate) played a British Broad-casting Corporation (BBC) tran-carintion of the communics from

scription of the ceremonies from scription of the ceremonies from Westminster Abbey. The solemn readings of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the hushed vows spoken by the Princess and her bridegroom were the epitomy of dignity and loaded with tra-ditional reverence. But the commercial following was for Dolcin, tablets designed to help relieve arthritic and rheumatic

## **Texaco Seeks** T. Martin Hypo

pains.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Long dissatisfied with the ratings chalked up by its Tony Martin show, the Texas Company this week was reported needling the Kudner Agency and Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) which airs the opus Sunday nights, for some formula to hypo the show. Myron Kirk, radio director of Kudner, myron Kirk, ratio director of Kudher, is said to blame time spot for the pro-gram's poor showing and is being wooed by American Broadcasting Company (ABC) sked. Kudher is reported to have notified CBS that the current slot, with week shows preceding Cordian Archer and

shows preceding Corliss Archer and following Christopher Wells, no longer will be acceptable for its client.

## WKRC's Strike **Off as Tootlers Grant Extension**

CINCINNATI, Nov. 22.-Strike of musicians at WKRC, scheduled to start today, has been postponed by Oscar F. Hild, president of Local 1, American Federation of Musicians, who has notified Hulbert Taft Jr., WKRC managing director, that the union's strike notice, previously is-sued, had been withdrawn and that a notice, effective January 20, 1948, was being substituted. It was indi-cated by the union that the 60-day extension was granted to permit further negotiation to iron out the station-union tangle.

In the first action of its kind taken in Cincinnati under the Taft-Hartley law, WKRC several weeks ago filed charges of unfair labor practices with Jack G. Evans, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, against Local 1. The station manage-ment charged that the union had refused to bargain collectively with the station thru failing to serve written notice as required by law. The union was further charged with attempting to cause the station to pay money in the nature of an exaction thru threatening the station with a strike unless it agreed to employ musicians in excess of the number reasonably required by the station.

The station also charged that the union was attempting to compel the station to pay a full weekly wage to 11 musicians, some of whom broad-cast only from "30 minutes to five or six hours a week." Taft said that the continuation of the "featherbedding" system was the only bar to the sign-ing of a new contract between the station and the union as all other station and the union, as all other terms, including a wage increase of 22 per cent, have been agreed upon.

For a time a musicians' strike also was threatened at WSAI here, but last week an agreement was reached between the station management and the musicians' union extending for six months the present contract.

## **Music Committee To Chart Course for Action on AFM**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—First con-crete action of the recently created Industry Music Committee (IMC) Industry Music Committee (IMC) took place yesterday (Friday) when two subcommittees were empowered to draw immediate plans to cope with the American Federation of Musi-cians (AFM) situation. Meeting at the headquarters of Broadcast Meas-urement Bureau, representatives of broadcasters record manufacturers. urement Bureau, representatives of broadcasters, record manufacturers, transcription companies, Frequency Modulation Association (FMA), Na-tional Association of Broadcasters (NAB), Television Broadcasters As-constition (TBA) and Badio Manufac sociation (TBA) and Radio Manufac-turers' Association (RMA) each agreed to appoint one representative to each of three committees, two of which are the subcommittees mentioned above.

Since the third committee will be

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committee and a public relations group. Legal committee is to concen-trate on possible remedial legislation. The respective elements comprising the music industry group each is to name its own representative to the name its own representative to the various committees and the two sub-committees have been told to get to work immediately. They are to meet within one week, and report back to the exec committee within two weeks.

Purpose of the plan is to have the Purpose of the plan is to have the industry, as one spokesman termed it, ready to move "regardless of which way Petrillo jumps." The spokes-man was cynical as to Petrillo's re-ported reluctance to call a network strike, stating that this same attitude preceded the 1942-'44 record ban.

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Some 40 execs attended the meet-ing, including the following official regressentatives: need of plenary powers, proponents of the music committee hailed the de-velopment as being of considerable significance. Not only is this the first time all branches of the mechanical music industry have gotten together, but, more important, it is the first time they have agreed either to act in concert or to be represented en masse, rather than individually. Broadcast representatives were es-pecially pleased because, they said, it was the first time the record manu-facturers indicated they would go all-out to support the committee. The record companies had originally been aloof, but yesterday, it was 'said, "they stood up and were counted." The two subconmittees are a legal

## **Goodman** Ace Fluffs H'w'd Bid

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Goodman Ace, supervisor of comedy and va-riety programs for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), leaves the web December 17. He leaves because all CBS comedy programs originate on the Coast, and while Hol-lywood is okay for them as likes it, Goodie wants to stay in New York.

Ace took the CBS post September 3, 1946, when the web started an in-tensive effort to develop house-built programing, particularly comedy. The vacated job is not expected to be filled. It was created for Ace.

## Nesbitt in New E.T. Seg on MBS

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.-John Nesbitt will launch a rew show on Mutual shortly after the first of the year. Show will be a co-op series intended for local sponsorship.

The program, featuring Nesbitt in the type of program he has done in the past, will be aired Friday in a nighttime slot.

Arranged by Radio Features, Inc., division of the Schwimmer & Scott Agency here, program will be aired via transcription.

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**T-H AX ON TOOTLERS' NECKS** 

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.—Indica-tion that transcription manufacturers will endeavor to remain in produc-tion despite the forthcoming music union ban on this type of work is con-tained in a letter recently circulated by Standard Radio Transcription Services, Inc. Letter went to all Standard subscribers.

Reporting on the effect of the union ban, Jerry King, Standard's presi-dent, told stations that the company would record in advance every popular tune publishers say they will plug. Letter added, "... there will be popular music recorded after the first of January, just how this will be done cannot be divulged except to say we did it before and we will do it again."

## 'N. Y. News' Seen In Supreme Ct. For FM Bid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. - The New York Daily News, recently denied an FM station application by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), was expected to file an appeal today (Monday). From all ac-counts, the paper plans to press for an ultimate Supreme Court ruling on the FCC's newspaper-radio policy. The paper's 20-day appeal period ends today

The paper's 20-day appear period ends today. Altho a conditional approval had been given The News, the FGC later reversed itself, awarding the fre-quency to the Methodist Church. The FCC based its decision on the theory it should not centralize control of radio, tele and FM in the hands of a newspaper when other applicants newspaper when other applicants presented equally sound applications and equally balanced programing promises. The News already has a TV station under construction.

Stand to be taken by *The News* is that it is not within the province of the FCC to consider newspaper relationships as a factor in such frequency allocations. This, the paper will claim from reports, is discriminatory. Paper hopes speedy action, so as to enable application for the four New

York FM frequencies which will open in 1948. Legal procedure if FCC sus-tains its decision, would be the Su-preme Court via the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

# **Duke Gets Off**

**To a Big Duke** NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The day-time version of WMCA's new tran-scribed Duke Ellington disk jockey scribed Duke Ellington disk jockey show got off to a winging start this week with sale of three 15-minute periods to clients of the Emil Mogul Agency. The sponsors, each of whom will bankroll a quarter-hour across the board, are Canadian Furs, Bar-ney's Clothes and National Shoes. Program kicks off December 29 and will be aired from 9 to 10 a m. Mon-

will be aired from 9 to 10 a.m., Monwill be aired from 9 to 10 a.m., Mon-day thru Friday, and from midnight to 1 a.m. seven days a week. The entire nighttime version already has been bought by Paradise Wine Cor-poration. Bob Bach, formerly of The Billboard's Music Department, takes over writing and record selec-tion duties.

## Will Record After WMLO Accuses Ban, Says Standard || Petrillo Under Hartley Act

CHICAGO, Nov. 22. — Another action against the American Federa-tion of Musicians (AFM) charging violation of the Taft-Hartley Act was filed this week with the regional office of the National Labor Rela-tions Board (NLRB) here by WMLO, tions Board (NLRB) here by WMLO, Milwaukee independent station. Suit, which charges that the AFM is guilty of a secondary boycott in its effort to force WMLO into keeping four musicians on the staff, follows short-ly after a New York NLRB complaint filed by Dan Golenpaul, producer of *Information, Please*, concerning use instrumentalists on his co-op program. WKRC has also filed a claim against WKRC has also filed a claim against Petrillo in Cincinnati.

Jerome Sill, manager of WMLO, who stated his station was opposed to

who stated his station was opposed to featherbedding, charged James C. Pe-trillo, AFM chief, with coercion. The station's four musicians, whose salar-ies total \$231 weekly, have not been paid since October 1. The AFM, according to Sill, pulled its musicians off both commercial and sustaining programs despite the fact that the station has always paid union scale. The station manager in his complaint stated that "the use of funds to improve programs rather his complaint stated that "the use of funds to improve programs rather than to support featherbedding ob-viously would further listening en-joyment." It was also alleged that the AFM had brought garnishee proceedings against the station and its clients in order to collect the salaries of the musicians.

#### Spitalny Wins Poll

Spitalny Wins Poll CLEVELAND, Nov. 22. — A poll conducted among readers by Robert Stevens, The Cleveland Plain Deal-er radio editor, showed Phil Spitalny Hour of Charm ork as the No. 1 semi-classical music show, with Fred Waring, Album of Familiar Music, the Donald Voorhees airer and the Howard Barlow program following in that order. that order.

#### Mohammed?

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Next meeting between James C. Petrillo, AFM president, and the brass of the four webs will take place in Chicago December 8. Explaining the switch from New York to Chicago, Petrillo said: "If these guys wanna keep up with me they'll have to come to Chicago, where L have a to Chicago, where I have a date."

Peffillo stands trial Decem-ber 15 in Chicago on charges of violating the Lea Act.

### Heidt To Replace 'Big Break' on NBC

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The folde-roo of The Big Break, sponsored by Adam Hats on the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), leaves the Sunday, 10:30 p.m. slot open for Philip Morris Night With Horace Heidt, starting December 14. The Eddie Dowling show winds up De-

cember 7. Heidt and an 18-piece orchestra will tour, originating the show from theaters and saluting near-by col-leges. Four contestants from a col-lege will be on the show each broadcast, with winners chosen by audience

applause. Biow is the agency for both Adam and Philip Morris,

#### "Hit Parade" Seeks **New Gal Warbler**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A search for a fem singer for the Hit Parade is for a fem singer for the Hit Parade is still going on, with indications now that Doris Day, who left for picture commitments, will not return. The spot this week was offered to Kitty Kallen, who refused since the job requires permanent residence on the Coast. Miss Kallen is to marry Bud Granoff, New York press agent, next February. Hit Parade agency is Foote, Cone & Belding.

& Belding.

## The Petrillo Front This Week

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Here's the score sheet in this week's NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Here's the score sheet in this week's jockeying between Petrillo and the broadcasting-recording industries: In Washington, Representatives Fred Hartley (Taft-H legislator) and Carroll Kearns, House AFM-Subcommittee chairman, met to dis-cuss further anti-AFM legislation. Their proposal: A Taft-Hartley amendment enabling the Justice Department action against unions acting in alleged restraint of trade. That, of course, would mean the record ban.

In New York, the four major networks, whose musicians' con-tracts expire January 31 next, met with the AFM president. So far, most of the talk has been "exploratory," altho the webs are said to have presented demands enabling use of live music in FM and TV, as well as FM duplication. At the week's end results were none too visible. Next meeting: Chicago, December 8. In Cincinnati, a musicians' strike at WKRC was postponed until January 20, a significant date coinciding, almost, with network

expirations.

In Chicago, Jerry Sill, of WMLO, Milwaukee indie, filed a labor board charge that Petrillo is in violation of the T-H bill. Sill claims featherbedding. That's the third such suit. The others: Dan Golenpaul's Information, Please charge (New York) and an earlier action by WKRC.

by WKRC. In New York, the industry music committee got down to action, setting up legal-legislative and publicity committees to do some-thing—quick—about it all. In Hollywood, Jerry King, of Standard Radio, told his tran-scription subscribers he'd still be recording after January 1. Did it before, said King, and "we can do it again." And in various sections of the country, reports of musician dis-missals, under T-H, grew in number.

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# **Staff Slashes** Due as AFM **Contracts Die**

#### Some Cuts Already Made

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A growing tendency of broadcasters to take ad-vantage of the Taft-Hartley labor law by reducing the number of musilaw by reducing the number of musi-cians in their employ is becoming evident. Reports from widely scat-tered sections of the country bear out the tendency, with additional station managers stating that as their current contracts with the musicians' union locals expire, they plan either to eliminate musicians entirely or re-duce sharply the number employed. One broadcaster stated he thought the movement "very likely would reach avalanche proportions." While there are four stations al-

While there are four stations al-ready known to have taken this step, network spokesmen in New York said they had been advised by numerous affiliates that they too had acted in the same directions. Web officials, tho, would not reveal the names of the stations involved.

#### Four in Open

Four in Open Four stations already dismissing their musical staffers are WDOD and WAPO, Chattanooga; KWK, St. Louis, and WSMB, New Orleans. WDOD had seven men; WAPO had six and KWK, which had 11, has retained but one. Extent of the WSMB dismissals is not known is not known.

Earl Winger, vice-president of WDOD, told The Billboard this week that the seven-man musical staff which the station had under conwhich the station had under con-tract for two years, cost \$15,000 an-nually, but not once in those two years did the musicians work on the air. Winger stated the station signed the contract only after the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) had imposed a secondary boycott by re-fusing to allow Columbia to feed fusing to allow Columbia to feed WDOD network programs about two years ago. Winger stated that when the con-

tract expired October 12 last, he noti-fied the musicians' local that under the Taft-Hartley bill, their employ-ment would cease. No acknowledge-ment has been forthcoming, he said, from either the local or the national body.

#### WAPO-WDOD Parallel

The situation at WAPO paralleled the WDOD picture in one respect, in that the six-man musician staff did not work on the air during the life

not work on the air during the me of the contract. From other sources it was learned this week that of the 1,500-odd sta-tions in the U. S., only 350 employed musicians. In many cases this was limited to employment of only one staffer.

#### TAMPA GETS FM

TAMPA, Nov. 22. - WDAE-FM went on the air Monday (17) and became the first frequency modulation station on Florida's west coast. Both the FM station and WDAE are owned and operated by *The Tampa Daily* Times. Early response from listeners to the 5,000 FM receiving sets in the Times. Tampa area indicated that receptior is good.

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**Congress Mulls** 

WageCommittee

**To Advise Radio** 

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. — The creation of a special radio industry advisory committee on radio wage problems is being considered by Con-gress in the wake of an appearance before a House labor subcommittee by Richard Doherty, director of em-ployee-employer relations for the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).

National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). In advocating such a committee, Doherty declared radio with its high wages is not concerned with mini-mum wage practices but only with computation of overtime rates. He urged clarification of the payment of overtime in the case of announcers whose income is supplemented by sponsors' fees. Doherty further asked the law be revised to permit non-union employees to start guaran-

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teed annual wage plans. Similar requests will be made by Doherty in a December hearing be-fore the wage-hour board.

WM. MORRIS LOSES TWO NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Two mem-bers of William Morris Agency's ra-

dio department resigned this week. They were Sid Morse, contact man

Marks, of the literary and script de-partments.

researcher." It was added that this might very well be the A. C. Nielsen research firm, whose audimeter sys-tem of program popularity measure-ment resembles IAMS in some re-spects. CBS is much closer to Niel-cen than any other researcher

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. -

# AFRA TO REOPEN WAGE TA **HCL** Leads To Decision, **Heller Says**

#### **Confabs Due in June**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) will shortly call for reopening of wage scales on its network contracts, George Heller, the union's executive secretary, told a membership meet-ing Thursday (20) in New York. Notice will be given the networks within a week or so and the likeli-hood is that negotiations will begin in January. The exact amount of the boost to be sought has not been determined. NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-American determined.

AFRA's wage increase demand is pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the 1946-1948 AFRA-network contract. Text of the clause, which provides that AFRA may reopen the wage scale question if Bureau of Labor Statistics for November 15, 1947, show a 10 per cent or more cost of living increase over 1946, is shown on this page. on this page.

Heller also told the meeting that as the result of the recording ban issued by the musicians union, AFRA has by the musicians union, AFRA has decided not to open negotiations with decided not to open negotiations with phonograph manufacturers on the question of scales for AFRA mem-bers in this field. Instead, he said, AFRA is going to co-operate with the musicians. He did not reveal to what extent, altho he said, of course, that me AFPA member would work that no AFRA member would work with non-union musicians.

with non-union musicians. Reporting on efforts the New York local is making to study the employ-ment situation, Heller said that the major networks had agreed to co-operate in a job survey to be made by the New York State Unemploy-ment Service. This is in line with AFRA's recently approved proposal to investigate possibilities for in-creased actor employment. Three other proposals under consideration call for the airing of a showcase proother proposals under consideration call for the airing of a showcase pro-gram on WNYC; maintenance of a central audition library and publica-tion of a players' guide. These are now being studied by an AFRA sub-committee on employment.

Heller also revealed that the New York local currently has a \$3:400 deficit and said that a permanent ways and means committee of 10 is (See AFRA ON WAGES, page 10)



## **Current AFRA Wage Scales**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-The table below lists commercial minima now in effect for actors, announcers and singers, under the existing AFRA network contract, to be reopened shortly under the union's request for a pay boost. Also shown is the contract provision dealing with reopening of wage provisions.

Program Time Actors	20101515	Announce
15 minutes	58.10	21.75
30 minutes		36.25
Hour		50.75
Rehearsal rates, in most cases ar	e on a basis of \$8.80	per hour,

with one hour minimum rehearsal required.

Provision as to reopening wage talks reads as follows: "If the cost of living index as of November 15, 1947, or, at the option of AFRA, as of the 15th of any month after November 15, 1947, as issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States De-partment of Labor . . . shall be 10 per cent or more higher than said index for November 15, 1946, then AFRA, within 30 days after the publication of said index for November 15, 1947, or within 30 days after the publication of said index for any month thereafter, as the case may be, may give written notice to the producer (once only durcase may be, may give written notice to the producer (one only dur-ing the period of this code) requesting that the minimum rates of pay provided in this code be adjusted and specifying the requested ad-justment. Within five days after receipt of such notice, producer shall either grant the adjustment requested or enter into negotiations with AFRA with respect to such requested adjustment. If within five days after the parties have entered into such negotiations, they shall fail to reach an accord, the question of the rate adjustment shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the arbitration pro-visions of this code. The arbitration shall be limited solely to the adjustment of minimum rates of pay and the award shall be effective on the date when issued...."

**RDG Huddle Over** Counter - Proposals

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Radio Directors' Guild (RDG) membership huddles Monday (24) to act on coun-ter-proposals received from the webs during negotiations this week. Nets are representing their local stations

are representing their local stations here. RDG is asking a wage hike of from 20 to 25 per cent and that a tangle concerning directors and assistant meggers be settled. The union has run into difficulties because of a clause in the present agreement which provides that assistants may work only 26 hours and then must be paid full directors' fees.

#### **Radar Invention Doesn't Mean CBS** Will Do Research

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — Altho the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) has developed a new audience measurement device, the Instantane-ous Audience Measurement Service (IAMS), the network has no inten-tion of going into the research busition of going into the research busi-ness, a spokesman said this week. IAMS, development of which was an-nounced by Frank Stanton, CBS president, in Hollywood Tuesday (18), employs radar to transmit a sig-nal to radio family homes, with the signal then returned to the originat-ing point for interpretation as to lis-tening habits.

The immediate question raised by the CBS device, which has been per-fected but is not in production, was how the network intended to use it whether the web would enter the highly competitive audience research whether the web would enter the highly competitive audience research picture. So far, it's said, CBS intends to confine its use to its own controlled and operated stations, making the first survey, if possible, in New York in the spring of 1948. It is possible, CBS said this week, that "if the industry wants IAMS, we'll turn it over to an independent specific to the specific to Niel-sen than any other researcher. IAMS, using a high frequency, re-quires both a special station trans-mitter and a device attached to the receivers of the families being checked. This second device beams the signal back to the originating sta-tion so as to chart, minute by minute, their listening habits.

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## Hooper To Use Radar; Dubious **On Just How**

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.—C. E. Hooper, founder of the Hooperatings, disclosed this week that his research office has been experimenting for once has been experimenting for some time with electronic devices for audience measurement. Once they're perfected, he will introduce this sys-tem of listener study into the fre-quency modulation (FM) audience

quency modulation (FM) automation field. "Our reason for choosing FM." Hooper explained, "is that currently there is no information available thru any method in that field, and by sticking to FM we will avoid confu-sion during the experimental period." Asked whether this could be inter--Asked whether this could be inter--

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preted to mean he would convert his AM Hooperating system from tele-phone interview to electronic audi-ence measurement, Hooper replied: "Its much too early to make any statement on that subject. The needs as well as the wishes of our 700 clients would be given every con-sideration before any such decision is made. Frankly, there are several serious problems involved."

serious problems involved." Among the objections Hooper had to the electronic system was that it stressed "tuning" rather than "listen-ing." This, in his opinion, is a flaw which weakens the tape recorder method. According to Hooper, the fact that a radio is tuned to a certain cartion doesn't necessarily mean neostation doesn't necessarily mean peo-ple are listening to it. This is par-ticularly true during the daytime hours when the housewife is busy with her chores and may not even be aware her radio is on.

## **FC&B** Switches **Hops Producers**

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22. — Bob Stephenson, producer of the Bob Hope show for Foote, Cone & Belding ad agency, was let out suddenly Thursday (20). It was reported that Stephenson had had several rows with agency execs, climaxed by Tuesday's (18) show running over-time, resulting in a Lux soap hitch-hike being killed. Stephenson let the show run long in order not to cut off Walter Winchell, guest star-ring. Al Capstaff is handling the ring. Al Capstaff is handling the production on the show, pending Hope's return from England.

Stephenson's departure, it is main-tained, has nothing to do with Hope's from his Pepsodent-Lever Bros.' contract. Another request for a re-lease is to be made when Hope gets back here, and it is reliably reported that after the current season, Hope will be given the okay to make a deal elsewhere.

### McGarrett, Winter Out at FC&B Agcy.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Two cuts in the Foote, Cone & Belding radio department this week had Norman Winter and George McGarrett ankling the place. Winter had been assistant radio head while McGarrett had radio head, while McGarrett had been director of radio operations on the Lucky Strike Cigarette account. Winter is joining the Heart Insti-tute, philanthropical agency spon-sored by Albert Lasker, head of the FC&B Agency when it was known as Lord, Thomas & Lasker.

### **O'Dea Wins Round** In Bulova Fight

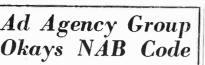
NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Richard O'Dea, stockholder in the Wodaam Corporation, which controls WOV, local indie, this week was granted the right to file an amended complaint within 10 days, in his suit to purchase the station's stock from Arde Bulova. The court then will hand down a declaratory judgement on O'Dea's contention that current holders of Wodaam stock should be allowed to purchase Bulova's shares in proportion with their current holdings.

The filing of the new complaint followed a notice by Bulova that he has called off projected sale of the station to his brother-in-law, Harry Henschell. O'Dea previously sought. an injunction to prevent it. Bulova is required to sell his stock under gov-ernment regulations, because of his interest in WNEW.

### **MBS** Reshuffles Segs **ToAir 'RFD America'**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- In a pro-NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—In a pro-gram reshuffling, stemming from its acquisition of the new Ford commer-cial, *RFD America*, Mutual is drop-ping two whodunits effective the end of December. Outgoing shows are *Scotland Yard* and *Racket Smashers*, altho the former will be replaced by still another bang-bang opus, *The Falcon*. Falcon.

Falcon. The Falcon will start sustaining January 5 on Thursday nights. It was on the web before, as a Gem Ra-zor commercial. To make room for the Ford program, Block Party is being shifted back to 8:30 Thursday, and Scarlet Queen is being bumped to Wedneydows to Wednesdays.



The Billboard

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .-- The American Association of Advertising Agencies (Four A's) this week was put on record again as favoring final adoption of the proposed standards of broadcast practice by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). Louis N. Brockway, executive veepce at Young & Rubicam (Y&R) and Four A's chairman of radio and video policy, told the Eastern annual meet-ing of the Four A's that the new code would serve to better com-mercial aspects of broadcasting and make radio a more productive advertising medium.

Considerable criticism was leveled at the tendency to use program lis-tenership ratings as the major factor in determining the make-up of radio shows. Walter Weir, president of Walter Weir, Inc., told the copy panel that "advantisements are function that "advertisements are fantastic and commercials are tripe because they represent the least amount of creative thinking poured into the patcreative thinking poured into the pat-tern that once held sound advertising ideas." Weir blamed "slavish obei-sance" to Hooperatings by radio men for what he termed radio's current "hackneyed and stereotyped" status. Ralph B. Austrian, vice-president in charge of television at Foote, Cone & Belding (FC&B) Advertising Agency, prepared a message for the conclave in which he estimated that New York will have a census of 400.-

New York will have a census of 400,-000 television sets and 2,400,000 viewers by the end of 1948. The 000 message, read by Roger Pryor, of FC&B, also predicted 750,000 sets nationally and 4,500,000 viewers by the end of next year, with all channels taken in the cities comprising the nation's 50 leading cales markets nation's 50 leading sales markets.

· Austrian forecast that this growth in video viewing would adversely

## Ad Agency Group Okays NAB Code NBC Code Huddle Held; **Affiliates Want Revisions**

-Possibility that the National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC) affiliates may yet formupany (NBC) annuales may yet formu-late a new code, imposing stricter regulations than those offered in the proposed industry-wide code, is still regulations than those offered in the proposed industry-wide code, is still strong, from reports. Altho the sta-tions, at this week's meeting of the NBC Stations Planning and Advisory Committee (SPAC), expressed dis-appointment that the code had been postponed and reaffirmed the urgent need for revised standards some con postponed and realfirmed the urgent need for revised standards, some seg-ments within NBC are said to favor the adoption of NBC's own code as soon as possible. With a new SPAC to be elected in December, further action is possible. It is favored as constituting a major NBC public relations move.

One of the reasons for the NBC code stand is the indication that the proposed interim four-network code proposed interim four-network code does not appear to stand much chance of success. The varying economic levels on which the four networks operate, it was said this week, make a uniform code out of the question, since what might be acceptable to NBC and Columbia would not be satisfactory to Mutual or American. The networks are to meet Monday (24) for further code huddles. In addition to reaffirming a need

In addition to reaffirming a need for the code, NBC's SPAC head, Paul W. (Fritz) Morency, of WTIC, chair-man of SPAC, reported on results of a questionnaire which expressed af-filiates' enthusiasm for an annual

affect radio broadcasting, leading to a pronounced drop in ratings and a likely slash in time costs. Many new advertisers will come into tele, said Austrian, who had never made use of radio.

convention. Affiliates want the conconvention. Affiliates want the con-vention held away from that of the National Association of Broadcasters' (NAB) convention. Next fall was suggested. On the questionnaire the affiliates voted three to one against enlarging SPAC, a point discussed at the 1947 NBC convention, and three and one half to one organize theorging and one-half to one against changing the system of elections to SPAC. Elections are now conducted by NBC under the supervision of an accounting firm. A few dissident stations had proposed changes.

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The SPAC session also approved an NBC recommendation that, in addi-tion to the NBC convention, there be a series of regional meetings on promotion, publicity programing and engineering problems.

The meeting also discussed the labor situation in radio, and Frank E. Mullen, web's exec vice-president, reported on NBC's progress in television.

#### WNEW Swamps With Womrath

NEW YÓRK, Nov. 22.—WNEW NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—WNEW, New York, which for the past year has been concentrating on developing time-for-space deals with different publications, set up a new type gim-mick this week. It's a swap with the Womrath Circulating Library chain, whereby each book, as it goes out, will have a wrapper plugging the sta-tion tion.

In exchange, Womrath's is being plugged on the station's Let's Balance the Books series.

name 'em and maybe you can have 'em

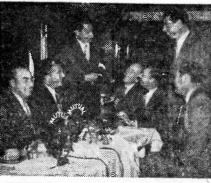
A quick advertiser can hit the jack-pot by buying the AL SCHACHT SHOW on WOR. For along with Al, you scoop up a goldmine of sports headliners as a supporting cast. **People like:** 



PICTURE 2: Clown Prince Al and Babe Ruth.



PICTURE 1: left to right: Barney Ross, Helen Jacobs, Al Schacht, Babe Didrikson.



PICTURE 3: left to right: Arthur Mann, Freddie Fitzsimmens, Al Schacht, John Kieran, Chuck Dressen, Joe DiMaggio, Bobo Newsom.

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LINEUP: THE AL SCHACHT SHOW, with the fanciest lineup of sports bigwigs on the map, is for sale. Fast. The show (on WOR) is new, news, and full of nuggets for a sponsor.

CLOWN: Al Schacht, the clown prince of baseball, buffoon of the bleachers, former big-league pitcher ---invites sports luminaries to dine with him in his famous restaurant. Program is pitched from there, Saturdays at 8:30 PM.

COME-ON: The ad lib show is packed with horse play, sports gab and a quiz. The pull: prizes for the listener who sends in the best sports question of the week.

**PAYOFF:** The AL SCHACHT SHOW is a natural for commercials. It can fold right into the conversation; the product can take on the aura of the famous eatery. More facts? Phone PE 6-8600.





WILL SPONSORS PLEASE MOSEY OVER TO THE NEXT COLUMN? ----

Part 1

The Billboard

# Billboard **Top 15 Faves Gain** Points In TCI Chart

#### 'Fibber,' Hope, Benny Up

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- The first 15 top-Hooperated programs have hiked their ratings considerably in the past few weeks and are now paying off more favorably on a cost-



per - point b a s i s. Comparison of the comparison of the current Nighttime Talent Cost Index (TCI) with the Oc-tober 15 TCI shows that virtually every

that virtually every program in the first 15 moved up-ward rating-wise. The TCI is a fea-ture of *The Billboard's* Continuing Program Studies prepared in co-op-eration with C. E. Hooper, Inc. The matter of rank, of course, is something else again, but there is no denying that from the standpoint of advertising value delivered, the present situation is a considerable

of advertising value delivered, the present situation is a considerable improvement over that obtaining a few weeks ago. The explanation, naturally, is that the new and re-turning fall programs have had some time to build their regular audiences audiences,

#### Fibber Moves Up

Hibber Moves Up Here are some examples: Fibber McGee and Molly moved from 23.0 to 26.0; Bob Hope from 23.0 to 25.7; Jack Benny from 20.6 to 23.1; Lux Radio Theater, 21.6 to 23.1; Edgar Bergen, 17.9 to 22.4; Amos 'n' Andy, 19.8 to 21.5; Fred Allen, 16.9 to 21.4; Red Skelton, 19.2 to 20.4; Mr. Dis-triet Attorney 17.5 to 20.4 trict Attorney, 17.5 to 20.4, and so on down the line.

Three programs not in the Octo-ber 15 top 15 Hooperatings made it this time. These are My Friend, Irma, which grabbed a rating of 17.8 and a rank of 10th for Lever Bros.; Duffi's Tanger which scored 17.0 Duffy's Tavern, which scored 17.0 and 12th rank for Bristol-Myers, and Truth or Consequences, Procter & Gamble's program, which scored 16.3 to bring up the near Truth 16.3 to bring up the rear. Truth appears to be riding on the wave of pears to be riding on the wave of its Miss Hush promotion. Irma, in-cidentally, shapes up as an excellent buy from an advertiser's point of view. Cost per 1,000 urban listen-ers, predicated on a talent cost of \$6,000, is estimated at 42 cents for this show. Close to this figure is Mr. D 4 centing Brietol-Myers 44 cents this show. Close to this figure is  $M\tau$ . D. A., costing Bristol-Myers 44 cents per 1,000, on the basis of a talent cost of \$7,000. Also in the lower brackets is Walter Winchell, the Jergen's program, which is paying off at the rate of 47 cents per 1,000.

off at the rate of 47 cents per 1,000. Missing from the current top 15 listing are Bing Crosby's Philco pro-gram, Kraft's *Great Gildersleeve* and R. J. Reynolds' *Screen Guild Players.* Crosby, in the October 15 report, was in 13th rank with 15.5; *Screen Guild* was 11th, with 16.7, and *Gildersleeve* was 14th with 14.7. Top three Sunday afternoon list-ing is led by Standard Brand's One

Top three Stinday afternoon inst-ing is led by Standard Brand's One Man's Family, with a rating of 8.2; The Shadow is second, with 7.8, and Counterspy and True Detective Mysteries are third with 7.5. It's in-

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teresting to note, however, that from better buy than One Man's Family. the standpoint of cost per 1,000 urban The former delivers at the rate of listeners, *True Detective* is a much 34 cents, the latter at \$1.27.

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### ABC Shuffles Segs For 'Met Auditions'

**For 'Met Auditions'** NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The sign-ing of the Farnsworth Television & Radio Corporation as sponsor of The Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air this week by American Broad-casting Company (ABC) marks the start of a general reshuffle of the web's Sunday programing. Auditions which returns after a lay-off of near-ly two years, will air from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays, plugging Capehart and Farnsworth radio, phonograph and television sets. ABC plans to build up a 90-minute Sunday musical peri-od with Auditions as the hub, and the other two shows to be Sammy Kaye and Sound Off, the army show, which has been heard over Columbia

and Sound Off, the army show, which has been heard over Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). The army was said to be dissatisfied by the constant shift in time slots at CBS and decided to move to ABC. Exact set-up of the sked has not yet been set. However, one ABC spokesman said the web intends to follow the musical shows with Mr. President, sustaining dramatic seg with Edward Arnold, now heard Thursdays at 10 p.m.

#### AFRA ON WAGES

(Continued from page 8) to be set up to study the problem. The committee's report, which will explore the advisability of a dues increase and a system whereby mem-ber income is more closely surveyed, may require a special membership meeting.

A meeting of AFL union officials, Heller revealed, is to take place in Washington December 6-7 to discuss means of combatting the Taft-Hartley law. He lambasted the legislation as destructive to the entire labor movement

movement. Heller also urged the two basic AFRA factions to get together to work for the good of the organization. Factions have just concluded a bitter election battle to select a new board, with results to be made known Tues-day or Wednesday (25-26).



## Cuba To Demand Reshuffle On Clear Channel Set-Up

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Cuba is ready to stage a knockdown battle in an effort to get a wholesale reshuffling of the present international clear channel set-up at the Canada meeting of the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement (NARBA) next August, according to reports reaching government and industry circles here this week from the Havana Engineering Conference. To accomplish its aims, Cuba may attempt to form a solid Latin American bloc.

She is expected to argue for the assignment of 12 Class 1-B stations on the 549-kc channel now occupied by Canada's 50,000-watter in Saskatchewan. According to reports, Cuba will request that Class 2 stations---now ranging from 250 to 50,000 watts-be assigned a minimum power of 1,000 watts, while Class 4 stations be permitted to increase power to 1,000 watts during daytime operations. This class station is now limited to a maximum of 250-w.

In what is viewed as an attempt to protect itself against any superwatt clear channel stations in the United States, Cuba is prepared to battle for a ruling forbidding any station from beaming signals to another country in excess of 10-kw.



PRESS CLIPPING BUREAU, Inc. 165 Church St., New York 7, N.Y. BArclay 7-5371 power. This would mean an installation of a directional antenna by super-watts to cut down power of signals headed over international boundaries.

Cuba is certain to run into opposition from Mexico on this proposal, since the latter is now beaming programs into Southwestern United States at powers greatly in excess of the proposed 10-kw. minimum. Should Cuba stick to its guns on this issue, it may mean the first major dissention in the Latin American bloc.

Identical reports on the Cuban aims are coming into Washington at the State Department, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).

**GM** Interested In 11G "Door"

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—General Motors was reported this week to be interested in the latest house-built talent showcase program. Price tag on the show, produced by Irving Mańsfield, is understood to be about \$11,000.

Audition platters were cut Jast week, with Clifton Fadiman as emsee and a panel of showbiz experts advising performers how to improve their acts and what their chances were to make good.

### MBS Moves August To 8:15 Friday Spot

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — Ivorytickler Jan August this week was renewed for 39 weeks by his sponsor, Revere Cameras. The program, which has held its own over Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) while bucking the King Cole Trio over the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), is due for a better time break, however.

Revere and MBS this week decided to switch August to the 8:15 p.m. spot on Friday nights, following Philco's Burl Ives show. Here he'll buck the tail end of *Fat Man* (American Broadcasting Company), Fannie Brice (Columbia) and *Highways in Melody* (National Broadcasting Company).

## WANTED! Standard Acts for cruises

How'd you like to sail away and get a slick burn on your city skin? And be one of the pampered guests on a cruise while we sit here shivering?

Better start dialing your phone now, because the first sailing is Dec. 5th on the SS Nieuw Amsterdam, for 12½ days. Then the SS Veendam, Dec. 17th for 13 days. Members Only: Equity, AFRA, AGMA, AGVA

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**Radio Editor** 

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We are all Deeply Grateful

#### (Signed)

All the Girls in the Orchestra and our director, Phil Spitalny Billboard

Part II

#### You and the Russians

#### Reviewed November 20, 1947

Sustaining Via CBS Monday thru Friday, November 17-21 only, 6:15-6:30 p.m.

Producer and script editor, Dr. George Crothers; supervisor, Robert B. Hudson, CBS dir. of education; interviewer, Lyman Bryson. Guests: Ernest J. Simmons, Cyril E. Black, Percy E. Corbett, Philip E, Mosely and Walter Millis.

A laudable effort to clear some of the haze which has settled over Russo-American relations has been undertaken by Columbia Broad-casting System (CBS) in this weeklong series titled You and the Russians. Of all the questions requir-ing a clear outlook today, probably none takes precedence over this one.

Each of the five programs of the series, conducted by Lyman Bryson. counsellor on public affairs, CBS had as guest speaker an expert in some phase of Russian life. The interviewees, in quite, non-inflam-mable terms, set about, under Bryson's expert questioning, to clarify the culture, history, aspirations and strategy of the Russians. Admit-tedly, this is a task which should take considerably more than five 15-minute periods, at an hour which is not of the best for gaining the largest national audience. But the fact that a sober estimate even was undertaken during a period of near-hysteria makes the series unique and especially notable. Again, while greatest popular, listenership could not be expected to be attracted to unadorned discussions of a problem which occasions screaming head-lines in the daily press, those listeners who did turn on the CBS programs undoubtedly found them to have a calming effect.

Analysis of the Russians and their ideas maintained the American viewpoint thruout in definitions of liberty, freedom and other terms, semantics of which are causing in-ternational debates. But the absence of name-calling in the CBS series was conspicuous and constructive. On the Thursday program, for example, Russian strategy was exam-ined by Bryson and Philip E. Mosely, professor of international relations at Columbia University. Mosely opined that Russian verbiage di-rected at American personalities or policies was a carryover of a tech-nique used successfully at home to get jobs done, by alarming the peo-ple about a situation and solidifying them to rectify it. He gauged Rus-sian leaders as feeling relatively secure from inmediate military at-tack from this country, and using propaganda to eliminate complacency from their own people.

On the other hand, Mosely also pointed out that American reports of Russia's so-called dictation to her "satellites" can be over-exaggerated from day to day. He indicated that the leaders of those countries are the leaders of those countries are friendly to Russian objectives and undoubtedly are formulating co-operative policies without prodding. In conclusion, Mosely said the So-viet leaders feel securely in com-mand of their domestic situation, sincerely believe they have the formula to correct the problems of the world are not working on the world, and are not working on any "timetable" of conquest.

More programs along the same constructive line definitely are the order of the day. To make the points more clear and more popular, however, they could well take a more dramatic form. A better time slot, also, might help to bring this most important of all messages to a significant number of listeners. Sam Chase.

Mayor of the Town Reviewed November 19, 1947 NOXZEMA CHEMICAL COMPANY Raymond F. Sullivan, Advg. Mgr.

Thru Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, Inc.

Mary Andrews Ayres, Acct. Exec. Via ABC

Wednesdays, 8-8:30 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$7,500; producer-director, Harold Weeding; writ-ers, Charles Tazewell and Leonard St. Clair; announcer, Frank Martin; music. Bernard Katz and his orchestra; cast. Lionel Barrymore (the mayor), Agnes Moorehead (Marilly) and Conrad Binyon (Butch),

Current Hooperating of the program ..... 6.6 

CURRENT HOOPERATINGS OF SHOWS ON OPPOSITION NETWORKS

CBS: "American Melody Hour"..... 6.5 MBS: Sustaining.....None NBC: Dennis Day......10.8

#### ABOUT THE ADVERTISER

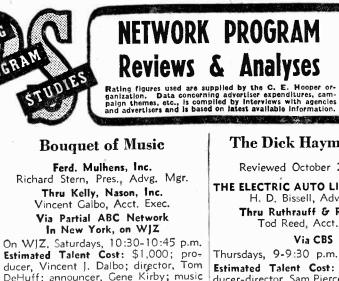
Radio commands by a wide margin most of Noxzema's advertising budget, most of Noxzema's advertising budget, which itself, as far as national radio accounts go, is on the small side. For the past three years, around \$450,000 has gone into radio time, with maga-zines averaging around \$120.000 an-nually. In 1945 the magazine budget fell considerably below—sinking to a reported \$60,000. Additional expendi-tures go for retail store promotion, but the extent is not known. the extent is not known.

Mayor of the Town is the sort of radio venture which can, and un-doubtedly will, go on for years, altho in doing so it adds lustre to none of the participants concerned. The sole exception to this, obviously, would appear to the Noxzema sales record, which, in view of the years the program has been sponsored by the program has been sponsored by the same manufacturer, must be showing satisfactory results. This can be the only excuse for the pro-gram; it is therwise devoid of merit.

The entire affair on the evening caught was distressing, painfully so, and it is lamentable to observe the talents of a Lionel Barrymore (the mayor) and that sterling character actress, Agnes Moorehead (Marilly) being frittered away in so disgracebeing frittered away in so disgrace-ful a manner. From its very in-ception, almost every phase of *Mayor* of the Town is the most palpable of contrivance; stock characters, stock plot and the lowest grade of corn. Corn has never been a barrier to satisfactory programing, but when it gets as bad as this, it's inexcusable.

#### Skimpy Plot

The plot had to do with the may-or's reluctance to kill Horace, the family's pet turkey (dear, loveable creatures, turkeys) for Thanksgiving. Marilly wants him to; he's loath to. Then, because a seamstress at the local dry goods store has re-fused to make alterations on a dress Marilly bought somewhere else, Marilly has her fired. The mayor arranges to start the seamstress off on writing a book about the apparel foibles of some of the local charac-



#### ABOUT THE ADVERTISER

director, William Brailowsky.

This sponsor, manufacturer of "Sir" and "4711" toilet accessories for men, has not previously been known as a major national advertiser. Last year the firm spent slightly under \$20.000 for magazine advertising. In sponsor-ing "Bouquet of Music," Ferd. Mulhens, Inc., is using the owned and op-erated stations of American Broadcast-ing Company (ABC) and six of the web's affiliates.

An all-string orchestra, batoned by William Brailowsky, plucked and bowed its way thru a series of popular and light classical numbers on behalf of two men's toilet preparations, in a new series titled Bouquet of Music. While the program itself is relaxing listening, the arrange-ments sprightly and imaginative, it graming, tilling and arranging to make inroads into the competitive male cosmetic market.

The scripting, too, showed a lack of appreciation of this subtle psy-chological barrier. Intro to Stardust talked about getting the show underway "on a heavenly note." Commercial, about halfway thru, talked about "six delightful scents," certainly not the kind of pep talk likely to make new customers out of listeners who have all their hor-mones. The pitch also seemed too long, and made corny use of harp behind the inevitable "remember the name.

Musically, the program does a etter than average job. Numbers better than average job. Numbers on the show caught included, be-sides Stardust, Orchids in the Moonlight, I've Told Every Little Star, Baracarolle and Begin the Beguine, the last-named used as a theme.

#### Sam Chase.

ters, including Marilly. Marilly repents and has the seamstress rein-stated, but it looks as the Horace is headed for the guillotine. Both as written and as played, the story was even more transparent than the synopsis would indicate.

synopsis would indicate. Miss Moorehead, who has given memorable performances both in radio and films, plays Marilly with a leaden hand; the character emerges as a shrew and a harpy, with a grating, irritating nasal voice. Presumably the character was envisioned as a small town spinster with that old heart of gold, but it is presented devoid of any softness. As the mayor, Barrymore plays his part down his nose, as usual. usual

Commercials aren't overly obtrusive, dealing with the skin aid the product can offer, and are presented at opening, close and midway.

Jerry Franken.

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The Dick Haymes Show

Reviewed October 23, 1947 THE ELECTRIC AUTO LITE COMPANY H. D. Bissell, Advg. Mgr. Thru Ruthrauff & Ryan, Inc. Tod Reed, Acct. Exec.

Via CBS

Estimated Talent Cost: \$7,500; pro-ducer-director, Sam Pierce; writers, Tom Adair, Richard Conway; music director, Gordon Jenkins; announcer, Frank Mar-tin; cast, Dick Haymes, Lina Romay, Cliff Arquette, Four Hits and a Miss. 

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#### ABOUT THE ADVERTISER

Electric Auto-Lite Company's radio budget has shown a steady, tho modest, increase in the last few years. In 1946 the figure amounted to close to \$900,-000, as against approximately \$770,000 in 1945 and \$625,000 in 1944. Company's magazine budget is considerably pany s magazine budget is considerably less than the radio outlay, totaling about \$350,000 in 1946. The 1946 figure represents a drop of about \$45,000 from 1945 and 1944. In 1943, Auto-Lite spent about \$450,000 in mags. According to these figures, indications are that radio is doing a better job for the company than space. With auto-mobile production gradually getting back to normal, it is felt that Auto-Lite might increase its radio budget measurably to keep apace of the expanding market.

Auto-Lite's half-hour variety show is a good, if routine, offering, pro-viding pleasant musical moments by Haymes, Lina Romay, Four Hits and a Miss, and Gordon Jenkins orchestra, and fair comedy sketches with Cliff Arquette, all backed by a strong tho not obtrus-ive commercial pattern. That's about the size of it. Haymes struck this the size of it. Haymes struck reviewer as more polished in delivery than he was last year. Lina Romay, who always has appeared to better advantage in clubs than via the air, scored well on this show. Her tune was a lilting folk song, sung in Portugese.

One of the more titillating musical numbers on the show was the oldie, Vincent Youman's' Hallelujah, from Hit the Deck. It was haunt-ingly done by the Four Hits and a Miss. Cliff Arquette drew a fair score of laughs with his trick vocal delivery.

Commercial copy on Thursday's session plugged various products, session plugged various products, including batteries and spark plugs, with the latter getting the heavier play. Chief copy themes were 'Switch to Auto Lite... the lifeline of your car," and the recurring blurb relative to the spark plugs being "ignition-engineered." It all in-volved repetition, but not an undue amount At the close of the program amount. At the close of the program there was a singing commercial with a very fetching lyric. It might, in fact, be advantageous to use this more often in the commercial pattern.

Paul Ackerman.

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The Billboard

LOCAL PROGRAM Reviews & Analyses

Igures are used whenever available from authentic Data concerning advertiser's expenditures, cam-emes, promotion or other pertinent information, e case of public service programs, are based upon supplied by station, advertisers, agencies, etc.

#### Behind the Silken Curtain

#### Reviewed November 11, 1947 Sustaining Via WMCA

Tues. and Wed., 9:15-9:30 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$150; adapted

by the Public Service Division of WMCA from the book of the same name by Bartley Crum; narrator, Norman Rose.

Last Spring WMCA did a series of dramatic readings of Victor Bernstein's Final Judgment, a book based on the coverage of the Nuremberg trials. Norman Rose, a dramatic actor, did the job. Now for the secactor, did the job. Now for the sec-ond time the station is using the same format, and again Rose is doing the readings. The subject this time is the Palestine question, as revealed in Bartley Crum's Be-bird the Silker Crum's behind the Silken Curtain, a tome based on Crum's mission as American representative on the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine.

WMCA's experimentation with the format is interesting from various points of view. Chiefly, it proves the feasibility of presenting provoc-ative topics on the air in entertain-ing fashion at low cost. The mode of presentation, however, is not as simple as the casual listener might suppose, for the reader, Norman Rose, is a dramatic actor who can, thru his art, use voice inflections to heighten the dramatic effect of his reading. This is peculiarly ef-fective when Rose uses direct quotes from such personalities as Prince Feisal, of Saudi Arabia; Prof. Albert Einstein, Ernest Bevin, et al.

Rose's readings on the program caught conveyed an intimate effect -as the a diary were being read. This, together with the intensely arresting material of the book, refor instance, to listen to material like this: "In London, I had the sensation of being watched."

WMCA is considering scheduling WMCA is considering scheduling a permanent series of dramatic readings. It's a good idea—for it has been demonstrated that pro-graming on a high public service level can be done cheaply and ef-fectivel via this method fectively via this method.

Paul Ackerman.

ing them where they can purchase the entire Rapunzel album. With curiosity whetted and a charming 15-minute interlude behind them. it can be expected that children will follow thru and ask mother to get them the entire album. It all adds up to selling. to smooth, pleasant, painless

As the record shop lady, Paula Stone is highly listenable. Gee Gee Pearson and Don Messick play supporting roles in high-pitched voices, adding a novel effect.

Kids will go for this show. Distracted mothers will welcome it as a change from the blood and thunder atmosphere of the many adven-ture shows now being fed impres-sionable youngsters. Even the PTA sionable youngsters. should be pleased.

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Alan Fischler.

#### **Primer for Parents**

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Reviewed November 12, 1947 Sustaining Via WNEW Wednesdays, 10-10:30 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$150; pro-ducer, Ted Cott; director, George Wallach; announcer, Paul Brentson; book reviewer, Elinor Green; interviewer, Lanny Harper,

Primer for Parents is a brightly conceived and generally well-exe-cuted program, representing an astute marriage between the use of phonograph records and a wire re-corder for an economical, yet worthy program. Its object is to present new records and books is-sued for kids and evaluate them for parents, but with the youngsters themselves services to be set themselves serving to judge the records and Elinor Green, of the Simon & Schuster staff, the books.

The program reviewed had three nine-year-old youngsters comment on the thoroly engaging platter al-bum, *Herman the Ermine*. The moppets made a great deal of sense, especially the boy who com-mented that if black and white rab-bits on live together measurable. bits can live together peacefully, buts can live together peacefully, why can't humans. The kid inter-views are done by Lanny Harper in a different city school each week and Miss Harper displays a rare facility for interviewing, which in itself is not only difficult on the air, but doubly co with subjects of but doubly so with subjects of such age. Miss Harper manages to put the youngsters at ease very quickly and, even more important, let's them carry the ball rather than trying to run the interview herself.

#### **Quiz Kids Book**

Miss Green's comments are pithy and succint, devoted this time to the newly published Quiz Kids Book (Viking Press).

The last interview done by Miss Harper presents the teacher of the class where the interviewing is being done and raises a question of whether it might not be advisable to have another adult—a child psy-chologist for example—make the adult pitch. Certainly, the teacher adult pitch. Certainly, the teacher on this show was an unhappy choice, chattering away in a pomp-ous, pedantic manner and running roughshod over Miss Harper's ef-forts to wind things up.

Primer for Parents proves one other point—that platter programs need not merely be disk playing sessions. This program is essensessions. This program is essen-tially a disk show, except for Miss Green's concluding five minutes, but it's a disk show plus. The plus is ingenuity. Jerry Franken.

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500-8x10's for 27.50 1000-8x10's for 50.00

Negative charge of \$2.00

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#### Tale of Two Towns Reviewed November 11, 1947 Sustaining Via WMCA One Performance Only, November 11,

paign th as in the material

8:45-9 p.m. Writer-director, Don Hirst; cast, Helen Hayes, Howard Lindsay and Quentin Reynolds; musical background, New York Inter-Racial Singers.

As a special Armistice Day feature, WMCA presented the transcribed Freedom House presentation, Tale of Two Towns, featuring Helen Hayes, Howard Lindsay and Quentin Reynolds. Written and directed by Don Hirst, program made showmanly use of the narrative technique. Miss Hayes played the role of a Norwalk, Conn., housewife who helped awaken community interest in the United Nations. Lindsay acted the real life story of a citizen of Dunkirk, N. Y., which sent a tremendous quantity of goods to the French city of the same to help its rehabilitation. Reynolds held the themes together with his narration.

Production was very simple, with Miss Hayes telling, in the first person, how a move was started in Norwalk to petition the government to strengthen the United Nations as a means of preventing war. Interspersed, every few sentences, was Lindsay's first person narrative of how the move to aid the French community developed and grew. Separating the two were effective musical bridges by the New York Inter-Racial Singers. Quality of transcription, in general, was good, with occasional poorly modulated spots when the singers were on.

Hirst's script was written with an economy of verbiage and emotion, and the production brought home the quality of urgency without be-coming maudlin or wearing a hair shirt.

This program was transcribed at the annual Freedom House din-ner, October 19, and the transcrip-tion was first played that night over the Eastern stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS). Since that time, Freedom House has offered the transcrip-tions at cost, \$4, to all stations. Same day as the WMCA broadcast, show was heard over 36 other sta-tions all over the U. S.

Sam Chase.

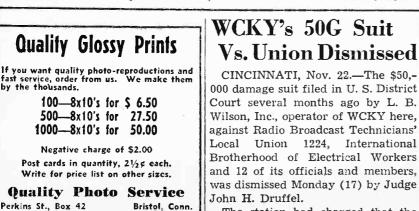
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defendants, who included technicians, engineers and others employed by WCKY, went on strike March 29 without notice as required by federal law and for several hours shut down WCKY which, it was alleged, had been operating on a federal contract in part in producing recruiting programs and other matter.

No contract between the government and the station existed at the inent and the station existed at the time of the work stoppage, but the company was ready at all times to make such a contract, it was claimed. In his entry Judge Druffel held that the plaintiff had failed to show grounds for relief from the court.



WEED & CO. National Representatives



The station had charged that the

Reviewed November 10, 1947 RCA VICTOR DIVISION, RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA H. R. Maag, Western Regional Manager, RCA Victor Division

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J. Walter Thompson Agency Norman Blackburn, Acct. Exec. KHJ, Los Angeles

**Raggedy Ann Show** 

5,000-Watt Don Lee Broadcasting System Key Station Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:45-

5 p.m. Talent Cost: Unknown. Produced by Dave Victor. Written by Dave Victor Dave and Herb Little. Announcer, Don Har-vey. Cast: Paula Stone (Paula), Gee Gee Parson (Raggedy Ann) and Don Messick (Raggedy Andy).

#### Hooperating not available for this program.

ABOUT THE ADVERTISER RCA Victor is using this seg as a guinea pig to develop a stanza for kids. Current plan is to syndicate "Raggedy Ann" nationally via platters. Bank-roller is withholding final format until show is thoroly tested locally.

RCA Victor has come up with a powerful sales gimmick for plugging kidisks with this modified disk jockey seg slanted squarely at the juve audience. Dressed in smooth production, a colorful story line and fresh approach, it's a sugar-coated way to reach the moppet set. While the area's disk jockeys have here-tofore devoted portions of their airers to "kiddle corners," this is the first local effort which offers youngsters dramatic entertainment with a sales pitch. Scripters Dave Victor and Hert

Little have developed an appealing format in which Paula Stone is the proprietress of a mythical record shop. At the end of the day the characters of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy step from the shelves to talk things over with Paula. After a bit of introductory cabbing Boula a bit of introductory gabbing, Paula spins a fairy tale, which (it just so happens) has recently been re-corded by RCA Victor. To demonstrate her joint, she plays the yarn via platters, cutting in several times during the disk to narrate the yarn to her two mythical chums. Hence, listeners hear only a portion of the actual disk or album. In the show reviewed, Paula plays excerpts from Dame May Whitty's album, Rapunzel, including the opening se

*Aupunzet*, including the opening se-quence, a shot from the middle of the album, and the "lived happily ever after" ending. Aside from an identifying plug at the beginning, the sole com-mercial is saved for the end of the stanza with the announcer beging the plug to kide and tal beaming the plug to kids and tell**TELEVISION (REVIEWS)** 

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TT TAKES a lot more talking to cover a hockey game on television than **1** on radio. On the air, the play-by-play reporter need not call play-by-play, but rather logically develop the action so that his report is a smooth word-picture of the highlights as the game progresses, and sometimes makes it a more exciting game over the air than it is on the ice. On televison, the viewer sees every play and wants to know the who's and why's. Television demands more of the sportscaster than radio, at least in coverage. The tele sportscaster must, at times, anticipate a play and explain how it is forming. The viewers want this type of cover-

At Madison Square Garden, where I cover professional hockey games At Madison Square Garden, where I cover professional hockey games for the Ford Motor Company over WCBS-TV, I sit perched in a special overhanging box, center-ice. Before me is a monitor and I alternately watch the image on it and the action on the ice.

Win Elliot (Win is short for Irwin) is a tall, fast-thinking and talking fellow of 32. He spent his boyhood in Chelsea, just outside of Boston, where his father was in the burlap-bag business, He went to the U. of Michigan, starling in pre-med and majored in zoology. He took a public-speaking course thinking that doctors ought to know how to talk in public. In his senior year he signed up for dic-tion class. By this time, Elliot knew that his future was not as a sawbones. He returned to Boston in 1937 and at WMEX became one of the regular staff an-nouncers. Pay: \$15 a week. After three years, he got a job in Washington as NBC night manager. Thence he went to WFBR, Baltimore, as assistant news editor. A year later. Win married Ruth Huber, a Wilmington girl. He now oppears on the Betty Crocker Magazine of the Air, County Fair, Willie Piper, and Quick As a Flash and does hockey over CBS Television.

From the monitor I can't always tell who the players are ... so I as-sume the viewer can't. But a quick sume the viewer can't. But a quick glance at the live action reveals the player's identity without any doubt, so I pass this information on. I identify the player, his mates in-volved in the play with him and any inside information I can give that will help the viewer understand the motive for that type of play and the defensive reaction to it, along with personal knowledge of the players' back-ground and idiosyncrasies. My job,

more or less, is to act as an animated score card.

In hockey in New York, where the game is really just coming into its own, New Yorkers particularly want to know about the game, the rules, the reason for certain plays, and the why's and what's of the individual performances. The action in hockey is so fast that the viewer would tend to get lost. It is for the sportscaster keep him orientated, and immeto diately clarify any situation that might arise.

#### Sizing 'Em Up

To insure the best coverage, I always spend at least a half hour in the locker room with the visiting team. I talk with the coach, and the players. I size up the players, get to know what they look like not only profile, and full face, but from the ack of their heads. In a mix-up on the ice, when numbers on jerseys are not visible, and when heads are down, I can usually rely on the identification of the players in the scramble by looking at their hair line, or the shapes of their noggins.

In few other sports do the sub-stitutions come with such numbers as in ice hockey. The men move en masse, and are in the action so fast, the spectators often don't realize there have been substitutions, for the men melt into the play without a stoppage of play. Then it is that the sportscaster must report quickly and decisively. Yet the announcer must not be guilty of talking just for the sake of beat-ing his ivories. Whenever he talks, he must have something of interest to add.

#### **Pitch Is Important**

His voice must be pitched to the pitch of the game. When there is a lull in the activity, the announcer finds it advantageous to slacken his vocal pace—but when there is an in-tensification of interest, then he must key his entire delivery to the renewed effort by the players. The television announcer cannot "create" the action. "Coloring" a game would be disas-This viewer is seeing the actrous. tion and the game must be called as it is, whether it be dull or lively.

Using earphones and a speaking tube to communicate with the director and the two cameramen, I am contor and the two cameramen, I am con-stantly in the know about what is contemplated. The telecaster must coincide his commentary with the picture. This type of co-ordination presupposes ace high co-operation among commentator, cameramen and director. It takes plenty of practice, believe me.

The basic rule and guide in doing any television commentary is: What is the picture and how much orientation and explanation does the spec-tator need?

Presently, hockey viewers need a lot of orientation. Perhaps when the game becomes more generally fa-miliar in its details to the New York public, the television sportscaster will be able to cut down the comments.

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The Cancer Clinic Reviewed Wednesday (19) 10:30-11:30 p.m. Style-Public service health program. Sustaining over WFIL-TV, Philadelphia. Ted Estabrook, director; Budd Caffrey, sound; Charles Shellen-

berger and Dave Fee. cameras; lim Burke, studio; Jay Bishop, art director; Dr. Joseph C. Doane, moderator. Considering the many years it took radio to get itself to talk about venereal diseases on the air, television in its infancy here shows that it intends to take the bull by the horns. It certainly isn't "bulling" for a newborn industry to flaunt public taboos and fears by taking its cameras into a hospital clinic, parade out a dozen or more patients and have a crew of medicos on hand to explain how these cancerous folk cheated the grave.

With all its faults in presentation and production, as glaring as they might be on this first experimental try, the effort was more than daring. The offering may have depressed many observers, but the effort at least showed that television has the guts that it takes to make the medium a prime factor in public education as well as in entertainment.

Presented from a clinic in the Jewish Hospital and with the full bless-ings of the County Medical Society, The Cancer Clinic represents a pioneering effort by television in the field of health education. Oblivious to the tele audience as he reads his paper, the staff doctor introducing the subject warns that what will come ahead is not pleasant, that any children in sight of the cathode should be shoved off to bed and adults who can't take it should also vamoose.

Viewers are urged to write in their reactions to the program, which meant sticking with it for the 40 min-utes and likely to be frightened out of their skin if they have only a pimple their skin if they have only a pinple on their noses—even an imaginary one. As frightful as the dreaded dis-ease might be, it's even more fright-ening to have it literally thrown in your face with a corps of four staff doctors having a clinical conversa-tion, talking way over the average person's head and knowledge and adding to the confusion as the radiologist tells it to you in strictly technical terms.

Early Exams Plugged The intent of the series is to get the public to submit to early exami-nation. However, never once is there established an atmosphere of confidence that must exist between the doctor on the screen and the patient at home. Psychologically, the nega-tive approach may be most enlightening to the sensitive viewer. For the masses, it's hardly the proper educa-tional approach. Injection of a more personalized physician or a person schooled in health education tech-niques, falling back on the specialists as sources, might help make for a more positive impression on the viewer and leave food for thought rather than a scare that may pass away too easily.

The first program, bringing in about 15 patients who covered the gamut of cancer operations, was overwhelming, particularly since the pa-tients do not tell their own story but merely serve as inanimate ex-hibits for the medical dissertation. Moreover, the harrowing examples of cancers removed from face, ear and neck are displayed first rather than neck are displayed first rather than saved for the end when the viewer might have had the opportunity to build some psychological tolerance. All patients were brought into full view, save for one who has to bare her breast. She entered with her back to the camera and a nurse covered her face so that the doctor could discuss the case.

The station rates an A for effort on this one. Once the plethora of pro-

#### **Missus Goes A-Shopping**

November 29, 1947

Reviewed Wednesday (19), 1:30-2 p.m. Style — Audience participation. Sponsors—Manhattan Soap Company for Sweetheart Soap; Coburn Farm Products Company for Sondra Brand Products; B. T. Babbitt, Inc., for Bab-O; C. F. Muel-ler for Mueller's Macaroni, Spaghetti and Egg Noodles. Agencies—Duane Jones Egg Noodles. Agencies.—Duane Jones for Manhattan Soap, Bab-O and Muel-ler's; Modern Merchandising Bureau for Farm Products. Director— Buss. Emsee—John Reed King. Coburn Frances Buss. Station-WCBS-TV (CBS).

Missus Goes A-Shopping, the video version of the WCBS radio show, was first done by WCBS-TV about three and one-half years ago. It returns now under a rotating sponsorship plan, with each of the four bankrollers getting major credit on successive weeks. Secondary sponsors particular week get casual on any visual plugs via merchandising signs.

Manhattan Soap had the debut program Wednesday (19) and received plenty of plugging. Of course, the nature of the program-audience participation-is eminently suited to a heavy commercial pattern. In television this is true to an even greater extent than in radio, and on this program Emsee John Reed King's verbiage was buttressed by many placards plugging the product. Missus originated from Big Ben's Super Market in Queens, and midst groceries and canned goods of all sorts, the visual plugs seem quite in order.

King handled the program ably. His quizzing sessions generally lead off with a query as to how the woman met her sweetheart. This, of course, involved an obvious plug for Sweetheart Soap, and—under King's guidance, developed plenty of laughs. King also used a couple of contest ideas, notably one in which women raced down an aisle of the market while balancing cakes of Sweetheart Soap in their hands. Giveaways to guizees and contestants were cakes of Sweetheart and silver dollars.

Missus Goes A-Shopping, which inaugurates regular daytime com-mercial operation of WCBS-TV, is mercial operation of WCBS-TV, is right in line with the station's policy of "on location" programing. On the debut program, the store setting was more effective than any studio-built job could hope to be. In view of the high cost of video production, this is a strong economic factor which, on programs like this, works in favor of the advertiser. This. together with programs like this, works in favor of the advertiser. This, together with the program's inherent interest and the rotating sponsorship arrange-ment, makes *Missus* an attractive Paul Ackerman. buy.

fessionalism is removed from the ressonalism is removed from the presentation, this weekly *Cancer Clinic* should make a notable con-tribution in the fight against the dreaded disease, as well as pointing the way for all television as an in-strument of health education.

Maurie Orodenker.

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### FCC Mulls Best Royal Nuptials Tip Video's Handling of Tele Mitt on Future News Coverage Band No. 1 Jam

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The Federal Cammunications Commission (FCC) is frankly puzzled about the proper method for ending interference among the various media now occupying the television band. Commission's proposal to end sharing of the band by assigning video Channel No. 1 to fixed and mobile services ran into a hotbed of concentrated op-

position at a hearing this week. FCC's proposed rule was opposed by every segment of the radio in-dustry that would be affected, in-cluding telecasters, FM broadcasters and transportation associations---most of when had their own ideas about of whom had their own ideas about Channel No. 1.

Channel No. 1. Telecasters told FCC they wanted not only Channel No. 1, but a mini-mum of three others. The plan of FM-ers, including inventor Edwin Armstrong, was to use the band for FM. Representatives of railroads, buyen end ching, chewing no orthu FM. Representatives of railroads, buses and ships—showing no enthu-siasm for the FCC proposal—declared their radio services need a lot more frequencies in a hurry. About the only point of agreement between the opposition and FCC was that "shar-ing" is unsatisfactory.

## Socony B.R.'s WŤM-TV Seg

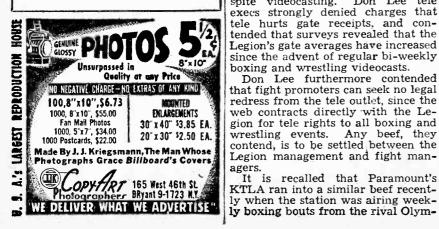
NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The So-cony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., this week signed its first television sponweek signed its hast the provision of socony-Vacuum will bankroll basket-ball games of Marquette University over WTMJ-TV Milwaukee, begin-ning December 5. Details are being not thru the Chicago office of Compset thru the Chicago office of Comp

ton Agency, with everything due to be cleared early next week. Altho WTMJ-TV has aired for some time experimentally, this is believed to be the first major time sale by the station. Wadhams Division of Socony has long used radio for broad-casting many Midwest athletic events.

#### **Reverse** Twist

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-A new gimmick in television promotion is to be unveiled shortly by Du-Mont in the form of a portable receiving truck. Company fig-ures that if mobile transmitter trucks are feasible, mobile re-

ceivers are, too. Trucks will be used thruout the city to demonstrate video re-ceivers to passers-by.



NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- The rapidcoverage given Britain's fire royal wedding this week is being cited by telecasters as a portent of things to come as television grows. Only 29 hours after Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten took their vows to carry on Britain's royal line, metion pictures of the norm and vows to carry on Britain's royal line, motion pictures of the pomp and pageantry which surrounded the nuptials were telecast over the Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC) video network. A few hours later, another set of films of the same event was shown over two other television stations, originating at WMAR, Balti-more, and also carried by WCBA-TV, New York.

Films shown by NBC were taken by the British Broadcasting Corpora-tion (BBC) kinescope recorder, and flown to this country, where they were presented from 1:10 to 1:40 p.m. Were presented from 110 to 1140 p.m. Friday (21). Sponsored by Swift & Company as part of its Swift Home Service Club, the films also were repeated at 8:20 p.m. The films were secured by NBC as part of its recipro-cal deal with BBC and showed highcal deal with BBC and showed high-lights of the celebration and shots inside Westminster Abbey but not the actual ceremony. The BBC film-ing and commentary often seemed slow and stodgy, with cameras often trained on one view for too long a time. On the other hand, the roars of the around and pageantry include of the crowd and pageantry, includ-ing the horse-drawn carriages, toll-ing of bells and views of Parliament Square had considerable appeal. Additional prints of the film were flown to KSD-TV, St. Louis, and WWJ-TD, Detroit, for showing shortly after the network broadcast.

Third Coverage The version shown by WMAR and WCBS-TV was secured from the Associated Press Television Newsreel

CBS staff in London and showed the latest wirephoto stills. From 8:45 to 9:15 p.m., WCBS-TV showed the British Information Service (BIS) doucmentary film on Princess Eliza-beth's life and also presented more wirephoto stills. The BIS film was pretty widely

seen by that time, having previously been shown by WABD and WTTG, DuMont outlets in New York and Washington, respectively, from 8 to Washington, respectively, from 8 to 8:30 p.m. the night before, under sponsorship of the Norge division dealers of the Borg-Warner Corpora-tion. On the same show, early wire-photo stills also were shown. Chuck Tranum read the commentary. The same BIS film and wirephoto stills were presented by local Cheva-

stills were presented by local Chev-rolet dealers at 8 p.m. Thursday over WMAR-TV, Baltimore, and WMAL-TV, Washington, and at 8:10 p.m. over WFIL-TV, Philadelphia. These pro-grams were produced for the Chev-rolet dealers by the video department of American Broadcasting Company (ABC), which still has no outlets of Local announcers read the its own. script at each outlet.

script at each outlet. **NBC's Thursday Program** NBC also had a wedding night program on Thursday, and again presented a program different from that on the other outlets. From 8:30 to 8:50 p.m. the NBC tele web pre-sented exclusive International News Service (INS) feature films on the life of the Princess and some early wirephotos. Paul Alley handled the commentary. commentary.

The quality of NBC's Thursday night film seemed better than Du-Mont's, with more interesting camera work and less sticky commentary. On the other hand, DuMont presented its wirephotos in more consecutive, smoother and more interesting man-Associated Press Television Newsreel Service. WMAR is the only video station now operating which is using the service, but WCBS<sub>r</sub>TV gained right to carry the show as part of the two stations' exchange set-up. Show-ing of the film from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Friday marked the third coverage of the event over WCBS-TV that day. During the 8 p.m. news, the station played the radio recording of the mar-riage made by Ed Murrow and the

# Distribution **Org Readied** For16mm.Pix

#### **Industry Favors Scheme**

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22 .- The joint plan of tele broadcasters and 16mm. film producers to establish a central video film booking clearing house was a step nearer to realization this week with word that corporation pa-pers will be filed soon in Sacramento. The proposal, fostered by the Acad-emy of Television Arts and Sciences (ATLAS) was circulated among 100 tele broadcasters and independent pic tele broadcasters and independent pic producers, with returns indicating sentiment in favor. The film sub-committee at ATLAS, including KFI Program Chief Charles Brown; Dr. Ferenz Fodor, of Audio Pictures, and Russell Furse, of telefilm, has worked out final plans subject to approval of the industry.

out final plans subject to approval of the industry. According to Furse, broadcasters gave the nod to a plan calling for long-term commitments with the booking corporation and indicated they might pre-extend dough needed to get the org functioning. Rates, still tentative, now range from \$75 for first showings of one-reel features to \$275 for preem of feature-length films on a commercial basis. Comto \$275 for preem of feature-length films on a commercial basis. Com-petitive bidding for area exclusives will be sanctioned, enabling video-casters to snag preem rights by top-ping established asking prices. The plan will be kicked off locally first, with establishment of biz offices and screening rooms for videocasters

and screening rooms for videocasters. The outfit will be non-profit, and royalties demanded by trade unions are to be paid by film producers thru the booking org. To date, Holly-wood's large independent film makers and major flicker factories have shunned the plan.

vision revenue, which would parallel, percentage-wise, the cut the fighters received out of the gate receipts.

## HELP WANTED

My new television set has brought me a great deal of pleasure, but I can't fully enjoy it when I realize that there are so many people in hospitals who need this wonderful entertainment more than I do-SO-will you television manufacturers please co-operate with me? I will raise the funds to pay for the sets if you will meet me half-way. I want to install a set a week in a veterans' hospital or crippled children's hospital. I know you are Billboard addicts, hence this means of contacting you. It might take months otherwise, I need 52 sets for 1948 at cost. How about it? Answer to Georgie Price, Hospital Television Fund, c/o The Billboard, 1564 Broadway, New York 19. N. Y.

## **Don Lee-Pug Pilot Fracas** Looms as Court Test Case

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(Continued from page 3) vealed, however, that the bout in question was a complete sellout despite videocasting. Don Lee tele execs strongly denied charges that tele hurts gate receipts, and con-tended that surveys revealed that the Legion's gate averages have increased since the advent of regular bi-weekly boxing and wrestling videocasts. Don Lee furthermore contended

that fight promoters can seek no legal redress from the tele outlet, since the web contracts directly with the Le-gion for tele rights to all boxing and wrestling events. Any beef, they contend, is to be settled between the Legion management and fight managers.

pic Stadium. Rather than become involved in a hassle, Station Manager Klaus Landsberg bowed out of the Naus Landsberg bowed out of the Olympic boxing pic, switching to amateur fights from the Southgate area. KTLA still carries weekly wrestling bouts from Olympic, and Landsberg contends that both man-agement and groaners are happy with the increased take at the turn-tiles stiles.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Los An-geles situation reported above paral-lels the situation in New York, where leis the situation in New York, where the Boxing Managers' Guild is pro-testing telecasting of bouts without giving the managers a cut. Recent reports were to the effect that the managers would call a "strike" if their demands were not met. A spokesman for the Guild stated that managers wanted a cut of the tele16 RADIO

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# Song-Use Rate For Exhibs--But! NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Responding to queries from motion picture thea-

ter exhibitors, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) here revealed that rates for per-specific performance licenses are available to film houses. Various exhibs, apparently seeking an out from the Society's proposed blanket-license hike in rates, asked the org to furnish per-performance fee schedules. schedules.

schedules. Society pointed out that under State law in Florida and Washington these per - performance - in - theater rates had to be posted a long time ago. They run: Up to an 800-seat theater . . . 50 cents for each performance of a specific composition; 800 to 1,599 seats . . . 75 cents per performance and 1,600 seats and up . . . \$1 per per-formance. But says the Society for the "cost of servicing, inspection and checking a charge of \$10" is made for licensing each specific composition theorem a charge of \$10° is made for licensing each specific composition for any given date. This in addition to the regular fee. No extra fee is charged for repeat performances of one composition with the picture, or during one given day as a result of repeated showings

comparison between the per-per-formance fees and the blanket-plan which asks an annual fee equal to the best gross recorded by the given theater for one film showing are vir-tually impossible. Since there are numerous "jokers" for the individual exhib depending on the number of musical compositions within each shown film or used in the back-ground, etc., each theater would have distinct own cost-computation prob-lems. Assume that a 1700-seat thea-ter under the blanket-plan would pay \$5,000 annually to the Society, that sum being equal to its best single-showing gross of the year. Same theater under per-performance li-cense has this to contend with: Not cense has this to contend with. Not only would it have to pay at least \$11.00 daily for each piece of music within a given film but if that pic happens to be a musical with four or five selections or the theme music employed involves four or five distinct compositions, then the exhib for the length of that film would pay (See ASCAP Has Rate on page 20)

## '47 Rack Sales Off 39%: MPPA

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- The Music NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Music Publishers' Protective Association (MPPA) held its annual general membership meeting at the Hotel Astor Tuesday (18) with MPPA Prexy Lester Santly delivering the usual annual report. Altho copies of the report have not yet reached pub-ber members it is undertood the ber members, it is understood the report show that sheet music sales on the racks were down about 39 per cent for the year ended October, per cent for the year ended October, 1947, as compared to a similar period in 1946. Estimated rack sales in 1947 ran around 5,000,000 copies while the 1946 figure was approxi-mately 8,000,000 copies. The MPPA body at the meeting unanimously approved a motion to retain the group's current slate of officers which includes Santly, Wal-ter Douglas, Jack Mills, Jack Breg-man, Abe Olman and Harry Fox.

## ASCAP Has Per- Capitol Sales to ABC Has Been Pic Themers Discussed But Nothing's Been Set, Says Company Spokesmen

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22 .- Capitol | but had no indication that it was at Records spokesmen here term reports of a sale to the American Broadcast-ing Company (ABC) as "very, very much in the preliminary stage." Some interest has been shown, they say but "numerous offers have been made in the past and this bannens to be in the past and this happens to be another one of the same." Reportedly, Glenn Wallichs, prexy of Capitol, has never really conducted any firm "how much" exchange with ABC's Ed Noble but had only partaken in intro-ductory feelers. Wallichs, however, left for New York Friday (21) via rail to arrive in Gotham Monday, presumably for huddles with ABC spokesmen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—American Broadcasting Company officials here concede that "negotiations are in progress" with Capitol Records but claim that no agreement has been reached.

#### Wall Street Opines

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Wall Street reaction to the Capitol-ABC "reports" this week was that, at best, they represented non-conclusive discussions between the companies. Investors, here, who usually get the early word, on such transactions say they've heard about discussions of a purchase

## **Columbia Inks Kay Thompson**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Columbia Records this week inked the hot Kay Thompson-William Brothers vocal Thompson-William Brothers vocal group. The Thompson group, via their West Coast appearances in top locations, including Ciro's, jumped out as one of the hottest box-office attractions around, with a mush-rooming build-up developed thru columnist plugs, guest air shots and national magazine publicity

rupled practically overnight. The group was in heavy demand for a disking pact, with Columbia landing them thru a deal set with the Baron Polin Agency. The deal calls for a term paper.

The diskery also completed a term contract with chirp Janette Davis.

## WM To Import **British Singers**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—British both of whom made an American debut on wax via the initial release of London Records last week, soon states for personal appearances by the William Morris Agency (WM). WM holds the singers' contracts thru their English representative, the Harry Foster Agency. Chirp Lynn will be brought over as soon as her current contractual obligations in

England expire. WM reportedly is trying to find radio spots for the singers.

a serious point.

Investors point. Investors point out, however, that a Capitol sale could be handled al-most privately since of the 430,000 shares of common stock outstanding, the majority management interests is controlled by Glenn Wallachs, Johnny Mercer and Buddy De Sylva, who own 315,000 shares among them. Preferred stockholders (who own 30,000 shares convertible into common at a two-for-one ratio) have no management control.

If an ABC buy-out is in the wind, If an ABC buy-out is in the wind, say the Wall Street boys, it may be connected with the long-known in-tention of the network to effect its own refinancing plan. On August 18, 1947, it is recalled ABC withdrew a proposed public offering of 950,000 shares of \$1 par common stock (sell-ing price unknown) that had been submitted to the Securities Exchange Commission, ostensibly because marsubmitted to the Securities Exchange Commission, ostensibly because mar-ket conditions were not favorable. That ABC might be thinking in terms of re-initiating a public stock offer-ing was considered feasible along the street here altho an ABC spokes-man has denied that there is any con-paction between the possible nurchase nection between the possible purchase of Capitol and ABC's own ultimate financing intentions. Nevertheless investors here think that such a purchase may be an important factor in a possible multi-million dollar stock deal. The investors figure that ABC might later attempt to sell 950,000 shares of its stock at a price that might run as much as \$20 a share. (CBS network, for example, cur-rently stands at about \$26 a share). The financers stress, however, that (See Cap Sale on page 20)



NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Song-writers' Protective Association (SPA) and the Music Publishers' Protective Association (MPPA) contract nego-tiating committees will huddle again Monday (24) in what some pubbers describe as the final one in the series of talks begun almost a year ago. Pubbers feel that Monday's meet will or talks begun almost a year ago. Pubbers feel that Monday's meet will settle matters still in the talking stage —the SPA fund proposal, the dif-ferences in setting contract deals for SPA and non-SPA writers and the SPA proposal to cut the foreign copy-right on a song to 28 years. The ma-jority of the pubbers have indicated that they will firmly resist all three SPA proposals, altho a few feel that SPA proposals, altho a few feel that SPA should get some concession since it has proved beneficial to the operation of the pubbing biz. Pubs believe that the Monday meet should resolve all three pending mat-ters and reportedly are at the point where they will refuse to go into any more huddles (these have dragged on for months) unless Monday's ses-sion shows a firmer degree of finality

sion shows a firmer degree of finality than at any previous meet. Probably it will be proposed at the meeting that a new pact be drafted by the groups' lawyers for consideration by the membership of both parties around December 1.

# Want Theater **Moo Separate**

#### **Apply Heat to ASCAP**

(Continued from page 3) of dough from motion pic theaters (last year it was about \$1,325,000) but disburses the writer share of the monies on a rating basis (the "AA," "A", etc., applied to all ASCAP writer income-radio, night clubs, etc.) that does not take into con-sideration one fact: That film scorers turn out the greatest part of the music used in picture houses; not the published pop-music penners whose

music used in picture houses; not the published pop-music penners whose filmusic gets radio airing. SCA here and Zissu in the East for more than a year have pursued their argument with ASCAP thru discussions with ASCAP Prexy Deems Taylor as well as rep of the ASCAP writer-board, E. G. Fred Ahlert, but have made little progress. Currently, tho, the SCA scribes be-lieve they've got aces in the hole and they expect a December meet in the East between Zissu and society top-pers to provide some degree of satis-faction. If not, the temper of some SCA'ers here is such, they claim, that they will resort to the courts or they will resort to the courts or the Department of Justice in an effort to prove their claims to a better share of the ASCAP theater money.

#### New Ammunition

Two situations that have SCA'ers both cocky and irate have arisen just lately. Confidence, on the one hand, stems from ASCAP's current fracas with motion picture exhibitors thru-out the country. The society only recently attempted to push thru a hike in theater-license rates and ran into a storm of protests and promised legal actions, etc., which resulted in a postponement of the proposed hikes a postponement of the proposed nikes until some time next year. Mean-while, various exhib associations, while accepting the postponement, have given no promise ultimately to go along with the raise. This, say the SCA'ers, may place the society in an embarrassing position when it comes embarrassing position when it comes to the demands of the Screen Com-posers' group. At a time when the exhibs are screaming at ASCAP, a concerted complaint by the SCA'ers (who write most of the music used in film houses) that they are not getting an alleged rightful share of the exhib payments conceivably could become effective propaganda for the exhib groups to use in sum-moning up public opinion or judicial pressure against the society's thea-ter-hike campaign. So the SCA'ers opine that this time the society may have to give a speedy answer and have to give a speedy answer and more decisive action on their plea.

#### Foreign Check Yelps

Meanwhile, the ire of SCA'ers here reached a peak recently when checks covering their share of "war-blocked currencies" proved to be "disappoint-ingly small." The society some weeks ago announced it had collected about \$420,000 for its uniter members from \$480,000 for its writer members from foreign countries (not including England) and reportedly had disbursed its checks according to the over-all classification formula. An ASCAP official in New York had claimed that adjustments were made to include the performance factor abroad, but (See Scribes Press on page 20)

## Signature Grief Redd Evans Takes **Deepens as Fox GE Distrib Move**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Signature diskery this week appeared to be steeped in ever-growing new diffi-culties with publisher-royalty col-lection agent Harry Fox and the re-cently dropped New York General Electric Supply distrib contributing to the label's woes to the label's woes.

Fox reports that he is trying to affect a deal for an outside diskery to buy, or buy into, the Signature firm in an effort to get some dough back for publishers. The waxery reportedly owes pubs an accumulation of about \$60,000 in unpaid royalties. Fox indicated that if a Signature sale couldn't be negotiated he might seek more drastic action against the firm than hitherto initiated.

The GE distrib problem developed when Signature refused to buy back stock left on the jobber's hands when Nat Cohn's Modern Music took over New York distribution two weeks ago. In order to dispose of the left-over wax, GE began to sell out the Signature disks (mainly albums in-cluding the Paul Whiteman Rhapsody in Plue package) at their cost price in Blue package) at their cost price  $(57\frac{1}{2} \text{ per cent off list})$ , which is  $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent lower than regular price to the retailer. Estimates of the num-ber of disks being peddled by GE run from 35,000 to 100,000.

**Bradley To Enter Claim** NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Ex-band leader Will Bradley says he will file a claim for breach of contract with the American Federation of Musi-cians' (AFM) Local 802 against Signature Records. Bradley claims Sig-

Bows on 'Ballerina'

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-About the only small pubber to come up with a top pop tune in recent months, Redd Evans, songwriter and prexy of Jef-ferson Music, was taking bows—and counting a few chips—with the news that RCA Victor Records had run pressings up over the half million mark of Vaughn Monroe's platter of Ballerina, firm's plug tune. Running behind the Monroe wax-

ing, Jefferson could also tote up takes on Jimmy Dorsey (MGM), Mel Torme (Musicraft), upcoming Buddy Clark (Columbia) and Enric Madriguera (Decca) versions of the tune.

### GAC Shifts Weems, **Higgins to Chicago**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Joe Higgins, now a traveling location booker, and Bill Weems, working cocktails and small units, will both be shifted from the General Artist Corporation's (GAC) New York office to the agency's Chicago office next week. Higgins leaves for Chicago Sunday (23) to work in the GAC's band department there as a location booker. He will continue to cover most of his Southern accounts as well.

Weems will leave for Chicago late next week and will work in the agency's Chicago cocktail depart-ment selling there and the Midwest.

nature owes him 5 recording dates under a contract and that the fees for such dates, aside from royalties, would amount to approximately \$2,000.

## MCA Adds New **Orks to Roster**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .-- The Music Corporation of America (MCA) this week signed the Don Jones, Henry Jerome and Jimmy Tucker orks to management pacts. Jones is now playing at the Post Lodge in Larchmont, N. Y., with his 10-piece ork, while Tucker is appearing at the DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, Ga., with an eight-piece society band. Jerome moved from William Morris to MCA and is now at the Pelham Heath Inn here.

The agency recently also signed the orks of Russ Carlisle, Erwin Kent, Don Kaye, Joel Herron, Dick Dildine and Barclay Allan, who is another pianist graduate from the Freddy Martin ork like Jack Fina and Murray Arnold.

#### **Don Wallmark Now** Admitted to MPCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—In an about-face move, the Music Pub-lishers Contact Employees Union about-face move, the Music Pub-lishers Contact Employees Union (MPCE) admitted Don Wallmark into the fold of pluggers at this week's meeting. The former Sammy Kaye ork man was wanted by the maestro for Coastal activities with his music firms, Republic and World.

Wallmark was originally rejected on the grounds that there were enough unemployed men in California without having to go outside the ranks for new blood. Kaye took a burn at the union stand and for weeks vainly sought arbitration. However, at the meeting this week Wallmark was voted in.

### Tracy on Stand Against Charge **Of** Misusing Funds

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A stock-holders' suit against E. A. (Gene) Tracy, chairman of the board of Tracy, chairman of the board of Majestic Radio & Television Cor-poration, charging that the Majestic executive had used corporate funds to make personal profits, ended its first week in court Friday (21) with Tracy taking the stand as the first

of defense witnesses. The rest of the week's court ac The rest of the week's court ac-tion had been confined to plaintiff's charges (stated by stockholders' at-torneys Abe Marcus and Leonard Zissu) that Tracy had made about \$200,000 from Majestic stock fluctu-ations and that punitive indemnities allowed by law should force him to return almost \$600,000 to the cor-poration. Plaintiffs in the stock "salvage suit" claim that Tracy had deliberately by-passed his obligation deliberately by-passed his obligation to the corporation in his stock transfer deals.

#### **BILLIE HOLIDAY BENEFIT**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A testi-monial concert for Billie Holiday is set for Saturday, November 29, at New York's Carnegie Hall under aegis of Norman Granz. Among the featured performers will be Buddy Rich, and the King Cole Trio, Granz own Jazz at the Philharmonic group. The proceeds will be turned over to the songstress, currently serving a sentence in the women's federal re-formatory. Funds raised by the date will be used to help the singer over a period of readjustment that is ex-pected to follow her release within the next month.

## **Publishers' Plug Tunes for 1948**

As a service to the music industry (in view of the impending Petrillo recording ban) The Billboard lists below the advance songs scheduled to be worked upon by major popular music publishers. Information on these tunes was supplied by the publishers only and approximate exploitation dates are those given by the pubs.

Where no monthly date is shown, this info was withheld by the publisher. Four firms, Leeds, Santly-Joy, Shapiro-Bernstein and Martin, would not supply titles or dates of their 1948 plugs.

PUBLISHER	SONG	DATE (Where Given)	PUBLISHER	SONG	DATE (Where Given)
Barton	And People Laughed You're So Grandioso	January, 1948 January, 1948 March, 1948 June, 1948	Triangie	In a Little Book Shop Intrigue When the Moonlight Fell on the Water- fall	January, 1948 January, 1948 April, 1948
Berlin	What'll I Do (Score from pic, Easter Parade) 3 Songs	January, 1948 Summer, 1948	Lombardo	It Only Happens Once Oh, What I Know About You Windshield Wiper Scallawag	October, 1948 January, 1948 April, 1948 July, 1948
Beverly		February, 1948 May, 1948	Monaco	Susie Dooley Crying for Joy	October, 1948 1948
	Baby Don't Be Mad at Me	July, 1948 September, 1948	Supreme	How Soon	Current: to con- tinue indefinitely
	Popcorn Polka With the Roses in Her Hair That's What Every Young Girl Should		Campbell-Porgie	Someone Cares	February or March, 1948
	Know I'll Take It Slow Dearest Santa		Capitol Songs Criterion	My Rancho Rio Grande Save the Bones for Henry Jones ('Cause	Current
Bloom	Sipping Cider by the Zuyder Zee One Raindrop Doesn't Make a Shower On the Other Side of the Hill Betty Blue Au Revoir Again	Current December, 1947 Spring, 1948 Spring, 1948 Summer, 1948		He Don't Eat No Meat) Svenska Flicka When You Got a Man on Your Mind I Told Ya I Love Ya, Now Get Out That's the Kind of Gal I Dream of (You	Current Current Current Current
BMI	Passing Fancy	1948 1948	Capitol	Should See the Kind I Get) Moonlight in Vermont	February, 1948 March, 1948
	My Promise to You Long After Tonight (From pic, Arch of Triumph) Highway to Love You Started Somethin'	1948 1948 1948	Chappell Crawford	The Best Things in Life Are Free Pass That Peace Pipe	Current and con- tinuing Current and con-
	It's a Big Wide Wonderful World Delilah There I Go	1948 1948 1948	Williamson	So Far	tinuing Current and con- tinuing
Bourne	Who Were You Kissing (When You			A Fellow Needs a Girl	Current and con- tinuing
	Kissed Me Last Night)?	December, 1947 January, 1948	Chappell	You Are Never Away My, How the Time Goes B <b>y</b>	Current and con-
Bregman-Vocco- Conn	Melancholy I Feel So Smoochie	January, 1948 April, 1948		Mickey	tinuing Current and con- tinuing
Bregman-Vocco- Conn	Love Me)?	April, 1948	· · · *	Say Something Nice About Me	Current and con- tinuing
	Daddy Surprise Me Don't Believe a Word They Say	April, 1948 September, 1948		(Continued on page 34)	

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# Thru Cleffer Pact

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Breg-man, Vocco, Conn (BVC) pubbery, currently riding high with its Decca Records-partnered Supreme Music (Near You and How Soon) subsid which started in biz only a few months ago may soon rean additional which started in biz only a few months ago, may soon reap additional harvest from a writer's deal which was set about the same time. BVC several months ago signed the Inez James-Sidney Miller tunesmith com-bine to a writer's next. Almost in bine to a writer's pact. Almost in-active until now, the duo was hired recently to turn out a completely new score for the Universal-International filming of the hit Broadway Are You With It? musical. Because of the writer pact, the score is being turned over to BVC for exploitation.

Initial tunes from the flick, A Lit-the Imagination; Daddy, Surprise Me and What Do I Have To Do? are due for exploitation in April.

## **MGM** Pacts Rich And Strayhorn

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—MGM Rec-ords this week signed Buddy Rich and Billy Strayhorn to waxing pacts to help the firm round out its pre-Pehelp the firm round out its pre-re-trillo-ban backlog. Rich, who is fronting his own ork and who has long been one of the nation's top drunners, assumes a new rolc under his MGM deal. Pact calls for Rich to do vocal sides with a small unit for the firm, with MGM artist and when chief Horry Meyerson aiming to rep chief Harry Meyerson aiming to fill a rhythm and novelty vocal slot with the orkster. Sides with the full Rich ork are in abeyance.

Strayhorn-who is Sweet Pea to his associates-will serve in a triple capacity—conductor, writer and planist. He's noted for his work with Duke Ellington as composer-arranger for the last decade.

#### **BMI Is First of Top Pubberies To Join** Newly Formed AMC De Luxe Blaze

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Broadcast MEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) this week became the first of the big pop music pub-beries to go along with the recently formed American Music Conference (AMC). BMI has sent a contribu-tion of \$2,500 to the Conference sus-taining fund taining fund.

taining fund. Original sponsors of the AMC in-clude the National Association of Music Merchants, Band Manufactur-ing Association, National Association of Musical Merchandise Manufac-turers, National Association of Mu-sical Merchandise Wholesalers, and National Piano Manufacturers' As-sociation. Attempts to enroll support of pop pubs via the Music Publishers' Protective Association (MPPA) were launched a long time ago by AMC but so far have proved fruitless. but so far have proved fruitless.

#### **Puner Leaves Musicraft**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Paul Puner, Musicraft exec in charge of classical music, announced his resignation from the diskery this week after a series of differences of opinion over policy with Musicraft Prexy Jack Myerson. Puner, a Musicraft pioneer, along with Oliver Sabin, in the prepop days, had successively moved from president to member of the board and to his last post before de-ciding to call it quits. He had been a Musicraft executive for almost 10 years.

# BVC Lands "Are You With It?" Score New House Bill Aimed at AFM

## **Spare** Ribs

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The Missing Ilit NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Members of the music biz were con-gratulating Harry Link this week on his "missing hit." The gen. pro. mgr. of Feist Music, it seems, latched on to some preliminary street turnult about the tune, All Dressed Up With a Broken Heart. A Tower platter, a Bullet record and some other small labelings, he heard, were pushing out on the market. So Harry sent out a treemend-ous mailing to ad agencies, artists and platteries advising them of the ditty's merit.

About two days later the E. B. Marks firm felt like thanking Link profusely. Seems that Feist has an old copyright tune titled All Dressed Up With a Broken Heart, all right, but this wasn't the song on the disks. Marks's own ditty, similarly tagged l'm All Dressed Up, etc., was getting the platter play. Now, the gagsters were saying that Herb Marks was thinking of giving Link a copy deal.

#### All That Glitters Isn't Goldsen

All That Glitters Isn't Goldsen NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Mickey Goldsen disputes the peculiar legend that it's nice to have a hit song. Learning that one Billy Peters had filed suit this week against Goldsen's Criterion Songs (on the claim that Across the Alley From the Alamo infringed a 1928 Peters composition titled All For All, Mickey said: "That is all, brother. There's a government lien on Alamo, 10 other private liens resulting from claimants to cleffer Joe Green's piece of the song, and now Fve got a lawsuit! The pay-off is I haven't got my rack returns yet."

#### Dinner With Taps

Dinner With Taps NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Jonie Taps, in from the Coast for a peek at Columbia pix' half-owned Mood Music operation, was determined to get his old music biz friends together for dinner. Came the night and the guests made frequent cracks about Jonic's offering to pick up the "hot" (in normal—the check).

the "hot" (in normal—the check). Taps, who was feting Manie Sacks, Lester Santly, Mac Goldman, Henry Spitzer, Harry Mayer, Johnny Dugan, Murray Baker and others at the reunion dinner, stood up gallantly to the occasion and grabbed the "hot" (check)—for \$125—meanwhile lightly countering with: "Tll get even."

After dinner all the boys retired to Manie Sacks' apartment for a spot of gin games. Wo! Happens! One winner emerges after a full night's session, and it turns out to be the sartorial Taps himself. The exact extent of his winnings—yup, \$125.

Never a Dull Moment CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Names can't be used but it really hapchicago, Nov. 22.—Names can't be used but it really hap-pened this week. A piano-playing disk artist was asked by a song plugger to schedule an air shot for a tune that the artist had recorded. Reaching a new nadir in "payola" requests, the artist demanded \$25 for "transposing" his disk version to a radio rendition. The poor plugger wired the boss in New York asking for directions, it was so hard to believe.

# **Costs Masters**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 - Fire of un-NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Fire of un-determined origin last week destroyed DeLuxe Records' Linden, N. J., press-ing plant. causing damage estimated at \$215,000. Firemen worked five hours in overcoming the blaze, which worked the obtine building part of wrecked the entire building, part of which contained a lumber mill. Jules Braun, DeLuxe president, announced that the major effect was the loss of that the major effect was the loss of many important masters, which would have to be re-cut at a cost of \$120 each. DeLuxe is still able to use three Eastern and one Western pressing plant, but in addition to the expense of re-cutting masters from duplicates, deliveries of new pressings may be stalled may be stalled.

Diskery announced that it was cov-ered by insurance for losses resulting from the blaze.

### Gabbe - Lutz - Heller Sign Mooney Quartet

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Joe Mooney Quartet, which last week concluded an eight-week stand at the Hotel Warwick here, signed with the per-sonal management triumvirate of Gabbe, Lutz and Heller after several weeks of mulling a new p.m. to replace George Moffet. Mooney's group is staying in town until its



NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Decca Rec-ords this week signed the new Larry ords this week signed the new Larry Clinton ork to a waxing pact. The firm also took on the Mary Osborne Trio for several sides. The Clinton deal calls for no specific terms due to the impending Petrillo ban, but Decca execs reveal that the orkster will draw at least two dates before Language Lang page. January 1 and possibly more, depend-ing on the material desired for waxing before that time. Both Clinton and the Osborne three have been given material for initial dates.

Meanwhile waxing activity at the Decca plant will begin to perk up next week in New York. The diskery has skedded at least six dates for the week and may do a couple of others as well. It is expected that the sched-ule will increase in the coming weeks before the Petrillo deadline. Decca, until now, had been the most reticent of the biggies, recording-wise.

## **Restraint** of Trade Law To Be Asked

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#### Kearns, Hartley Team

(Continued from page 3) after further labor committee conferences.

#### **Disk Ban Halt?**

Labor committee members feel that enactment of such a bill will not only stop the disk ban, but can also be used in the event of another coal strike by John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers. They antici-pate little difficulty in getting the bill thru the House, but are uncer-tain about Senate approval in view tain about Senate approval in view of recent statements by Senate GOP leaders that any Taft-Hartley changes

should be deferred for another year. Hearings on the new bill are ex-pected to draw an avalanche of protest from every segment of organ-ized labor, since the measure—tho admittedly aimed at AFM—will affect all unions.

#### Twist! 2 Sherwood **Orks** in **Different** Jobs at Same Time

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Bobby Sherwood soon will be leading two orks, one on each Coast. Seems that Sherwood called off an Eastern tour in September in anticipation of a movie deal. When the deal fell thru, the orkster had Music Corporation of America (MCA) set up another Fast-America (MCA) set up another East-ern tour which is due to begin at the State Theater in Hartford, Conn., No-vember 27. But this week Sherwood suddenly landed a chore with Mono-gram Pictures for his ork and for himself as an actor. Rather than call off the tour a sec-

Rather than call off the tour a sec-ond time, Sherwood decided to com-mute between the West Coast and his dates on the East Coast while the pic-ture is being done. So while he leads his movie ork thru the paces of *Sher-wood's Forest* on the Monogram lot, he will have his traveling band mov-ing on to another theater or one-nighter in the East. His sked is so worked out that the orkster will miss worked out that the orkster will miss no more than one or two one-nighters. These dates will be played by the ork with a guest fronter with the ap-proval of the buyer of the band and MCA.

#### MONROE CRACKS RECORD

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 22.— Vaughn Monoe cracked the season record for the Ritz Ballroom here by drawing 2,550 customers in his one-nighter Sunday (16). With admis-sion upped to \$1.80, the gross was \$4,590. It was a season's record so far in both attendance and gross.

#### **Hudson Hits Tops in Huston**

Decca recording deal is adjusted. Meanwhile, Dick Gabbe left the Harry Romm office, where he has been working for almost a year, to find office space here to open an Eastern branch for the personal management venture. NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Dean Hudson ork last Saturday drew 2,105 people at \$1.50 a head to establish a record crowd at the Plantation in Houston, reports H. D. McElroy Jr., the Plantation's managing`owner. Previous high grosses were those of Charlie Fisk and Hal McIntyre with 1,602 July 12, and Denny Beckman with 1,735 August 23.

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## Sonora To Drop Milwaukee Sheriff Single Releases

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .-- Sonora Ra-CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Sonora Ra-dio's record division, reported going out of the single releases field in pops, race and folk music (*The Bill-*board, August 9), and later denied by company execs (*The Billboard*, August 16), appeared to be dropping its single release policy completely. The company efficiels could not be

Its single release policy completely. Tho company officials could not be contacted, even after checks were made during the past two weeks, it was learned from artists under con-tract to Sonora that they were mak-ing no platters for the coming Petrillo work-stoppage period back-log as other firms are doing. Griff Williams, whose band was on Sonora platters, severed his pact with that firm, while Saxie Dowell shifted his waxing duties to Vitacoustic when his pact ran out several weeks ago and was not renewed. Sonora's latest catalog shows that

Sonora's latest catalog shows that a current pop hasn't been released in over two months by any artist, with Ginny Simms' recording of On the Old Spanish Trail the latest current

Old Spanish Trail the latest current item on the agenda. Talk has been persistent that Sonora will de-emphasize the record division and will hold pat to its present catalog which contains a majority of standard material, and will stick with some 50 standard albums it has in its catalog.

### **Scribes Press for Performance Plan**

(Continued from page 17) SCA'ers here couldn't see it. They stated that Roy Webb, who felt was one of the most-credited scorers of films performed abroad in the last 10 years had received a check in the nums performed abroad in the last 10 years, had received a check in the amount of \$3.60, and pointed this up as evidence that "performances" had been completely sluffed by the so-ciety when it came time to disbursing the foreign monies.

#### ASCAP "Concessions"

ASCAP "Concessions" In a tacit way the past year or so, ASCAP officials (including radio, not just theaters) in Gotham have admit-ted that writer monies would ulti-mately have to be distributed with some kind of performance payment factor included. Since the initial announcement of the Ahlert plan and the more recent George Meyer pro-posals for a writer-payment system the more recent George Meyer pro-posals for a writer-payment system which would give a percentage eval-uation to performances, SCA'ers claim they have been waiting for these admissions to become reality. Not completely satisfied with the Meyer or Ahlert plans, both of which limit the metformance percentage limit the performance percentage and retain a goodly hunk of payand retain a goodly hunk of pay-ment-percentages for "availability, seniority, vogue, prestige, etc.," the SCA'ers also point out that the Ahlert plan has never actually been initiated by the society. Some of the skeptical tilm scorers claim that the Meyer proposals are "more smoke screen tactics." Withal say the SCA'ers neither

Withal, say the SCA'ers, neither Meyer's nor Ahlert's plan answers their demand for separated film revenues, and they intend really to push the battle come December.

#### **Vox Gets Tolerance Songs**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Vox Rec-ords this week announced the acqui-sition of 12 songs for tolerance writ-cen by Hy Zaret and Lou Singer for ten by Hy Zaret and Lou Singer for release thru its Spotlight Series al-bums. To be tagged Little Songs on Big Subjects, the tunes are elabora-tions of material originally penned for spot announcements via station WNEW. Signing marks another ad-dition to the parade of waxeries seeking to implement their pop stuff with documentary nlatters. with documentary platters.

## Warns Juke Ops on Indecent Records

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 22 .- Another the sporadic attempts of communities around the country to ban innucles around the country to ban in-decent records was made last week by Sheriff George Hanley, of Mil-waukee. In a letter to county juke box ops, Sheriff Hanley intimated that objectionable disks were popping in in lorge numbers in places where up in large numbers in places where young people congregate. He re-quested county ops to co-operate in the suppression of objectionable platters.

The letter specified six records put asked ops to pull these from their boxes. Local ops have agreed to ban indecent disks. But they point out that some tavern and restaurant pro-prietors buy the indecent records at retail outlets and then put them in the boxes themselves when the mathe boxes themselves when the ma-chines are being serviced. Mean-while, some distribs deprecated the sheriff's action as following just the wrong pattern. Experience in deal-ing with "dirty" disks, they say, points up the fact that any publicity in-creases their sale rather than helping the situation or the industry. In the the situation or the industry. In the past, they say, industry greenhorns have clamored about "salacious" platters and virtually have given juke box operators "info and ideas" on such platters leading to sales which otherwise would never have been made.

## **Court Orders Tharpe** Waxings Destroyed; similar period last year. Judging from info available, however, net income

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Dave Kapp, Decca vice-prexy, announced this week that the diskery had obtained a permanent injunction in the Calia permanent injunction in the Cali-fornia courts against two recording outfits who made and released plat-ters by Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Decca contract artist. Jack B. Lauderdale, who does business as Down Beat Re-cording Company, and Arthur N. Rupe, who does business as Specialty Record Sales, were ordered to turn over to Decca, for destruction, all records, wire and tape recordings and any masters of Tharpe waxings. The disks were released without reference to Tharpe on the labels but Decca averred they were easily recognized. recognized.

## **Butterfield Deal Set**

For Nick's Village NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Despite persistent denials within the trade, but bearing out *The Billboard's* origi-nal story of several weeks back, band leader Billy Butterfield was set this week to open at Nick's Creasewich week to open at Nick's, Greenwich Village jazz mecca, November 25 with

Village jazz mecca, November 25 with a six-piece combination. Butterfield's p.m., Chubby Gold-farb, verified the deal, which settles once and for all the yes-he-does-no-he-doesn't fate of the band leader's current big band and follows close on the heels of the recent disband-ments of such other hot maestros as Johnny Bothwell and Buddy Morrow Johnny Bothwell and Buddy Morrow. Goldfarb, however, denied reports that Butterfield would double into Nick's from a sustaining radio job.

Mus-Art Hires Harthun NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Bob Har-thun, former Music Corporation of America (MCA) salesman, this week was hired to work out of the West Coast office for the Mus-Art Agency under Lyle Thayer. Harthun, who worked in the MCA cocktail depart-ment, will do the same for Mus-Art in addition to selling small bands.

## Capitol Sale to ABC Fox Chi-Bound To Mulled But Nothing Set, Say Firm Execs

(Continued from page 17) it's all a big "IF." The Petrillo ban also is expected to affect ticker reaction to the purchase now of a rec-ord company.

ABC After Cap E.T. Wax? NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Trade ob-servers here, spectulating on ABC's announced "negotiations with Capi-tol," feel that one of the strongest points of interest to ABC—in view of the Petrillo ban—is Capitol's tran-scription library and e. t. equipment. scription library and e. t. equipment, A straight diskery buy in this Pe-trillo-ban period would seem risky, they say, but reputedly ABC is look-ing forward to its own troubles (along with other networks) stemming from a possible Petrillo-forced musicians walk-out in radio about February 1. ABC, it is pointed out, has no e. t. library of its own and would be in a less fortunate position than NBC and CES (who own their own transcrip-tion and recording subsids) comes a recording ban. Other angles ad-vanced by trademen are that possibly ABC is also interested in affecting a talonf-swinghoard tio-up on the thetalent-springboard tie-up on the the-ory that both CBS and NBC have been able to tie up some top artists "exclusively" on the strength of their combined disk and airwave position.

Cap Net Income Increase HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22.—Latest financial statement from Capitol Rec-ords here indicates that for the three month period ended September, the company picked up on net income for similar period last year. Judging from Illegal Release Held NEW YORK Ner 22 Days Kernel The new figures (unaudited) break-

down as follows: For 12 months ended September 30, (Only available annual figures for last year cover the 12-month period ending December 31, 1946, when net income stood at \$842,961.04).

For three months ended September 30, 1947, net income was \$234,270.03. For three months ended September 30, 1946, net income was \$131,990.16.

## "Signals On" for Plugger Shifts

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- New song plugger switch-overs are giving pub personnel movements the frequency personnel movements the frequency of a train timetable. Barton Music's Coast rep, Nick Savano, moved over to Bobby Mellin Music; Mack Clark (brother of Buddy) joined Bourne Music; Johnny Farro, who had fronted his own firm, was added to Duchess Music, and the currents around the Brill Building were still swirling at week's end. The week before, Paul Case landed with Miller Music, and ex-Irving Berlin rep, Duke Niles, had landed with Jeffer-son Music. Shortly before all this activity swung into high, Harry Weinson Music. Shortly before all this activity swung into high, Harry Wein-stein had made the hop from Miller to Leeds, and Hal Fein went from Peter Maurice to Robbins Music.

#### CUGAT IN MEX GROUP

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Xavier Cugat will do a Mexican Meyer Davis De-cember 1 when he opens at the Hotel Prado, swank Mexico City room, with Prado, swank Mexico City room, with a band made up of native sidemen. Cugat will front the ork for two weeks, after which he will return to the States but will continue to get a cut of the Mexican crew's earnings. They'll continue to be known as Xavier Cugat's Band.

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## Check Waxeries, Status on Debts

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Harry Fox. publisher agent for collection of mechanical royalties, goes to Chi-cago sometime next week to go over

of mechanical royalties, goes to Chi-cago sometime next week to go over the royalties-due picture with Ma-jestic, Vogue, Mercury and Sonora diskeries particularly. Majestic reportedly owes publish-ers some \$125,000 in back royalties, altho the diskery this week was to have mailed in a check for between 50G and 75G to mark off part of the debt. The firm meanwhile is under-going some pains on the West Coast, where American Federation of Musi-cians (AFM) Local 47 last week clamped down on Majestic, stopping the firm's waxing activities until the plattery put dough on the line. This week Paul Baron, Majestic Coast exec, was pledged to post a \$10,000 cash bond with the union in order to resume waxing activity. Union charged that Majestie was grossly negligent in paying sidemen for past waxing dates. Following the posting of the bond, Baron cut sides with Artie Wayne, Dale Evans and Judy Canova. It was reported that Ma-jestic had its West Coast plant up for sale, with an offer made to Dave Braun, De Luxe Records exec, whose plant in Linden, N. J., burned down this week (see other story this sec-tion). tion).

#### Will Peek Into Vogue

Fox also intends to search into the now-defunct structures of the Vogue diskery to find out if there is any possibility of digging out some loot to pay up the royalties owed the pub-bers. He likewise wants to examine the Sonora scene. Lastly he aims to get together with Mercury diskery reps. Altho Mercury is paid-up with Fox, it is understood that the disk-erv's payments have been arriving ery's payments have been arriving late and the trustee will be seeking for more prompt disbursements for the future.

#### **Opposition at Philly** AFM Polls; 1st Time

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22 .- A preelection campaign is raging here among the 800 members of Local 274, Negro local of the American Federa-tion of Musicians (AFM) with a \$17,tion of Musicians (AFM) with a \$17,-500 real estate transaction looming as one of the main issues. For the first time since the local union was or-ganized a dozen years ago, there is an opposition slate headed by James Shorter for president. George (Doc) Hyder, president since he and Sec-retary Frank Fairfax organized the local 12 years ago, will face oppo-sition for the first time when election rolls around December 14. The election contest will probably be fought out over negotiations for a building which the union decided to

be fought out over negotiations for a building which the union decided to buy and then changed its mind. The reversal, according to the opposition, may result in the loss of an \$800 de-posit. The building was intended originally for use to house offices of the local and provide a general meet-ing place.

#### ASCAP HAS RATE

ASCAP HAS RATE (Continued from page 17) ASCAP from \$44 to \$54 a day. Under the per-performance arrangement, even assuming that the exhib ran only distinct composition in each film, the cost would be at least \$4,015. The probabilities of "one song per day" would be so slim however, that in almost every case the per-per-formance rates totaled up annually for such an exhib would go way over for such an exhib would go way over the \$5,000 mark.

## Music-As Written

#### New York:

Scratch My Back and Saxology are the first sides cut by the new Eddie Wilcox-Jimmy Lunceford ork for Manor. . . Claude Thornhill and Vic Damone into Youngstown's Palace Theater, December 1-3. . . Duke Ellington's concert itinerary includes the Civic Opera House in Chicago on January 11, and a Carnegie Hall concert December 26-27. . . . Team of Whistler Fred Lowrey and Dorothy Rae return to New York December 2-9 for recording dates and radio appearances. . . . New French cleffer on these shores is Michel Emer.

James Sparling transferred from Columbia Records' planning and schedule department to sales department as assistant to Don Law. . . . Claude Hopkins and cocktail unit opens Monday (24) at Brooklyn's Enduro Cafe.

Sonny Dunham's ork this week signed with the Philadelphia Tune Disk diskery to cut a minimum of eight sides before the Petrillo ban sets in. . . Chirp Frances Wayne, accompanied by hubby Neil Hefti, in town for some exclusive diskery exploitation on her disks. . . . King Cole Trio set for two weeks at the Latin Quarter in Newport, Ky., beginning December 5 following their current Paramount Theater engagement.

Buddy Clark to the Coast to make some sides with Dinah Shore and to cut sound track for new Walt Disney pic. . . Mildred Bailey is now under management of Capitol Attractions, new enterprise of George Walker, former MCA booker. Chirp Bailey got out of her deal with Erv Brabec, now with MCA. . . . Herb Hendler hired to promote Dinah Shore disks while thrush refrains from p.a.'s during pre-and-post maternity period. Hired by attorney Henry Joffe, Hendler will co-ordinate work thru Columbia Records.

Dick (Sioux City Sue) Thomas just finished work in the Universal hoss opera, Cimarron Gunfire, cleffing the musical score as well.... Gene Krupa went into percentage this week on a series of New England dates in Boston; Providence, R. I., and Brockton, Mass.... Monica Lewis into Washington's Statler Hotel December 1 for two weeks.... Charlie Barnet opens at New York Strand Theater December 10 for at least two weeks and will do a Columbia pic short following the date.... Johnny Morris ork into Famous Ballroom, Baltimore, Christmas Day for indefinite run.

Vaughn Monroe is experimenting with a pop concert presentation idea on his current tour and is trying to set a half-dozen concert dates in Pittsburgh-Erie area for January where tour will carry him. . . Teddy Phillips ork, an MCA property, pacted by National Records starting December 1. . . . Larry Shayne, of Beverly Music, to Chicago. . . . Sinatra doing a recording date with Pearl Bailey.

Herbie Fields band booked into New York Strand Theater Christmas-New Year's weeks, along with the Ink Spots. . . Johnny Blowers folded his Astoria, L. I., steak-and-jazz spot Saturday (22). . . Vocalist Wally Griffin, Metrotone Records performer, set on WINS across the board. . . . Jocks Ted Husing, Mel Allen, Fred Robbins and Art Ford pinch-hit for the hobbled Andre Baruch on WMCA. . . Capitol's bigwig, Johnny Mercer, into town Saturday (22). Former Spike Jones road p.a., Jack Egan, joining the New York office of *Downbeat*. . . Benny Goodman planed back to the Coast Monday (17) after his Fred Allen guester the night before. . . Buddy Clark and Doris Day cut a batch of duets for Columbia Friday (21).

Hal Graham opened Thursday (20) in the Stardust Room of Brooklyn's St. George Hotel. . . . Banner Records this week pacted the Radio Aces. . . . Hal McIntyre into the Merry-Go-Round, Youngstown, O., December 15-21. . . . Vocalist Buddy Hughes is papa of a girl, Pamela Jo. . . . Samuel E. Ewing Jr., Philadelphia lawyer, this week joined the legal department of RCA Victor. . . . Shep Fields and Rippling Rhythm Ork start two-week stand Thanksgiving in Ye Olde Tavern, West Brookfield, Mass.

Opening Night Notes: Charlie Spivak's ork returned to the Cafe Rouge of the Hotel Pennsylvania Monday evening (17) before the usual house of music biz luminaries, with the publisher-plugger trade turning out in force. The opening was further enhanced by some visiting orksters, such as George Paxton, Skitch Henderson and Noro Morales. The most democratic note of the evening had William Morris one-night booker Phil Brown huddled in a threesome with Music Corporation of America one-night booker Bill Richards and his wife.

Jose Duval, new Latin American singer, cut two sides with Jose Curbelo for Victor last week. . . . Hal Wess and ork into Palladium December 4 for four weeks. . . Dan Fisher, son of the late Fred (Peg o' My Heart) Fisher. back from the Coast and Chicago.

MCA got back into the Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, by setting Carmen Cavallaro for a March date, to be followed by Bud Waples. . . . Sherman Hayes ork into La Martinique, Chicago, in January. . . Russ Morgan into San Francisco's Claremont Hotel April 11. . . . Skitch Henderson into the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, December 31.

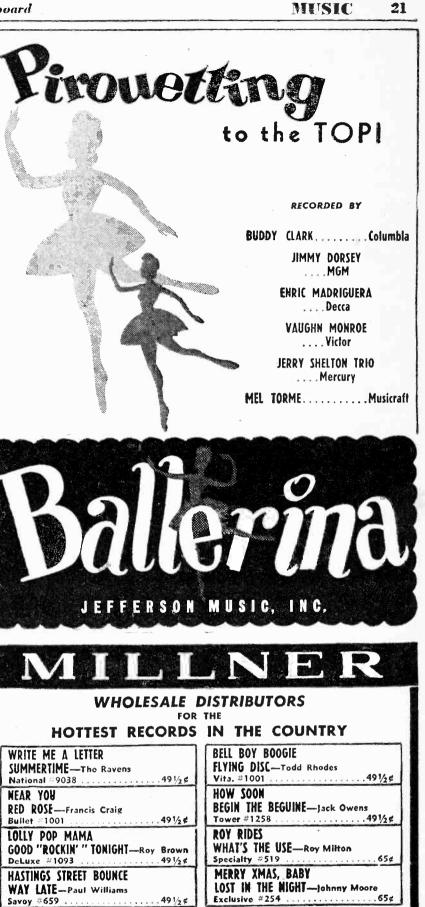
#### Chicago:

Tommy Smyth, who handled the Kirkeby accounts, the Blackstone and Drake hotels here, has left MCA's band and act department... Del Courtney has switched to Vitacoustic... Jack Olson's ork cut its first eight sides for Chord this week... Ina Ray Hutton's band set for the Claridge, Memphis, January 16 for two weeks... Aristocrat platters have inked race singers Clarence Samuels, Prince Cooper and Sunnyland Slim.

#### Philadelphia:

Gene Beverly, who was co-leader of the Beverly Twins Orchestra, handled before the war by Music Corporation of America, returns to the music fold as a booker. He joins the Charles Agency here as an associate to handle sales in the orchestra and variety departments.

Believed to be the first try for a Latin set-up in disk jockeying, Nick Ravell, former music maker and member of the dance team of Nitza and Ravell, is heading up a Caribbean seg written and produced by Milt Shapiro, independent producer.



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## CANADA'S TOP TUNES

Songs listed are sheet music best sellers in Canada. Listing is based on reports received from the two largest wholesalers in the dominion, Canada Music Bales and Gordon V. Thompson. Since both firms are also American publishers' representatives and publish songs themselves (and consequently push different songs). The Billboard presents the song titles and the sales rank order in which each of the two firms rate the song. In other words, while the No. 1, 2, 3, etc. songs as listed by Canada Music and Music between the tunes which are selling best in Canada.

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YOU SO	4	9	NAUGHTY ANGELINE	-	6
WHITE CHRISTMAS	5		I HAVE BUT ONE HEART	- 1	11
HOW SOON?	6	5	-AND MIMI	- 1	12
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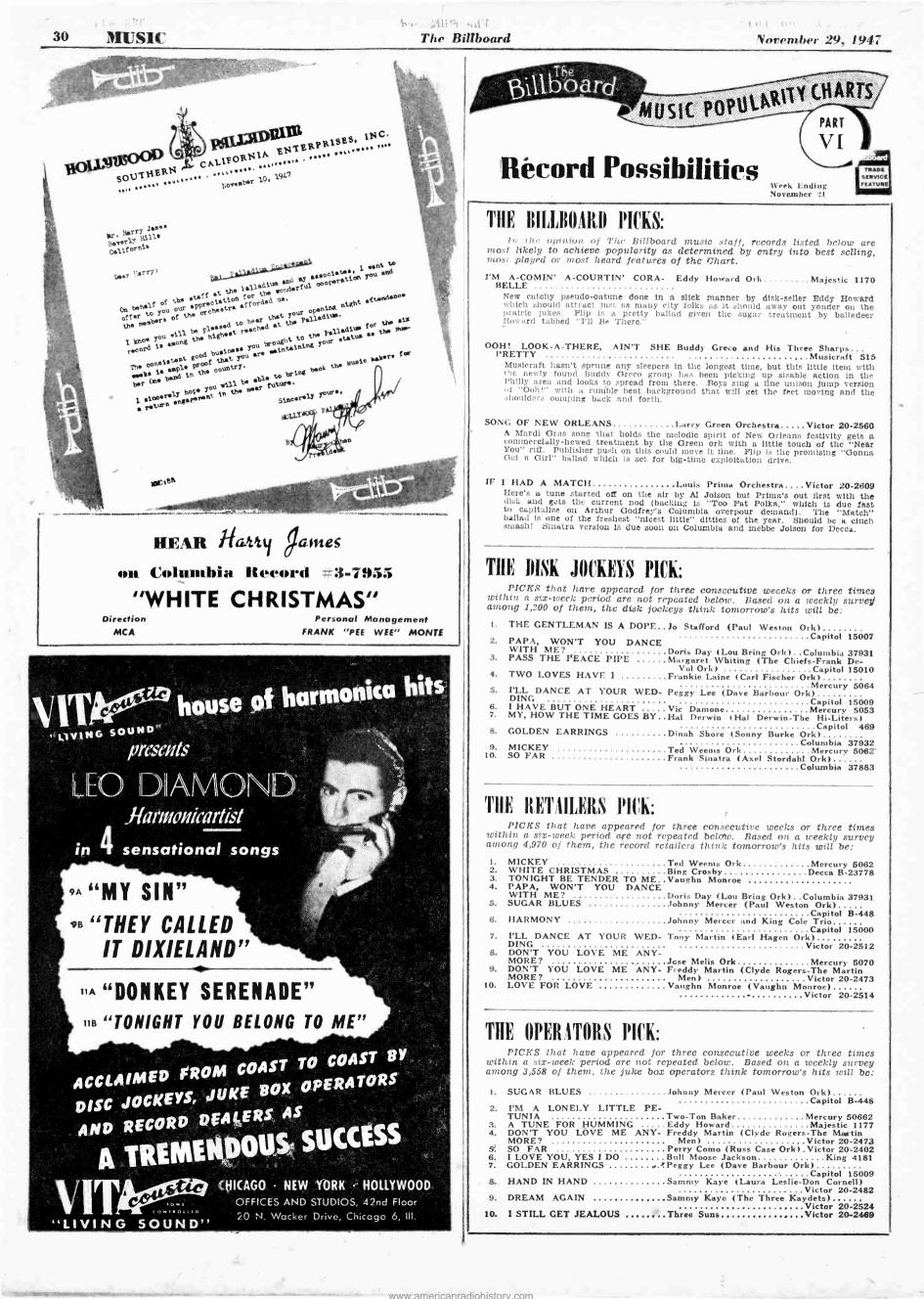






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#### **RECORD REVIEWS**

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#### WAUGHN MONROE (Victor: 20-2528)

VAUGHN MONROE (Victor 20-2528)
 Nina Nana—FT; VC.
 Nahalani Papa Do—FT; VC.
 Vaughn Monroe. with the Moon Malds adding vocal harmonies and hums, gives his usual full-volced interpretation to two songs that have their roots on foreign soil. The maestro's virile chauting, framed by the smooth band hurmonles sparked by thrings and celeste, makes for greater electiveness for "Nina Nana," an Italian folk song of baby-go-to-sleep design. Monroe sings it feelingly in the slow ballad tempo with the Moon Malds stepping up the beat to give the wordage a contrasting chythmic bounce. For the filp, it's vigorous singing and playing for a ribythmic Bounce. For the filp, it's vigorous dance urge.
 "Nina Nana" is the song possibility to make for possible phono play.

### AMBROSE (London 108)

AMBROSE (London 108) Swing Low Sweet Clarinet—FT; VC. Dance of the Potted Puppet—FT. His music making marked by a defini-tive precision without taking away from the depth of the music. English maestro Ambrose demonstrates a cohesion in in-strumental blend that is rarely attained by dance bands. Moreover, the dauce beats are ever sharply defined with a eleavage as clean as the playing. This is especially pronounced in the whimsical "Potted Puppet." which features the clari-net playing of Carl Barrifeau, and makes for an excellent example of precision play-ing even if the composition is without melodic writues. Just as interesting is the Ambrose fashioning of "Swing Low Sweet Clarinet," again displaying for the slow spin the hyper-sophistication of his pert Plocadilly rhythms and featuring the broad and rich tones in the lower register of the clarinet by Reginald Kell. An at-iractive mood melody, all too little is heard from the clarinet. Instead, it's a male quartet singing it in unison for the melancholy mood melody with the clarinet carrying a somber obbligato. "Pleasant plattering but hardly for eninge." coinage.

#### BUDDY GRECO (Musicraft 515)

Donh! Look-a There, Ain't She Pretty?---FT; V.

Don't You Think I Ought To Know?-FT; V.

Don't You Think I Ought To Know?-FT; V. Buddy Greece, piping to his own pian-ology, with guitar and bass making for his Three Sharps, udds up to a trio unit for the records. And on this starting side, the lad and his laddles add up to a bell-ringer. With a flair for rhythmio styling and a baritone quality that sounds like King Cole, Mel Torme, Billy Eckstine and company but as individual as the others, Grece gives it a likable ill for the tuneful and catchy "Ain't She Pretty?" rhythm dity. And with the other Sharps adding vocal riffs in the background along with the intimate weaving of the instrumental flueres. Grece threatens to inspire a deepening wave of enthusiasm for himself. Moreover, the song styling spins as true for the ballad, selling it just as strong for "Ought To Know" with plano-guitar-bass noodlings laying down a smartly tallored rhythmic pattern. Tune and treatment will attract coin attention to this new unit for "Ain't She Pretty?"

### SET SVANHOLM (Victor 11-9791)

SET SVANHOLM (Victor 11-9791) By the Silent Herd—V. Prize Song—V. A Wagnerian tenor who bowed with the Metop last year, Set Svanholm makes an auspicious disk debut here singing two everlasting favorites from "Die Meister-singer." Singing in German, with full dramatic power that is keyed to every lyrical nuance of the Wagnerian text, Svanholm takes both songs in stride with ease. Frieder Weissman, conducting the RCA Orchestra, provides effective accom-paniment. Record is a 12-incher. For the Wagnerian music fans.

FRANZEN AND ERIKSSON (Signature F-5012)

F-5012) Pinets Bond Vals—W. Emmy's Favorite—FT. The accordion squeezings of Franzen and Eriksson, with guitar strums to spark the rhythmic beat, spin out with the old country flavor for two Scandinavian folk dance melodies. It's a lilting waltz melody for "Pinets Bond Vals" and music for the lively schottish dancing in "Emmy's Fa-

vorite." No fuss or frills in their playing, counting on the simple exposition of the folk melodies to sell the spinning. Folk dance disking that will find better response in home play.

#### CARMEN CAVALLARO (Decca 24141) White Christmas—FT. Silent Night—W.

Silent Night-W. The soft ivory gloss that Carmen Caval-laro gives the keyboard as he styles it in full melodic fashion fares well for these holiday songs. With rhythm accompani-ment and at a moderate tempo, he gives full melodic flavor to "White Christmas." For "Silent Night." Cavallaro strokes the black and whites with spiritual feeling, enhanced by the organ-like harmonies of the strings and voodwinds. For the holiday play at home.

#### DINAH WASHINGTON (Mercury 8061) There's Got To Be a Change—FT; VC. Early in the Morning—FT; VC.

Early in the Morning-FT; VC. The gutty drive of Dave Young's five-some pushes ex-Hampton chirp Dinah Washington to a solid race effort in "There's Got To Be a Change." Dinah shouts the groover lyrics, with some torrid alto, tenor and trumpet saxes interspersed to keep the pace of the side at a peak. Filpover is an earthy blues, with Rudy Martin's guitar, bass and plano combo doing the backing. Lyric is chief asset of the tune, with Ia Washington relating her sad experience after a big night. Fair race interest in this pairing.

#### PATTI PAGE (Mercury 5078) I Feel So Smoochie—FT; VC. I'm Sorry I Didn't Say I'm Sorry—FT; VC.

VC. Torchy Pattl Page knocks off another pair of formidable sides, simed at listeners who like their music limpid and soulful, with George Barnes, the ace radio guitar-ist, doing a Les Paul job of backing with his trio. Blend of Barnes' original guitar-fungering and the Page delivery makes these sides the best effort by the ex-Jimmy Joy chantress yet. "Smoochie." a Phil Moore novelty, carries a lyric that should hit with those under 25. while the reverse should take care of listeners past that age bracket. Echo effect on the guitar enriches both sides plenty. A twosome that will push the Page stock upward.

JUMP JACKSON (Aristocrat 402)

JUMP JACKSON (Aristocrat 402) Heyl Pretty Mama-FT; VC. The Greatest Mistake-FT; VC. "Heyl Pretty Mana" is one of those contagious choruses race dittes, with the entire combo joining shouter Benny Kelly for a unison job that should make for a click disk. Jump Jackson's jazz combo blows up a swing storm to help the side along. On the reverse, the Jackson five-some gets mellow to augment Meirose Col-bert's moody chanting of "The Greatest Mistake." Melody is torrid ballad type, but lyrics lack the easy structure that makes for favorities such as Foot That I Am. "Heyl Pretty Mama," will pull plenty of papa's come.

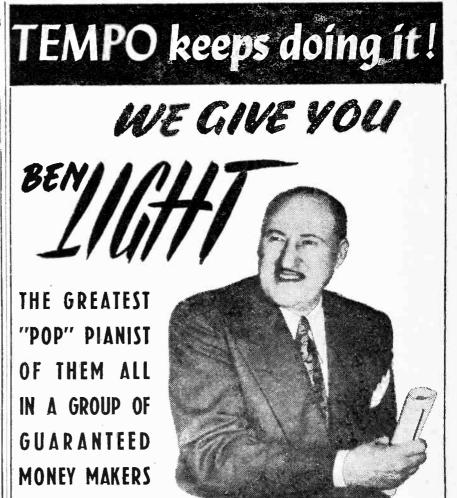
TOM ARCHIA (Aristocrat 801) Love Me-FT; VC. Drinkin' Blues-FT; VC.

Drinkin' Blues—FT; VC. Dr. Jo-Jo Adams, the rising blue-shouter, applies his quivering vibratio with espe-cially good results to the smoldering lyrics of "Love Me." with the interpretation cer-tain to hit with romantic listeners in raco spots. On the reverse, Adams, again bucked by Tom Archia's jazz combo, switches the mood with a lament based on his over-imbibing experiences, with the lyrics car-rying a message that will draw raco hearers. "Love Me" is a solid race click.

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Why Does It Have To Rain on Sunday?
S. Lanson (You're Too) Mercury
With a Hey and a Hi and a Ho Ho Ho
D. (Two Ton) Baker and His Music Makers (Too Fat) Mercury
Your Red Wagon
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Basin Street Blues (T. Mottola Ork)
Carioca (T. Mottola Ork)
Empty Saddles (The Mullen Sisters-T. Mottola Ork)
Frenesi (The Mullen Sisters-T. Mottola Ork)
Standin' in the Need of Prayer (The Mullen Sisters-T. Mottola Ork)
The Kerry Dance (The Mullen Sisters-T. Mottola Ork)
The Moon of Manakoora (The Mullen Sisters-T. Mottola Ork)
Time on My Hands (The Mullen Sisters-T. Mottola Ork)

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Auld Lang Syne T. Hill (Send Me) Mercury

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  J. Dale and His Prides of the Prairle (Wabash Cannonball) Continental
  He's Building a Mansion (For Me Over Three)

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- (Just a) Victor
- C. Grubb and firs furnessee variey Boys (Just a) Victor
  Here Comes Santa Claus (Down Santa Claus Lane)
  101 Ranch Boys (Silent Night) Security
  Humpty Dumpty Heart
  H. Thompson and His Brazos Valley Boys (Today) Capitol Americana
  I Can't Go on Living This Way
  W. Fowler and His Georgia Clodhoppers (Shut Off) Mercury
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  Red Hair and Green Eyes
  101 Ranch Boys (It's a) Security
  Red, White and Blue (Over You)
  C. Stone and His Barn Dance Band
  (Watch It) Capitol Americana
  Roses Have Thorns
  E. Britt-The Skytoppers (Who Else)

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- Victor
- Send Me Your Love For Christmas T. Hill (Auld Lang) Mercury
- Shut Off From the World W. Fowler and His Georgia Clodhoppers (I Can't) Mercury Signed, Sealed and Delivered B. Atcher (Mountain Man) Columbia
- Silent Night 101 Ranch Boys (Here Comes) Security
- Skip To M'Lou E. Benedict and His Range Riders (Baby Sitter) Continental
- Smoke, Smoke, Smoke (That Cigaretie) 101 Ranch Boys (Double Steel) Security

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- Ain't I Losin' You?
  E. Hawkins (Sammy's Nightmare) Victor
  Call It Stormy Monday But Tuesday Is Just as Bad
  T-Bone Walker (I Know) Black & White
  Chinese Boogie
  W. Mercer Ork (Early Morning) Mertone
  Do You or Don't You Love Me?
  N. Lutcher (The Song) Capitol Americana
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  Hold That Money
  G. Ammons \*Ork (McDougal's Sprout) Mercury
  Hold Me Blues
  Memphis Minnie (Killer Diller) Columbia
  I Know Your Wig Is Gone
  T-Bone Walker (Call It) Black & White
  If I Had Another Chance
  B. Samuels (One for) Mercury
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  S. Lombardi (Canta Pe) Victor
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  Hey, Polka (Upaj Sinpaj)
  E. Jasinski (Masons Wultz) Continental
  In the Middle of the Night (Wsrod Noenej Ciszy)
  E. Jasinski (Silent Night) Continental
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  O. Duman and His Minstrels (Cloque De)
  Victor
  Silent Night (Cicha Noc)
  E. Jasinski (In the) Continental
  When Christ Was Born (Gdy Sie Chrystus
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- E. Jasinski (He Lies) Continental
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Benny Goodman thrush Lillian Lane.

#### 2d Infringement Suit Vs. 'Laughing' NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Dan J. Sul-

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Dan J. Sul-livan last week filed suit against Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) and songwriters Ben Raleigh and Bernie Wayne charging infringement of his tune, Santa Catalina, for the composi-tion of Laughing on the Outside. This is the second infringement suit against the Laughing song in recent months. The first one fizzled. Sullivan alleges that he wrote his song before 1919 and renewed copy-right with BMI November 10, 1946. He charges that BMI pubbed Laugh-ing on the Outside with full knowl-edge that he owned the Santa Cata-lina ditty. Sullivan is seeking an in-

*lina* ditty. Sullivan is seeking an in-junction, damages and an accounting of the profits from the Laughing tune. The action is in U. S. District Court.

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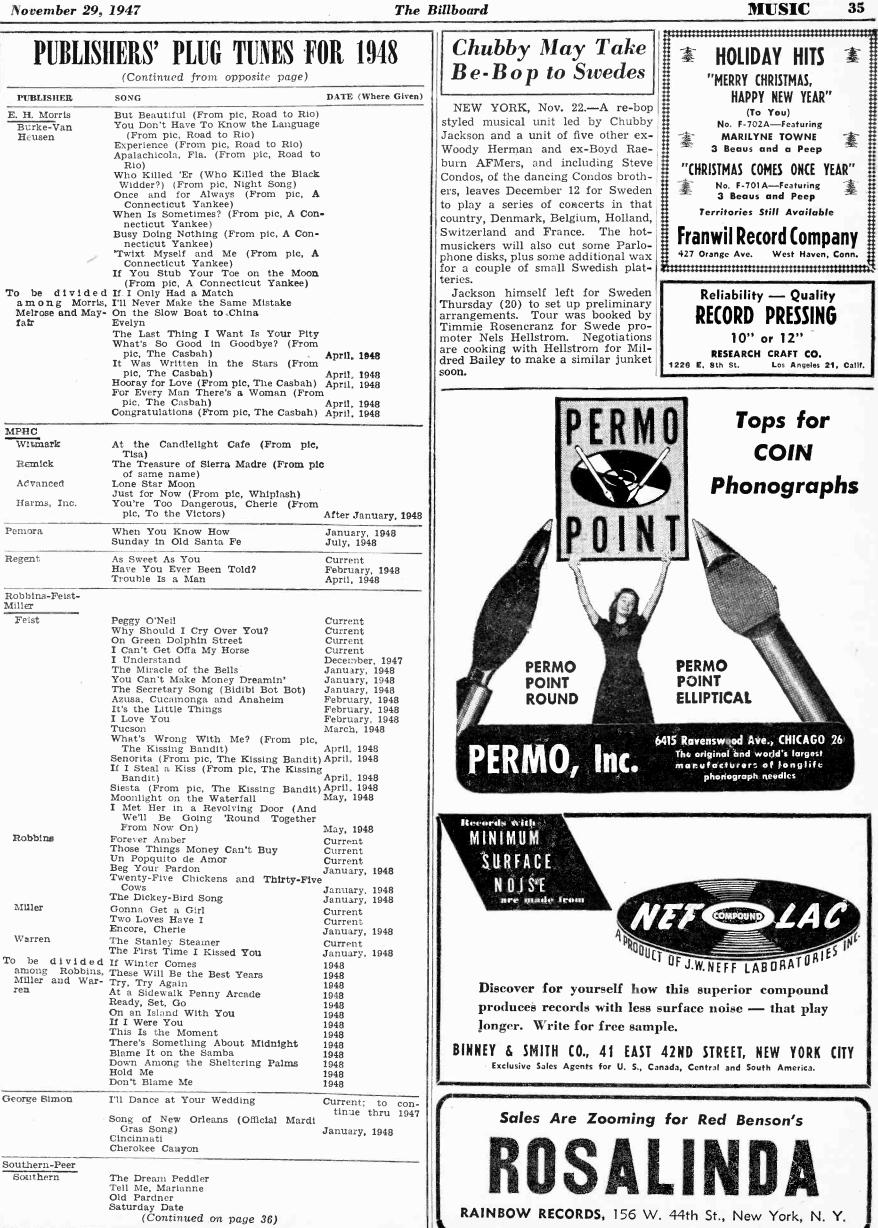
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	Au Revoir Roses of Picardy They Didn't Believe Me	
Dorsey Dorsey	I'll Be There	Current; to con- tinue indefinitely
Embassy	You Know What the Trouble Is, Baby	
Dreyer Dreyer	I'm A-Comin', A-Courtin' Corabelle I Never Loved Anyone There Ought To Be a Society (for the Prevention of Cruelty to Poor Unfor- tunate Lovers)	January, 1948 January, 1948 February, 1948
Jay Dee	We Just Couldn't Say Goodbye How Many Kisses I Don't Want To Meet Any More People I'm Looking for a Sweetheart When You Have Taken My Token of Love	-
Encore-Jewel		
Encore	Nina Nana On the Santa Claus Express	Current; to con- tinue for 4 more months Christmas season
Jewel	It's Kind of Lonesome Out Tonight	Current; to con- tinue for 3 or 4 more months
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	My Flame Went Out Last Night	
Famous-Paramount Paramount	Golden Earrings A Tune for Humming	Current January, 1948
Famous	Dream Girl What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? Don't Call It Love The Night Has a Thousnd Eyes	Current December, 1947
Jefferson-Valiant Jefferson	I've Only Myself To Blame I Went Down to Virginia No Moon at All	February, 1948 April or May, 1948 August, 1948
Johnstone	Why Does It Have To Rain on Sunday? A Bed of Roses	Current; to con- tinue Current; to con-
	Can It Ever Be the Same?	tinue April, 1948
E. B. Marks	There'll Be Some Changes Made	Current and con- tinuing
	All Dressed Up With a Broken Heart Miami Beach Rumba Beloved, Be Mine I Know It Every Day's My Birthday Gilly Gilly Wish Wash	
	Color Blind Time and Again Play the Playera Let's Sit the Next One Out Unkissed The Echo of a Whisper	
	Double Or Nothin' Silly No, Silly Yes	
Mellin Mellin	Love Is So Terrific	
Algonquin	Chillicothe, Ohio I'm Out To Forget Tonight	Current and con tinuing
Robert	I Long To Belong To You Music From Beyond the Moon May I Still Hold You?	
Mills	If It's True Mary Lou	Current January, 1948
E. H. Morris Sinatra Songs	I Was Talking To Myself About You Once Upon a Moonight Night Everybody Loves Somebody Ever Homeward (From pic, Miracle of the Bells)	
E. H. Morris	The Thousand Islands (From musical, Angel in the Wings) Big Brass Band From Brazil (From musical, Angel in the Wings) If It Were Easy To Do (From musical, Angel in the Wings)	
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The Last Thing I Want Is Your Pity What's So Good in Goodbye? (From pic, The Casbah) It Was Written in the Stars (From MPHC At the Candlelight Cafe (From pic, Tisa) The Treasure of Sierra Madre (From pic Witmark Remick of same name) Lone Star Moon Just for Now (From pic, Whiplash) You're Too Dangerous, Cherie (From pic, To the Victors) Advanced Harms, Inc. When You Know How Sunday in Old Santa Fe Pemora As Sweet As You Have You Ever Been Told? Trouble Is a Man Regent Robbins-Feist-Miller Peggy O'Neil Why Should I Cry Over You? On Green Dolphin Street Feist On Green Dolphin Street I Can't Get Offa My Horse I Understand I Understand The Miracle of the Bells You Can't Make Money Dreamin' The Secretary Song (Bidibi Bot Bot) Azusa, Cucamonga and Anaheim It's the Little Things I Love You Tucson Forever Amber Those Things Money Can't Buy Un Popquito de Amor Beg Your Pardon Twenty-Five Chickens and Thirty-Five Robbins The Dickey-Bird Song Gonna Get a Girl Two Loves Have I Encore, Cherie Miller The Stanley Steamer The First Time I Kissed You Warren The First Time I Kissed You o be divided If Winter Comes among Robbins, These Will Be the Best Years Miller and War-Try, Try Again ren At a Sidewalk Penny Arcade Ready, Set, Go On an Island With You If I Were You This Is the Moment There's Something About Midnight Blame It on the Samba Down Among the Sheltering Palms Hold Me Don't Blame Me To

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NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The copy-right infringement suit instituted by tunesmith Hilda Katz in New York Federal Court against Shapiro-Bern-stein pubbery, Mood Music, RCA Victor and writers Teddy Powell, Little Jack Little and Jack Palmer, involving infringement of her un-published tune, Wake Up My Heart (The Billboard, October 11), was set-tled out of court last week, according tled out of court last week, acco to her attorneys, Shlivek & Brin. according

#### Moffitt to Chicken Roost

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — Deke Moffitt and His Little Red Cabosses, novelty ork, will kick off a new en-tertainment policy for the Royal Chicken Roost, Broadway and 47th Street beanery here which recently housed the Zanzibar, with a four-week stand beginning November 26. The Chicken Roost is operated by Ralph Watkins. Ralph Watkins.

#### **Ballen To Larger Offices**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- The Ballen NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Ballen Record Company, Philadelphia disk-ery, will.soon move to new and larger quarters in that city to make way for its recently added distribution branch. The firm, which presses disks for small Eastern firms and puts out its own 20th Century label, is now distributor of Black and White, Starling Juke Boy Leff and Famous Sterling, Juke Box, Laff and Famous platters in Philly.



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# Canada Curb on McConkey Lands Yankee Showbiz

#### (Continued from page 4)

brassy joints like the Carnival, Leon and Eddie's, and the more inhibited Copacabana and the Martinique, which get a liberal mount of publicity thru Broadway columns read in Canada, would find a liberal sprinkling of Canuck kissers in the crowd. But those days are gone, for a good while anyway.

The effects on box offices which get a substantial return from Canadian visitors will be felt not only in New York, but in all cities close to border. Centers like Detroit the (near Windsor), Buffalo (near To-ronto), Minneapolis and Chicago (near Winnipeg), and Seattle and the West Coast generally south of Van-couver will be hit.

Miami Will Be Hit

The South will suffer, too. Miami, for example, which gets a hefty slice of its winter business from cold-shy Canadians, certainly will not see as many of them this year.

Also, many Canadians who came down to the U. S. giving shopping as an excuse for their trip, meanwhile taking in shows and niteries, will no longer be doing this, for the simple reason that they can't bring the stuff back across the border.

It is not clear yet whether per-formers in legit, vaude or niteries will be affected to the extent that they won't be able to collect a major part of their salaries in U. S. funds as heretofore. However, since the government has said nothing on that point yet, it is assumed that nothing will be done on that score for the moment at least.

It has also been learned that the government has been studying the matter of payment for U. S. platter radio shows brought into Canada. Some disclosure on the shipment, for this purpose, of U. S. funds out of Canada probably will be made soon.

#### Wax in Same Boat

Disks are in the same boat. Can-ada has a fairly good waxing industry of its own, but what will be done so far as the import of U. S. disks are concerned remains to be seen.

As a matter of fact, it can now be As a matter of lact, it can now be told that one of the purposes of the Ottawa bans is to encourage Cana-dian industry to pull up its boot straps and not depend on U. S. sup-plies. In the case of movies, for ex-ample, Reconstruction Minister C. D. How said the other day that there's Howe said the other day that there's no reason why a master print of the films couldn't be sent up here, with the printing of duplicates being done in Canada.

There's no doubt that Canadian show business will benefit, very di-rectly, from the bans, because many of the people who would otherwise spend their money in the U. S. will now stay in Canada to do it. This is especially significant as the holiday season approaches.

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#### **NIGHT CLUBS-COCKTAIL** Communications to 1564 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

## More D. C. Clubs **Buying Acts**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—After a long drought, local niteries are again featuring live talent, with at least three spots committed to a big name bid to move out of the category of a neighborhood club by putting in the Ted Weems orchestra, featuring Elmo Tanner. In the downtown s where Treasure Island gave up spot p the ghost, the Fiesta is presenting Hal McIntyre's band. Club Cairo, which McIntyre's band. Club Carro, which maintained the talent line almost by itself for a year, has followed up Ted Lewis with Martha Raye. Smaller spots are also featuring more acts. Mayflower Lounge, which once stuck to a policy of house bands

only, is dickering with New York agents for ballroom dancers. Club 400 remodeled its upstairs lounge into the Fame Room and is featuring

into the Fame Room and is featuring semi-names. A new spot called the 5th & K Club opened recently with Al Simmonds, who once held forth at the Brown Derby. Swank hotel spots like the Congo Room, Blue Room and Embassy Room are sticking to a dine-and-dance policy, with the Embassy oc-casionally breaking the monotony by bringing in big-name talent such as Hildegarde.

# **Bloom Backas FB** Lounge Head

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — Walter Bloom, who had been with Musical Entertainment Agency (MEA) since it was organized last June, is back with Frederick Bros. (FB) as head of the band and cocktail department. Bloom had been with FB for six years prior to his MEA affiliation. Henry Scott, an independent agent from Providence, has been hired to assist Bloom. Tom Kettering, vice-president and

Assist Bloom. Tom Kettering, vice-president and New York general manager, re-signed with FB for an additional year, his eighth, commencing January 1. MEA's Bill Peterson and Charlie Busch are considering a replacement

for Bloom.

### **Club Changes Hands** After U. S. Tax Bite

WARWICK, R. I., Nov. 22 .- Club

WARWICK, R. I., Nov. 22.—Club Cabana, night spot which figured in news recently when the internal reve-nue collector moved to collect delin-quent taxes, has been leased for 30 months by Adolfo DiSandro, of Provi-dence, and Edward J. Bertozzi, of Pawtucket. Thomas Rotelli, operator of the Club Piccadilly in Providence, is said to be in back of the new lessees of the club, which is owned by George H. Dean. Rotelli said the lease in-volves sale of stock held by Sidney Newman and Ruby Newman, of Bos-ton, and Frank Fishburn, of Magnolia, Mass., who formerly managed the place. Since the signing of the lease, the Cabana has been plugged by a flood of newspaper and radio adver-tising, featuring "no cover" policy and floorshows. tising, featuring and floorshows.

Philly EMA Renames Zwicker Philly EMA Renames Zwicker PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22 — En-tertainment Managers' Association (EMA) re-elected all officers at its annual meeting this week as follows: Edward C. Zwicker, president; James V. Loughran and Harry J. Ritter, vice-presidents, and Joel Charles, secretary-treasurer. Elected to the board, also for one-year terms, were Earl J. Ball, Eddie Mack, Fred Sieg-lee and James Smith. Five new mem-bers were admitted to the associa-tion: Lou Schleifer, Julian Hall, Harry Dobbs, Iggie Rau and Bill Jaffe.

### **IN SHORT**

### **New York:**

Dancers complain that a team now at Loew's State "borrowed" its Begin the Beguine number from DeMarco, the Liebestraum from De Marlo, the Pase Doble from Duanos and the rumba number from Paul and Eva Reyes. . . June Taylor will get the Chicago Stevens line chore exclusively, starting January 1. . . Phil Foster starts his first Coast date at Slapsy-Maxie's December 4. . . Friars will have a luncheon for Frank Sinatra December 5 at Dinty Moore's.

Hildegarde preems at Baltimore's Sheraton-Belvedere April 16 for 6G. The salary will include the band. April 26 the chantoosey has the Boston Copley Plaza instead of the usual Statler. . . Arthur Murray lost out at the Miami Beach Roney Plaza for which he paid \$3,500. Fred Astaire got the con-cession by paying \$4,500. . . . Three Suns start their first Midwest tour at the Chicago Oriental December 4.

The Royal Chicken Roost's initial flesh policy will have Deke Moffitt, who preems Wednesday (26). . . . Al Bernie, along with Moore and Lesee, subbed for Peter Lind Hayes, who missed the Copa opening because of ill-ness. Joe E. Lewis and Grace Hayes, Peter's mother, also took turns filling in. . . Jimmy Dunedin is the latest addition to the Frederick Bros. talent booking office. . . . The Gaudsmith brothers celebrated their 50th an-niversary in showbiz on their Loew's State date. . . Donald O'Connor will do personals in the East after the first of the year.

The Jim Wong Troupe of five, which recently appeared at Loew's State, has only four for road dates. Mrs. Wong stays in New York to care for her four children. . . . Bob Goodyou, formerly with Frederick Bros., and Warren Jacober have joined McConkey Music Corporation to assist Hattie Althoft in the act department. . . . Jackie Mabley, King Cole, Dusty Fletcher and Andy Kirk will make an all-Negro seven-reeler for RKO-Pathe in New York. . . . According to President Milton Deutch, Continental Artists Corporation has the exclusive booking rights for Havana Madrid acts starting with the current show.

Edith Piaff may go into the Versailles... Jimmy Durante will defi-nitely play the Copa on his first open date... Lee Mortimer, introduced at a local nitery on a celeb night, was greeted by boos and jeers... Lots of bundles being carried out of AGVA's offices just before Four A's took over. ... A comic who just caught another comic's act was asked by him how he liked the act. "Laugh! I thought I'd never start!" was the reply.

#### Chicago:

Dorothy Dorben has left Stevens Hotel's Boulevard Room as producer, with Eadie Barstow expected to replace her. . . Hildegarde will play the Stevens sometime next May. . . Shorty Balkan, former nitery op who had the Ball of Fire and other spots here, is operating a chicken ranch in Homewood, Ill.

Francisco Rio, of Rio and Rita, has dropped his dancing chore to work in the local McConkey act department... Marv Himmel is readying a series of tele shows over WBKB, built around the panto-record bits he did with the Three Make-Believes... Ed Beck, veteran booker and show producer and booker for the Bismarck Hotel, died in Los Angeles November 19.

#### Here and There:

Gordon Kibbler's newly organized Cover Girl Revue, after three weeks of break-in dates in the Midwest, began two weeks of theater dates for Warner Bros. at Butler, Pa., Monday (24). Deal is with options. Unit features Jolandas and Miklos, billed as the Original Hargitay Duo; the Wood-son Sisters, Toby Nevious (Grandpappy Doolittle), Kay Fansler, Inez De-Marco, and Don Cortez's eight-piece ork. . . . Pianist Al Morgan, now in his second week at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, opens Monday (1) in Erie, Pa., for a week before moving on to the Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis, for a three-week return stint.

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### Judge Raps Swish, Cack in Denying Cincy Club License

CINCINNATI, Nov. 22.—Common Pleas Judge Dana F. Reynolds, in Columbus, O., Wednesday (19), up-held the Ohio Liquor Board's refusal to renew a liquor permit for the Band Box Night Club, at Peebles Corner, local suburban business section. The liquor board turned down the

renewal application of the club, which employed female impersonators, be-cause "the spoken words and song" of the entertainers "constituted an exhibition not conducive to decent and moral conduct."

The Band Box had its liquor license The Band Box had its liquor license lifted several months ago when liquor control board agents visited the club and declared a performance by a bevy of female impersonators as lewd and immoral. The fem carbons had been at the Band Box for many months and had attracted a heavy may

play. Judge Reynolds in rendering his

decision Wednesday said: "Our entertainment field certainly needs cleaning up and one way to do so is to serve notice on people involved that if they persist in flaunting things which are unclean and indecent, some of their priviliges will be curtailed. Decent people encounter enough of the sordid in the ordinary course of events without having it manufac-tured and presented to them under the guise of entertainment."

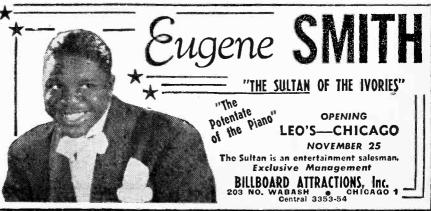
# Chi College Inn Sets Jock Plan **To Boost Gross**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.-In an attempt to bolster sagging grosses in the 550capacity College Inn of the Hotel capacity College Inn of the Hotel Sherman, Ernest Byfield, prexy of the Loop hostelry, this week revealed plans for a renovation job on the back bar and rear portion of the room, to be called the Celebrity Train. The projected lounge on which work is al-ready under way will utilize no live entertainment, but will spring a Chi-cago counterpart of Jack Eigen's disk jockey shot from the Copacabana around December 15 in Marty Hogan, new local disk jock, who started an new local disk jock, who started an 11:30 to midnight show over WCFL a month ago that has caught on rapidly.

The new lounge will air via WCFL from midnight to two ayem seven nights per week, with Hogan han-dling the interviews, while Byfield dling the interviews, while Byfield will do several commentaries a week on a variety of subjects. Hogan, a veteran politico during the Kelly regime, has a wide circle of ac-quaintances and expects to lure top showbiz names into the bistro. He has built wide listenership to his first WCFL shot, with guest appear-ances such as the recent half-hour show he did with Bob Hope and Jerry Colonna, an unusual guestar combo Colonna, an unusual guestar combo for a Chi jock. Show will have a for a Chi jock. Show will have a sponsor other than the Sherman Ho-tel and the recorded music may be piped in from the studio if clearance can be obtained from Local 10 of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) here. Room will be a sepa-rate unit from the adjoining Panther Brom so the show may get the okray Room, so the show may get the okay on the basis that it does not interfere with band on the stand in the neigh-borhood room. Deal for the radio show was set by Irwin Rose, of Na-tional Attractions.

Specific details for the lounge are specific details for the founge are as yet unavailable, but report is that Byfield intends to stick upward of \$50,000 into making it a Loop show-case, with caricatures by leading artists and perhaps a miniature train out up as motif of the room. Conseity set-up as motif of the room. Capacity will be 200, with no cover or minimum.





# SHELVEY ASKS--AND GETS--O **AGVA Topper Is On "Leave"** For 4 Weeks, Says He Is Ill; 4-A's Board To Run the Works

### "Missing" Minutes Turn Up at Lively Session

(Continued from page 3) (Continued from page 3) of all duties for a minimum period of four weeks. At the same time, according to a Four A's publicity re-lease, Shelvey suggested a commit-tee to run things during his absence. The Four A's discussed Shelvey's request, granted the leave, and ap-pointed the committee, which takes over all powers formerly exercised by Shelvey as national director. The five-man board made immediate ar-

five-man board made immediate arrangements to take over the national office, notified regional reps by wire and continued the normal operation of the union.

### Minutes Turo Up

At this meeting, Shelvey surren-dered the minutes of all delegate nomination meetings held thruout the nomination meetings held thruout the country a few months ago. Included in these were the minutes which Shelvey had previously said had been lost or mislaid (*The Billboard*, November 22). Shelvey was re-ported to have been asked now if the minutes presented to the Four A's were correct. His reply was said to have been that the only changes made were to improve the wording, make them read smoother. After the meeting, which started at

make them read smoother. After the meeting, which started at 11 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m., the new-ly formed committee of Hyman Fain, American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA); George Heller, American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA); Frank Reel (AFRA); Florence Mars-den, Screen Actors' Guild (SAG), and Dewey Barto (AGVA), went to the AGVA offices to take over the running of the union at once, in com-pany with Jones Silverstone and Mort Rosenthal, counsel for national AGVA. AGVA.

The five-man board, it is believed, will scrutinize all records in AGVA for the past five years and will, if necessary, send its own investigators into the field to check persistent rumors in performer ranks about some methods employed by the Shelvey administration in establishing and working with branch offices and locals.

So far as the convention site and the method of delegate voting appor-

# tionment are concerned, it is regarded as fairly certain the Chicago conven-tion will not be held. It is also indi-cated that the delegates—if and when elected—will get votes equivalent to the membership they represent, rather than an equal vote for all areas, regardless of membership, as first proposed.

Inst proposed. The committee was also empow-ered to review all discharges of em-ployees, the transfer of reps and the hiring of new reps. It has been in-structed to give its first report to the Four A's Thursday (27), when the executive committee of that body will again meet will again meet.

### **Club Ebony Preems** In N. Y. Next Month With Jazz Terpers

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Club Ebony will preem early in December on the site of the shuttered Rio Cabana, with a show featuring a jazz version of modern dancing. Ops Mabel Levy and Al Martin, formerly with This Is the Army, have selected eight ponies and four chorus lads from dancing schools in Memphis and New bonness and four chorus lads from dancing schools in Memphis and New Orleans for the terp routines directed by Archer Save (Katherine Dunham's partner), assisted by Kathleen (Rusty) Stanford, both of *Finian's Bainbow* Rainbow.

Dickie Wells, formerly associated with Dan Healy in several Cotton Club shows, will produce as well as do an act. Other acts so far con-tracted are Four Debutantes, and Jean Parks, who will make her night club Parks, who will make her night club singing debut. Mercer Ellington's ork will play for dancing and back up the show, tunes for which were written by Ellington and Buster Harding. An electric organ has been installed installed.

Owners say they are spending \$40,-000 to redecorate.

# Want \$25 Silver AGVA Card? Well, Are You Hartley, Maybe?

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Rank and file members have expressed a curiosity as to the cost of good will and as to the identity of the holders of silver AGVA honorary cards. These cards cost the membership treasury \$25 apiece up to October, 1946. After that date the bite became \$28. The names of holders of such cards (mostly politicians and newspapermen), with the news of these we authorized them, and the dates issued follow: the names of those who authorized them, and the dates issued follow:

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Leo Repp.		10/8/40
Cornelius Maloney		10/8/40
Danton Walker		11/4/41
Ralph Schugar		6/12/42
Ben Schrift		$\frac{6}{13}$
Dr. Ramon Ruiz		6/18/43
Comm. Paul Moss		8/3/43
Bob Fredericks		11/10/43
Rose Marie Valore		12/30/43
James E. Powers		4/28/44
Erval Powers		4/28/44
John Delmonte		5/22/44
Tom Toby Williams Jr	Matt Shelvey	11/16/45
Lt. Charles Snyder	Matt Shelvey	11/16/45
Capt. Dan Gilbert		11/16/45
Lt. Ralph Schoonmaker	Matt Shelvey	11/16/45
Edward J. Kelly		11/16/45
Jim Latham	Matt Shelvey	12/45
Albert Weiss Jr	Matt Shelvey	1/8/46
George Bourke		1/10/46
Jimmy Bauman	Matt Shelvey	1/11/46
Paul Brunn	Matt Shelvey	2/5/46
Lee Mortimer	Matt Shelvey	3/18/46
Earl Wilson	Matt Shelvey	5/6/46
Joe Howard		6/4/46
Louis Lederer	Matt Shelvey	7/10/46
Sid Grauman.	Matt Shelvey	7/12/46
Melvin J. Massucco		10/23/46
Joseph D. Keenan		1/27/47
Fred A. Hartley Jr		3/19/47
Dennis J. Mahoney		4/29/47
Harry Saffer		5/7/47
David Salter		6/3/47
Irving Kupcinet	Matt Shelvey	7/14/47
Max Wolfe	Matt Shelvey	10/28/47

### **Opening Bill Set** For Colonial Inn

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Danny Thomas, Ray Bolger and Joan Ed-wards will be on the opening bill at Miami's Colonial Inn, set for mid-December. Thomas will be in for December. only a week.

Following the exit of the Thomas-Bolger-Edwards show, Tony Martin and Joe E. Lewis will come in.

## Peg This One

**Peg This One** NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — Sam Bramson, of William Morris, reminded CRA's Peggy Loeb, a notorious word twister, of the time she referred to the English stars as Bea Lawrence and Ger-trude Lillie. Miss Loeb quickly changed the subject by asking how Dean Lewis was going over at the Chanticleer, Baltimore. The blank expression on Bramson's face told Peggy she did it again. She fled in a hurry. Then it dawned on Bramson it was the comedy team Dean Mar-tin and Jerry Lewis she meant.

### Penn on Line

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — The program committee that pre-sented the petition to the Four A's, which resulted in the Shel-vey leave of absence, has Robert Penn as its executive secretary. The signers of the original plat-form which all delegate nomi-The signers of the original plat-form which all delegate nomi-nees were to get, were Hope Foye, Jay Marshall, Jerry Reed, Dorothy Jarnac, Georgie Starr, Louise Howard, the Duanos, Consuelo and Melba, Irwin Corey, Franklin Twins, Eddie Kramer, Jack Guilford, Phil Leeds, Shirley Prager, Mark Feder, Jerry Brown, Nellie Lutcher, Sibyl Lewis, Jane Brown and Mark Robbin. Barrett Ineligible; AGVA'ers May Get Refunds of Fines

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NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Six admin-istration-backed nominees for dele-gate to the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) convention were stricken from the ballot this week when it was discovered they were in bad standing because of non-payment of dues. Four of the six were Marty Barrett, Harry Eaton, Frank Ross and Jackie Bright. The others were undisclosed. The Associated Actors and Artists of America (Four A's) takes a seri-ous view of this disclosure. Marty Barrett was on AGVA's arbitration board sitting in on meetings and NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Six admin-

Four A's now feels that any decisions in which Barrett participated are of questionable legality. Members who were fined by such a board can the-oretically apply to AGVA, thru the Four A's, for return of fines.

Also, in view of the fact that Bar-Also, in view of the fact that Bar-rett held that office for almost two years, any performers placed on the unfair list by the board during his service can claim the amount of money lost because of lay-offs occa-sioned by such "unfair" action.

AGVA officials explained that the board sitting in on meetings and deciding matters affecting AGVA members. In some cases the board levied fines against AGVA mem-bers or declared them unfair. The

### **Stem Vauder** In the Hopper

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Morey Amsterdam; his agent, Jack Kalcheim, and an angel will be co-producers of a vaude show in a New York house before the year is over, if present plans materialize.

The pattern will be similar to the Ken Murray Blackouts series on the Coast. Amsterdam will work in the show and will use about 10 other acts.

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### NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

### Cafe Society Downtown, New York

(Wednesday, November 12)

Capacity 210. Price \$2.50 minimum. Opera-tor, Barney Josephson. Booking, non-exclusive, Publicky, Marvin Kohn, Estimated budget this show, \$800. Estimated budget last show, \$800.

Rose Murphy's exuberance af-Rose Murphy's exuberance af-fected everything living and some inanimate objects within the scope of her planistics. No matter what she played, her chair squeaked in rhythm, the waiters served in unison to the music and the patrons breathed in regularity to the keyboard notes. She made the 88 seem as if it had 176. The stepped-up heat set off a 176. The stepped-up beat set off a marked contrast to her high, babytoned voice for effective results. Miss Murphy's individualistic style rates way up in entertainment value, as evidenced by enthusiastic mitting which called for four encores. Allen Melvin on a night club

Allen Melvin, on a night club floor for the first time, mimicked his way thru a host of screen personalities with adequate aptitude. Clev-er continuity carried the impersonations with no lagging from Fred-eric March to Gary Cooper, Humphrey Bogart, Boris Karloff and Charles Laughton, to mention a few. Allen's hard working, sincere efforts, com-bined with good mike technique achieved from years of radio an-nouncing, paid dividends in the form of a good response. Dorothy Jarnac, accompanied by

the dramatic soprano of Hope Faye, received a warm hand from an understanding audience. Both Jarnac and Faye, holdovers, have been reviewed before.

Dave Martin's ork (5) opened the show with two rhythm numbers which started the ball rolling at a fast pace. Martin backed the show show and played for dancing, spelled by Cliff Jackson at the baby grand. Jack Tell.

### Persian Room, Hotel Plaza, **New York**

(Thursday, November 20)

Capacity, 275. Price policy, \$1.50-\$2, cover after 9:30. Shows at 9:30 and 12:15. Owner-operators, Hilton Chain. Booking policy, Merriel Abbott, exclusive. Publicity, Dorothy King. Estimated budget this show, \$1.200. Estimated budget last show, \$2,500.

Because the Copa opening was called off, the usual Copa customers flocked into the Plaza for Phil Re-gan's preem, making the room look like an annex of Monte Proser's up-holstered cellar. Even Joe E. Lewis was there in a cow-puncher get-up,

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explaining, "I didn't want to get drunk in my own suit," and generally titillating the customers with one of his typical ad lib routines—also shocking some of the regulars.

It was unfortunate for Regan that Lewis came on the floor, because after the comic walked off. it was Lewis they spoke about, not Regan.

Regan looked better than he has in a long time; he even sang better. Unfortunately, he had the mike chest high, and could be heard only with difficulty. The Joel Herron band did an outstanding job in backing but an outstanding job in backing, but when Herron went diminuendo, the singer dittoed; the effect was unchauged. When Regan got communchanged. When Regan got commun-ity singing help it was still worse. He couldn't be heard at all. If the tenor wants to reach the entire room he'll have to raise that mike. It doesn't have to hide his face, but certainly it can reach his chin. Bedry's routing was mice to

Regan's routine was mixed up between pops, ballads and Irish num-bers, with the crowd keeping him on for almost 45 minutes, beating on for almost 45 minutes, beating time with rhythmic applause to his Irish reel prancing vamps. His in-fectious personality proved conta-gious, and customers couldn't seem to get enough of him. However, the room was filled with his friends. How the ex-cop, turned singer, will do at the gate after opening night is open to doubt. do at the gate and open to doubt. Mark Monte's group won plenty of dance action when it played its sets. Bill Smith.

### Hickory House, New York (Tuesday, November 18)

Capacity, 250. Price policy, no cover, min-imum or amusement tax. Shows, continuous. Owners, John Popkin and Jack Goldman. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Estimated budget this show, \$800. Estimated budget last show, \$600.

Joe Marsala returned to music biz Joe Marsala returned to music biz last week at his stomping ground of a decade ago, the Hickory House, with a slick quintet. In 1937 the Hickory was more famous for its hot music than it was for its steaks. To-day, the opposite. But lovers of good music can still find plenty of kicks emanating from the bar-enclosed stage. stage.

Marsala, who today is an enter-prising toy manufacturer (Toono, the disk game, is his baby), still plays lots of clarinet and particularly im-presses with his low register tootling. He is surrounded with a quartet of the musicilerant including. He is surrounded with a quartet of fine musickers, including Adele (Mrs. Marsala) on harp and Chuck Wayne on guitar. Both pluck entic-ing jazz-quiet, subtle and easy-flowing. Despite the lack of a drum-mer, the quintet, in performing mostly standards of the evergreen variety (What Is This Thing Called Love?, Lover, Body and Soul, etc.), manages to achieve a solid beat from the Kenny O'Brien bass pluckings and the left hand of pianist Sherry Edwards. Edwards.

The group has plenty of musical polish. Its soft, easy-gaited efforts could probably sell in almost any intimate lounge.

To keep the music continuous, the spot has a fem intermission pianist, Trudy Lewis, pecking out the hearts-and-flowers tunes for the bar trade. Hal Webman.

### **Follow-Up Reviews**

HAREM, NEW YORK: Myron Co-hen and Kitty Kallen, replacing Moore and Lessy and Paul Gray, haven't changed the quality of the show. It still is one of the best buys on the Stem. Cohen's dialect gags are made to order for the Harem aud-ience. Kitty Kallen's singing is equal-ve effective the in a different manner

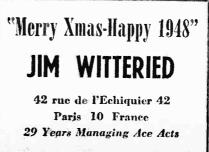
lence. Kitty Kallen's singing is equal-ly effective tho in a different manner. Opening night (16) Cohen came out in a king size turban and Arabian robes to get walk-on laughs that started him way ahead. He stayed ahead and wound up threatening to stop the show. In fact, it wasn't until the Jack Cole Dancers were well into their wording that the are well into their routine that the ap-

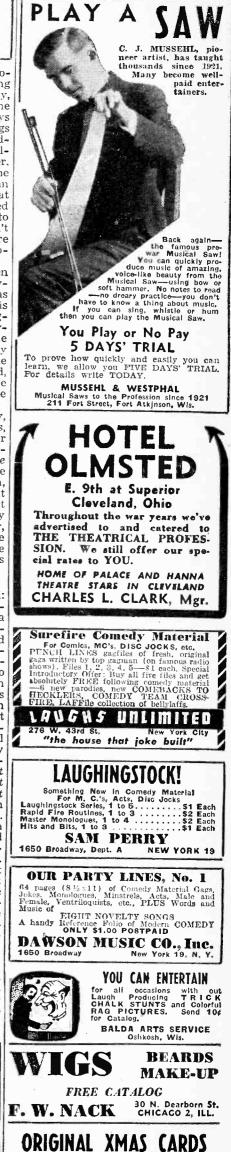
well into their routine that the ap-plause died down. As a dialect story teller, Cohen stands alone. But it is in his deliv-ery and showmanship that he has acquired the additional polish. His sudden switches from straight Eng-lish to dialect, Italian, Irish or Jew-ish, is startling and by the same token, hilarious. Material is basically the same but only a Cohen can take the same, but only a Cohen can take a gag that's been kicked around, give it a twist, make it sound like something fresh, and lay them in the aisles

Kitty Kallen, looking quite pretty, has tied an act together that sells, tho it wasn't until her last number that she really registered. Her spe-cial, I Wish I Had a Daddy in the White House, pulled some handsome yocks. In her take-offs of Merman, Horn and Logan she did okay but hardly more than that. The fact that Lee Bartell, production canary in the show, sings, unintentionally, so much like Merman makes the comparison between Kallen and Lee Bartell apparent, and not to Miss Kallen's benefit. Bill Smith

LE RUBAN BLEU, NEW YORK: The addition of Connie Sawyer's low-down hokum to the show provided a good touch for a well-rounded eve-ning. The blonde comedienne belted out Bud Burtson's special arrangeout Bud Burtson's special arrange-ments with much mugging and clown-ing. Every line had at least two laughs with a yock for a punch. On the East Side for the first time, Miss Sawyer made her presence felt by an unconventional rambling in and about unconventional rambling in and about unconventional rambling in and about the tables while maintaining an in-cessant chatter. Her nonsensical props aided in creating a field day for guffaws. The hep chirp's novel-ties titled, Hey, Good Lookin'-Get Your Pic Tookin'; Selling Sex at Saks, Winnie the Confidential Wet Wash Worker and a burlesque on Love For Sale spoke for themselves. Sonja Cortis, an importation from Greece, showed a powerful voice and dramatic presentation in three num-bers directed at the long-haired set. bers directed at the long-haired set. The buxom blonde turned a slight accelt to advantage by a clever knack of repeating simple words in the lyrics. Her mike savvy and an ob-livious-to-the-audience delivery were evidence of showmanship. Miss Cor-tis was right at home in this ultra-intimate spot intimate spot.

George Kreisler, one of the holdover acts came up with an entirely over acts came up with an entirely new repertoire of adult-witted, piano-accompanied intelligent novelty ar-rangements. Other acts held over (reviewed October 11) were Maxine Sullivan, Wally Blacker and the Nor-man Paris Trio. Jack Tell.

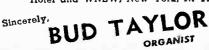




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**NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE** 

Million Dollar, Los Angeles (Tuesday, November 18)

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# Capacity, 2,400. Prices, 55-98 cents. Four shows daily. House booker, Bill McElwain. Show played by Gerald Wilson ork.

It's homecoming week for baseball's rookie of the year, Jackie Robinson, who this week heads the bill at the Million-Dollar. Robinson is a native son of Pasadena and UCLA grad, hence interest in his accom-plishments is high locally. Neverthe-less, opening show found Robinson playing to a half-empty house.

His brief stint earned him a respectful hand. Altho his appearance naturally lacks the polish of showbiz, he speaks with humility and sincerity. winning seatsitters immediately. Act consists of an interview by Monte Hawley, who primes Robinson with leading questions on his youth, college career, experiences with the Brooklyn Dodgers, climaxed by a message on juve delinquency, toler-ance and good sportsmanship. This is not vaude fare, to be sure, but coming from a youth who has earned the respect of the nation, his preachments are well taken.

While Robinson is the headliner, the Gerald Wilson ork (17) provides the lion's share of entertainment. Altho relatively unknown for lack of proper disk exploitation, crew bears careful watching. Band features original arrangements, clean instru-mentation and polished fronting by Wilson. In style, ork is built along Duke Ellington lines, as shown in such original tunes as Dissonance in A crew musicians recognize to Blue. be far above average, Among side-should be forthcoming. Among side-footured are bass thumper be far above average, public acclaim Charles Drayton and 88-er Jimmy Dunn. Trumpeter Arthur Walker doubles on vocals with a highly salable version of the oldie, I May Be Wrong.

Supporting bill is solid and variety packed. Hoofers Earl and Francis sell three tap routines with zest and speed. Thrush Mabel Scott, a lusty lass who sings with her hips as well as vocal chords, stopped the show cold with frantic versions of That's My Desire, Please Believe Me and St. Louis Blues. She shouts, wiggles, and squirms with a delivery matched by few. For comedy. Johnny Taylor is packed. Hoofers Earl and Francis squirms with a delivery matched by few. For comedy, Johnny Taylor is spotted just before Robinson's ap-pearance, doing a mock baseball pitcher routine. He does the action, while offstage voice recreates baseball atmosphere. Routine builds for laffs atmosphere. Routine builds for laffs and paves the way for Robinson's entry

Pix, The Hat Box Mystery and The Case of the Baby Sitter. Biz, poor. Alan Fischler.

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### VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

Loew's State, New York (Thursday, November 20)

Capacity, 3,500. Prices 50 cents-\$1. Four shows daily, five Saturdays. House booker, Sidney Piermont. Shows played by Louis Basil's house ork in the ptt.

Here's an example of six well chosen acts, not one sensational, wrapped up in a compact package, delivering 80 minutes of even-paced, diverting ou minutes of even-paced, diverting entertainment. Proof was the attitude of satisfaction in the hard-boiled exiters as the jammed-house second show broke.

Georgie Price displayed deep show wisdom opening with a hep intro for his Bye, Bye Blackbird association. From there on in they ate up everything he offered, never going overboard, but were pleasantly excited thruout. Then Price's w.k. established thruout. Then Price's w.k. established voice and at least half the act was wasted on the inevitable and inept mimicries of Al Jolson, George Jessel, Eddie Cantor and Harry Richman, which, nevertheless, the customers accepted. However, when Price did his own excellent (but a trifle pre-mature) opera-income tax bit, the rhythmic ditties received a sponta-neous outburst. Price has the savvy, ability and appeal and lacks only ability and appeal, and lacks only the proper material out of his vast repertoire to land a top spot in a legit show, where he belongs.

#### Maxine Sullivau

Sullivan. Dulcet-toned Maxine doubling from Le Ruban Bleu, had an intelligent selection of sweet tunes, showed dignified demeanor in a soft spot and was fittingly gowned as she throbbed clear-as-a-bell notes thru three numbers. She was politely mitted. Her Loch Lomand, a natural anywhere, probably would have torn the house down as an encore with proper intro. As chirped it was just another song in a routine.

The Debonairs sang, danced and The Debonars sang, danced and cavorted about the boards in aristo-cratic unison doing their standard numbers without a hitch. The five good-looking lads displayed sock novelty class in the second slot with picturesque patterns winding up with their mechanical age offering. They went off to a fine hand.

#### Think-a-Drink Hoffman

Think-a-Drink Hoffman bartendered his way thru his standard rou-tine. Flashed by two shapely fems, the speedy pource greeted audience participants with any drink they called out. The pat act held them all the way.

Teddy Rodriguez and Phyllis closed the show with solid ballroomistics in an individualistic Latin number, an an individualistic Latin number, an authentic tango and a clever whirl-wind finish for a handsome payoff. The personable team showed articu-late stance flashed by the fem's shapely gams in a high slit gown. The Kanazawa Trio (men) did re-markable tumbles in unimaginable rapidity for a stick-out novelty show opener to set the ball rolling for the fast-paced show. Jack Tell.



barreled attraction includes Marilyn Maxwell, and Red Ingle and the Nat-ural Seven. It's the first time the management has had two headliners in one show since the return of flesh four months ago.

Riverside, Milwaukee

(Thursday, November 13)

Capacity, 2.600. Prices, 55, 65 and 95 cents. Four shows daily, five on week-ends. Shows played by Johnny Zuemeyer's house ork in pit. House booker, Charley Hogan.

Ingle's musical burlesque is a nat-ural for Milwaukee audiences. It's a bit more subtle than that of his former boss, Spike Jones, who packed Milwaukee Auditorium for a the korncert last spring. Ingle has re-placed pistols, boilers and auto horns with brilliant pantomime and clever satire. Practically all sidemen double on other instruments, giving the outfit amazing flexibility and range for such a small unit. Country Washburn gives the rustic rhythms Washburn gives the rustic rhythms a nice change of pace with a hot guitar solo. Another top instrumental feature is a bit of solid drumming on the bull fiddle for a unique duet. Band is at its best on Cigarettes, Whisky and Wild, Wild Women, in which everybody drops instruments to sing Another show stopper is to sing. Another show stopper is Timtayshun, the corn classic that put Ingle in the big money. Vocalist Karen Tedder tosses her voice around a surprising manner for a big in mitt.

#### Marilyn Maxwell

Miss Maxwell is beautifully showcased in black chiffon and rates plenty of whistles. She's the first flickerette to come this way in years with something to sell besides glamor. Routine consists mostly of special stuff, including the double entendre *That's Good Enough for Me*, her en-core. Both that and *Civilization* got nice mitts, but her intro-something about her contract—failed to ring the It seems better suited for night s. During show caught (openbell. clubs. ing) she was having trouble with pit band. The whole show, in fact, hadn't quite jelled yet and there were quite a few rough spots.

The headliners got good support from Frank Evers and Dolorez, danc-ing aerialists, and Coley Worth and Marcia, comedy team. Frank and Marcia, comedy team. Frank and Dolorez kept the customers from sitting on their hands, with breath-taking ballroom, burlesque and ballet dances on the wire. Dolorez's color-ful costumes fitted as tight as the wire, but didn't hamper her style.

Business is off slightly, getting tough competition from The Red Mill, which opened Monday (17) to a full house at the Davidson. Pic, Out of the Blue.

Don Dornbrook.

### Chicago, Chicago

(Friday, November 21, Capacity, 3,900. Prices, 95 cents straight. Five shows daily, six on week-ends. House booker. Nate Platt. Shows played by Lou Breese's house ork.

Tho house has cut its usual vaude nut way down because of pulling power of Bob Hope's Where There's Life, quality of the current bill is high. Opening show audience was not up to the high caliber of house's audiences, for Hope's flicker seemed to draw more raucous-type pew sitter and several of the acts had a hard time of it with the noise. The Acromaniacs, who are getting

to be a house fixture with three ap-pearances in little over a year, go over bigger each time. The youth-ful appearing brother acro trio never (See Chicago, Chicago on page 44)

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Gayety, Montreal

November 29, 1947

(Monday, November 10).

Capacity 1,500. Price 30 cents to \$2. Two shows daily, three on Saturday, none Sunday. Shows booked by Manager Tom Conway. Show played by Lew Howard's ork in the pit.

One of the few remaining all-vaude houses on the continent, the Gayety caters to a wide range of audience, as can be seen above by a gander at the prices. On a two-a-day basis, the house usually gets a more hep mob at night than it does at mati-nees, so it takes some smart talent juggling to keep everybody happy. Tom Conway, knowing that the ultra-smart comedy material gets nowhere here, especially in the matinees, con-ners and as in the centrates on sight acts, and as in the current parlay, often comes up with

something real good. Best buy in many a moon are the Gay Nineties stars — a package of seven performers—that bring hefty mitting from all parts of the joint. It's good straight-from-the-shoulder talent, with the old-timers (age 65 and up) showing the young guys and gals that there's plenty of showman-ship still left in the aged limbs. Minnie Allen warbles Pull for the Shore and similar items; Jeanette Dupre vo-cals Alexander's Ragtime Band and Row, Row, Row, etc.; Billie Hines hits the jackpot with his beard, and minstrelsy; Bohn and Bohn, in their acro and hand balancing, sell big in that measured, sure-footed style of yesteryear; Joyce Chandler gives out with some trumpeting that could make many a younger guy envious; Bill McCullough hangs 'em in the rafters with some sparkling tapping and Lee Tracy brings back the nos-talgia with a bell-ringing act that clicks. Whether it's the nostalgia trend or talent that sells these oldis unimportant; the fact is imers

that they register big. The rest of the layout is made up of good solid talent that's still lucky enough not to have to follow the old enough not to have to follow the old-timers. Milt Moss, in the emsee spot paces the lay-out nicely, has a neat sense of delivery and sells the punches for healthy yocks. Clem Belling and Company has a cute switch to his dog act. He's (See Gayety, Montreal on page 44)

#### **Oriental**, Chicago

(Thursday, November 20)

Capacity, 3,200. Price, 95 cents straight. Five shows daily, six on week-ends. House booker, Charley Hogan. Shows played by Carl Sands's orchestra. Five booke

Old-time vaude was resurrected for old-time value was resurrected for this variety bill with extremely good results. Stage Producer Will Harris worked two acts behind a scrim, while intervening two acts worked out in front of the curtain.

out in front of the curtain. The Appletons, working in front of a Parisian cafe screen, got im-mediate attention with their Apache work, the best seen at this house in months. The man and two girls are well costumed and carry plenty of startling props, such as the door that flips out knives on its surface and the sham glass backdrop behind the bar, thru which the man pitches the last girl to close the act. Act sustains girl to close the act. Act sustains tension thruout and grabbed a mitt that won a call-back.

Air throater Jack Smith impresses (See Oriental, Chicago opposite page)





The Billboard

# New York: Stem B.-O. Sags 53G; M. H. Hits Boff 124G; Strand, 41G

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. -- Despite three new bills and nippy fall theaterthree new bills and nippy fall theater-bolstering weather, the half dozen Stem vaude-pic houses grossed a poor \$390,000, a \$53,500 drop from the previous session. Most, disappointing returns showed at the Capitol, where Frank Sinatra's debut was good for only \$55,000, mainly because the weak-and was dented by the grooper's week-end was dented by the crooner's

week-end was dented by the crooner's absence due to illness from after the first show Saturday thru Monday. The Capitol (4.627 seats; average \$72,000) opened for a weak \$55,000 despite heavy advance heraldry of Frank Sinatra who topped a bill in-cluding Lorraine Rognan, Skitch Henderson, the Will Mastin Trio and Her Husband's Affairs. The Paramount (3,654 seats; aver-age, \$85,000) with the King Cole Trio, Connie Haines, Randy Brooks and ork, Bobby Lane and Claire, Bob Evans and Wild Harvest registered \$75,000 for the opening period. Two-Weeker Closes

#### Two-Weeker Closes

Two-Weeker Closes Loew's State (3.500 seats; average, \$25,000) did a fair \$25,000 with Red Buttons, Betty Bruce, the Staff Mc-Mann Trio, June Richmond, the Gaudsmith Brothers, the Mack Trip-lets and De Lage and Shirley. The pic, *Merton of the Movies*, closed a two-weeker. The new show (reviewed this week) has Georgie Price. Maxing this week) has Georgie Price, Maxine Sullivan, Think-a-Drink Hoffman, Rodriguez and Phyllis, the Debonairs, the Kanazawa Trio and Widow of Wagon Gap. The Radio City Music Hall (6,200

the second stanza at a good \$124,000, after a juicy \$145,000 opener, for a total so far of \$265,000 with Stan Kavanagh, Lucile Cummings, Brian Sullivan, Ben Dova and Cass Timber-Brian lane.

#### The Roxy Is Slow

The Roxy is Slow The Roxy (6.000 scats; average, \$85,000) fell to a slow \$70,000 in the fourth inning, after opening with a sock \$162,000 followed by a good \$133,000 and a substantial \$108,000 session. Total for the run so far

### Indianapolis:

### **T. Dorsey Pulls** 25G at Circle

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 22.-Tommy INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 22.—Tommy Dorsey and his ork drew \$25,000 at the Circle Theater (2,880 seats; 74 cents-\$1.20) the week ended Novem-ber 13. On the bill were Ziggy El-man and Charlie Shavers. Gordon Polk and Stuart Foster handled vo-cals with Lucy Ann. Extra attrac-tions, vaudeville relief billed as Pro-fessor Backwards and the Acrobatic Emerald Sisters. Emerald Sisters. Pic, High Tide.

#### Anson Poor 15G at Mil \$

LOS ANGELES, November 22,-Disk Jockey Bill Anson's Hollywood Bandstand revue pulled a chilly \$15,200 at the Million Dollar (2,400 seats, 55-98 cents admission) despite the Armistice Day holiday biz boost. However, the house is happy, as this was a low-budget stage package. Bill included Herb Jefferies, Kay Starr, Little Miss Cornshucks, the Mulcays, D'Varga ork plus Anson as emsee emsee.



added to \$473,500 for Veloz and Yolanda (replaced by Mario and Floria after three weeks, one day and three performances) and Sid Caesar. Pic,

performances) and Sid Caesar. Fie, Forever Amber. The Strand (2,700 seats; average, \$40,000) garnered \$41,000 after open-ing at \$58,000 making a two-week total of \$99,000 for Frankie Carle, Jack E. Leonard, Olsen and Joy and Escape Me Never.

### **Boston**: **New Vaude Policy** Off to 22G Stumble

BOSTON, Noy. 22 .- The vaude policy that seems to be replacing the Boston's policy of a name band plus a star did a tailspin for the week ended Wednesday (19). The take was ended Wednesday (19). The take was \$22,000, against a \$28,500 average. Film crix gave both the show and the pic socko reviews, but the cash customers stayed away. Connee Bos-well and Buck and Bubbles headed the bill. Pic: The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap. Current show of seven acts is

Current show of seven acts is topped by Betty Bruce, Steve Evans and Hi, Lo, Jack and the Dame. Pic: Black Gold.

### Nitery Biz Hurt By Garden Benefit

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Stem cafes had one of their worst Monday nights in recent history this week, a condition attributed to the Madison Square

Garden Night of Stars benefit. Garden take was estimated at \$125,-000, which club ops say they helped by buying tickets in addition to sending over their shows. "We don't mind contributing to a worthy cause, and the Night of Stars is a worthy cause. But in helping them we put out But in helping them we are cutting our own throats," said one of the big-

our own throats, sand one of the org-gest cafe ops. "A couple of more nights like that and we'll be out of business. Instead of actors working benefits for free, somebody will have to run benefits for them just to keen them in eating for them just to keep them in eating money," was the forecast made by another cafe owner.

### **ORIENTAL, CHICAGO**

(Continued from opposite page) immediately with a smart appearance and ready smile that abets his dis-tinctive piping. Worked the gamut of the top pops, bringing on the Four Clark Sisters, who formerly worked as the Sentimentalists with Tommy Dorsey, to harmonize with him as they do on his Capitol platters. The smartly gowned gals enhance the act, vocally and optically. Routine could vocally and optically. Routine could use one special material comedy number to break the series of romantic

ber to break the series of romantic ballads. Coley Worth hid his comedy value under old material. When he got off his ad libs he showed plenty of zany potential, but the hoary routines weren't up to his smart delivery. Act livened up a bit when he brought on statuesque Marcia to work the comedy j-bug closer. His encore, in which he twirls a rope around his neck and almost chokes himself, is more his style and drew huge yocks. Red Ingle's Natural Seven could please for five minutes by just let-ting pew-sitters gape at them. Be-hind a backdrop that showed them riding flying disks in costumes, plus

riding flying disks in costumes, plus stands showing caricatures of top

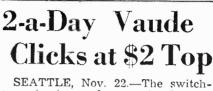
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### **Omaha:**

**NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDE GROSSES** 

### **Pix Vs. Vaude-Pix**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-The current slump in the total take for the six Stem vaude-pic houses can be blamed in part on the terrific competition in neighboring straight flicker houses. Gentlemen's Agreement broke the Mayfair's all-time record with an astounding \$82,500. Body and Soul hit a remarkable \$65,000 for the meand source \$65,000 for the second session, after the first week topped all previous Globe grosses with \$71,000.



eroo to two-a-day vaude from a grind flicker (foreign and revivals) at the Metropolitan Theater is apparently paying off.

House (1,400 seater) scaled from 50 cents to \$2, operated by Hugh Beckett Jr., and booked thru Joe Daniels, uses mostly semi-name and standard acts available thru the ter-ritory fitting the \$6,000 budget.

For the 10 days ended November For the 10 days ended November 16, house took in \$25,000 for Beatrice Kay. Eddie Peabody plus five sup-porting acts. House buys its acts for 10-day runs, the no set policy is followed. Plan currently calls for a continuation of the two-a-day (that's the show's handle) thru January 4.

Theater has no vaude competition, altho there are four other theaters in an area of four blocks. Two houses are university owned; the third is the Seattle Repertory, now in its 20th year, and the fourth is the Tryout Theater which puts on originals by American playwrights.

FORT WORTH, Nov. 22.-Clover Club, a night club in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, will stop us-ing bands December 15 and will substitute a Hammond organ for dancing.

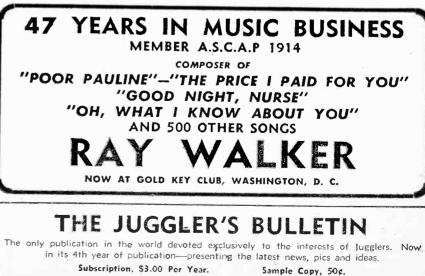
longhair penners, Ingle had seven longhair penners, Ingle had seven of the funniest costumed guys in years. While his presentation is a bit similar to Spike Jones's, there's enough new props and music to dif-ferentiate. Highlights were Karen Tedder's Carmen Mirandish vocaliz-ing while Ingle eats fruit off her hat, and numbers like *Ciagarettes*. Whiskey ing while ingle eats fruit off her hat, and numbers like *Cigarettes*, *Whiskey* and *Women* and *That's What I Like About Nowhere*. Ingle could slow the tempo of his vocals a little or use better diction, for it's difficult to get the important lyrics especially on his new numbers. Opener, *The Anvil Chorus*, is a good corned-up version musically but needs some generative. musically but needs some comedy ac-tion to catch the eye. Johnny Sippel.





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Beneke Pulls 22G

At Omaha Orpheum

OMAHA, Nov. 22.—Tex Beneke and his band rolled up a \$22,000 gross for the week ended Wednesday (19) at the Orpheum. Pic, Lost

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Honeymoon.

# **Production Costs Starting Post-War Decline at Last; Houses Now in Less Demand**

### There Are Ways To Cut Corners, Save \$\$

(Continued from page 3) 24G. Most expensive production items in the show were the gowns by Mainbocher and Bergdorf-Good-man, \$5,200. The scenery, which generally weighs most heavily in the budget, cost \$4,900 for painting and designing. Wilson's general man-ager, C. Edward Knill, cut costs by repainting the set for *Present Laugh-ter*, a Wilson production of last sea-son, saving \$5,000. Instead of buying new props he used old stuff or had some furniture copied for much less than ordinary cost. The show's budget included 4G for props, \$1,500 for electrical equip-ment, \$4,700 for rehearsal expenses and \$1,133 for advertising. Tho the play is grossing above 20G per week, the return to the backers is coming in slowly because of the high operat-ing nut, with Miss Bankhead's salary (Continued from page 3)

in slowly because of the high operat-ing nut, with Miss Bankhead's salary the most expensive item.

Man and Superman, starring Mau-rice Evans, was produced for 60G. The Shaw play has three sets, but was built for the road in the legit off season, taking advantages of cut rates in scenic studios.

### Salaries Tumble

In spite of a \$10 raise in minimums to Chorus Equity, salaries for actors and actresses have tumbled some-what from last year. The thesps were much more in demand during 1946-'47 and consequently could ask for more dough. One producer casting a show relates how an actor walked into his office asking for \$750 a week into his office asking for \$750 a week and by the time the interview ended would have been glad to get the role

for \$500. The season's slowness has also re-duced building and painting costs. Competition is stronger. Last year there also was more overtime paid for scenic construction. All the smoke and fire about scenic costs stem not from the jump in wage scales but from constantly skyrocketing ma-terial costs.

terial costs. One business manager for a Broad-way musical reports that costs soar where there is no experienced pro-ducing organization. His viewpoint is that designers build ultra-realistic sets which are not needed on some types of shows. By working with a designer within a specific budget and substituting cheaper materials and using more paint, the producer can make sizable savings. This one saved 25G on one show that way. However, not all designers are will-ing to work under those conditions. Rail Fares Up 25%

#### Rail Fares Up 25%

One department where costs have been hiked is railroad fares, but while the jump is 25 per cent, it doesn't tally much in the production of a new show.

Theater costs are about the same as ever—\$4,000 per week, with the house's take increased with greater grosses. But this seems to be only the lull before the storm. Last year theater owners had a seller's market. theater owners had a seller's market. A change is taking place, and if it isn't a buyer's market now, it likely will be by spring. This doesn't mean that houses on the two thea-ter stems—44th and 45th streets— aren't in demand. They are. But off those streets the picture isn't too good for the owners. International Theater hasn't had a

good for the owners.300 and expects to do about 18G thisInternational Theater hasn't had aweek in Cleveland, a repeat engage-show so far this season.CaribbeanCarnival, which arrives there nextLucasta, one of the biggest Ameri-week, received a royal roasting fromLucasta, one of the biggest Ameri-the Philadelphia crix and isn't likelyAnnie, Get Your Gun and Oklahomato last.Ben Marden, the owner of

the Playhouse, was responsible for bringing The French Revue, now there, over from Paris. Of course, the shortage of houses for musicals helps those which are not too near those two streets. With several mu-sicals in production the Century The-ater up on 50th Street and Seventh ater up on 59th Street and Seventh Avenue will have a show soon after High Button Shoes leaves in Decem- $\mathbf{ber}$ 

However, the portent is there and producers should soon be able to get theater owners to gamble with them on the success of a show instead of having to lay the cabbage on the line.

### **Paris Ballet Russe** Hits 4,989 in Run

PARIS, Nov. 22.—Col. W. de Basil's Ballet Russe gave its 4,989th per-formance at the Palais de Chaillot here last week. The mystery is how the ballet has achieved this astro-nomical number of soirees and can still pack 'em in. It certainly is not because of the choregraphy, which belongs back in the schoolroom, or because of the dancers' technique, which for the most part would not pass a ballet school exam, let alone reach a professional stage. It must be the Colonel's personal charm and in-fluence. fluence.

Aurora's Wedding (Tchaikowsky) which opened the program, could not have been danced with less grace or staged with less imagination. Rossini's *The Piccoli* was little better. Strauss' *Cadet Ballet*, in which Vladimir Doroudosky and Renee Jeanmaire in-ioated come life, humor and good Doroudosky and Renée Jeanmaire in-jected some life, humor and good dancing, was the only relief in an un-inspiring evening. This ballet also had 16-year-old Barbara Lloyd, whose charm is reminiscent of Okla-homa's Bambi Lynn. Borodin's Prince Igor closed the program. Jean White.

### **Shuberts Sink 100G** In Hub's Majestic

BOSTON, Nov. 22. — Continuing their policy of face-lifting their half-dozen Hub properties, the Shuberts have sunk 100G in the renovation of the old Majestic Theater, which they acquired outright some 18 months

acquired outright some to months ago. House, which was built by Eben Jordan back in 1903 for Edward Stair and A. C. Gilbert, who operated a string of 90 theaters thruout the country at that time, has been leased by the Shuberts for many years. With the arrival of *The Medium* and *The Telephone* November 17, the firm decided to put the house back

in firm decided to put the house back in first-class shape for an old-fash-ioned grand opening.

### **Producer Buys Out** Anna Angels; 65G

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—John Wild-berg has bought out most of the remaining investors in Anna Lucasta for about 65G. The show, now on the road, in Toronto last week, hit \$16,-300 and expects to do about 18G this week in Cleveland, a repeat engage-ment.

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#### ICE SHOWS

Icetime of 1948..... 5-33, '47 (Center)

OPENED Eastward of Eden... 11-18, '47 (Royale) Beatrice Straight's acting scored but the play was a different question. Tab was seven to two against. Yes: John Chapman (News) and William Haw-kins (World-Telegram). No: Otis Guernsey Jr. (Herald-Tribune); Robert Coleman (Mirror); Robert Garland (Journal-American): Ward Morehouse (Sun); Richard Waits Jr. (Post); Brooks Atkinson (Times) and Louis Kronenberger (PM). 7

How I Wonder.... (Hudson) Saturday (22).

COMING UP Antony and Cleopatra.. 11-26, '47 (Martin Beck) (Week of November 24, 1947)

### Set Cost Probe? **Union Burns Up**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The publi-cation of a story that the Department of Justice may investigate the The-atrical Contractors' Association (TCA), a trade org of scenic builders and painters, on charges of collusion on the cost of sets, has TCA up in arms and ready to take action.

TCA was slated to appear before a committee at the League of New York Theaters delving into scenery construction costs and offer suggestions for reducing the prices of sets. However, this attack may change the group's attitude and the group may well refuse to appear before the League, according to a TCA spokesman

Set makers claim that the costs

### **Randall Latest Stem Producer**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Latest to NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Latest to join Stem production ranks is Rich-ard Randall, who has opened offices at 276 West 43d Street. Operating on an initial budget of \$50,000, he's prepping production of a comedy about talent agents by Art Paul, titled She Sings Loud.

titled She Sings Loud. Randall is now dickering with radio comic Red Benson for the lead and plans to complete casting and get into rehearsal before the holi-days. The show skeds to open cold about the middle of January. Randall is in the market for musical scripts for a later production date. Dick Falk, ex-drum beater for the Shu-bert office, is associated with him in the venture.

### Pillars Sound Off On Preem Tix Cut

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- A partial survey of top columnists removed from the first night press list by the League of New York Theaters re-veals in most of them the feeling that the ban will save them many dull evenings in the theaters. Danton Walker of the *News*, for example, says that the withdrawal of the tix won't bother him at all. "In addition to saving me many dull evenings in the theater," he pointed out, "I'll also miss those first-night exhibition-ists who come only to be seen." Walker feels that the producers are severing their schnozzes to spite their kissers, since they will lose all the previous first-night publicity the newspapermen brought. To period the discussion he adds: "I don't give a damn." survey of top columnists removed a damn."

Ed Sullivan, of the same sheet, Ed Sullivan, of the same sheet, thinks that the producers are daffy. His reasoning is that the preem ban was manipulated by managers with bad shows because those with hits want all the flacking they can get. As to the League's contention that newspapermen constitute an area of boredom, Sullivan remarks that it's the real first-night crew that is at fault. His closing shot to the producers was: "Down with the ras-cals!"

#### Winchell Unavailable

Winchell Unavailable Leonard Lyons, of the Post, has had this sort of trouble in the past, having been banned by the Shuberts for four years. He says that as a consequence he also has missed many a boresome evening. However, Lyons is concerned that the writers may not be able to purchase ducats; that, he notes, might be a violation of civil liberties. As long as the newspaper-men can buy tix, and the indications are that they can, the removal is of no consequence to him. Walter Win-chell was in Hollywood and was un-available for comment.

chell was in Hollywood and was un-available for comment. Dorothy Kilgallen, who scribbles for the Journal-American and has a radio audience to please as well, was most alarmed over the restric-tion. She has decided to buy her tickets. Miss Kilgallen says that the producers are weally taking approximates producers are really taking privileges away from the public, since the newspapermen are their representa-tives. The reporter claims that her radio fans want to know what the stars are wearing and are fascinated

by first nights. Earl Wilson, of the Post, like most of the others, essayed to be blithe. "My tux was getting out of date anyway," he said.

have jumped because of increased labor and material prices. They cite the fact that both are 100 to 300 per cent above pre-war figures. One studio says the Oklahoma set, which was built for \$6,705 in 1943, would cost \$14,835 today.

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#### EASTWARD IN EDEN (Opened Tuesday, November 18, 1947) **ROYALE THEATER**

There has always been speculation about the private life of poetess Emily Dickinson. What turned her into a wraithy recluse for practically all her adult life, to be seen only flit-ting about the grounds of the family homestead in Amherst, Mass.? Who was the other half of the frustrated romance which so evidently left its romance which so evidently left its imprint on her verses? Dorothy Gardner thinks she has come up with the answer in *Eastward in Eden*.

If one credits Miss Gardner with some Dickinsonian research, it is conceivable she may have discovered evidence of a blighted love affair be-tween Emily and a married preacher from Philadelphia. Perhaps, as she records, her minister may have stuck to his cloth and family' and put the continent's distance between them. Perhaps she did shut the world out on his account. Perhaps he did come back to her after 20 years, ill and broken, to renew his faith and in-spiration where he had first found it. At all events, Miss Gardner has writ-ten a tender and touching love story, but she has not managed a satisfying evidence of a blighted love affair bebut she has not managed a satisfying play. Nothing much happens, there are no high moments of conflict. Maybe that is because the Dickinsons of Amherst were not particularly in-teresting people. Except for mo-ments of an Emily in rebellion against ments of an Emily in rebellion against the rigid moral strictures of a New England college town of the 1850's, an Emily torn to shreds by the de-sertion of her lover, the play bogs down to some pretty sticky interludes of dialog on the subject of death and immortality immortality.

### Beatrice Straight Shines

Eden's chief distinction stems from Eden's chief distinction stems from from the performance of Beatrice Straight. Her Emily has a radiance and charm that gives the play a depth and meaning even in its most doldrum moments, and stamp Miss Straight as having come into her own, Broadwaywise. It is a vivid, arrest-ing portrait of a rebellious young girl carried thru to spiritually chastened middle age. Onslow Stevens' min-ister also adds stature to the proceed-ings. He succeeds admirably in makings. He succeeds admirably in mak-ing what easily could be something of a stuffy, pompous cleric human, kindly and often impassioned. This, too, is one of his superior stints.

Since the Gardner story focuses sharply upon two central characters, the rest by comparison are rather thinly drawn and not too much is required by anyone. Nor does Ellen Van Volkenburg's direction make Van Volkenburg's arrection make them seem much more than a paste-board background for the main issue. However, there are fine personal contributions from John O'Connor, Beatrice Manley, Ernest Graves and Edwin Jerome.

#### Labor of Love

Producer Nancy Stern has evident-I made Eden a labor of love. Donald Oenslager's settings of an Amherst parlor and a Philadelphia pastor's study of the mid-1800's are splen-(See Eastward in Eden on page 44)

Equity Nixes Allegro Pix at Special Rates NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Permission to film Allegro for the record only at special rates has been refused Agnes de Mille, the show's director. Chore-

The Billboard

grapher wanted to keep a record of the dances.

However, the Equity ruling is that in shows filmed for non-commercial purposes the cast must be paid a half week's salary. For commercial use the cast gets a week's salary. The union pointed out the regulation to Miss de Mille and declined to waive it.



#### ANNA CHRISTIE

#### (Opened Monday, November 17, 1947)

**GUILD FOR THE JEWISH BLIND** 

Anna.....Isabel Bonner Matt Burke.....George Mathews

It would be pleasing to report that the Equity Library Theater, in pre-senting Anne Christie, has started its season with a bang, but the fact is that while the show has moments, it o'Neill's play, about the old salt who bates the sea and whose daughter turns out to be a tart is familiar to nearly everyone. He has illusions about her, and when she wants to marry a sailor, he opposes the match until she exposes herself to both of them with dise results. them with dire results.

Tho reports have the play produced hastily, with only three weeks' re-hearsal and a last-minute substitution for the leading male role, it loses considerably in its production. Isabel considerably in its production. Isabel Bonner, a fine performer, is miscast as Anna, the daughter. She is a shade too old for the part, the most im-portant to the play. The actress dis-plays a fine, nervous, electric fire in her big scenes, but the picture of Anna, a girl of about 25, is always missing. Joseph Kramm, a last-min-ute replacement, has played Chris in summer stock. In his hands the father summer stock. In his hands the father becomes only a mumbling old boozer without inspiring any of his terror of "dat ol' debbil sea." Kramm's Swedish accent, too, is far from au-thentic and at times lapses into Jew-ish dialect ish dialect.

### Mathews as Burke

Hatnews as purke However, the play gains sharply from a stunning portrayal of Matt Burke, the Irish seaman, by George Mathews, who has often been seen in toughie parts on the Stem. Mathews handles the Irish dialect as the just off the boat from Dublin proves worthy of bigger and and proves worthy of bigger and better assignments. In smaller roles two fine stints are turned in by Ken-neth Tobey and Florence Dunlap.

The show could have been helped The show could have been helped if the sets by Elwood Cobb were more on the functional side. The first set, especially, was tough for the cast to navigate on the small stage. Several times the door between the rooms looked as if it might come tumbling down. The pace of the staging by Kramm was slow during the first act but nicked up as the play gained mobut picked up as the play gained momentum.

This play was supposed to be the inauguration of a new policy of pro-fessionalism in ELT by John Golden, but the fact is that the play carries on in the tradition of the old ELT wherein most of the productions were only fair.

Leon Morse.

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#### THE LEGEND OF LOU (Opened Tuesday, November 18, 1947)

PLYMOUTH THEATER, BOSTON A comedy by Stephen Gross. Directed by Melville Burke. Setting, Tony Reveles. General manager, Harold Kusell. Press representative, Leo Freedman. Stage man-ager, Frank Coletti. Presented by Hall Shelton. Erra

ager, Frank Coletti. Presented by Hall Shelton. Ezra......Emory S. Richardson Lou.....Ruth Amos Rev. Tom Flowerton...Maurice Manson Jim Farr.....Wallis Clark Dawson Kennedy.....Lyle Talbot Calra.....Natalle Benisch Grace.....Ellen-Cobb Hill Nome Kennedy......Virginia Smith Louise......Billie Lou Watt Frank Farr.....Gordon McDonald Klondike Kennedy.....Butee Adams An Attendant.......Don Kennedy Sheriff Andy Wade......Leland Harris Illegitimacy is sometimes a trag-edy, sometimes a comedy in the thea-

edy, sometimes a comedy in the thea-edy, sometimes a comedy in the thea-ter. But in *Legend* of *Lou* it is simply a bore If Lou ever got as far as Broadway—which would be about Thanksgiving time—it would be carved in the best traditions as the festive bird. But the proprietors of this turkey have already decided to be discreet about the whole thing and withdraw it from circulation. That move will save everybody a lot of trouble

of trouble. As the title suggests, this little charade is about a lady named Lou. It would appear that Lou, a graduate of the palmier days of the Klondike, couple of kids without benefit rgy. But she has covered up has a of clergy. But she has covered up well and become a symbol of re-spectability in San Francisco.

#### Runs in the Family

Somewhere in the shenanigans, the guy who should have been her hus-band shows up, but not before her daughter appears dragging her granddaughter, also born out of wed-lock. Which only goes to prove Mendel's law of heredity, or some-thing of the sort.

The whole Legend of Lou is con-fused, vapid, gross and seldom funny, fused, vapid, gross and seldom funny, unless the spectator has a predilection for decrepit jokes of the bathroom and bedroom variety. If they were fresh, you could stand it. But nearly all have been too long out of the refrigerator. And they smell. By referring to the cast listed above, you can tell who has been in-volved in this sad business. No doubt they all would feel happier if they had had nothing to do with it.

they had had nothing to do with a Bill Riley. ith it.

### **Stage Sets and Costumes On Exhibition in Paris**

PARIS, Nov. 22.-Stage and Cos-tume Designers' Union has opened an

tume Designers' Union has opened an exhibition of stage sets and costumes at the Maison de la Pensee. Show is limited to the work of French thea-ter artists since the liberation. On exhibition are the designs that caused so much scandal last year: Sonrel's for *Berenice* for the Come-die-Francaise, and Valentine Hugo's usually beautiful sets for Debussy's opera, *Pelleas and Melisande*. Other designers represented are

Obera, Petieas and Mensanae. Other designers represented are Christian Berard, for La Folle de Chaillot; Raoul Dufy, for Les Fiancee du Havre; Labisse, for Kafka's The Trial, and Brianchon, for The False Confidences Confidences.

### "From Now On" Has Dough; Now Seeking Producer

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — All the dough is up for a production of Sam Hoffman's From Now On, and the scripter is shopping around for a producer.

The money was raised by the writer, who had another show of his produced early this season at the Norfolk naval base for a few performances.

### **AFM Squabble** Keeps Chevalier **Out of Detroit**

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DETROIT, Nov. 22 .- Dispute over union status of the Shubert Lafayette Theater resulted in a blackout for Maurice Chevalier, booked in for a week at the house. Basis of difficulty was the fact that the house has not used an orchestra for the past three months—since approximately the date the Taft-Hartley Act went into effect—and manager David T. Nie-derlander contends he doesn't need one. His position is opposed by the Detroit local of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM). The dispute goes back several sea-

sons, with a compromise hitherto worked out whereby Niederlander used a small band working in an upstairs box after he got rid of the big pit orchestra. This year, how-ever, he has been running without

any music whatever. The reason given for the Chevalier cancellation was that the house was on the musicians' unfair lista statement which has not been veri-fied in the absence of union officials on a deer hunting expedition. While Niederlander indicated he wasn't sure the house was listed as unfair, Chev-alier's pianist, Irving Actman, was unable to work, and the show was dropped.

Talk of lawsuits flew from both sides, with producer Arthur Lesser indicating he held the theater liable for not advising him of labor trouble. Niederlander's attorneys were in con-ference late this week to see what action might be taken. Lesser briefly considered the Scot-

tish Rite Temple as a substitute for the Lafayette, but Chevalier accepted a quickie booking at the American Theater in St. Louis instead, opening Wednesday (19).

### "Angel St.," Seattle, 25G

SEATTLE, Nov. 22. — Shepard Traube's production of Angel Street, at Hugh Beckett's Metropolitan Theater for a week (17-22), was a vir-tual sell-out with a gross of more than \$25.000. Tickets scaled from \$1.25 to \$3.75. The next legit attraction at the house is Dream Girl, opening December 9.



#### By LILLIAN ALBERTSON

HERE'S the book for legitimate actors who would brush up on their screen technique. Written by a highly successful stage actress, pro-ducer and for the last 15 years, trusted dramatic coach for Paramount and now R.K.O. (Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell all swear by her), it covers the similarities and dissimilar-ities in stage and screen acting; posture and movement; speech and regional accents; concen-tration; self-assurance; self-reliance; how to visu-alize a rôle.

alize a role. ROSALIND RUSSELL calls this amazing book: "So lucid, so penetrating in analysis that those who want to make acting a profession cannot fail to derive benefit from it... Any player worth his salt is still learning when the final curtain falls. Miss Albertson is one from whom to learn"

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# N. Y. Ballet Advance Is 60G; "Hellzapoppin" Terpers' Preem on the Beam

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Rolling up an advance sale in excess of 60G, the Ballet Theater opened another fall season at the City Center yester-day to a capacity house. The engage-ment runs to December 14 with a ment runs to December 14 with a South American tour to follow. South American tour to follow. Prices have been hiked to a \$3 top, 60 cents above last season, but this hasn't seemed to cut the demand for tickets. If anything, the demand is stronger. And at the new scale the company can gross 45G per week.

company can gross 45G per week. Preeming with a program of unusual balance and interest, the Ballet Theater stepped thru the four items in a style which marks the company as one of the best dance groups today. A smart selection of two "white" against two modern pat-terns seemed to satisfy the most exacting balletomane.

#### "Les Sylphides"

"Les Sylphides" Les Sylphides, with Igor Youske-vitch, Alicia Alonso, Norma Vance and Barbara Fallis stepping the leads, opened the program. As usual, the ballet was a delight to the ear as well as the eye and the principals did full justice to both the fokine choregraphy and the Chopin tunes. Terping of the ensemble was like-wise impeccable.

In a newer vein Antony Tudor's Pillar of Fire held the audience in rapt attention as Nora Kaye gave a rapt attention as Nora Kaye gave a polished performance of a girl con-sumed by fear. Abetted excellently by Lucia Chase, Norma Vance, An-tony Tudor and Hugh Laing, the danseuse demonstrated the great po-tentiolities of modern choregraphy. tentialities of modern choregraphy. Miss Kaye was little short of magnifi-cent as she went thru the complicated steps.

#### Pas De Deux

Alicia Alonso and Igor Youskevitch teamed for the Pas De Deux from The Nutcracker to give an additional notion of what the Ballet Theater can do in the purely classic department.

ment. Interplay, the wind-up of the pro-gram, is the type of sequence that is such a popular delight that Jerome Robbins might well revamp it for a Broadway musical. Here John Kriza, Zachary Solov and Melissa Hayden create a picture that repeatedly begets laughs from the customers. Zachary laughs from the customers. Zachary Solov, replacing Tommy Fall, gave

### ROUTES **Dramatic and Musical**

All Gaul Is Divided (Civic) Chicago. Ail My Sons (Erlanger) Chicago. Annie Get Your Gun (Shubert) Chicago. Anna Lucasta (Park) Youngstown, O., 26; (Hartman) Columbus 27-29. Carousel (Cass) Detroit. Chocolate Soldier (Blackstone) Chicago. Dream Girl (Geary) San Francisco. Fatal Weakness, with Ina Claire (Biltmore) Los Angeles. Firefly (NAtional) Washington. Gentlemen from Athens (Playhouse) Wilming-ton, Del., 28-29. Hartmans, The (Porrest) Philadelphia. Harvey, with Joe E. Brown (Cox) Cincinnali. I Remember Mama (Locust) Philadelphia. Ice Show (Curran) San Francisco. Jones, Spike (Studebaker) Chicago. Late Christopher Bean (Shubert Lafayette) Detroit.

Jones, Spike (Sjutebake), Shukert Lafayette) Detroit. Lady Windermere's Fan (Colonial) Boston. Lunt & Fontanne (Selwyn) Chicago. Medium and the Telephone (Majestic) Boston. Legend of Lou (Plymouth) Boston. Musical Repertoire (Opera House) Boston. Oklahoma (Ford) Baltimore. Private Lives (Harris) Chicago. Red Mill (American) St. Louis. Show Boat (Shubert) Philadelphia. Slater, Ralph (Erlanger) Buffalo. Song of Norway (Nixon) Pittsburgh. State of the Union (Majestic) Wichita Falls, Tex...26; (Convention Hall) Tulsa, Okla... 27; (Home) Oklahoma City 28-29. Street Car Named Desire (Walnut) Phila-delphia. Sweethearts (Horace Bushnell Aud.) Hartford, Con.

Sweethearts (Horace Bushnell Aud.) Hartford, Conn. Tonight at 8:30 (Shubert) Boston. Voice of the Turtle (Memorial Hall) Salina, Kan., 26; (Music Hall) Kansas City, Mo., 27-29.

out with some leaps and turns which marked him as ready for big things. Ben Steinberg conducted the Pas De Deux; the other three items were batoned by Max Goberman.

All in all, the Ballet Theater opened another season with the kind of terping which earmarks it for the title, "The tulle and tights troupe without a peer." Leon Morse. title.

### IATSE Looks Into Indiana U. Troupe Working Sans Grips

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The na-tional office of the International Al-liance of Theatrical Stage Employees liance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor (AFL), is in-vestigating a complaint from its Bloomington, Ind., local that the Na-tional Theater Conference (NTC) troupe from Indiana University tour-ing colleges in the Middle West is working backstage without union grips. IATSE execs here have al-ready sent a field representative from the Cleveland area into Bloomington the Cleveland area into Bloomington to delve into the situation.

Headed by Lee Norvelle, a drama Headed by Lee Norvelle, a drama professor at Indiana University, the company opened November 12 with Somerset Maugham's The Sacred Flame. Its sponsor, the NTC, is giv-ing 10 \$1,000 scholarships to talent thespers and the college adds an extra \$65 to \$275 to worthy actors and actuesses and actresses.

Tho the IATSE may not be able to touch the troupe while it stays in schools which are not within its schools which are not within its jurisdiction, the minute it tries book-ing into a theater the company will be headed for trouble. Stagehands regard this type of activity as unfair competition for managers who pay regular union scale and say it is likely to undormine union conditions to undermine union conditions.

### **Ruth Mason's Showshop** Opening 12th N. Y. Year

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Ruth Put-nam Mason's Showshop, Inc., talent mart for Stem aspirants, opens a 12th season Tuesday (25) with Showshop Varieties of '47. This season the org has moved its base from the Hotel Sutton to the Village Grove down in Greenwich Village. Philip Farle has directed the open-

Philip Earle has directed the open-ing show and tunes and lyrics have been contribbed by Ira Leff, lyricist for Nicky Blair's Carnival Club shows.

### 2 Maxies in "This Is It"

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—This Is It, a comedy by Cecil Spooner with music by Robert Stringer, is to be produced by Louis J. Singer. The show will star Maxie Rosenbloom and Max Baer, the female leads be-ing handled by Peggy Fears and Dolly Lewis, the English actress. It goes into rehearsal part week and goes into rehearsal next week and is expected to preem here in late December or early January.

### Equity Okays Pay Cuts

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Henry Adrian has been given permission by the Equity "cutsboard" to pay less dough to acting replacements stepping into parts in Young Man's Fancy than to their predecessors. Youngsters now thesping in the show are grow-ing out of their roles and Adrian is Youngsters prepping replacements. Burlesque is another show which has appeared be-fore the "cutsboard" and been given the green light to slice salaries.

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# For Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, Nov. 22.vival of Hellzapoppin, with Olsen : Johnson, will be presented at Will Rogers Auditorium on the South-western Exposition and Fat Stock Show grounds during the exposition January 30 to February 8. Shows at the auditorium, during the exposition, have lost heavily for two years. The stock show also will present Olsen and Johnson at the old Pioneer Palace in Streamline Revue each night after the rodeo. The Palace is a Billy Rose creation of Texas Centennial days of 1936. It will offer dancing and drinks. Prices will be

s3.25, including tax.
The auditorium show will be at 8:15 p.m. each night during the rodeo.
Prices will be \$1.65 to \$3.60.

### Ziegler Quits GAC, to PM

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Jules Zieg-ler leaves the legit department of General Artists Corporation (GAC) this week to go into personal management on his own. Ziegler will handle all aspects of the entertain-ment field—radio, tele, legit, vaude and films. GAC is expected to drop its logit downtmont its legit department.

### EASTWARD IN EDEN

(Continued from page 43) didly atmospheric, as are also his costumes of the crinoline era. A great deal of work and pains has evidently been expended on the pro-duction. But while it will have an appeal for a choice few, the rank and file will doubtless cold-shoulder a fragile conversation piece, no matter how delicately told. Eden's stay at the Royale probably will be short. Bob Francis.

### CHICAGO, CHICAGO

(Continued from page 40) let down the terrific pace or novelty of their tumbling and stands and got

of their tumbling and stands and got an uproarious hand at closing. Singer Michael Douglas showed plenty of possibility, vocal talent plus a sense of showmanship. The ex-Kay Kayser crooner has a big voice that hovers between baritone and tenor and does well even with a heavy, like Old Man River. While Cy Reeves, for the most part, went thru a pretty moth-eaten rou-tine, his response was tops because of his terrific dead-pan delivery and

of his terrific dead-pan delivery and an audience that liked their corn mellow with age. His foggy delivery and knocked-out appearance, if aided

and knocked-out appearance, if aided by some new gags, would put this boy in the top bracket. Headliner Rose Marie had the roughest time, with the wolves mak-ing plenty of noise when their at-tempts to break her up with their whistles failed. Looking smarter than ever before, she went thru two spe-cial material bits and a pop, with her Durante impresh reaping a de-served call-back.

her Durante impressi reaping a de-served call-back. The house ork leader's offering, Ravel's Bolero, got a cold reception at first, the sheer beauty of the music warmed even the boors to its charms. Johnny Sippel.

#### GAYETY, MONTREAL

(Continued from page 40) (Continued from page 40) costumed in Russian get-up and throws in magic and juggling with the dog tricks. George Watts regis-ters in a terping turn. He's helped considerably by a good sense of pro-jection. Richard Allen also goes over nicely in a selection of standard pops. Ben could be broadened.

nicely in a selection of standard pops. Rep could be broadened. Winnie Garrett, only strip on the bill, is one of the better ones seen up here. She's got looks and knows how to grind and bump without too much offense. Len Howard's ork backs the show in solid fashion. Biz, good. Charles J. Lazarus.

### "Ice Follies, '48" **Bright and Fresh** In Garden Preem

(Continued from page 4)

course, the next year always proves the fallacy of the notion, because the formula is as solid as ever and somehow or other the bladesters seem able to add a shade of brighter polish to their skill. It is always a pleasure to watch top-flight craftsmen ply their trade, which may somewhat explain why ice shows seem to go on forever

All of this and more applies to the Ice Follies of 1948, the 12th edition of the Shipstads and Johnson blade extravaganzas, which tenants Madison Square Garden for a two-week stand. Square Garden for a two-week statut. The bosses are veteran salesmen of the frosted arena, and while they stick to the tried-and-true formula in general, each year finds it given a few new little twists that make the show fresh and ingratiating. Also their canny eye for up-and-coming talent far from injures the over-all. talent far from injures the over-all. Above everything, however, is their knack for speed. Production num-bers are never too long. There aren't any encores. Their skaters get on, do their stuff—and take a bow. The crowd is never allowed to get too much of anything. It is fine show-manship manship.

#### Props Useful

While nearly every one of the 14 items of the current bill makes use of props to background the special-ties of the performers, there is little of the old-fashioned, top-heavy pro-duction number, idea with interduction number idea with inter-polated vaude acts in this 12th edition. The result is all to the good. Such numbers as *Crosstown* spots simple but effective traffic lights to give atmosphere to Hazel Franklin's give atmosphere to Hazel Franklin's superb rep of leaps and spins. Harris Legg becomes an Indian brave to jump over war drums instead of the inevitable barrels, and the Leggs' (Harris and Phyllis) fine stiltskating routines are introed by a novely sewing class with a thimble and but-ton ballet. There is stuff for the youngsters, too—a novelty bull fight with Ole Ericson and Jim Hutchin-son putting plenty of comedy into the fore and aft sections of el toro, a roughhouse farm routine with a live pig and a goat, which don't seem to roughhouse farm routine with a live pig and a goat, which don't seem to like ice much, and a quartet of kit-tens (Bill Cameron, Bill Stine, Tom Mulvey, Jim Hutchinson), to add zest to Olde King Cole's court. Among the newcomers, the Schramm twins (Ray and Roy) are outstanding with a novel duo routine with ankles and wrists shackled to

with ankles and wrists shackled to one another. Ted Roman and Genevieve Norris contribute a top-flight adagio. The Scotvold twins (Joyce and Joanne) are another highly wel-come addition to the Shipstad-Johnson fold.

### Roy Shipstad in Solo

Again bows go to the performances of Monica Moran, Betty Schalow, Marilyn Sahlin, May Ross and Hugh Hendrickson. And of course Roy Shipstad offers another top solo routine, Evelyn Chandler is on hand for her stint of super-acro blading and Frick and Frack are back again with their zany antics, this time dedicated San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf.

Wharf. No report on the *Ice Follies* would be complete without a nod to the en-semble. Suffice it to say that they get better every year. They are to ice what the Rockettes are to a stage. All in all, this latest S. and J. en-trant in the ice sweepstakes should have all the pull of its predecessors. It is magnificently costumed by Helen Rose, and brains and discrimination hypo its showmanship. *Ice Follies* runs evenings thru Sun-day (30) with a matinee each Sun-

day (30) with a matinee each Sun-day. Bob Francis.

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Magic By Bill Sachs

TOAN BRANDON, who has been augmenting her regular nitery and theater engagements with lectures and television broadcasts, hopped into and television broadcasts, hopped into Chicago last week for several club dates after winding up a two-weeker in the Zebra Room of Club Bali, De-troit. She departed Sunday (23) for Milwaukee, where she opened the following night at the Tic Toc Club for a fortnight's stand. From Milwaukee she returns to her home grounds, New York. . . Lucille and Eddie Roberts are set until Decem-her 7 in the Catillion Boom of Hotel grounds, New York. . . Lucille and Eddie Roberts are set until Decem-ber 7 in the Cotillion Room of Hotel Pierre, New York. . . . Roy (Scrub-board) Wallace is presenting his magic and novelty turn at the Swing Club, Dayton, O. . . . Vernon Col-bert is back at his home in Van Nuys, Calif., after two months in Hawaii for E. K. Fernandez. Just before sailing from Honolulu, Col-bert was the dinner guest of Harry Hanaoka and Dr. Ray Zane Lai, ar-dent enthusiasts, at the Law Yee Chai, where Mr. Victor, a local magi, headed the bill. Colbert had high praise for Mr. Victor who, he says, works somewhat along the lines of the Amazing Mr. Ballentine. . . Gerber the Magician, since closing with what he describes as " a beat-out show" in Arkansas five weeks ago, has been working niteries and club dates in the St. Louis territory. club dates in the St. Louis territory. He's currently in his second week at He's currently in his second week at the El Morocco Club, Cairo, Ill. . . . Mandrake is still displaying his magical nifties at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis. . . Bob Sherman, who operates Sherms, Inc., magic manu-facturing concorn in Didgenet facturing concern in Bridgeport, Conn., has joined forces with Har-deen Jr. to put on a magic show at Klein Memorial, that city, for three days, starting Saturday (29). They will be co-featured and will have Will be co-leatured and will have associated with them Amedeo and Hal Haviland, who is serving as Hardeen's business manager. Town has been billed by Hugh Fox, assisted by Walter Phillipsen, who was ad-vance man for Houdini. Show is bevance man for Houdini. Show is be-ing billed as Houdini Lives Again. Sherman's assistants will be Sally and Shirley Shulman, and there will be a line of dancing girls from a local dance studio.

THE JOHNSTONES open Monday (1) at Club Seville, Grand Rapids, Mich., for a week, to be followed by a fortnight's stand in the Venetian Room, Des Moines, opening Decem-ber 8. They then return to Chicago for a week of club dates and January 5 begin a seven-week stint for Inter-national Harvester in small towns within a 100-mile radius of Chicago. ... Rhode Island Assembly, Society of American Magicians, recently staged a Fall Festival of Magic at Columbus Club, Providence, the two-hour pro-gram attracting some 150 payees. On the bill were Pat Charbonneau and Company, Fred Poole and Leigh Kingsford, Charles Harrison Jr. and Madelyn, C. Foster and Company, Morris Kay, Bob Nelson, and Charles and Madeleine RossKam. ... Judith Johnson and Harold M. Laughon have their own unit, Esquire Vanities, set on the Kemp Time in the South until the first of the year. Featured is their mental turn and supporting acts in-clude the Stardusters, girls' band; Harris and Rouchelle, Marie Cozan, Wanda Hilliard, Adrian Runyan, and Amos and Willie. ... George Mar-THE JOHNSTONES open Monday Harris and Rouchelle, Marie Cozan, Wanda Hilliard, Adrian Runyan, and Amos and Willie. . . George Mar-quis, in lauding the offering of Virgil the Magician, typewrites as follows: "The Virgil show is the best-looking full-evening magic show I've ever company is graph for parels." seen. Company is small (five people) but it functions with the efficiency of a larger company and the show moves in circus-like fashion. His Grotto scene, Circus Spectacle and Chinese Temple settings are works of art and make excellent backgrounds for the

**Court Sustains Ban On Adv. Posters** 

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Court of Appeals upheld Thursday (20), in a four-to-three decision, a New York City traffic regulation prohibiting a four-to-three decision, a New York City traffic regulation prohibiting vehicles from carrying large signs having no relation to the owner's business and used solely for advertis-ing purposes. As a result, the 1,900 American Railway Express Company trucks operated in New York City will no longer be available for bit will no longer be available for bill-ing purposes. Vehicles, carrying boards on each side, were usually contracted at a reputed cost of \$4,000 to advertise the Ringling circus, rodeos, ice shows, motion pictures, etc. etc.

bissenting members of the court held that "this regulation of the po-lice commissioner, as interpreted to forbid these unobjectionable adver-tisements on defendant's trucks, is so entirely unrelated to traffic control as to be arbitrary as a matter of law."

#### **Delaware Charters**

DOVER, Del., Nov. 22.—Charters filed recently with the corporation department of the secretary of state's office follow:

Welco Corporation. Purpose, deal in phonograph records. Capital, \$25,-000. Principal office, Corporation Service Company.

Merit Products Corporation. Purpose, deal in radios and appliances. Capital, \$50,000. Principal office, Corporation Guarantee and Trust Company.

Harry Conover Career Girl Studios, Inc. Purpose, train and educate models. Capital, \$27,000. Principal office, the Corporation Trust Com-pany.

Universal Pictures of Ecuador, Inc. Purpose, deal in motion pictures. Capital, 100 shares, no par. Principal office, the Corporation Trust Company.

Washington, Inc. Purpose, to prepare news and photographic releases. Capital, \$1,000. Principal office, U. S. Corporation Company.

Wakeman Advertising, Inc. Pur-pose, advertising. Capital, \$201,000 and 10,000 shares, no par. Principal office, the Corporation Trust Company

Writing Fellowships, Inc. Purpose general agency business. Capital, \$52,500. Principle office, Corporation Guarantee and Trust Company.

### Fire Razes Providence **Steak House and Alleys**

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 22.-Arthur J. Martel, for 10 years featured organist at the Metropolitan Theater in Bos-ton and for the past two years organ-ist in Sullivan's Steak House here, was one of 400 persons who escaped from that eating place and the adjoin-ing Rhode Island Recreation Center, the State's largest bowling alleys, when a flash fire gutted the big brick, one-time car barn building last week in a five-alarm blaze which did \$650,000 damage.

The big building on North Main treet near the Providence-Paw-The big building on North Main Street near the Providence-Paw-tucket line, was owned by Anthony Rotelli, president of the New Eng-land Ice Company. The restaurant and bowling alleys were operated by Joseph A. Sullivan and Edward H. Sullivan Sullivan.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Paul Secon, songwriter and former Billboard staffer, has been named managing editor of Music Business, monthly trade mag.

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(See Magic on page 46)



BADGER-G. E., brother of Harry N. Badger, former owner of the Badger Greater Shows, November 9 at his home in Okemah, Okla. Survived by his widow and five children.

vived by his widow and five children. BARFIELD — David, 37, carnival concessionaire for 20 years, Novem-ber 13 in King's Hospital, Brooklyn, of tuberculosis. Barfield had trouped with the Mighty Sheesley, John H. Marks, Frank West and Johnny J. Jones shows. Survived by three sis-ters, Anny Harmandez, Brooklyn; Roberta Cunningham, Springfield, Mass. and Helen, Miami, and three Mass., and Helen. Miami, and three brothers, John, Miami; Emmitt, Bir-mingham, and Herman, Baltimore. Burial in Springfield, Mass., November 16.

BARTON-Mrs. Annie Ashley, 82, actress and widow of John Barton, veteran vaude and legit actor who portrayed the role of Jeeter Lester in Tobacco Road more than 2,000 times on Broadway and on the road, November 15 in New York. She married Barton when she was in married Barton when she was in the road company of *The Bowery* in 1896. Forming the vaude team of Ashley and Barton, they performed their comedy sketches, including *Canal Boat Sal*, both here and in Eng-land, appearing in the latter country for 25 years. Her sister, Mrs. Julia Bell, and her nephew, James Barton, well known wude musical and legit well-known vaude, musical and legit actor, who also starred in the Broad-way production of Tobacco Road, survive.

BESSETTE-B., 62, side show performer, of a heart attack in Jeimings, La., November 13. Services Novem-ber 18 in Showmen's Rest, Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles, under direc-tion of Pacific Coast Showmen's Association. No known survivors.

CHEVALIER-Gus, 60, London stage comedian, November 20 in London. He had been the principal com-edian at the Windmill Theater since 1932

1932. COLCORD—Lincoln R., 64, author, November 16 in Belfast, Me. A writer of numerous sea stories, many about China, he also wrote the lyrics to The Maine Stein Song, made popu-lar by Rudy Vallee. His widow, son and daughter survive. DAVIS—Rowland (Caesar), for the

past 20 years secretary-treasurer of the Cambria County Fair Board, Ebensburg, Pa., in that city November 5.

FORSHEE-Grace M., mother of Glendora Forshee, actress on WXYZ, WWJ and WJR, Detroit, November 14 in Boise, Idaho, of a heart ailment. She also leaves her husband. Burial in Detroit.

in Detroit. FRIEND—Arthur S., 68, theatrical lawyer, November 17 in New York. He represented Jose Ferrer, William Saroyan, Eddie Dowling, Eva Le Gal-lienne and others. In 1906 he founded Milwaukee's English Stock Company and reorganized it as the Friend Players in 1909. Besides a long career in the movie industry, he acted as supervising producer for the Broadway play, Strange Fruit. GEAR—William, 72, former circus and carnival general agent, recently in Mangum, Okla. Survived by his widow, Zella; daughter, Vieve Hamb-lett, Chicago, and a sister, Lulu, Oska-

lett, Chicago, and a sister, Lulu, Oska-loosa, Ia. Burial in Mangum.

loosa, Ia. Burial in Mangum. GREENE-Marion, former vaude and musical comedy actress, Novem-

### In Fond Memory of My Dear Son JAMES A. (JACK) WILDE who passed behind the final curtain on May 28, 1946. A trouper for years with J. J. Jones, John Sheesley, Cetlin & Wilson, World of Mirth, John Marks and others. A loyal friend and a devoted son.

**His Mother** 

ber 10 in Saranac Lake, N. Y. Two sisters and a brother survive.

HOWARD — Terry, Australian singer, November 6 in Sydney. Under contract to the Macquarie Network, he died while performing at the State cabaret in Sydney.

HURLEY-Mrs. William G., 55, wife of the owner of Hurley's Funhouse, Revere Beach Amusement Center, November 20 in Revere Beach, Mass. Her husband survives.

KLEPPER—Max, 65, carnival man, November 18 in Brooklyn. He was associated at one time with the Good-man Wonder Shows. Two daughters survive.

LATCHIS-Emanuel D., 50. COowner and operator of motion picture theaters and hotels in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. No-vember 12 at his home in Leominster, Mass. Among survivors are three brothers, Sper, John and Peter, who were associated with him in the busi-ness enterprises.

LEE—William F., 72, years ago operator of the Francis Lee Shows, playing Illinois, Indiana and Michi-gan, November 12 in Richmond, Ind. Survived by his widow, Mabel. Burial in Earlham Cemetery, Rich-

mond, November 14. LINWOOD — Ernest, 74, former carnival worker, in a Norfolk hos-pital November 10. Funeral in Norfolk

LONG-Paul, 37, tap dancer, in

LONG—Paul, 37, tap dancer, m New Orleans September 2. Surviv-ing is a brother, Walter, also a tap dancer. Burial in New Orleans. LORANGER — Bessie, 66, well known in the repertoire field, at Beresford, S. D., November 14. Burial at Sioux Falls, November 22. (For details see Repertoire Depart-ment) ment.)

ment.) LOWNDES—Mrs. Maria Adelaide Belloc, 79, novelist and playwright, November 14 in Hampshire, England. Besides several movie scripts, she wrote the plays, With All John's Love, The Second King, What Really Happened? and The Empress Eu-

MICHELSEN-Louis P. E., 58, former stage actor, in Oakland, Calif., November 11. At one time he appeared in musical comedy and light opera in Chicago under the stage name of Roy Edwards. MOORE—Warren T., 65, vice-

president of the Kent and Sussex Fair Association and the Kent and Sussex Racing Association, at Mil-ford, Del., November 15 of a heart ailment. (Details in the Fair Section

NOLAN—Thomas Jr., 38, well-known Cincinnati pianist and night club entertainer, November 19 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati. Nolan wrote a number of popular songs and collaborated with Harry Carlson on I Thought I Was Dreamsing, published several years ago. Survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Richard Maley and Norine, of Cincinnati. Burial in St.

Joseph's New Cemetery, Cincinnati. O'BRIEN—Dr. William A., 54, head of post graduate study department of the University of Minnesota Medical School, November 15 in Minnea-polis. For 19 years he was heard regularly over WCCO in a series of health talks. His widow and six chil-

dren survive. RINDGE—Sylvin Andrews, snake act worker with the major circuses from 1907 until she retired in 1935, from 1907 until she retired in 1935, November 13 of a heart attack at the home of a sister in West Liberty, O. She had trouped with Yankee Rob-inson, John Robinson, Ringling and Hagenbeck-Wallace circuses and was last with the Lee Bros.' Circus. Sur-vived by her husband, Jack; three sisters and four brothers. Burial in Asbury Cemetery, Catawba, O. SAXE—Henry, 52, radio actor, No-vember 6 in Chicago. A former vaude and musical comedy and legit actor, he made his radio debut in Grand

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Hotel. Besides playing Daddy Warbucks in *Orphan Annie* for six years, he was featured on many network shows. His widow, Germaine La Pierre, survives.

SMITH-G. W., 48, actor and stage manager, November 18 in Chicago. For 11 years he was an employee of George Abbott, serving as stage man-ager on many shows. Smith was also stage manager of Radio City Music Hall, New York and at one time assistant stage manager for Ar-thur Hopkins. He appeared in Boy Meets Girl and What Price Glory? Survived by his widow, Claire, and his father.

STADERMANN — Adolph H., 72, organist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in the 1920's, No-vember 14 at his home in that city. Survived by his widow, Mathilda; a son, Richard, and a sister, Mrs. George T. Bredwell.

TOOMEY—Thomas E., father-in-law of Edward J. Carroll, owner of Riverside Park, Agawam, Mass., No-vember 14 in Cambridge, Mass. (Details in the Park Section.)

WASHINGTON—Jim C., performer with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for many years, October 30. His former wife, Rose, is a Wild West performer with Dailey Bros.' Circus Circus.

WEAD -- Comm. Frank W., 53. noted stage and screen writer, in a Santa Monica, Calif., hospital Novem-ber 15. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, he became a naval aviator but suffered an injury which made him bedfast for several months. While recovering he wrote Moliths. While recovering he wrote Ceiling Zero which became a Broad-way hit. Later he authored screen plays, including The Citadel, Test Pilot, They Were Expendable and The Hoodlum Saint. He was also co-writer for complexiting colled Fluing Lemma of a conic strip called *Flyin' Jenny*, and wrote a number of adventure stories, including *Hell Divers*, *China Clipper* and *Dirigible*. Survived by two brothers and two daughters.

WHITE-Mrs. Nancy, 76, mother of Ernie White, well-known circus performer, and the late George White, clown and candy butcher, of a cerebral hemorrhage at her home in Chattanooga November 14. Survived by her husband, Joe, and two daugh-ters-in-law, Mrs. Ida White and Ethel White. Ida is a trapeze and perch performer, formerly with Hagen-beck-Wallace, Sells-Floto and Ring-ling-Barnum circuses. Burial in Chattanooga November 17.

YACOPI—Mrs. Ida, 80, mother of the Yacopi circus troupe, November 15 in Long Beach, N. Y. She was a member of the troupe at one time.

### Marriages

BROMLEY-STODDARD— Harold Bromley, legit producer, and Haila Stoddard, actress, November 7 in Los Angeles.

FERRERA - GILLELAND -- Don Ferrera, orchestra leader, and Geor-gia Gilleland, non-pro, in Reno November 19.

GOSNELL-MALTBY . Fred Gosnell, account executive with Sta-tion WEAM, and Marijane Maltby, non-pro, November 8 in Arlington,

Va. GRIFFIN-MARQUIS—Gene Grif-GRIFFIN-MARQUIS—Gene Grif-fin, former vocalist with Deke Mof-fitt's orchestra, and Nita Marquis, dancer, recently in Chicago. MACK-KEMPF—Lester Mack, New York actor, and Hazel Helen Kempf, actress, in Elkton, Md., November 13.

Bride is the daughter of the late Fred and Blanche Kempf, who were killed in the wreck of the Con. T. Kennedy Shows.

MILLER-BERMAN - Dan Miller and Elaine Berman, with the Big Three Music Company, November 27. NEBENZAL-CROSET - Harold

Midge Cox, singers in Holiday on Ice, recently in Flint, Mich. S T E I N M A N -SAMUEL -

- Sam Steinman and Mary Samuel, vocalist known as Maxine, with Phil Spitalny's orchestra, November 16 in New York.

### Births

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A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Griefer November 17 in New York. Father is managing director of the Adams Theater, vaude house, and the Paramount in Newark.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schwartz at Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, November 15. Mother is former Pearl Widem, of Hartford, Conn., sister of Allen M. Widem, Hartford, Conn., area correspondent for The Billhourd

for The Billboard. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Vlad-imir Dokoudovsky, dancers with the original Ballet Russe, November 9 in

New York. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones recently in Cleveland. Father

and Mrs. Robert Prentiss in Burling-ton, Vt., November 6. Parents were with Wonder Shows of America the last two seasons.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cum-mings October 25 in Sumter, S. C. Mother is Fred Waring's former vocalist, Donna Dae.

A son, Irwin, to Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hall in Rochester, Ind., November 4. Father is unicyclist and mother is Father is unicyclist and mother is the former Aurelia Zavatta, of the Zoppe-Zavatta family, circus troupe.

Zoppe-Zavatta family, circus troupe. A son, Robert Bruce, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lindsay, November 18 in Wilmington, Del. Father is an announcer on station WILM. A son, William, to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Lancaster at St. John's Hos-pital, Santa Monica, Calif., November 17. Father is a film actor. A son, Charles G., to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cunningham October 14 in Brunswick, Ga. Mother is the for-mer Vates Engesser, featured circus aerialist. Father was formerly ticket seller and cashier with the Al G. Barnes, Ringling and Cole Bros.' cir-cuses. clises.

### Divorces

Phyllis Ruth Bradley, nonpro, from Truman Bradley, Hollywood radio announcer and film actor, in Los Angeles November 17.

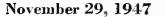
#### BURLESQUE

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(Continued from page 45) Ralph Elsmore, house singer, left the Hudson, Union City, to open Novem-ber 30 at the Casino, Pittsburgh, ... Jack Montgomery replaced Fred O'Brien as producer at the Hudson, with the latter succeeding Jack at the Empire Newark Inez Claire, fea-Empire, Newark. . . Inez Claire, fea-tured in a Midwest circuit unit, mixes acros with strips. The same unit has Dolly Moore, who was a parade girl at the Avenue, Detroit, recently promoted to principal with Herbie Barris, Eddie Yubel, Joey Cowan and Hazel Walker. . . Nancy Hart's ma, Mrs. Clara Gelhart, is recovering 

#### MAGIC

(Continued from page 45) 16 major illusions. These do not include the countless small tricks. There are a dozen tricks in the five-minute opening. Two large trucks carry the Virgil equipment, which includes 6 traveler tracks, 5 complete scenic changes, 18 hanging pieces, and special lighting. Show has just enough old-time opry house flavor to please Nebenzal, assistant film producer, and Paule Croset, film actress, in Hollywood recently. PARKER-COX—Bill Parker and bobby-soxers a bang."





**OUTDOOR** 

# CHI CONVENTIONS NEXT STOP

### Sitter Wanted

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 22. -The chamber of commerce here is offering \$200 to any young man who will spend five days - December 1-5 - sitting atop the 100-foot pole in the city hall awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter. Why Nick's arrival necessitates a five-day vigil is not explained. More than 30 applicants for the job have appeared so far. The More than 30 applicants for the job have appeared so far. The Buffalo airport advisory board turned thumbs down on a re-quest of a Buffalo department store for a permit to bring their Santa Claus in by helicopter for a landing on the store roof.

### **Act Shortage** Still Acute as **Imports Fade**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- There will be a minimum of new talent available for buyers of outdoor attractions this year, George A. Hamid, head of the booking office bearing his name, announced this week. A recently completed European scouting trip by Leo Grund, the first financed by the Hamid organization since before the war, resulted in the assured ar-rival of not more than six or seven acts, tho a total of 25 was sought.

Hamid minimized the need for new talent, explaining that acts and re-vues, as presented now, were new to the fair and park going public. Operators inclined to take a different observations member to take a threat the twice overlooked the fact that their familiarity grew from association with the performers and the i ewing of their presentation throut the usual week's engagement.

#### Demand Is Heavy

New talent is needed principally to add to the supply to take care of the add to the supply to take care of the unprecedented demand, rather than as replacements for acts available for outdoor events. Because of the record volume of business handled this year by his firm, Hanid an-nounced a week ago that no new business would be solicited for 1948.

No reduction in talent costs is seen. No reduction in talent costs is seen. Hamid said his major revue, Grand-stand Follies, featuring 20 Roxyettes in the chorus, Ben Yost Singers, the Appletons, Joe Chester and Lee Barton Evans, represented an initial staging investment of about \$68,000, which would normally require four years to get back. Costumes have to be changed annually, scenery every two years, electrical equipment and motor vehicles used for trans-portation of equipment and person-nel, every four years. nel, every four years.

### Don'i Over-Buy, He Warns

Since each revue is bolstered by the addition of eight or more acts, the demand for talent, with annuals buying more than ever before, is dif-ficult to fill. Hamid said he is cau-tioning clients not to over-buy. The only gauge to use, he said, is the number of paying customers that can be accommodated. The poten-(See Act Shortage On on page 60)

# Plan Stadium Expo Bldg. for Los Angeles

### Projects To Cost \$8,000,000

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22. — Two separate projects, totaling \$8,000,000 in expenditure for an exposition building and a huge sports stadium, are under way here and will be built as soon as material and labor short-ages are alleviated. In the not-too-distant future Los Angeles County will have one of the finest exposition buildings in the country, according to an aunounce-ment of the 48th District Agricultural Association. It is estimated that the

Association. It is estimated that the new building will cost \$3,000,000. It will be located on 25 acres of land southeast of the Freeway and At-lantic Boulevard, in East Los Angeles. For Variety of Shows

The structure is designed to house shibitions such as national liveexhibitions such as national live-(See 8-MIL EXPO. BLDG., page 139)

### **Big Season Reported** For Boyle Woolfolk; Org Booked 128 Fairs

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Total of 128 CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Total of 128 fairs this year were supplied thru Boyle Woolfolk Agency, of Chicago, it was announced this week. The fair business handled by the Wool-folk office was one of the largest, if not the largest, since that agency entered the outdoor amusement field 20 years ago. Besides the fairs, the office supplied acts for 40 homecom-ings and celebrations. Four revue units and two circus units, the latter called the Wonder Bros. Circus; one Wild West unit and a vaudeville unit, featuring the Hilton Sisters (Siamese twins), were

and a vaudeville unit, featuring the Hilton Sisters (Siamese twins), were contracted thru the office. Included among the acts booked were 10 acts imported from Europe. Further im-portations are expected in 1948, it was announced. The Midwest bookings of one of E. Ward Beam's Thrill Show units was also handled by the Woolfolk office.

office.

George B. Flint, general sales rep-resentative of the fair department of the agency, has been out of the of the agency, has been out of the city on an extended booking tour and will be back for the outdoor conven-tion. Woolfolk recently returned from New York and announced that he had signed some new attractions which he will offer at fair conven-tions. tions.

Raynor Lehr recently was added to the Woolfolk staff and will be active in booking fairs.

### 15,000 Attend Expo

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Nov. 22.—An-nual Hudson Valley Exposition, which ended a week's showing at the armory Saturday (15), drew an estimated 15,-000 persons. Professional talent included A. Robbins, the Banana Man, and the Juggling Jewels, booked thru George A. Hamid, Inc., New York.

### Show Directory

Again this year The Billboard will furnish an outdoor show directory in the lobby of the Hotel Sherman. Requests for listings in this directory will be accepted at the Showmen's League tent, provided by the U.S. League tent, provided by the U. S. Tent & Awning Company, in the hotel lobby. Tickets for the SLA banquet-and-ball will also be dis-tributed from this tent. No banners or signs will be permitted in the lobby, the hotel announced.

### Phoenix Sportman's Park Stand Damaged By Mysterious Fire

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 22 .- Flames of undetermined origin raged thru the grandstand at Sportsman's Park the grandstand at Sportsman's Park here at 4 a.m. Monday (17), destroy-ing the seating section and pari mutuel booths, including a number of costly totaling machines, and dam-aging the all-metal roof. The stand bad a seating councity of 6 000 had a seating capacity of 6,000.

Estimates of the loss incurred ranged as high as \$150,000, but no of-ficial figures were announced. Horse races were scheduled to start Christ-mas Day.

It was believed that the blaze was the work of an arsonist, for the fire spread rapidly thru the entire struc-Osborn Road. The flames did not menace the stables housing about 400 horses. A night watchman discovered the fire when he made his customary round.

The flames broke out in the center of the grandstand and spread rapidly (See Fire in Phoenix on page 139)

### **10-Day Celebration** Set at Port Arthur

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Nov. 22. The Golden Jubilee Corporation of Port Arthur, Tex., today announced a 10-day golden jubilee celebration will be held at the Port Arthur Mil-lion Dollar Pleasure Pier here. Of-ficials said \$50,000 is being raised to finance the event. Exact dates have not been decided

T. J. Gillespie, manager of Pleas-ure Pier, will attend the outdoor showmen's convention in Chicago, December 1-4, to line up outstanding attractions for the celebration.

### Howard County Annual **Mulls Plan for Development**

MIDLAND, Tex., Nov. 22.—Howard County Fair Association here is studying plans for a central organization and for establishing facilities for holding livestock shows, agricultural exhibits, rodeos and related activities. J. H. Green, manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, sug-gested a plan which would provide a fair association composed of organizations now active as well as an un-limited number of interested indi-viduals. Included in the proposal are plans for utilizing buildings from the Big Spring Army Air Field by moving them to a permanent site.

# **Confabs** Loom As Biggest Yet

Centered at Sherman-SLA banquet-ball at Palmer House-NAAPPB show up

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—In cities and at whistle-stops thruout the U. S. and Canada, the brethren-an sisters, too—of outdoor showbiz are readying their glad-rags and putting on the new look or dolling up the old in " preparation for the annual trek here for the annual outdoor conventions and their objective; business and/or pleasure.

The big doings—and it'll be plenty big, what with confabs for fair execs, parkmen and carnival owners and the attendant buying, contracting, bread-breaking and elbow-tilting, not to mention social events, officially opens Sunday, November 30. Days before then, however, the van-

guard will be milling about the Hotel (See CHI CONCLAVE on page 60)

### **Grand** National Livestock Expo In Record Draw

SAN FRANCISCO. Nov. Grand National Livestock Exposition and Rodeo closed here Sunday (9) with a new record for attendance. Eleven performances attracted 105,-676 paid admissions compared with 82,273 for 13 shows during a com-parable period last year.

More than 100 top hands from all over the West competed for a recordbreaking \$30,000 in prize money at the championship rodeo.

the championship rodeo. Bud Linderman, Red Lodge, Mont., was declared the nation's top cow-boy for 1947. Linderman won out over Wag Blessing, Burbank, Calif., on the final night of the show. The championship was determined thru competition at rodeos thru the West this year. vear. this

Blessing was leading Linderman when the two appeared here for the climatic event of the year. During the last week the wiry Linderman the fast week the wiry Eindermain forged to the front in competition in the five rodeo events—saddle bronk riding, bareback bronk riding, calf roping, Brahma steer riding and steer wrestling.

Linderman, who won by a margin of about 200 points, won prizes total-ing \$7,000. National winners in the individual

National winners in the individual events were: Bareback Bronk Riding—Carl Mendes, Visalia. Calif... champion; Bud Linderman, second; Jimmy Schumaker, Phoenix, Ariz., third. Calf Roping—Buckshot Sorrells, Tucson, Ariz., champion: Troy Fort, Lovington, N. M., second: Chuck Sheppard, Phoenix, Ariz., third. Saddle Bronk Riding—Defending champion Jerry Ambler, Glenwood. Calif., champion; Bill Linderman, Red Lodge, Mont., second; Bild Linderman, third. Steer Wrestling—Homer Pettigrew, Grady, N. M., champion; Bud Linderman, second; Buckshot Sorrells, third. Brahma Steer Riding—Wag Blessing, cham-pion; Glenn Tyler, Modesto, Calif., second; Jimmy Schumaker, third.

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A Message From the President

- By A. B. McSwigan

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**Speakers To Get Signals** 

# Sherman's ballroom

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—New innova-tion at the various meetings of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB) convention in the Hotel Sherman here, December 1-4, will be a traffic light and, according to Paul H. Huedepohl, executive secretary of the NAAPPB, all speakers will be or-dered to obey it.

When a speaker starts his talk the green light will flash. Two minutes before his time is up he will get the yellow light and when his time is up the red light will flash and a buzzer will sound will sound.

will sound. "In this way," Huedepohl said, "no speaker will be able to go on end-lessly. Those attending the conven-tion won't be bored with long drawn-out talks or forums. Everything will be run on a time schedule so that members may plan their time. In other words, if Tuesday's meeting is supposed to be over at 4 p.m., it will be over at that time and members may make plans for appointments, etc., with that in mind," the NAAPPB secretary said. Two minor changes have been

secretary said. Two minor changes have been made in the program, as originally planned. Marvin Staton, Springlake Park, Oklahoma City, originally scheduled as a member of the faculty for Forum No. 1 on Wednesday, deal-ing with the future of the outdoor amusement industry, has withdrawn. The other change is an addition, Irving Rosenthal, of Palisades Park, being added to Forum No. 6 on Thursday, having to do with new promotions.

promotions. Unless all signs are wrong, accord-ing to Huedepohl, attendance at the NAAPPB banquet this year, sched-uled in the Hotel Sherman's Grand Ballroom, will top last year's by some 200. Reservations are coming in fast, according to the NAAPPB Chicago office, and Huedepohl said he is aim-

according to the NAAPPB Chicago office, and Huedepohl said he is aim-ing for an attendance of around 600. Last year 408 persons attended and moving the banquet this year to the Grand Ballroom has had a de-cided effect, "because people know there will be plenty of room, not only for dining but for the floorshow and dancing after," Huedepohl said. Ban-quet tickets are going at \$8.50 per person, which includes tips, etc. Huedepohl hasn't the slightest doubt that attendance this year at the park convention will be far and above any previous year. He says hotel reservation requests this year are heavier than a year ago, which was a record from the attendance standpoint, and says the requests are still coming in. He repeated that his office will do everything in its power to take care of reservations for mem-bers but urged they get their requests in at once.

in at once. Huedepohl said the trade show is, Huedepohl said the trade show is, and has been, a sellout, but added that the Calumet Coach Company, Chicago, had prevailed upon him to be added and he had made arrange-ments to spot them on the lower level. "The Calumet company has made a tie-up with the Blevin Pop-corn Company to show the latest de-sign in popcorn wagons, too," Huede-pohl said.

Last December the National Asso-ciation of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB) convention shattered all previous attendance rec-Huedepohl plans on 600 ords. In all respects it was a banner conclave. Now, however, every in-dication points to a much bigger con-



A. B. McSWIGAN President, NAAPPB

vention—our 29th—which all in the park, pool and beach industry know will be held in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, December 1-4.

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### Acker Planning Outlay of 30Ğ At Moosepath

ST. JOHN, N. B., Nov. 22.—Louis Acker, St. Stephen, N. B., who re-cently purchased Moosepath Park, located three miles east of St. John, from George Kane, St. John, an-nounces he will spend \$30,000 this winter and next spring on improve-ments ments.

Included in the improvement plans, Acker says, will be a new enclosed grandstand, seating 3,600 persons; new bleachers, a lunchroom, conces-sion buildings and fences. He also plans to improve the half-mile horse race track and plans to stage midget car, motorcycle and bicycle races. A lighting system also may be instalfed

car, motorcycle and bicycle races. A lighting system also may be installed. Rides will include a Merry-Go-Round, Whip and Ferris Wheel. Park-ing space will be provided. Purchase price was said to be \$7,000. Kane has operated the park the last five years.

assembled under one roof. Take part in the discussions of the dynamic pro-gram sessions, and in the refined so-cial activities such as the gay eve-ning parties of the penthouse and the magnificent banquet with a top-dicht to reach a pentholis the form flight stageshow, concluding the four-

lay program. It is your convention. Executive Secretary Paul H. Huedepohl and a score of committees have labored un-ceasingly to make it the finest. Be enriched by attending; stay away and regret.

# **Swedish Park Op** Arrives **To Book Acts**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Einer Ek-NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Einer Ek-strom, managing director of Liseberg Park, Gothenberg, Sweden, arrived in this country recently to sign up several attractions for next season. His visit will include visits to Play-land Park, Rye, N. Y.; Palisades (N. J.) Park; Carlin's Park, Balti-more, and Steel Pier, Atlantic City, as well as attendance at the an-nual meeting of the National Asso-

as well as attendance at the an-nual meeting of the National Asso-ciation of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches. Ekstrom has colored slides of his park, one of Europe's foremost amusement centers, which he plans to show to members of the national association at Chicago. At the George A. Hamid booking office it was reported that price was no object as long as the talent ob-tained was the best available. About four acts will be booked for four to six weeks at Liseberg, with an equal number of weeks being offered at Tivoli Park, Copenhagen. First-class round-trip transportation will be pro-

round-trip transportation will be pro-vided and all payments are to be made in American money. Liseberg, which is municipally owned, may also import American bands. Ekstrom is said to be inter-ested chiefly in orks strong on visual entertainment, like the Milt Britton band band.

Jimmie Jamison, high diver, was signed this week by Ernest Sahl-strom, Danish booker, for 22 dates in Scandinavia. He will open May 1 at the National Scala, Copenhagen night spot, and then play park dates.

### Allentown, Pa., Funspots Must Add Admission Tax

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 22.— Amusement parks here, of which Dorney and Central are the largest, will have to add an amusement tax to all admissions next season. City council this work approximated place council this week announced plans to enact legislation calling for a tax of one cent to be levied for each 25 cents or fraction thereof on all tickets

cents or fraction thereof on all tickets sold. In addition, all permanent amusement places will be assessed an annual license fee of \$1. The penny tax covers all types of amusements, with varying degrees of penalties included in the ordi-nance.

### Ventnor Nixes Tax

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ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 22.—Altho the 3 per cent luxury tax will con-tinue here next year, the sister resort of Ventnor turned down a similar im-post at a recent election. Vote was 1,767 against and 981 for.

# **Trade Show** Schedule Set By Huedepohl

### **Malec Award Chairman**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—"The biggest and best in history." That is the way Paul H. Huedepohl, executive secre-tary of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches describes the org's annual trade show, scheduled December 1-4 in the Hotel Sherman's convention hall, in connection with the annual conven-tion of the NAAPPB.

One thing is certain about this year's event, in comparison with last year, and that is all records, from the year, and that is all records, from the standpoint of the number of exhibi-tors, will be broken. Too, according to Huedepohl, there will be more varied exhibits this year and almost every manufacturer, who makes items connected with outdoor show business will be an bond business, will be on hand.

Last year it was necessary to shorten the hours during which the trade show was in operation each day because of the coal situation. "Those shorter hours proved so popu-lar with both exhibitors and people attending the show that they urged we repeat this year in the matter of hours, or even lessen the time," Huedepohl said. All in all, the hours Huedepoint said. All in all, the hours this year will be about the same as last year, altho several changes in times are announced for this year. Here are the hours for the show this year as announced by the NAAPPB secondary: secretary:

Monday, December 1-10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2-10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3-10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(See Trade Show Set on page 59)



ONE OF THE BUSIEST men at the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches Convention at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, De-cember 1-4, will be Paul H. Huede-pohl, above, executive secretary of NAAPPB. You'll see plenty of him at the various meetings, at the trade show and around the lobby.

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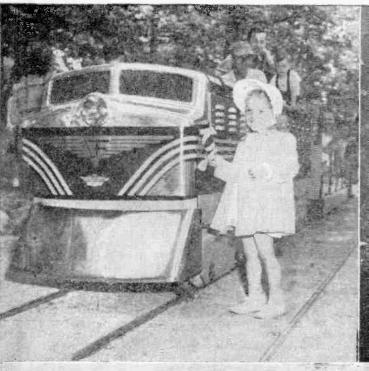
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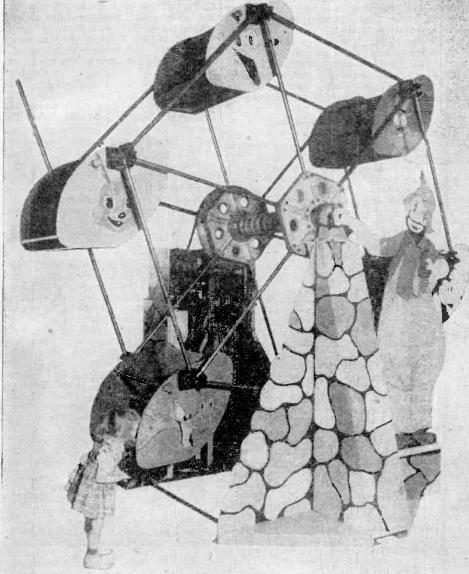
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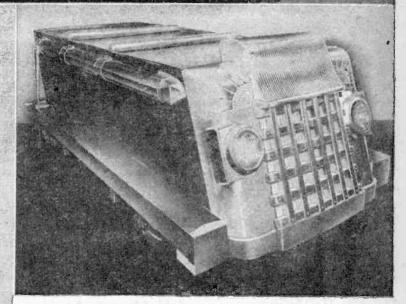
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GET THAT PICNIC BUSINESS

**FORESIGHTED** park managers in Detroit are laying plans now for the business their parks will enjoy next summer by working to make their park the picnic spot for their territory. Park business generally has been so good for several years that many in the business have for-gotten about picnics excent such as gotten about picnics, except such as happened to come their way. Indeed, some park men went so far as to view picnics as a nuisance and to discourage them, because they felt the picnic crowd cut into their regular day's business.

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Conditions have so changed that parks are turning to a neglected basic principle in any kind of mer-chandising—seeking ways to increase the traffic or volume they handle thru large scale transactions. In the of parks, this means picnics. case

The field never has been wholly neglected, and picnics have contin-ued to be booked; in many instances, active promotion has been necessarv.

#### The Old Reliable

Nearly every park has its usual reliable quota of school, church, and lodge picnics. If the habit is established, these groups will continue to come faithfully, year after year. In Detroit, the Central High School held traditional picnics for decades each June at Bob Lo Park, while the Edi-son Power Club went for years to Tashmoo

### Detroit park operators and industrial concerns work hand in hand in promotions

### BY HAVILAND F. REVES

even these smallest groups are en-couraged in a metropolitan area park. At Edgewater Park, Detroit, when the crowd is too small to justify when the crowd is too small to justify opening the various park attractions all at once, one ride man will be assigned to open up one ride after another, and the crowd just follows him around. In that way, there is always a small crowd around the attractions in operation.

#### **Good** Laboratory

**Good Laboratory** However, it is in industrial picnics that much of the soundest park pro-motion can be done. Here, the Motor City area offers a good laboratory where ideas have been, and continue to be, tested. Park men, off the record, will say that this is probably the most highly competitive park territory in the country—and it is the world's most noted industrial center.

come faithfully, year after year. In Detroit, the Central High School held traditional picnics for decades each June at Bob Lo Park, while the Edi-son Power Club went for years to Tashmoo. Public, parochial, and rural school groups all enter into the park picture. These affairs bring out the entire family, and usually are drawn from a particular neighborhood. Some of them are big affairs with 5,000 peo-ple, while smaller country schools will draw as few as 80 people. Yet

park operations and parking lots. At Jefferson Beach, operated by the same management as Eastwood, there has been little picnic promotion, but this spot was just reopened two seasons ago and was still undergoing remodeling this past season. In the future, when the park policy is sta-bilized, it is likely that picnic pro-motion will become a regular feature.

### **Distance Helps**

Distance Helps One factor in favor of Jefferson Beach—in addition to its position on Lake St. Clair—is its distance from the city. Some park operators feel that the successful picnic park should be at a short distance away from the city. That is a good rule, but has its exceptions as proved by the sound success of Edgewater achieved thru success of Edgewater, achieved thru effective promotion effort.

In this area there is another factor -the picnic park, which is a direct competitor of the established amusement park for picnic business. There are at least two dozen of these spots located within about 30 miles, of var-ious sizes and provided with varying facilities, usually centering around a dance floor or facilities for dispensing beer. In between there are four or five miniature parks, such as or five miniature parks, such as Motor City, Utica and Island Lake with a few rides or games conces-sions which make them true amuse-ment parks,- usually without picnic facilities on their own grounds. However, a public park nearby usual-ly supplies this lack.

#### Legitimate Operation

The picnic park is an entirely legitimate type of operation, but the amusement park owner with his big-ger investment has something much more valuable to offer the picnic committee—diversity of attraction. The picnic park sometimes operates on a rental basis at a flat fee or charges 50 cents per car for admis-sion. The amusement park in itself, in favorable contrast, offers itself not only with free admission, in this territory at least, but with major park attractions sold at a reduced price for groups. The large park is definitely attrac-tive to plant management or to any group putting on a picnic if it is properly presented. "We are highly in favor of picnics at an amusement park," says W. E. Landis, director of industrial relations for the Briggs Manufacturing Company—a post that requires a staff of 170 people to ser-

requires a staff of 170 people to ser-vice the company's 26,000 employees. "It offers such a wide variety of at-tractions, and there is never a lull in the activities."

Landis himself, who is one of the country's outstanding leaders in per-sonnel work, was the man behind the scenes in a picnic staged last summer at Edgewater for some 3,500 people—the Briggs supervisory em-ployees and their families. The handling of this event was a high-water mark in picnic operation that has left the friendliest of feelings on both sides.

### Good Morale Builder

"Anyone is vulnerable to a good time," Landis summarizes his view-point. "Industrial management looks at such affairs from their value in morale building. We have probably as well knit a supervisory personnel as any industry in this country and our outing this summer was another step in that direction. "Parks themselves should build up

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"bible" of procedure in picnic a little "bible" of procedure in picnic operation and promotion. Some day the free spending era they have known during the war will be over, and then they will want to have the industrial picnics."

industrial picnics." Turning to specific details, Landis outlined some of the individual steps that made this picnic a classic—not all adaptable to every picnic nor by every park, but richly suggestive for the thoughtful operator: "We leased the park for the day, and it was open only to our own peo-ple—from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., when it was thrown open to the general public. By that time, most of our people were tired and ready to go home, tho some stayed. "We provided free attractions—

"We provided free attractionsrides were free, so were hot dogs, soft drinks, etc. The overall cost was one dollar per person—and they got up to \$10 worth of rides alone for it for it.

"Beer was provided, but only a token amount, so that it was there for those who really wanted it. But we didn't have enough on hand to risk spoiling the day.

"An important rule for such family including wheels, fish ponds, or any other type, should be closed. That was provided for in our contract.

#### **Co-Operation Good**

"Rides were not run while we had the rest of our own activities pro-gram. This was necessary to get the crowd out for the ball games, races, and similar group events. Otherwise, the rides might prove too tempting. The rides were opened as soon as this part of the program was over was over.

"It is all a matter of good organ-ization—planning so that everything is provided for, and there is always something going on. Our commit-tee for this picnic numbered about 400 persons 400 persons.

400 persons. "We aren't letting people forget it. We made a 16mm. color movie, using a professional cameraman, and have about 1600 feet of film. The picture runs 25 minutes. We are showing this to employee groups, and will screen it for the wives and fam-ilies at a Christmas party," Landis said. Not all picnics are so elaborately

Not all picnics are so elaborately organized as the Briggs event. Typ-ically, the picnic or recreation chair-man will select a committee of about a dozen and sometimes each appoints a dozen and sometimes each appoints a subcommittee for his own depart-ment. The principal functions essen-tially are: food, liquids, games, ath-letic events, children's games and transportation. Policing, with 10 or 12 members with arm bands to keep order in their own group, and to keep other people away from them if there are other park patrons present, is highly important. However, there is a definite value in having a large committee such as Landis', because more people will be interested in making the event a success because they each have a responsible part in it. Must Select Events

#### **Must Select Events**

The events at a picnic must be carefully selected and scheduled to fit the group. The park cannot lay down the rules here successfully. Picnic groves, baseball diamonds, a place to hold races, platform or other accommodations to hold drawings for prizes and picnic tables are among

accommodations to hold drawings for prizes, and picnic tables are among the essential special facilities. At Edgewater, there is a large log cabin available as picnic headquar-ters. In addition, there are a num-ber of stands in the grove equipped with bet and cald running water and with hot and cold running water, and so that groups can do their own cook-ing and handle their own beer, soft (See Get That Picnic on page 59) soft

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SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22 .- George Whitney today has a milliondollar business and the ground it stands on -1.021,090 square feet on San Francisco's shoreline. This is Playland-at-the-Beach. It is not a difficult trick for Whitney to make money because he has one of the finest amusement parks in the country and it never has been closed a single day in its 19 years of operation. At present, Whitney's organization is highly complex but obviously successful for Playland is divided into three parts, the res-taurants, the concessions and the rides—more than 50 items in all. Whitney

is in direct charge and the only one at the beach working on a commission basis. He has placed managers and sub-managers, however, over each-of the three broad classifications and one person to head each specific item. All are on salary and most of his em- On New Home ployees have been with him for years as the activity at Playland is not seasonal, which is the case of most parks in this country.

"This all-year-round operation works out very well for us because it isn't necessary to break in a new crew each season," said Whitney. The weather, which is generally mild, also favors year-round operation.

### Revenue Drops

Playland had a boom era during the war and plenty of military money was war and plenty of military money was spent here, but now the park is op-erating at a 24 per cent drop in reve-nue as compared with those peak years. Yet, according to Whitney, attendance is up and the percentage figure is ahead of that of pre-war years. Ride patrons now are paying a slightly higher tariff than they did before the war, but this is because labor and food costs are up. In cases where increases were necessary they where increases were necessary they have been small and mostly on food items. In the few instances where the ride prices were raised, increases ranged from between 3 and 5 cents.

ranged from between 3 and 5 cents. As far as the rides go, the Big Dip-per is one of the top money makers. The most consistent solvent amuse-ment item, however, is the Merry-Go-Round, and this seems to act as a financial barometer here as it does at other parks thruout the nation. Con-sequently, whenever Whitney decides to check on his contemporaries, he asks only to see the carousel receipts: for how goes the Merry-Go-Round, so goes the black and red ink.

#### Anent Accidents

Any discussion of the rides neces-Any discussion of the rides neces-sarily leads to the discussion of acci-lents, and Whitney is not at all reti-cent on this subject. He has little reason to be, as a matter of fact, for, in the whole history of the park, there has not been no serious accident due has not been one serious accident due to mechanical failure. There have been a few deaths, it is true, but all were due to the customer standing up or hanging over the edge of the cars, a situation contrary to all the signs

and all good reasons. Just to see that the record stays clean, Whitney has each item at the beach inspected every week by engineers from the insurance company and his own men make a check-up every day. He even goes to such lengths as having an inspector walk over the whole track of the Big Dip-per and Chutes early in the morning.

#### Enviable Record

Fire holds little hazards for patrons at Playland, as the park has an en-viable safety record in this respect. Fire prevention authorities have pointed out that the park is so laid out to avoid jams. Moreover, the park is not enclosed so panic is never factor. Playland has opened new conces-

sions and rides since the war. There is the \$75,000 remodeled Edgewater Ballroom and the \$250,000 roller rink, 19th centuries.

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# Work Started **Of Bay Shore**

### Site Nearer Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Nov. 22. — Baltimore's Bay Shore Park, famous for half a century and recently purchased by the Bethlehem Steel Company, is being dismantled and is giving way to a vast steel empire. With the passing of this historic spot, the forpassing of this historic spot, the for-mer Bay Shore interests, headed by George P. Mahoney, have taken title to 250 acres of island property 3½ miles closer to Baltimore than the old location. These island properties extend some three miles out into Chesapeake Bay, connected to the mainland by a bridge.

The development program, being carried to completion in time for next year's opening, will convert the prop-erty into a veritable Atlantic City. An amusement and ride area of 12 acres will include the best that modacres will include the best that mod-ern ride and device engineers have to present. The new location may be reached by much better transporta-tion facilities, both by water and by franchise bus service from the city and strategic points en route. Addi-tional parking is being provided by extensive dredging operations and land reclamation now in progress. land reclamation now in progress.

A new modern bathhouse will be constructed, and a new Roller Coaster built. New concession buildings will be erected and the modern midway will feature a beach boardwalk. Al-ready constructed is the Casino, in the most wedow design with dance famost modern design, with dance fa-cilities to justify top flight name

hintes to fushing top hight hand bands. New Bay Shore Park will be far more than an amusement enterprise. It is the last Chesapeake Bay spot available to a population of more than a million people this side of Mary-land's Eastern shore

a million people this side of Mary-land's Eastern shore. The long-range plans, now in the blueprint stage, call for an expendi-ture of \$1,500,000 over the next five years. They include a new boat and yacht club, a resort hotel, club cot-tages and a pleasure boat basin. An-other parallel development also being manned out is a sportsmen's paradise. mapped out is a sportsmen's paradise, these islands having been known for

years as fine duck hunting grounds. Associated with Mahoney in these developments are Col. A. T. Miller, Reese H. Jones and Oscar Bittler.

both on Whitney property but op-erated by private promoters. Among erated by private promoters. Among the new rides opened on the midway this year are the \$90.000 Racing Der-by, the Fly-o-Plane and the Cater-pillar. Also new is the Musee Mechanisms, Whitney's own col-lection of ingenious mechanisms that enchanted kings and whose glamor fascinated the people of the 18th and 19th centuries The Billboard

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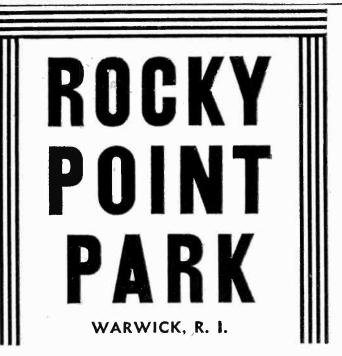
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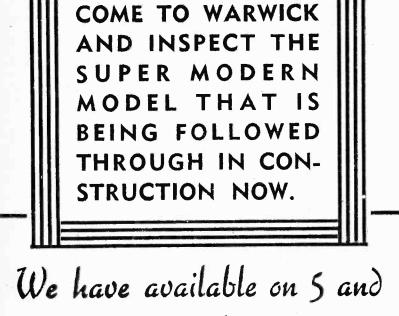
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# Sitting 'Round the Table

(Editor's Note—Discussion on the current subject, "Do you believe park owners should offer free parking privileges with police protection against thefts and vandalism?" continues. Only a few so far have sent in their ideas there is an a vanadismic continues. Only a tew so far have sent in their ideas on the subject. Unless more arrive shortly, the current question will be shelved in favor of another, so if you have some definite views on this sub-ject—and who among park owners hasn't—get them in now. Send your views to the Outdoor Editor, The Billboard, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago 1.

#### Likes This Column

Sitting 'Round the Table is a fine column. It gives park managers many fine ideas. Let's take the amusement end of the park business. Some parkmen get the idea that high acts are the only kind for their park Some parkmen get the idea that high acts are the only kind for their park. This is wrong in many instances, I believe. The best attractions for parks, I find, are platform acts. Wo-men and children make up a great part of park attendance and they do not care to see high acts, because women and children scare easily.

Many parks do not have any free acts and I believe this is a great mistake. Every park should offer some sort of an attraction to amuse some sort of an attraction to amuse people. Years ago almost every park had some sort of a show. Now many parks have nothing to offer the cus-tomers but rides and concessions. Park managers should offer some-thing in the way of a drawing card.— C. WILLIAMS.

#### Searle Gives Okay

We believe in free parking with police protection and have provided the same for years. However, some years ago we tried fencing off a part of our parking lot and charged for parking but it did not do enough bus-iness to warrant the extra expense. Our regular park deputies patrol the parking lot and park the cars. This, together with good lighting, has kept our thefts to a minimum. nas kept our thefts to a minimum. We believe that free parking goes with a free gate and that people should not be charged for the priv-ilege of spending their money in the park. Police protection helps to build good will.—FRED W. SEARLE, Manager, Suburban Park, Manlius, N. Y.

#### **Police Patrol Park**

Folice Patrol Park In reply to the question regarding parking, etc., we have parking areas that hold only about 250 cars at a time. On a recent Sunday we had 727 in the park, most of them parked in out of the way places. Our police force patrols the entire park so we

### E. J. Carroll's Father-in-Law Dies in Cambridge, Mass.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 22.— Thomas E. Toomey, father-in-law of Edward J. Carroll, owner of River-side Park, Agawam, Mass., died here Friday (14). Services were held in St. John's Church, North Cambridge, Monday (17). Toomey was presi-dent of the Boston Pulley & Shafting Company Inc. Boston and on sev-Company, Inc., Boston I timey at Sinathing eral occasions acted as construction consultant on building projects at Riverside Park. Several members of the New Eng-

land Association of Amusement Parks and Beaches attended the funeral. Harry Storin, Vernon A. Trigger and Thomas E. Morrissey represented Thomas E. M Riverside Park.

### March 10 Tentative Date For New England Confab

AGAWAM, Mass., Nov. 22.--Wednesday, March 10, has been ten-tatively set as the date for the 20th annual convention of the New Eng-land Association of Amusement Parks and Beaches, President Harry Storin announced here. He said he will call a meeting of the board in De-cember to confirm the date and plan features for the annual confab. The Parker House, Boston, again will be the site of the meeting.

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are able to give reasonable but not absolute protection. There were few cases of thefts or vandalism this sum-mer.—W. M. MANN, Director, Na-tional Zoological Park, Washington.

### Greenspoon in Deal for Va. **Beach Parks**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. — Jack L. Greenspoon, in town for the Na-tional Showmen's Association ban-quet, announced that he now is presi-last of four compositions controlling dent of four corporations controlling and operating amusement parks at Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Va. The Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Va. The Greenco Corporation is the land-hold-ing unit and Seaside Park, Inc., the operating firm of Seaside Park at Virginia Beach, while Park Conces-sions Corporation operates Ocean View Park in Norfolk. J. Green, a holding corporation of New York, acts as a purchasing unit for the Greencoon interests Greenspoon interests.

Greenspoon interests. Greenspoon and Dudley Cooper have purchased all the holdings of Art, Charles and Ben Lewis at the Virginia Beach spot, including all of Seaside Park, with a frontage of 1,060 teet on the Atlantic Ocean plus a plot opposite the park with a 660-foot frontage on Atlantic Boulevard serv-ing as a parking lat ing as a parking lot.

#### Ocean View Park

Ocean View Park Park Concessions Corporation has acquired the leasehold of Lewis and Greenspoon, merchandise and all equipment of Ocean View Park in Norfolk, where it will operate all re-freshment stands, games and other anusements. At present a 10-man crew, under the supervision of Albert Greenspoon is renovating the Nor-Greenspoon, is renovating the Nor-folk park and constructing new build-

folk park and constructing new build-ings. New structures will include a build-ing and fishing pier at the north end of the park, a new frozen delight building and a palm garden accom-modating 400 patrons. The palm gar-den will front on the new highway which is built for the new bus lines replacing the streetcar line. A park-ing space for 200 cars will be laid out just off highway and within 100 feet of the palm garden.

just off highway and within 100 feet of the palm garden. The estimated cost of alterations for Ocean View Park concessions is \$25,000. Albert Miller, manager of the park, is supervising most of the construction. The park will open week-ends in April and daily start-ing the first Saturday in May.

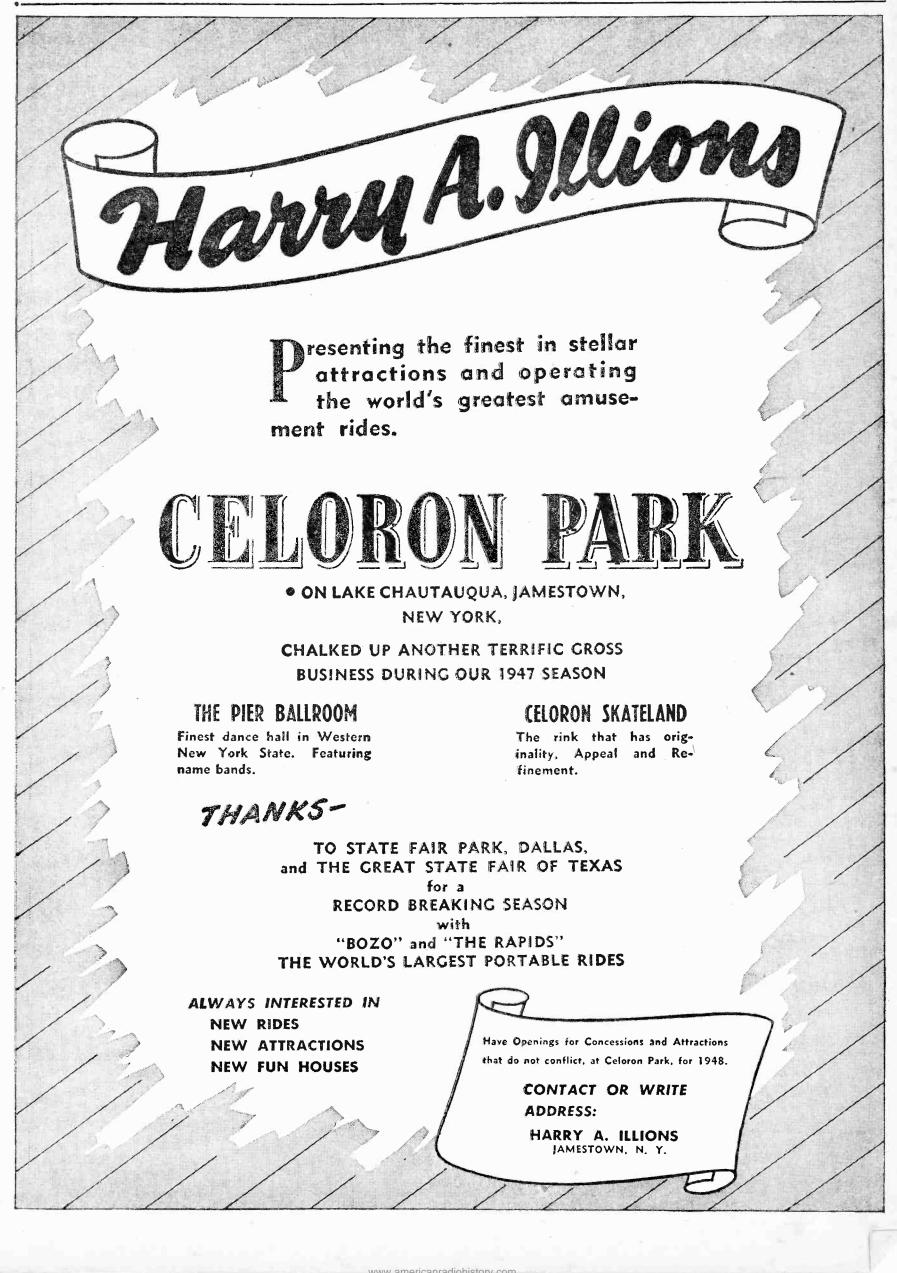
### Seaside Gets Facial

Seaside Gets Factal Seaside Park is also undergoing a face-lifting, including installation of a 20-car Scooter ride, Moon Rocket, kiddie park, miniature golf course, miniature railway with 2,100 feet of track, and rebuilding of the Whip. The park's picnic area is being en-larged to accommodate 3,000 diners

arged to accommodate 3,000 differs under shelter and 1,000 out of doors. Frank Biddle, superintendent of construction, is building a new ride called the Snapper, which will be in operation next year. New landscap-ing and a paint job are part of the winter program. winter program. Cooper, secretary-treasurer of both

cooper, secretary-treasurer of both park corporations, with offices in Norfolk, will have charge of winter operations. Jack Greenspoon will make his headquarters at the Cadillac Hotel, Miami Beach, from December 5 to March 1 5 to March 1.

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# **Official NAAPPB Program**

### Louis XVI Room, Hotel Sherman, Chicago Tuesday, December 2

Invocation—R. S. Uzzell Meeting called to order—Paul H. Huedepohl Meeting called to order—Paul H. Huedepohl Introduction of program chairman—Paul H. Huedepohl Introduction of President A. B. McSwigan—Don Dazey President's Address—A. B. McSwigan Announcements and communications—Secretary Paul H. Huedepohl Reports of Convention Committees: General Program—Don Dazey Pool and Beach Program—Henry A. Guenther Convention and Exhibits Arrangements Entertainment and Banquet Reception and Social—Edward L. Schott Report of public liability and fire insurance committee— N. S. Alexander. N. S. Alexander. Address: Human Element vs. Mechanical Failure in Relation to Accident Prevention of Amusement Devices—E. Duncan MacKenzie, assistant superintendent, Engineering Department, American Associated Insurance Companies. Questions and answers:

### **Executive Session**

Annual report of the finance Reading of the minutes committee Annual report of the treasurer Annual report of the secretary

Committee Reports

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#### Penthouse Club, 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. (House on the Roof)

Wednesday, December 3

Forum No. 1-The Future of the Outdoor Amusement Industry:

Harry J. Batt, chairman, Ponchartrain Beach, New Orleans. W. H. Hitzelberger, Fair Park, Dallas. Julian H. Norton, Lake Componce, Bristol, Conn.

- George A. Hamid's Pier, Atlantic City.

Forum No. 2—Cash Control:
N. S. Alexander, chairman, Woodside Park, Philadelphia.
William Muar, Roseland Park, Canandaigua, N. Y.
George B. Currier, Playland, Rye, N. Y.
Forum No. 3—Ideas in Midway Design:
J. W. (Patty) Conklin, chairman.
Pictorial of Midway at Canadian National Exhibition and comments.
Lewis W. Jenkins Jr., Santa Cruz Seaside Company, Santa Cruz, Calif.
Form No. 4—We're Not the Largest But Growing (This topic will cover

Form No. 4-We're Not the Largest But Growing. (This topic will cover

problems of medium and suburban park operation.) Robert A. Reichardt, chairman, Riverview Park, Des Moines. Harold K. Barr, Washington Park, Michigan City, Ind. Robert E. Freed, Utah Amusement Corporation, Salt Lake City. H. J. Malloy, Camden Park, Huntington, W. Va. F. W. Searle, Suburban Park, Manlius, N. Y.

- Observations within our ranks-William de L'horbe Jr.

#### Thursday, December 4

Address by Mel Sharpe, Washington. Admission Taxes. Forum No. 5-Admission prices for 1948.

Forum No. 5—Admission prices for 1940.
Faculty: Robert L. Ferguson, chairman, Capital Beach, Lincoln, Neb. John L. Coleman, Riverside Park, Indianapolis. George M. Harton, West View Park, Pittsburgh.
Address by R. C. Skillman, president of IRA and director of public re-lations of the Champion Paper & Fibre Company, Hamilton, O. Skill-man also will introduce a brochure, How to Promote Industrial Picnics, to the convention.
Forum No. 6—New Promotions. Faculty:

A. M. Brown, chairman, Buckeye Lake Park, Buckeye Lake, O. Edward J. Carroll, Riverside Park, Agawam, Mass.

R. J. Spangler, chairman, Rolling Green Park, Sunbury, Pa. Robert Guenther, Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J.

Meeting adjourned.

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7:30 p.m.-Banquet (Grand Ballroom).

POOL AND BEACH ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS Tuesday, December 2-12:20 P.M.

Faculty: Henry A. Guenther, Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., chairman; Carroll L. Bryant, National Director, Water Safety Service, American Red Cross, Washington; Chauncey A. Hyatt, Balogen Supply Com-pany, Chicago; R. N. Perkins, Swimming Pool Consultant, Omaha; Vernon D. Platt, Somerton Springs, Somerton, Pa.



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# **Firestone Heads** Service Awards

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CHICAGO, Nov. 22. — Louis H. Firestone, of Flint Park, Flint, Mich., is chairman of the award committee for the annual National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches convention in the Hotel Sherman, December 1-4. Members of his committee are Edward S. Scheck, vice-chairman, Summit Beach Park, Akron; George M. Harton, West View Park, Pittsburgh; Benjamin Krasner, Lakeside Park, Denver, and Fred W. Pearce, Walled Lake Park, Detroit. The three awards to be made are as follower:

follows: Andrew S. McSwigan Award: For the most outstanding service to the industry for the year. Award will go to the individual in the industry whose services during the year may be considered as having made the greatest contribution to the general good of the industry during that

good of the period. D. S. Humphrey Award: For the finest program appearance on the subject dealing with amusement parks or piers. In judging the winner parks or piers. In judging the winner of this award, Firestone and his com-

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(Continued from page 50) drinks, sandwiches and other foods as they prefer.

Selection of a day is no longer confined to mid-week. Parks are willing to book them in over the weekend, to book them in over the weekend, which is often necessary because of the work schedule, especially with union picnics. Where labor-man-agement relations are good, it is sometimes possible to close down the plant in midweek for such an event. Plant-sponsored picnics us-ually mean a midweek day. In the case of such organizations as department stores or drug chains where operations cannot be shut down, the picnic is sometimes split between two successive days, with half of the employees attending each day.

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day. There has been a distinct reversal of trend in recent years, away from plant-sponsored toward union-spon-sored pienics. Some years ago this stemmed, in part, from the feeling on both sides that they wanted to get away from any suggestion of "pater-nalism"; at the same time, growing unions wanted to take over the pop-ular picnics as an event that would bring the union itself moral support, ular picnics as an event that would bring the union itself moral support, profits or both. Today, some park men feel, management just won't do anything for its employees and the unions have to take them on. The unions have to take them on. The reasons need not concern the park man too much. The fact is park owners will deal largely with the union organization today in indus-trial picnics.

#### Money Making Secondary

Money Making Secondary While picnics offer a chance to make some money for the sponsoring organization, general experience is that the most popular are those where this element is subdued and the objective is to see that everyone has a good time. This is recognized by many unions as a factor in build-ing membership interest. There will be cases of organiz-ations where the money-making motive is predominant—so much so that some park operators have gone to the extreme of practically refusing all picnic business because they feel they cannot make a deal that will be profitable from the park's stand-point. point. The type of deal that is offered

each picnic must be adapted to the needs of that group. Getting in with the key man or committee and study-ing their problems is essential. Some ing their problems is essential. Some groups can get along with an after-noon affair, others will want ride nights, with various types of com-bination deals. Park policy here should be very flexible, and ready to find a new solution for the always new individ-ual ideas and beads that will crop up.

### Times Is Sponsor

The Detroit Times sponsored spec-ial nights for their newsboys, a pro-ject that brought the park some val-Ject that brought the park some val-uable publicity, incidentally, by buy-ing out the rides at Edgewater for the evening, and giving the youngsters free rides. Neighborhood news-papers and school groups likewise often prefer ride nights.

Average groups are given a dis-count of about 25 per cent, depending on size and other conditions, on the rides. They will take in more rides that way and increase the gross rev-enue by the inducement of lower prices prices.

prices. Picnic promotion itself is best handled by a man specializing in his field, as evidenced by the relative success of the two Detroit parks— Walled Lake with Robert K. Tem-pleton, an energetic young promoter, and Edgewater, with Lloyd Ham-mond, veteran motion picture pro-ducer and all-round showman. The diversity of background of these two men itself indicates the scope for in-

diversity of background of these two men itself indicates the scope for in-dividual initiative. There is no standard sales ap-proach in this field. Each contact is an individual work of art. It may

be with the welfare or personnel be with the welfare or personnel head of a plant or union, or with an entire committee. The whole deal must be tailor-made to satisfy the committee and the entire group as well, so that they will be eager to return to the park because of the good time enjoyed. The local musi-cians' union, for instance, has had picnics for three years at Edgewater. It started with 2,000 turning out, went to 3,000 the second year and this season upped to 5,000. this season upped to 5,000.

The real sales approach is based upon the fact that everybody loves that great American custom, a picnic. Careful inquiry will usually turn up a good, promotion-minded man in every organization, union or any otherwise, who can take hold of it and develop it into a first class affair --pleasurable to the group and pro-fitable to the park.

#### Day Is Important

The final important thing is to see that everybody is satisfied on the day of the picnic. The picnic rep-resentative of the park who has nursed this affair thru its early stages and knows his people is the one to take special responsibility for this. He must be on hand and get around to see how things are running. If a to see how things are running. If a discount was promised on any at-tractions, he should spot check to see that the customers get it without any difficulty, that they are pleased with the way they are treated at the eating stands. His attention much be con

### TRADE SHOW SET

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(Continued from page 48) Thursday, December 4-10 a.m.

to 1:15 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. As in past years, awards will be made to exhibitors. Joe Malec, Peony Park, Omaha, is chairman of the American Recreational Equipment Association jury of awards. Other members of his committee are R. M. Spangler, Rolling Green Park, Sunbury, Pa.; Mrs. Minette Dixon, Lake Winnepesaukah, Chattanooga; Carl A. Sinclair, Meyers Lake Park, Canton, O., and J. F. Singhiser, Fontaine Ferry Park, Louisville.

The John R. Davis award in this division will go to the exhibitor judged to have "the most meritorious exhibit of a device or equip-ment or supplies." This is the sweep-stakes award and was won last year by the Miniature Train & Railroad Company, Addison, Ill.

For "the most meritorious exhibit of equipment or supplies" will go the A. W. Ketcham award, won last year by the Electronics Corporation, Rochester, N. Y.

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# **Chi Conclaves** May Be Biggest

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(Continued from page 47) Sherman, the scene of all the busi-ness sessions and all but one of the major social activities. The lone ex-ception is the annual banquet and ball of the Showmen's League of Ameri-ca, shifted this year to the Palmer House, where it will be held Tues-day, December 2.

### Nix Long Speakers

Nix Long Speakers The banquet and ball, incidentally, gives every indication of topping those of the past. For one thing, seat-ing should be better. At least, that is the reason why it was decided to shift the event to the Palmer House. For another thing, the program itself should be superior to those of previ-ous banquets and balls because speeches will be curbed and there will be no guest speaker. It has been the almost unanimous opinion of past attendants at these

opinion of past attendants at these affairs that long speeches, even by a "name," were definitely out of place. Emphasis instead has been given this year to a strong bill of entertainment

year to a strong bill of entertainment and to provisions for more time for dancing to cap the evening. Schedules of the three major groups to meet during the convention (and, these, incidentally, appear elsewhere in this issue of *The Billboard*) sug-gest that the sessions should be more fruitful than ever before for their respective groups.

respective groups. Besides the sessions of the Inter-national Association of Fairs and Ex-positions, the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches, and the American Carnival Associa-tions, there will be meetings by smaller groups, such as the Midwest Fair Circuit, the American Recrea-tional Equipment Association and the International Motor Contest Association.

#### **Record Trade Show**

Too, the Showmen's League of America will offer its regularly full program, which besides the banquet and ball will include the election of 1948 officers, their installation, memorial services, the president's party, and open house at the association's

and open house at the discontinuity clubrooms. The trade show of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches will far surpass any of the past in the quantity—and quality—of exhibits. This show, for which the NAAPPB had more space requests than it could hadle, will occupy more space than ever before —and will be the most comprehensive display of equipment ever made in the outdoor amusement field.

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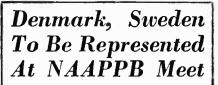
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(Continued from page 47) tial gross should determine the total expenditure for talent.

### Hamid does not look for a trend to name attractions because he believes hame attractions because he believes the cost too great for most fairs. Furthermore, many shows built around names require indoor presen-tation and only a few annuals have coliseums adaptable for this use, he said said.

Show Business.



CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Denmark and Sweden will have representatives at the annual convention of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB) here December 1-4, Paul Huedepohl, ex-ecutive secretary of the NAAPPB, has been advised.

From Copenhagen, Denmark, will be Valdemar Lebech, owner of Tivoli Park in Copenhagen, while from Sweden will be O. Arnholdt, Olsson, of Malmo, Sweden, owner of three parks, namely Falkets Park in Malmo, Liseberg Park in Gothenberg, Swe-den, and Furuvikspark in Gayle, Swe-den, and Einer Ekstrom, managing director of Liseberg Park in Gothen-berg

Both Lebech and Olsson recently joined the NAAPPB, being brought in by Irving Rosenthal, of Palisades Park. The three men are in the United States at this time to visit American amusement parks and sign attractions for next season.

DETROIT, Nov. 22. — Fred W. Pearce, owner of Walled Lake Park here, and Abner C. Rosenzweig, head of the Eastwood Coaster Company, East Detroit, are on the sick list this week.



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# **Canada Joins CNE** Pitch For U. S. \$\$

### **Plan Intensive Adv. Drive**

TORONTO, Nov. 22.—Spurred by Canada's critical dollar shortage, federal and provincial tourists bu-reaus for the first time in history will co-ordinate their efforts with the Canadian National Exhibition in 1948 to lure Americans to the CNE, it has been disclosed

with tourist business ranking third (behind mining and agriculture) as Canada's leading wealth producer, Canada is prepared to launch a more intensive comparing them ear before intensive campaign than ever before, and in this drive will tie its efforts closely with the CNE. Results, apart from serving to offset Canada's un-favorable trade situation, should hike attendance by Americans at the CNE.

### To Take More Bulletins

In the past, the CNE, working on its own principally, has made a large advertising expenditure in the U. S. This year, for instance, it has bought space in a large number of U. S. national publications and newspapers in the Great Lakes zone. More U. S. newspaper and magazine space is expected to be used in advance of the 1948 event.

1948 event. In pre-war years the CNE con-ducted a painted bulletin campaign embracing locations in Atlantic City, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. This year bulletins were used in New York (at 42d Street and Fifth Ave-nue), Buffalo, Cleveland and Roches-ter, N. Y. Tentative plans call for this phase of the advertising to be stepped up in 1948 to its pre-war level. level

While pushing its campaign in the U.S., the CNE will meanwhile con-tinue its intensive campaign in this country, using radio liberally and continuing its heavy expenditures for newspapers, magazines, outdoor ad-varticing at vertising, etc.

#### Gets Into Homes

Gets Into Homes Outstanding among the effective publicity used in this country is the distribution of 800,000 school chil-dren's invitations, which permit free admission and other privileges. Dis-tribution is thru the co-operation of the Ontario Department of Educa-tion. Thus, the exposition is intro-duced into every Ontario home where there is a child of grade school age. CNE's character in respect to its educational, industrial and cultural activities assures the continued strong

activities assures the continued strong co-operation not only of federal and co-operation not only of federal and provincial agencies but by railways, airlines, steamship companies, bus lines and other transportation facili-ties, most of which tie-in the CNE in their ads, outdoor advertising or in the placing of advertising material. Commercial exhibitors, too, join in co-operative efforts. In 1947, inci-dentally, all available commercial exhibit space was sold out. Most of these exhibitors have contracted for 1948, and, inasmuch as no expansion

these exhibitors have contracted for 1948, and, inasmuch as no expansion to provide added space is planned, a sellout is assured for next year. The one major construction job, the erection of a new \$2,000,000 grandstand, seating 22,000, will be completed before the event. With the facilities offered by the new stand, the CNE is expected to intro-duce a grandstand program which will be a radical departure from pre-war years. In recent weeks Elwood will be a radical departure from pre-war years. In recent weeks Elwood A. Hughes made an extended tour of the U. S. that took him to Holly-wood, and it is believed that an an-nouncement of the type grandstand show to be presented will be forth-coming soon.

### **Around the Grounds:** Winkley Into Auto Race Field; Will Also Continue Thrill Show

Frank Winkley, thrill show opera-tor, has entered the automobile racing promotion field with an announcement from his Minneapolis headquarters that he will book big car races at fairs for 1948. He revealed that he will offer Emory Collins and Jim-my Wilburn as headline drivers. This year Collins drove in the fair circuit operated by National Speedways (Al Sweeney-Gaylord White), while Wil-burn raced at fairs for John Sloan. Winkley said that he will continue to operate his thrill show but that he will withdraw from the motorcycle racing field.

After 20 years at one address, 121 N. Clark Street, Chicago, the Barnes-Carruthers Theatrical Enterprises will shift January 1 to larger and more modern offices at 159 North Dearborn, that city, Sam J. Levy, top man in the B-C org, announces.

Marshfield (Mass.) Fair, under the direction of Charles Langille, will paint all buildings, build new walks and streets in the fairgrounds, and install a new totalisator board to replace an old one before the 1948 annual.

Hamilton County Agricultural So-ciety, operator of Carthage Fair, Cin-cinnati, re-elected five members for three-year terms at its annual meet-ing November 16. They are ex-Gov-

# Phoenix Gate, Receipts, Set **New Records Old Marks Go Despite Rain**

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 22.—Gross receipts of \$154,000 were reported for the Arizona State Fair which came to a soggy close Sunday (16) after a 10-day run which attracted approximately 185,000, setting a new attendance record. Current receipts represented a \$9,-000 increase over lact year's total

Current receipts represented a \$9,-000 increase over last year's total, \$145,000. Total attendance was well over the 168,000 figure for 1946. A heavy rain the closing day kept away at least 20,000 people who would have otherwise attended, Paul F. Jones, fair commission secretary, estimated. Paui-mutuel batting totaled \$1.162 Pari-mutuel betting totaled \$1,162,-219 during the 10 days. Of that amount, 4 per cent or \$6,488.76 was paid to the State Tax Commission in

paid to the State Tax Commission in the form of taxes. Crafts Exposition Shows paid the fair commission \$17,343.68 for the midway. Commercial exhibit space brought in \$31,000 and \$17,500 was paid for the horse race concession. Permaining meney source function tight Remaining money came from ticket sales.

About \$35,000 will be paid in pre-miums for winners among the fair's 52,000 exhibits, Jones estimated. At 5:30 p.m. on the closing day, when it became evident that attend-ance would be only a fraction of what was expected, the gates were thrown open. Only some 4,000 per-sons paid admission to the grounds during the day. Crafts Shows, officials of which stated they had had a "better than average" business, had cleared the midway by Monday (17) and headed for winter quarters in North Holly-wood, Calif.

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ernor Myers Y. Cooper, president; Clarence A. Peters, secretary and general manager; Lawrence P. Lake, Frederick E. Seitz and Charles Strebel.

Bill and Bette Gerard, of Chula Vista, Calif., puppet show operators, gave nine performances daily during the recent Arizona State Fair, Phoe-nix. A special act, with Mexican characters, was used as an effort to haln international relations help international relations.

Three members of the California State Fair staff last week toured Northern California to discuss 1948 State fair plans with various county officials. Tour was made by Theo-dore Rosequist, assistant fair man-ager; Kenneth Fry, chief exhibits supervisor, and Grant Duggins, ex-hibits supervisor in charge of edu-cation and arts. The fair execs plan five other tours to cover every county in the State, it is announced by of-ficials here. ficials here.

Radio Station KOY, Phoenix, Ariz., learned that Santa Claus had joined other early-winter visitors to the Phoenix area while the recent Arizona State Fair was on in that city, and it prevailed upon Santa to entertain prevailed upon Santa to entertain the youngsters as a feature of Children's Day. Needless to say, his appearance proved one of the big features for the moppets.

When Indian Day rolled around at Arizona State Fair, Phoenix, Sec-retary Paul F. Jones recalled the tradition of admitting Indians free on that day. After mulling it over, he decided that Indian youngsters would be admitted free but that adults would have to pay the ad-mission price. However, he reck-oned without the Indians. Early on Indian Day he received a hurried summons to appear at the front gate. Upon arrival he found some 500 to 700 Indians seated calmly in front of the gate, blocking the entrance in passive-like resistance, whereupon the old tradition was quickly re-vived.

### Sked Adrian Potter To Speak in IAFE's **Concession Clinic**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22. - Adrian L. Potter, of Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass., has been added as a speaker in the concession clinic to be held during the convention of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, it has been announced. Elwood Hughes, of Canadian National Exhibition, previously scheduled to speak, will not participate in this part of the program.

Two other changes have been made in the program. Received too late for revision in the program carried in the Cavalcade of Fairs supplement, one of these changes shifts the sched-uled talk by Reumand A Les Min one of these changes shifts the sched-uled talk by Raymond A. Lee, Min-nesota State Fair, on "America's Fin-est Agricultural Exhibit Building," to the exhibit clinic. Lee's talk orig-inally was scheduled for December 3 during a period given to reviewing the season. The exhibit clinic is scheduled for the same afternoon.

Three speakers will participate in the grandstand show clinic Tuesday morning, December 2, as Mrs. Mur-ray Ethel Simonds, Muskogee, Okla., has asked to withdraw from that por-tion of the puestor. tion of the program.

# Calif.'s Big **Ones, Tracks Sked Racing**

**Reach Tentative Agreement** 

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22 .- California's major race tracks and larger fairs were reported to have reached a tentative agreement for 1948 racing dates following a joint meeting of the Senate Horse Racing Committee, the Western Fairs Association and the management of California's metropolitan tracks.

The tentative agreement, reached after a lengthy, and at times rather stormy meeting, was not announced but it was indicated that there will be no conflict between the State fair be no conflict between the State fair in Sacramento and any metropolitan Northern California track, or any conflict between the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona and any met-ropolitan track in Southern Cali-fornia fornia.

The committee sat a quorum of Senators Parkman, Rich and Swing. The Western Fairs Association was represented by Ed. G. Vollmann, Stockton, plus various heads of fairs offering horse racing and all major tracks in the State, with the excep-tion of Tanforan. The following is the fair schedule as approved by the Western Fairs Association, and which may be con-firmed at the meeting of the Cali-fornia Horse Racing Board in Los Angeles soon: Solano, County Fair, Vallejo-June 26-July 5. The committee sat a quorum of

5. Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton-July 9-17. Sacramento County Fair, Galt-July 17-24. Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa-July 30-August 7. Humboldt County Fair, Ferndale-August 10-15.

San Mateo County Fair, San Mateo-August

12-21. 12-21.
San Joaquin County Fair, Stockton—August
21-29.
California State Fair, Sacramento—Septem-

California State Fair, Sacramento-Septem-ber 2-12. Tulare-Kings County Fair, Tulare-Sep-tember 14-19. Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona-Sep-tember 17-October 3. Fresno District Fair, Fresno-September 23-October 3.

### Williams, Schooley **Buy New-Type Stage Covering for Shows**

COVERING IOR SHOWS CHICAGO, Nov. 22. — New-type stage covering, designed by Bernie Mendelson, of the O. Henry Tent & Awning Company, Chicago, has been sold by him to the American Theatri-cal Agency, he announced. The American Theatrical Agency is a new fair attractions booking office or-ganized by Ward (Flash) Williams and Edgar I. Schooley. The design, Mendelson said, will enable perfect vision from all parts of a grandstand and will protect not only the stage but an adjacent area where perform-ers wait to go on stage.

ers wait to go on stage. In purchasing the stage covering, Williams and Schooley point out that it will prove a boon to fairs as it will insure the presentation of grandstand shows regardless of weather conditions.

#### Named to Hoosier Board

MARION, Ind., Nov. 22.—Carl Tyner, Tipton County farmer, has been elected district representative of the State fair board. He was chosen over H. Clark, a Madison County farmer. Election was held at a district con-ference meeting, at which Orval C. Pratt, secretary-manager of the State fair, and Lieut. Gov. Richard T. James were in attendance. MARION, Ind., Nov. 22.--Carl

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### St. Louis World's Fair, Ahoy! Key Man of Proposed '53 Expo **Outlines Plans and Reviews Past**

#### By Stratford Lee Morton.

WHEN on April 30, 1803, Napoleon Bonaparte decided to cede all the Louisiana territory, consisting of 827,987 square miles, to the United of 827,987 square miles, to the United States for a consideration of \$15,000,-000, he remarked, "I renounce it with the greatest regret. If I should regu-late my terms according to the value of these vast regions to the United States the indemnity would have no limits. I will be moderate in con-sideration of the necessity in which I am of making a sale."

This transfer by purchase at 5c per acre represents the largest peaceful transfer of territory in the world's history. It doubled the extent of the United States history. It do United States.

When 100 years later Theodore Roosevelt, then President, opened the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, commemorating this event, he said: "We have met here today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the event which more than any other, after the foundation of the government, and always excepting its preservation, determined the character of our national life—determined the char-acter of our national life—determined that we should be a great expanding nation instead of relatively a small and stationary one."

### 20,000,000 at 1904 Expo

20,000,000 at 1904 Expo This exposition, which attracted 20,000,000 people in six months time, represented an outlay of about \$40,-000,000 and five years of labor on the part of St. Louisans. It was judged a great success. No fair since that time has surpassed it in beauty or in foreign participation. All the States and territories of the U. S., including its possessions, and 62 foreign govits possessions, and 62 foreign gov-ernments took part in making that

fair a truly international event. In the fall of 1946, after a brief sampling of public opinion, a meeting was called at the Academy of Science of St. Louis the latter part of Janof St. Louis the latter part of Jan-uary, 1947, to which were invited the representatives of 100 social, civic, business, labor and professional or-ganizations to discuss the question of a second exposition to commem-orate the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

### 85 Orgs at First Meeting

Eighty-five organizations answered the call, the subject of an exposition was thoroly discussed and by unani-mous vote it was decided that a fitting celebration should be held to mark this event and that such celebration should take the form of an international exposition to which all nations should be invited to partici-pate. I was elected chairman at that meeting and authorized to appoint a committee to explore the subject further. It was also decided to meet again in 60 days after each representative at the meeting had polled the sentiment of the organization which he represented. It was agreed that he was to report back to the group on April 15, 1947. A liaison committee was appointed of the 85 delegates in attendance and other organizations were invited to name a representative and to poll their members.

#### Solid Support Expressed

One hundred and twenty-five or-One hundred and twenty-five or-ganizations, comprising a total mem-bership of approximately 300,000 have passed resolutions favoring an international exposition to be held in 1953. There have been no negative votes.

An advisory committee of 106 was then appointed. This group consists of the heads of business, representing a cross-section of the city's leading industries which have the greatest stake in the future of St. Louis. At a luncheon meeting given by the Statler Hotel (a hotel incidentally

which had its beginning with the Inside Inn managed by E. M. Statler at the time of the 1904 exposition) an executive committee was authorized and I was elected general chairman of the World's Fair for 1953 committee to explore the question further and report back.

#### Would Cost \$53,000,000

After four meetings of the executive committee, the Chamber of Commerce was requested to make an exhaustive study of the feasibility of an international exposition. This was done after it had been decided by the executive committee that a fitting commemoration of the sesquicentenbe held in 1953—the scope and ex-tent of such celebration to be desided by further fact-finding.



#### STRATFORD LEE MORTON

The Chamber of Commerce after two months of study made a factual report of other fairs and set up a con-cept for an all-out fair to cost \$53,-000,000 over expenditures to be made for foreign government, State and concession buildings. Following this report, committees on finance, site, theme, structure and hotel and housing were appointed and asked to study in detail the subjects assigned to them and come up with recommendations for or against the project.

#### To Raise First Million

A bill was introduced into Congress

so as to preempt the date of 1953 if an exposition was decided upon. Each of the committees appointed has organized and broken up into subcommittees and they are now making detailed studies.

While there are a number of im-ponderables that may finally make a large scale exposition impractical, due to the general world situation, 1953 will be here soon and five years is none too much time to make prep-prations if a fair is to be held

is none too much time to make prep-arations if a fair is to be held. Within the next few months St. Louis, which is a conservative city, will most likely decide to raise \$1,-000,000 to put the concepts on blue-prints and then be ready to go ahead or to stop short after a year's poll of exhibitors and concessionaires. This, of course, is provided that the bottle-neck committee on hotels and hous-ing brings in a favorable report, showing that it is possible to do the necessary construction for G.I. hous-ing, complete the necessary and long (See '53 Expo Key Man on page 114)

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### For That Home-Stretch Drive---Use Radio, Says Ray Speer, Vet Minnesota State Fair Publicist -By Ray P. Speer -

Publicity Director, Minnesota State Fair

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Newspaper and poster publicity still are as invaluable as ever, particu-larly in the early stages of a campaign. Supplemented by radio, shortly before and during the fair, such a cam-paign is sure to click in a big way.

up our way the Twin Cities radio stations, WCCO, KSTP, WTCN, WLOL, WDGY, WMIN and KUOM, generously support the State fair in every way. However, they prefer to do most of their boosting from a week to 10 days in advance of the fair and during the fair. And in this we have always concurred.

#### Wealth of Material

Wealth of Material In conformity with this established policy, the problem of our publicity department is to prepare as much publicity as possible well in advance of the fair so radio stations two weeks to 10 days before the fair opens will have a wealth of material for selection and use. This year we furnished this ma-terial to Twin Cities stations in the form of two general news releases. One group of about 50 synopsized 100-word stories about the fair was fur-

word stories about the fair was fur-nished in mimeographed form to each station two weeks in advance of the opening day of the fair. A week later a second group of about 75 synopsized stories was furnished each station to supplement the first series.

#### **Cover** All Features

Every feature of the fair was given

Every feature of the fair was given one or more stories in these two news releases. The following story on 4-H Club work illustrates the style used: 2,500 TOP 4-H CLUBBERS COMING: More than 2,500 win-ners of county-wide 4-H Club contests in Minnesota will con-verge in two waves on the Minnesota State Fair, August 23 thru Labor Day. All are being given free trips to the State fair where they will compete for final where they will compete for final honors and State championships. All will eat and sleep in the gi-gantic 4-H Club building and will gante 4-H Club building and Will be busy attending programs and demonstrations. But they will find plenty of time to see other attractions of the fair and will be guests of the fair at one of its evening grandstand shows. The evening grandstand shows. The first batch of 1,250 girls and boys will attend the first five days of the fair. An equal number of youngsters will attend the last half of the fair.

half of the fair. Program directors of the various Twin Cities stations used these stories generously on regular news programs and elsewhere 10 days to two weeks in advance of the fair and during the fair. Illustrative of their wide use, one program director told me that one morning while he was checking other stations he found every one of them using State fair every one of them using State fair stories, thus giving the State fair at that moment a 100 per cent coverage.

Buy Many Spots As a supplement to the above news service, we used a paid spot-announcement program on each sta-tion, opening this paid program the Monday in advance of the fair and ologing it covered days after the page closing it several days after its open-ing. Thirty, 50 and 100-word an-nouncements, as required, were used. In addition to this the State fair vertising program on every Minne-sota radio station outside of the Twin Cities and on a selected list of East-

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ern North and South Dakota and Western Wisconsin stations. These stations also were mailed the two series of synopsized news stories for news use, and later letters from many of them indicated that these stories were used as liberally by outside sta-tions as by stations in the Twin Cities.



RAY P. SPEER

Copies of all stories released for daily use by St. Paul and Minneapolis dailies, Associated Press and United Press were mailed to all Twin Cities radio stations for use on radio news programs, and considerable use of them was made. We began using this service about three weeks in ad-vance of the fair. vance of the fair.

#### Aimed at Sportscasts

Sports commentators on all Twin Cities stations were furnished with individually written sports stories on auto races and other sports events for daily use a week in advance of the fair and while it was in progress. This plan, we later felt, contributed much to the grandstand sellouts on the six afternoons on which auto races and thrill programs were presented.

During the fair every St. Paul and Minneapolis radio station broadcast many programs from the fairgrounds. These broadcasts were scheduled thruout the day, every day the fair was on.

In summary, the intensive radio coverage given the 1947 Minnesota State Fair, both before its opening and while it was being held, was responsible to no small degree, I am sure, for the fair's record-breaking attendance of 902,000, which ex-ceeded the previous record by more than 140,000 than 140.000.

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### Sound Rain Insurance, Plus-Hoosier 250,000 Advance Ticket Sale Success From Many Angles

-By Levi P. Moore Public Relations Director, Indiana State Fair

ONE of the most successful business operations of the Indiana State Publicity starts with advance notice vance at a reduced price and on a State-wide basis.

The plan has reached a point where 250,000 tickets are sold before opening day. And it has reached a point where at least another 150,000, point where at least another 150,000, probably more, could be sold had the limit, now considered to be per-manent, been lifted. In fact, one drug chain asked for the entire issue in 1947 and the Indiana Farm Bureau would have taken wearly as many in 1947 and the Indiana Farm Bureau would have taken nearly as many, all on a no-refund basis. The sale in recent years has been on such a basis—once sold by the State Fair Board, no unused or unsold tickets are ever bought back by the board. Unused tickets, incidentally, average from 10 to 15 per cent from 10 to 15 per cent.

#### Hold to 250,000 Limit

The 250,000 limit was fixed in 1946 The 250,000 limit was fixed in 1946 and was a 50,000 increase over 1941, one of the many consecutive sellout years for the advance tickets. It was fixed against an expected paid gate of 600,000. The 1946 paid gate totaled 627,573 and the 250,000 limit was left unchanged for 1947 when the paid gate was 560,869. Theoretically, and before the rate

gate was 560,869. Theoretically, and before the gate-tax years, the advance admissions are half-price. The Indiana State Fair for years had charged a 50-cent ad-mission to which the 10-cent tax is now added. And for years the ad-vance tickets have sold at 25 cents but the tax dime now also is added but the tax dime now also is added.

but the tax dime now also is added. The business advantages of an ad-vance sale on a no-refund plan are obvious—a guaranteed gate income, meaning no worry about rain insur-ance. But the system goes far beyond that hard-headed consideration be-cause it provides an extra, large-scale publicity means. Not only do publications and radio stations adver-tise the ticket sales, but distributing publications and radio stations advert tise the ticket sales, but distributing agencies to whom the tickets are issued also advertise them. The disagencies to whom the tickets are issued also advertise them. The dis-tributors, selling the tickets as a public service and at no profit, often mention the tickets themselves in their advertisements in newspapers, on the air, and in their windows. Counter placards also are provided with blocks of tickets going to dis-tributors. The sale naturally leads to word-of-mouth mention of the State fair and the State fair tickets. The publicity value cannot be over-The publicity value cannot be over-emphasized, for it's almost as important as the treasury angle.

#### Sell Chiefly in Blocks

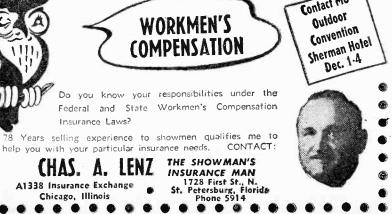
Distribution is largely by blocks of tickets on the now-established basis that the larger the block the simpler the system is to operate. When the requests exceed the supply it's simply a question of rationing of the large requests and of serving earliest re-

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of the opening of the ticket sale, in this case about six weeks before the fair's opening date. Such publicity, among other things, begins to bring in the ticket requests from those who need to be reminded. No checks are accepted until the rationing has been determined and each distributor's al-lotment is fixed. The tickets are then transmitted to the distributors, be-ginning on the opening day of the sale, and after advance payment. Sale sale, and after advance payment. Sale of the tickets in our case has gotten to the point that this year all were sold by the board of distributors within six days after the sale date. It should be said here that the In-diana State Fair usually sells no other tickets in advance, the full price (Sae Hoosier Advance on page 106)

(See Hoosier Advance on page 106)







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WHEN Iowa Gov. Robert D. Blue landed in front of the grandstand of the Iowa State Fair at Des Moines this year in a helicopter, he was promptly met and challenged for his admission ticket to the exposition.

The governor personally had pur-chased six tickets for his family and tcre one off and handed it to Sam Carpenter, superintendent of admis-sions, in full view of some 20,000 grandstand spectators who likewise

The transaction almost went un-noticed, except for the press, due to and altho there was some rumblings



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the almost unanimous acceptance of that year it was virtually accepted by had paid to a single man, woman and child. one-pays policy. The no-pass rule was adopted by the fair board in 1946

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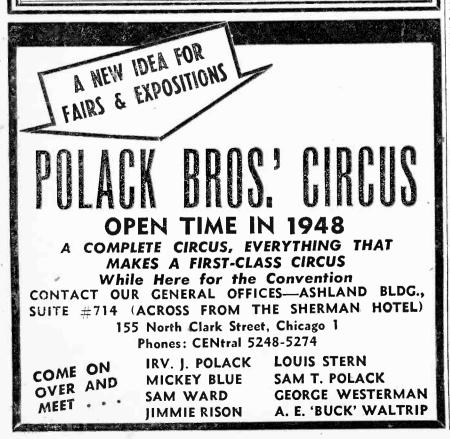
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Previously the pass policy had got out of hand with the result that thousands were streaming thru the gates without paying. It had become almost a joke among Iowans that you only had to know some politician to gate a pass. get a pass.

A check of Iowa fair records show that as many as 50,000 and even per-haps as high as 80,000 to 90,000 passes were issued. No exact figures are obtainable except thru the increase in gate receipts.

#### Sate Near \$200,000

This year the attendance was ap-This year the attendance was approximately 500,000 while revenue from the outside gates ran close to \$200,000. This actually included only a 42-cent gate charge as prices were fixed at a flat 50 cents including the 8-cent federal tax. Complete figures have not been released on the 1947 fair as yet.

However, in 1946 the attendance was 514,036 and gate receipts \$197,-170.50 for a flat 50-cent charge. The difference in receipts and total at-tendance is accountable thru two free children's days and the employee pass selling for \$4 and allowing 20 admissions.

Back in 1941, before the war and the no-pass rule, the attendance was 427,000 and total gate receipts only \$131,000. Figuring the same per-centage of free children and employee admittance as in 1946 in comparison with 1941 and the amount of receipts, there would be approximately 80,000 remaining. Other years figure out about the same way.

In 1940 the attendance was 360,000 and gate receipts \$100,837; in 1939 attendance was 400,000 and receipts \$116,827.

#### Squawks at First

When the fair board announced in When the fair board announced in 1946 that everyone would have to pay there was a loud and long squawk from the press, the politicians and the legislators. It was contended that it couldn't be done, some of the news-papers claimed it wouldn't give the press any publicity, and even the legislators threatened to take out their feelings by passing some legistheir feelings by passing some legis-lation against the fair board.

But Secretary Lloyd Cunningham and President John Mullin offered and President John Mullin offered to bet the press that no one would get in free and they didn't have to pay off any bets. The policy met approval of everyone when they saw it work and as a result the fair received more free publicity this year in advance of the exposition than probably any other year; the legislators didn't pass any spite legislation and the poli-ticians who had been getting passes kept strangely quiet.

Secretary Cunningham attributes the success of the policy to the rigid enforcement of it. Cunningham pointed out that the policy has to be pointed out that the policy has to be enforced with everyone paying or the plan will not work. Once a certain group is given free admissions, then another group starts clamoring for similar treatment, and then everyone is demanding passes, the secre-tary caid tary said.

Upped Pay To Compensate

Hardest to deal with probably were the exhibitors and employees who were taken care of by purchasing a book good for two admissions each day at a charge of \$4 for the fair. Actual working employees were given

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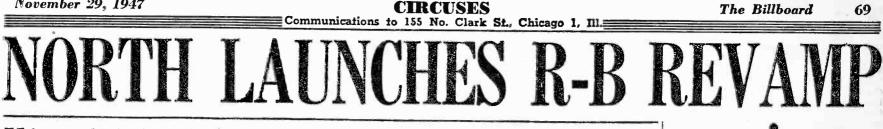
sufficient increases in pay to compensate for their paying admissions

Actually the no-pass rule prevented the Iowa fair from setting even higher the lowa fair from setting even higher all-time attendance marks the last two years. If the passes had been issued those two years the at-tendance probably would have been swelled even higher than the marks set set.

Secretary Cunningham set a per-sonal example in the everyone-pays program by purchasing a ticket each morning to the fair. He lives on the grounds adjoining the fair but pur-chased a ticket to make the plan 100 per cent effective.







# King Will End Season Dec. 13

### St. Augustine, Fla., is finale of 37-week season-Nealand says biz good

DOTHAN, Ala., Nov. 22.—King Bros. will officially end its season De-cember 13 in St. Augustine, Fla., giv-ing the org 37 weeks during the 1947 season. This announcement was made here today by Walter D. Nea-land, general press agent for the King Bros.' Circus.

Bros. Circus. Business, according to Nealand, has been good. At Bay Minette, Ala., Saturday (15) the show had two straw houses. At Pensacola, Fla., Monday (17) the org had a straw at the matinee and a turnaway at night. It was, Nealand said, one of the best stands of the season.

Clicks in Pensacola PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 22.—King Bros.' Circus, on a new location here, played to capacity business Novem-ber 17. The grounds, adjoining the Pensacola Motor Speedway, have plenty of parking space and from now on will be available for outdoor shows shows.

The speedway has a steel grand-stand and quarter-mile oiled clay track for midget-auto, motorcycle and jeep racing, which at present run Sunday afternoons. J. J. Morton is owner and promoter of the speedway.

### H-M Org Grosses 90G in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Nov. 22.-The Hamid-Morton Circus, which played here November 10-20 under the Atlanta Shriners' auspices, grossed \$90,000 for the 10-day stand as compared with 66G for a seven-day run last year.

year. Every performance was a sellout with 925 temporary seats being in-stalled to swell the total to 3,950. In spite of a rainy week there were turnaway crowds after Wednesday night (12). The circus showed an over-all standard of excellence, production-wise as well as individual act. Every act from clowns to Dick Clemens' Lions was top notch and drew heavy applause from the capacity houses. The two basic mainstays of a circus -clowns and elephants-were out-standing. standing

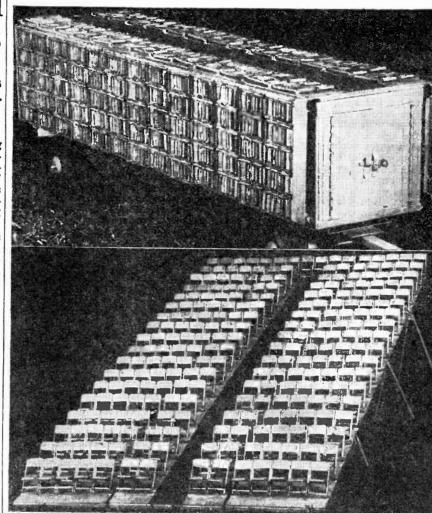
Dick Clemens' oldest lioness, Dolly, gave birth to four cubs shortly after opening day, which event added greatly to the circus publicity.

### **Tigers Rip Arm** Off Midget Clown

SHEFFIELD, England, Nov. 22.— Two tigers tore an arm off Albert Horton, a midget clown with the Mammoth Circus vaude unit playing at the Empire, prior to Monday's (17) matinee matinee.

Matinee. Horton was trapped by the cats as he was arranging the feeding shut-ter on their cage. He was rescued by animal trainers who gave first aid before taking the victim to the hospital hospital.

Unit made up entirely of animal and circus acts has been playing the Moss circuit for several weeks.



FEATURES of the new grandstand which will be used on the Ringling-Barnum show in 1948 include individual backs and sponge rubber cushions and will be more easily and speedily erected, according to John Ringling North, the show's new president. According to Art Concello, new general manager of the Big Show, and inventor of the new stands, sections will be located by units on 29 especially built wagons 35 feet long. Power hoists will do the trick, and interior of wagons will house other show equipment. Photos here are of miniatures. First unit is scheduled to arrive in Sarasota within two weeks.

Seattle Planning Legal Action Over Starving Animals

SEATTLE, Nov. 22. — Authorities here were threatening legal steps against persons responsible for the condition of 33 circus animals re-portedly found starving on a Maple Valley farm near Seattle. It was reported the animals be-longed to the Sparks Circus, owned by James Edgar, which closed in this territory September 10. Elephants were housed for a time at the former Boeing aircraft factory in Renton, Wash., and later sent to winter quar-ters in Sarasota. Caretakers were sent for the others. The King County Humane Society

sent for the others. The King County Humane Society reported that in two months only three bales of hay had been fed to the starving animals here. Four Palomino horses and two mules, it was said, were so hungry they had gnawed the timbers in their stalls. The Society said two monkeys had died and four or five others were starving. Among other animals found starving. Among other animals found were 6 goats, several bears and 13 dogs, most of them racing greyhounds. 13

When King Bros. played Pensacola, Fla., William C. (Bill) Richards, vet-eran showman and former circus owner, was on hand to visit. Rich-ards now owns a tourist camp in Pensacola Pensacola.



Hilda, billed as the Alzanas highwire act, were seriously injured Wednesday night (19), during their performance with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus here.

The mishap occurred during that part of the act in which Harold rode the bicycle, with Hilda on his shoulders, and Elsie Mee, another of Davis's daughters, and Minnie Davis, wife of Harold, were suspended on the swinging bar beneath the bicycle.

The father, seeing his son and daughter falling, rushed under them to break their fall. In doing so, he suffered a fractured vertebra in his neck. Hilda Davis sustained a frac-ture of the second and third lumbar ture of the second and third lumbar vertebrae which will hospitalize her for two or three months. The exact extent of Harold's injuries have not been determined. Dr. Rentz, of Jack-son Memorial Hospital, told The Bill-board that, due to shock, it was im-possible to X-ray Harold for a few days. Elsie Mee and Minnie Davis suffered no injuries. They were able to hold to their bar until rescued by circus attendants and other performcircus attendants and other performers.

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# **Concello** Now General Mgr.

Other major changes in personnel and physical make-up are on agenda

MIAMI, Nov. 22.—John Ringling North, who acquired 51 per cent of the stock and the presidency of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus last Saturday (15), announced several planned major changes in the physical set-up of the Big One here Tuesday (18). Included are portable tubular steel grandstands in sections, the shortening of the big top by about 100 feet, which will be added to its width, and the use again of mechani-cal air conditioning units which were cal air conditioning units which were discarded following the 1942 season.

discarded following the 1942 season. Altho many changes were expected among top personnel, only one, the replacement of George W. Smith by Art Concello as general manager, had materialized. However, North indi-cated that there would be several major changes following the closing tomorrow in Sarasota, Fla., the show's winter quarters winter quarters. The new stands, invented by Con-

cello, will have individual seat backs and sponge rubber cushions. Each section will have 22 tiers of 14 seats. Chief advantage of the new stands will be the speed of erection. It is believed that the new seating can be (See North Launches on page 139)

### **Roger Hagel Named** 1948 General Head For World's Rodeo

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 22.—Roger Hagel has been named general chair-man of the 1948 World's Champion-ship Rodeo, it was announced at the Phoenix Junior Chamber of Com-merce dinner in Hotel Westward Ha here Ho here. Tentative rodeo dates are April 9-

11, with two shows daily as has been the arrangement the last three years. Hagel said committee chairmanships will be announced by December 1. Last year ticket sales exceeded \$100,000.

### **Macon Show Draws** 3,600 at Opener

MACON, Ga., Nov. 22. — A re-vamped Macon Shrine Circus, re-vived after a one-year lapse, drew vived after a one-year lapse, drew 3,600 paid admissions at the opening performance here Thursday night (20). Show runs thru tonight, with both matinee and night perform-ances. W. E. Franks, Macon carnival owner who is producing the show, said the Al Sihah Temple was \$8,000 to the good before the first perform-ance began

to the good before the first perform-ance began. Karl and Helen Wallenda were in charge of the performance and the Wallenda high act and the Maschino acrobatic troupe featured. Other top acts included Eddie Kughn's wild animal act, Josh Kitchen's mules, horses and chimps and Wilson's dogs. Opening turnout was considered exceptional because the Macon Shrine event, for the last 13 annual shows, depended largely on game conces-sions with low admission prices. Seats this year sold from \$1.20 to \$2.40, with games banned.

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### **Ringling-Barnum**

Our final week in Florida with five stands, gave us a bang-up closing, topping off a big season. Because it would probably fill the book to give the destinations of personnel with the Big Show, I will refrain from giving any. As in past years, many will make store and winter dates, but most of them will go to their respective homes and take things easy until next season.

Because this will be the final dress-Because this will be the final dress-ing room column from this show until next season, the writer would like to take this opportunity to thank all who wrote in during the season and those who gave with newsy tid-

and those who gave with newsy the-bits for the column. The writer and wife will winter in Sarasota and the latch string will be out to all who may wander down our

Sarasota and the latch string will be out to all who may wander down our way during the winter months. Recent visitors: Dick Burns, Henry Reynolds, Ben Handler, Bill Perry, Al McFayden, Roland Butler, Jack Meinhart, Mr. and Mrs. Meinhart and grandson, Billy; Antoinette Concello and son, Randy; Yvonne Tremblay, Toni Cole's family, Max Tubis, Fritz Gast, Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Pittman, Sally Dare, Harry of the Pony Bar, Ann Friel and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Harris, Hal Silvers, Eddie Jackson, George Penny; Snookie, Skeeter and Cortez Lorow; Mary Crowell and daughter; Mrs. William Webster and son, Billy; Bob Botfield; Jack Hutchinson, The Bill-board's representative in Miami; Jack Leech, Bob Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. board's representative in Miami, Jack Leech, Bob Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Banmell, Jeannie Sleeter, Ann Blackburn and son, Mrs. H. Brecken, June De Young, Archie Campbell, Mrs. Archie Blood, and Mrs. George Blood.

you in the Garden. - DICK See you MILLER.

**Clyde Bros.** St. Joseph, Mo., being a historical spot, quite a few of the folks visited the Jessie James Museum and other interesting places. The show was auspiced in St. Joseph by the Knights

auspiced in St. Joseph by the Knights of Columbus and received plenty of newspaper publicity, especially Mr. and Mrs. Max Craig, who claim St. Joe as their home town. In Topeka, Kan., several new acts joined, including the Flying Romas, and Walter Herrod, wire. Clown alley added Hop Green. Roy Valen-tine purchased a 2½-ton truck in Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo. The band boys, directed by Norman Hanley, are doing a fine job. The drummer, John McGlothlin, is called the sound effects man because he works with the come-in workers and never misses a cue. Russell Harrison also works sound effects with his trombone. With the closing until after the

With the closing until after the holidays, Frank Femoind will play club dates in St. Louis, Russell Har-rison went to Toledo, Jack Harrison and family to Wichita, Kan.; Hopp Green to Milwaukee and Kellems and Wells to Evansville, Ind., until December 12 and then to Milwaukee for Christmas dates. Becent vicitars were Dr. and Mrs.

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### **Polack Western Unit**

The Springfield, Ill., date, pro-moted by George Westerman, was a big success. Gov. Dwight Green, of Illinois, was a guest one evening.

Louis Stern, after having dinner in Charlie Borza's trailer, stepped out the door and into a ditch. Luckily, he was uninjured.

The Shriners gave a party for all performers and everyone had a good time. Several performers entertained with songs and dances.

Visitors included Eddie Kohl's Visitors included Eddie Kohl's mother and his daughter; China and Dorothy Durbin's two daughters, Ronn and Dorita, and Dorothy's mother; Father Smith, friend of the Delbosq family; Mrs. Lyle Bogarth and Dolly, and Julian Andrews, son of Kinko and Mary, who is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Base.

at Great Lakes Naval Training Base. Louis Stern reports he finally saw a miracle, referring to our Rockford, Ill., date, sponsored by the Jaycees. T. Dwight Pepple, general agent, left his Chicago office to supervise the promotion. He was assisted by Bill Kay, who has gone to Flint, Mich., to join Sam Ward.

Rockford visitors were Mr. Hoff-man, father of Willys, and Willys's brother, who has a juggling act, and Lou Clayton, who came from Chicago.

Dwight Moore was on the sick list one night. Carl Barnett, prop boy, worked the act and did a great job.— IRENE LAFFERTY.

#### **Dailey Bros.**

Last week of the season was so cold the ring stock wanted an excuse to run going to the train. When one car bumper smacked another, it provided the incentive for a stampede. One lead of four tried to climb into a car with the driver, but he wasn't there when one horse got his nose there when one horse got his nose thru the windshield. Another horse found the stock cars unaided and two others ran back to the lot. Those of us who were able to control our mounts caught the loose ones on the street and order was finally restored. Cal Townsend donned white make-up to pinch-hit for Jimmy Van, pro-ducing clown, who was laid up with an injured leg. Willard Isley joined Joe Rossi's band after the Beatty show closed. Flowers to Joe Horwath, lion

Flowers to Joe Horwath, lion Flowers to Joe Horwath, Ilon tamer; Red Maynard, side show boss canvasman, and Dave Midget, boss of the light plants. Some season ob-servations: Munci O'Brien, 15 months old, named Miss Dailey Bros.; Mickey Midget, four years old, handsomest man on the show; most popular woman, Bertha Drane, mail agent; most popular man, Butch Cohen, paymas-ter; best dressed woman, Mrs. Mitt Carl; best dressed man, Harry Brown. Where they went: Phil Wright, Ray (See DAILEY BROS. on page 139)

### **Snow Hits Polack On Opening Day** At Rockford, Ill.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Nov. 22.-Polack Bros.' Western Unit ran into snow its opening day of a four-day stand here Saturday (15) and as a result attendance was down from what was expected.

It snowed thruout the day Saturday and matinee attendance was about a half house. It stopped late in the afternoon, but the weather was damp and on the cold side. Night crowd was about three-quarters.

about three-quarters. Business picked up the next three days, as the weather improved over opening day, but the show failed to sell out at matinee or night shows during the next three days. Crowds were best the final afternoon and night.

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### Hartford Chief Glad R-B May **Return to City**

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 22.-The news that Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey may show in Hartford next year was greeted with varying com-ments by local officials and residents. The news from Miami this week was that John Ringling North, head of that John Kingling North, head of the Big Show, said that present plans are to play the New England circuit again this year, and "as far as I'm concerned it again will go to Hart-ford."

According to news reaching here this week, North reported that most of the damage claims from the fire, which occurred in July, 1944, have been paid off. Since the 1944 tragedy, nearly all profits of the circus have gone to survivors of the dead.

Michael Godfrey, Hartford chief of police, upon hearing the news that the circus again would play Hartford next season, said he was "very happy to hear Hartford kids can again en-joy the circus." He added he was sure other Hartford circus lovers would be pleased.

The chief said many new laws have been added to the general statutes concerning outdoor exhibitions and also to the city ordinances of Hartford.

"A fire such as we had could have happened anywhere. It just happened to be our misfortune that it occurred here. We are well equipped with laws and ordinances covering cir-cuses and we will enforce them," Godfrey said.

As yet, there has been no official announcement as to where the circus would play here. The Barbour Street lot has a housing development, with the only apparent suitable spot being Calke Device. The latter was used be-Colt's Park. The latter was used be-fore the circus moved to Barbour Street. Colt's Park was abandoned because of lack of space.

### Wirth Draws Big for Portland, Me., Elks

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 22.-Frank Wirth's Circus, which closes a seven-day engagement at the Exposition Building tomorrow (23, has been drawing hefty crowds at matinee and evening performances. The show is evening performances. The show is sponsored by the Elks, with all pro-ceeds going to charity.

ceeds going to charity. Eighteen displays were presented, including Capt. Joe Walsh, trained wild animals; Hunt's Elephants; the Ridolas; Ben Beyer, cyclist; Phil Wirth's Riding School; Picchianni, trained zebra; Aerial Voises; Brick's Trampoline Artists; the Herzogs, Aer-ialists: Rube Simmons: the Elgins: ialists; Rube Simmons; the Elgins; Billy Rice; Charley Frank; an aerial ballet and the Flying Harolds.

An automobile was given away as part of the promotional program. In addition to entertaining many or-phans and underprivileged children at regular performances, several acts put on a special performance at the Children's Hospital, Wednesday (19).

### Ward-Bell Troupe To Act as Tutors

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Nov. 22.---For the first time in its 18 years existence, the Gainesville Community Circus will have a flying return act.

The Ward-Bell Troupe, of the Ringling-Barnum show, will arrive in Gainesville December 5 to act as instructors. A dozen men and women are taking hardening up exer-cises at Fair Park Circus Building, preparatory to receiving the profes-sional trainers.

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Nation's Chief Execs, First Ladies Go Big for Big One

really comes into its own as a gathering place for the celebrities of the nation. And the White House is the focal point, for in recent years there has seldom been a president or bis first lady who was not a rebid his first lady who was not a rabid circus fan.

Of all the enthusiastic circus lovers, Of all the enthusiastic circus lovers, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was—and is— First Lady to all circus folks. Well do I recall that rainy, muddy day in Duluth, Minn., when the Presidential Summer White House at Brill, Wis., miles away, called—and from Grace Coolidge herself came the inquiry:

"Is the circus going to show, rain or shine?—because if it is, John (her son) and I wish to come over and spend the day on the lot."

### Unmindful of Rain or Mud

Unmindful of Rain or Mud Assured that it was to show, and would, despite all weather handicaps, Mrs. Coolidge arrived within an hour. In the meantime, Carl Hathaway, since gone to the Greater Circus, had arranged to have straw piled wide and high that the Gracious Lady of the White House might tread on dry surface. And when Mrs. Coolidge saw the preparations that had been made for her arrival, she protested: "Oh. you never should have done made IGr her arrival, she protested: "Oh, you never should have done that. I wore my rubbers—see," and held aloft a daintily shod foot—"and John and I don't care at all about rain or mud—we like it now and then. But it was nice of you to think of us and to let us come." And a press agent accustomed by this time of us and to let us come." And a press agent, accustomed by this time to the graciousness of Grace Coolidge, knew she meant that. All of that day Mrs. Coolidge munched peanuts, visited the side show, chatted with the midgets and the tall man, asked the thin woman what diet she recommended, and then viewed the circus from stern to stern circus from stem to stern.

#### **Praise for Cookhouse**

Mrs. Coolidge spent all of her time viewing the sights and delights of the show and chatted long with circus officials. She ate in the cookhouse and was high in her praise of the food served.

Many of the circus stars now treasure autographed photographs Many of the circus stars now treasure autographed photographs presented to them by Mrs. Coolidge that day or sent to them later with her compliments. Con Colleano's wagon or tent has always promi-nently displayed a handsome photo-graph of Mrs. Coolidge.

Charlie Curtis, vice-president when Herbert Hoover was in the White House, was another who never missed a performance. And Charlie was from Merle Evans's hometown in Kansas, so the two had long and



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Just before time for the show to open on the lot, we rolled in ma-jestic splendor in this equippage and John Ringling looked, then looked again, then as we alighted from the car, exclaimed:

from the car, exclaimed. "My gosh—you fellows roll up here in the vice-president's car and I'll bet on the expense account this week you'll charge \$10.00 for a taxicab. But maybe it's worth it, to lend a bit of dignity to a press agent, if that can be done."

Curtis, with his wide brimmed hat and ever-present smile, probably en-joyed the circus as much as did any kid in the vast audience.

kid in the vast audience. And, believe it or not, dead-panned Calvin Coolidge, with a child poised on his knee, smiled as he pointed to a clown in the aerial act, then broke out in a rare grin. That photograph, unfortunately, was lost. For several years we guarded it but one day a fire swept away our belongings and that picture went with the other shirt. President Coolidge was a circus fan of a somewhat different type. He enjoyed the show, confessed even to a liking for the clowns, and walking for an hour around the tank, where the big sea elephant was floundering about, without a word. Finally he turned and said: turned and said:

"Humph, awfully big, isn't it?" That was endorsement enough from Calvin Coolidge.

#### **Really Enjoyed It**

Really Enjoyed It Warren Harding was the dyed-in-the-wool type who brought with him friends of the Ohio gang and ate peanuts, laughed loudly and then at night often entertained for circus folks. Fred DeWolfe, veteran of the "Red Wagon," a relative of Mrs. Harding's, usually was an overnight guest at the White House during the tenure of President Harding and nowhere was the President's death more sincerely mourned than on the more sincerely mourned than on the lot of the Big Show.

lot of the Big Show. Henry Doherty, the one-time sec-retary of the interior; W. J. Burns, Albert M. Fall, John Ringling and Warren Harding often played poker, usually with a 10-cent limit, and over a pot in which there might be all of \$1.20 involved, they would haggle and argue as tho Wall Street itself were endangered.

### Wistful Note From Hoover

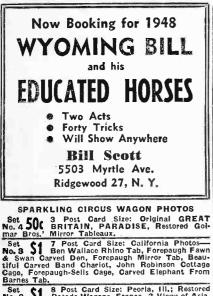
Herbert Hoover never showed par-ticular liking for the circus, tho at the behest of his secretary, George Akerson, he did consent to attend a performance with Mrs. Hoover. But Hoover's enthusiasm was confined to a wan smile and the remark, "Kind of like my boyhood days in Iowa." Hoover, however, was sorely beset on every side at that time and the wistful note in that nostalgia of boy-hood days may have been the tip-off to his real enjoyment underneath a cool surface. Herbert Hoover never showed parcool surface

Roosevelt, the Franklin Delano one, was prevented by his unfortunate physical affliction from coming often ace Theatre Building,<br/>1564 Broadway,<br/>ew York 19, N. Y.<br/>everyone of the Eastern<br/>nt family is a member.physical affliction from coming often<br/>but he did attend on two occasions<br/>while president and while assistant<br/>secretary of the navy. Long before<br/>he entered the White House he was<br/>a regular circus fan and a constant<br/>attendant at its performances. Roose-<br/>velt always chuckled heartily and<br/>appeared to get genuine pleasure out<br/>(See Nation's Chief Execs, page 110)

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Omar, Where Art Thou?---What's **Become of the Arabian Tumblers?** By Billy Pape.

The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, Moves on; nor all thy piety nor wit, Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it. Omar Khauuam

in this country, this particular quatrain, written in the 11th century by their fabulous countryman, Ghi-yathuddin Abulfath Omar bin Ibra-him Al-Khayyami, holds much sig-

nificance. To them, it stimulates the prover bial handwriting on the wall. They are well aware that the Moving Finger has written so far as they are concerned, and the inscription has been missing from a desired contract in recent years.

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TO the remaining 13 Arab tumblers total many troupes existed; whirl-in this country, this particular wind Bedouin tumblers, all. They quatrain, written in the 11th century blazed a hotly path down the hippodrome tracks with many of our ma-jor circuses . . a trail which few indigenous tumblers have ever followed, competitively.

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When last heard of, Prince Mouli Ali was well and hearty, wealthy and retired from his former lucrative real estate business in Morroco.

### First Troupe Here in 1847

It was in the spring of 1847 that an Arab, viz Ushgaiyer, brought the first troupe to this country.

However, his presentation didn't feature tumbling, or the traditional pyramid building. His contingent of 16 Arabs consisted of musicians, horsemen, jugglers, bayonet twirlers and other novelty entertainers.

How far back is the year 1847? Well, it was 18 years before Lincoln was assassinated. It was two years before Buffalo Bill was born. Some 25 years later the beloved showman brought the Maji Tahar troupe to this country following his successful European tour.

Ushgaiyer and his band of gypsies, as they were called, traveled little during their two months' stay in this country. Their meanderings carried them mostly thru New York State, where they exhibited their talents on street corners and in town squares.

#### Temperamental, Too

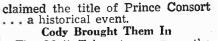
It is said that Ushgaiyer's sojourn was brought to a hasty conclusion, all because of a riff with the manage-ment of the Astor Hotel, New York City. Ushgaiyer was both wealthy and temperamental. When the man-agement refused to accommodate the colorfully garbed, ferocious looking entertainers, Ushgaiyer ordered a frenzied, three-minute impromptu performance in the lobby of the fa-mous Astor Hotel. mous Astor Hotel.

When the screams of the frightened, bewildered guests reached a deafening crescendo, Ushgaiyer of-fered a husky laugh, gathered his bearded, long-haired tribesmen together and marched them out of the hotel and to the docks, where he immediately booked passage for his homeland. All but Maji Omar Netamo, his partner and a few members followed.

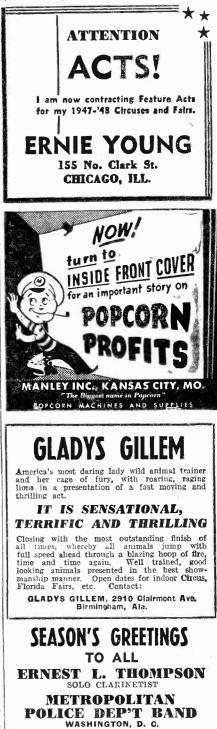
Maji Omar Netamo and a few, faithful to him, remained. But after a year Haji Netamo and his small group also departed for Morocco.

Portraits on Display

**Portraits on Display** Oshgaiyer and Haji Netamo both were killed during the Spanish-Morocco war, along with many of their faithful followers. Prior to World War II, huge paint-ings of Ushgaiyer and his troupe could have been witnessed at three widely known locations: the British Museum at Bloomsbury, London; the Louvre, Paris, France, and in Italy's most famous art gallery, the Uffizi. Ushgaiyer never failed to boast about a command performance which he cheerfully rendered for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; a gala celebration whereat the Prince



Cody Brought Them In The Maji Tahar troupe was the next group to set foot upon American soil. They were brought here in 1865 by William F. Cody following his European tour. But Haji Tahar did not feature tumbling and pyramid building so familiar to us. His artists were more adept at bayonet twirling, trick riding and trick shooting while riding galloping Arabian steeds. Maji Tahar's performers soon suf-fered a nostalgic longing for the sands of Morocco. Virtually all of his troupe left him. Immediately he sent to Morocco for a number of Arabian tumblers, for he visualized an array of tumbling and pyramid building never before seen in this country. It was he, Maji Omar Ne-(See Omar, Where Art? on page 108)



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#### UNDER THE MARQUEE

Edward Kisch and George Strickland report they are now owners of Modern Concession Enterprises at Van Nuys, Calif.

Whatever kind of weather there may be, circuses have had it or will have it.

Dee Ni-Fong and Billy Dick, both with Cole Bros. this past season, visited friends in Indianapolis re-cently en route west.

Mrs. Eddie Mader, former eques-trienne with the Big Show, is a pa-tient in the Brandenton, Fla., General Hospital.

Opposition is a problem, to be sure, but it goes away when the opposition does,

Members of the Sarasota (Fla.) Sara-Ciro Club will stage a Ringling Circus party in the club rooms at the Sarasota airport Wednesday (26).

James Cephes, who opened last season as assistant boss canvasman of King Bros.' Circus and later was with the Triangle Shows, has re-turned to Mobile, Ala., for the winter.

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It's a tendency among troupers to exaggerate the words the boss used when firing a staff member.

Lew A. (Bozo) Ward, pantomimic, is playing club dates and night clubs in Philadelphia, booked until February. He currently is at the Bungalow Inn.

C. C. Bolus, son of the former boss canvasman on the Walter L. Main Circus, is the assistant secretary and treasurer of the Milcor Steel Company, Cleveland.

You can't blame an old-timer for clinging to his early-day achievements—you'll some day do the same thing.

Frank Boteler, advance and publicity agent, is assistant manager of the Regina Hotel, Los Angeles, but expects to be on the road again early in March.

S. W. Bailey, clown on the Bailey show the last three years, reports that he again is clowning in Sears store in Memphis. It is his fifth season at the store.

Regardless of '48's conditions, that great school, Experience, will keep circuses going and profitable.

Leon Long, while in Charlotte, N. C., recently, visited with Arthur Wright, band leader; Dusty Cunning-ham and Slim Russell, comedians; Fount Woods, band leader, and Jazz Warren.

Walter L. Main recently spoke before the Geneva, O., Rotary Club. Subject of his talk was Circus Trou-bles and Pleasures. Main traced the history of his circus from its earliest days to its final disbanding.

Yearly attendance of circus people at the IAFE convention increases. The '46 attendance was the highest of all time.

Archie Royer, who celebrated his 78th birthday November 14 and who years ago trouped with the Walter L. Main Circus, reports he is in excellent health. With his wife he resides in health. With Bangor, Mich.

T. J. (Newsboy) Huftle, promoter, the past two seasons with Mills Bros.' Circus, stopped off en route to winter quarters at Circleville, O., to visit the Shrine Circus in Houston and the Polack Bros.' unit in Springfield, Ill.

Gone is the yesteryear circus owner who dyed his hair and mustache to resemble his picture on the paper.

Benny Doss, magician, caught the Texas Jay Davis & Sons Wild West Rodeo, Cottonwood, Ala., November 17, reporting good show and crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Davis (Lone Star Marie) and son, Alex, are featured with the org.

Otto Kuhnert, of the Sensational Kays, is confined in St. Joseph Hos-pital, Houston, where his condition is reported as fair. He expects to un-dergo treatment there for another three months and would like to read letters from friends in the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ingham report Mr. and Mrs. Kex Ingnam report they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Braswell, now a chief petty officer in the U. S. Navy, at the Braswell home in Winchester, Va. Braswell is a former tab and rep man, and his wife is the former Darlene, of the Manhattan Diayare Manhattan Players.

Hugh J. Fox is handling billing around Bridgeport, Conn., and var-ious Valley towns. At present he is plastering spots for the Ice Follies, (See Under the Marquee on page 112)



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## WOM Out of 3 N. C. Fairs; **Dorton Annuals Due for Heavy Pitch From Biggies**

#### Strates, Cetlin & Wilson Contend for Lush Dates

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—With 10 fairs, beckoned from several direc-fairs already booked for 1948 Frank Bergen, owner-manager of World of Mirth Shows, announced Wednesday Presque Isle, Bangor and Showhegan. Mirth Shows, announced Wednesday (19) that his org would have to forego any possibility of re-inking three of North Carolina's biggest annuals, the State fair at Raleigh, and those at Charlotte and Shelby, because of con-flicting dates. Bergen, who stopped here en route to his Richmond, Va., home from Rutland, Vt., where he signed the State Fair, was reluctant to admit the definite exiting of his org from the plum Southern dates. World of Mirth has played all three fairs uninterruptedly since 1939, with the exception of Raleigh which was the exception of Raleigh which was discontinued during the war.

Tentative dates for the annuals, all managed by Dr. J. S. Dorton, and the fairs with which they will conflict are: September 20, Shelby with Alare: September 20, Shelby with Al-lentown, Pa.; October 4, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, N. C., and October 18, Raleigh with the Columbia (S. C.) State Fair. These dates would give Dorton a long desired and needed week between the staging of each of his fairs. In the past they have been presented in three consecutive weeks requiring a herculean job of management management.

management. Chief contenders for the lucrative bookings will likely be two other railroad biggies, the James E. Strates and the Cetlin & Wilson shows. Dates, however, loom to be less desirable than in the past if it is going to be necessary to sandwich in still dates since there is the possibility that con-tractural requirements will require the elimination of adjacent fairs as

tractural requirements will require the elimination of adjacent fairs as potential fill-in dates. The possibility exists that Dorton may ink more than one show for the several dates altho in the recent past booking has been a packaged deal with all or none going to the winning show, even tho the opportunity to replace Shelby, least lucrative of the

#### **Gooding's Columbus** Quarters Enlarged

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 22.—Fol-lowing one of the most successful years in its long history, F. E. Good-ing Amusement Company, under direction of Floyd E. Gooding, is for-mulating plans for enlarged and improved winter quarters here, O. Buck Saunders, publicity director, said this week.

Buck Saunders, publicity director, said this week. Saunders said that several thou-sand square feet of added floor space are to be added, affording room for the new equipment which is being purchased. On the list are new rides, several new show fronts tractors and several new show fronts, tractors and trailers.

The office is being enlarged onethird and a new heating system has been installed. Work shops, which are practically completed, feature such innovations as a sound-proof room for tuning organs, new paint shop with separate room for comssors and spray guns and a special dustproof drving room.

dustproof drying room. There is also a large machine shop, with storage room for spare parts; an office for the foreman, complete blacksmith equipment, electric drills and other power machines. Wood-working department is in a separate room equipped with modern ma-chinery. Private lockers and showchinery. Private lockers and ers are provided for workmen.

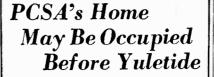
Presque Isle, Bangor and Showhegan, Me.; Central Canada Exposition, Ot-Addition of the New Jorger State

Addition of the New Jersey State Fair will fill one of the weeks open as a result of the loss of the North Carolina bookings. Bergen said he has several additional fairs ready for signing but is reluctant to announce them until dates are set.

Bergen, accompanied by Bucky Allen, concession manager, was return-ing to Richmond to get work under way at winter quarters. Considerable refurbishing is planned, he said, with the rebuilding of numerous show fronts and the entire decorative lighting system receiving first priority. New rides planned for next year

include a new Ferris Wheel for a total of four, Hurricane, Pretzel and miniature train. New canvas has al-ready been ordered for all tented units

Allen will spend considerable time here between meetings to shop for at least one name performer to present as a feature.



LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.-Mem-bers of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association may be in their new home by Christmas, Harry Hargrave, head of the building committee, announced of the building committee, announced at the Monday (17) meeting. Har-grave sparked the building fund drive by donating \$500, with Mrs. Edith Hargrave giving an additional \$500 to the fund thru the Ladies' Auxiliary. Donations and ticket sales boosted the take for the night to pearly \$1,700 nearly \$1,700. Harry Taylor, chairman of the ban

quet and ball to be held in the Gold Room of the Biltmore Hotel December 9, said that ticket sales were go-ing well and that only a limited number could be accommodated. Taylor's talk tied in with Hargrave's because the banquet and ball money will aid the building fund.

Joe Archer, a new member, con-tributed \$50 for the November booster tributed \$50 for the November, con-tributed \$50 for the November booster fund, given to the member selling the most books on the automobile, wash machine and console radio. Bob Kennedy, a non-member visiting the clubrooms as the guest of Jack Hughes, donated the \$50 for the De-cember booster prize. Ten dollar books were purchased by Mike Doolan (5), Rex Boyd, Moe Levine, McDowell, Al Weber, Joe Blash Sr., Candy Moore, Tom Hughes, George Coe, Louis and Jack Glass-man, Sam Silverman, Harry Suker, Jack Hughes and Joe Archer. Donating to the fund were Bob Robinson, Lou Glassman, George Coe and Ed Kennedy.

## **Gooding Gets Contract** for Mich. State

#### Sets Other Mich. Fairs

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 22.—Floyd E. Gooding, president of Gooding Amusement Company, Inc., an-nounced from his headquarters here today that he has been awarded the contract for the midway at the Michigan State Fair in 1948, an engagement much coveted by carnival managers.

Other engagements already cor-raled by Gooding for 1948 are the Great Saginaw Fair, Saginaw, Mich., for the ninth consecutive; the Centerville (Mich.) Fair, for the 15th con-secutive year, and the Hillsdale (Mich.) Fair, where the Gooding family has operated riding devices and amusements for 53 consecutive seasons seasons.

Gooding will depart this week-end for Chicago to attend the outdoor showmen's convention.

## Lamb Ends Year In Good Shape

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Nov. 22.-L. B. Lamb, owner of the shows bearing his name, sums up the past bearing his hame, sums up the past season, which closed Saturday (8) at Andalusia, Ala., for the Lamb org, in these words: "So far I haven't checked the books for the season, but I think I am safe in saying that when it is all figured out, Uncle, the when it is all figured out, Uncle, the man with the whiskers, will not get as much from me as he did last year. "Like all other shows in the country, we had our share of rain early in the season. In fact, for the first 11 weeks we wenched every piece of equipment on and off the lots," Lamb said. He added, how-ever, that the fair season opened July 4 and continued until the season ended November 8.

#### A New Record?

Lamb believes his shows set some-thing of a record in that "with the exception of two, every concession that opened with us March 9, closed the season with us." He reported the the season with us." He reported the shows opened in Alabama and toured Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. A swing-back was made thru Alabama and Mississippi for the late fall fairs.

Shows closed the season, Lamb re-ported, with 7 rides, all office owned, 6 shows and 42 concessions. Shows played 17 fairs and 5 street celebra-tions.

Little work will be done in quar-Little work will be done in quar-ters, according to Lamb, until after January 1, when, he says, it will begin in earnest. Several new fronts will be built, in addition to a new (See Lamb Winds Up on page 114)

#### **New Ward Quarters** At Galveston Airport

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 22.— John R. Ward Shows close its sea-son here tonight and will move into winter quarters at the city airport. Quarters were obtained by General Agent Robert R. Kline and Cash Wiltse in October.

Wiltse in October. Kline announced that the shows will open its 1948 tour in April at the Galveston Mardi Gras, annual event held on the beach. He stated that John R. Ward, owner, will an-nounce contracts for several Western fairs when he attends the Chicago meetings

It's Bath Time for Showfolk-They Flock to Hot Springs Spa For Dunking, Play & What Gives By Herb Shive

HOT SPRINGS, Nov. 22 .- This town of 50,000 nestled in the foothills town of 50,000 nestled in the foothills of the Ozarks is famed for its cura-tive waters, easy divorce laws, fine climate and friendly people. Some 40,000 persons, seeking one or any combination of those features, visit here each year. Most come to take the baths, others for the horse rac-ing, or to hunt, fish, play—or what'll you have?

you have? Not a few of these visitors, who in recent years have flocked here in ever-increasing numbers, are outdoor show people. Their arduous season behind them, they descend upon this are form all points. A clannish tribe spa from all points. A clannish tribe, they travel about in groups, making with a language profusely spiced with pig Latin and colored with the pe-culiar jargon of the outdoor show world. Not infrequently, this causes some bafflement to the natives and to pleasure or cure-seekers from less intumersue willer of life picturesque walks of life.

Society of Own These showfolk who come here have built a society of their own. Some, in fact, have come to stay. That is, they have acquired perma-nent homes. Harry W. Hennies, owner of the Hennies Bros.' Shows, for instance has a home on Moody for instance, has a home on Moody Drive which has all the proportions and refinements of what is generally

classed as a mansion. Not only did Hennies set up his permanent hacienda here, but by the device of first buying a 35-acre mountain, three miles east of the city, and then whittling its top down thru the generous and concerted use of bulldozers, he has developed a plateau, upon which he has spotted the winter quarters of his shows.

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After levelling the mountain top Hennies then had a railroad spur built in from the Rock Island tracks, drilled a 280-foot artesian well, erected two concrete and steel build-ings, 65 by 125 feet, and fenced things in tightly with a 12-foot fence. Currently Hennies is putting in a spur from the Missouri Pacific track and is mulling plans for a central house.

Fairlys Big Hosts Fairlys Big Hosts Between puffs of his ever-present cigarette, Hennies infoes that this is to be modern in every way and will have an adjacent laundry building.

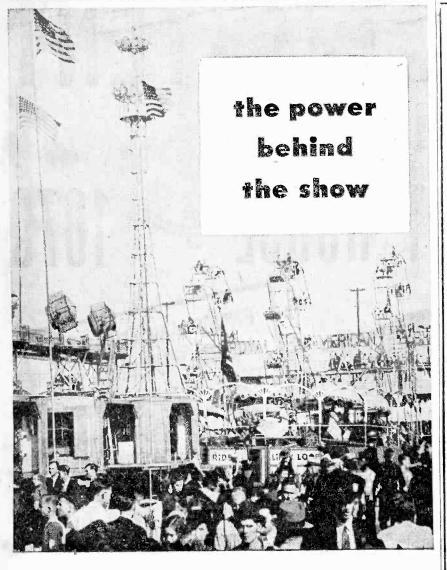
have an adjacent laundry building. Provisions, he says, are being made for a modern tourist court and for a zoo. All of his projected work, he hopes, will be finished early in 1949. High in popularity is the House on Cedar Street, so named because it is located on Cedar Street and popular because it is the winter-time habitat of Noble C. and Viola Fairly. Rated truly great hosts, the Fairlys hold open house nightly—that is, up to and no later than 11:30 p.m., when Noble ups and, without mincing words, suggests persuasively that everyone had better up and go home. The guest book at the Fairlys this season abounds with names of folks well known in outdoor showbiz. A

season abounds with names of folks well known in outdoor showbiz. A recent reading, for example, showed it signed by Arthur Hopper, Mark Ellman, Whitey Weiss, John Galla-gan, Frank and Judy Weeks, J. C. McCaffery, Harry, Alice and Daisy Hennies, Max and Sadie Goodman, E. P. James, Nate Gellman, Pat Ford and Nora, Clem Schmitz and Oscar and Dottie Bloom. The same reading also showed the

The same reading also showed the nounce con names of Mrs. Eddie Hock and (See It's Bath Time on page 114) meetings.

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## American Carnival Association

#### Sherman Hotel, December 1.2

Monday, December 1, 1947

2 p.m., Room 104-Meeting of general counsel and associate counsel.

4 p.m., Room 106—Meeting of board of directors, officers and past presidents. (All members are welcome at this meeting.) Opening of meeting by President Oscar C. Buck.

Proof of notice of meeting. Roll call of directors and officers. Reading of minutes of 1946 Chicago meeting, and approval thereof. Reading of minutes of special meetings and approval thereof. Reports of committees. Reports of officers. Annual report of general counsel-secretary-treasurer and approval thereof. Reports of associate counsel. Communications. Applications for membership and action thereof. Unfinished business. New business. Memorial resolutions

Miscellaneous resolutions. Election of officers.

Selection of next meeting place. Presentation of bills.

Financial reports.

Action relative delinquent dues.

Discussion of association policies for 1948. Appointment of associate counsel. Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

#### Tuesday, December 2, 1947

1:00 p.m.—West Room Meeting of membership of association. Opening of meeting of meeting. Proof of notice of meeting. Roll call of member shows and individuals present. Reading of minutes of 1946 Chicago meeting and approval thereof. Reading of minutes of special meetings and approval thereof. Reports of directors. Approval of action taken at directors' meeting. Annual reports of general counsel-secretary-treasurer Max Cohen and of associate counsel and approval thereof. Financial reports. Unfinished business. New business. Election of directors until next annual meeting in 1948. Miscellaneous business. Discussion of association policies for 1948. Addresses by members and others present on subjects to be announced at the meeting.
General conference on matters affecting the carnival industry.
(1) Public safety.
(2) ASA Outdoor Safety Code.
(3) Public relations.
(4) Labor matters

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- Labor matters. Reconversion. (5)
- Unusual industry problems. Public welfare and patriotic activities in 1948.
- (7)Taxation. Railroad transportation.
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- Motorized transportation. Legislative program. Miscellaneous. ció
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Discussion of new products and materials available to the industry.
 Discussion and adoption of policies and legislative program for 1948.
 Discussion of further contributions which can be made by the carnival industry to its general progress.

Open forum. Adjournment.

## **Caravella Biz** Pars '46; Will **Enlarge Shows**

CAMDEN, S. C., Nov. 22 .- Frank W. Caravella, owner-operator of Caravella Amusements, reports that business during the season just ended was about on a par with last year's record gross, even tho much adverse weather was encountered.

weather was encountered. Complete refurbishing of all equip-ment and the addition of several units are part of the planned activity at local winter quarters. A skeleton crew of four men will keep things in shape until after the first of the year when it is expected a total of 25 will be on hand. According to Carcuella four maior

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rides will be added to provide a total of 10. Seven tractor-trailers will be added to the 23 in operation this year. Light towers and two searchlights will add flash to the midway.

Will add flash to the findway. Planned for the back end are a side show with a 150-foot banner line and a Minstrel Show with a 100-foot front. Canvas has been or-dered for March delivery from Nor-folk Tent & Awning Company. Promotional plans for next season include the addition of a band which will be used to work the streets

include the addition of a band which will be used to work the streets. Route will cover South and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Caravella plan to spend several weeks at their Mead-

spend several weeks at their Mead-ville, Pa., home before attending the various fair meetings. Stanley Reed, legal adjuster, is wintering in Columbia, S. C., where he is handling display advertising for *The South Carolina Farmer*. He will be back in the same capacity with the org next season the org next season.

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By E. L. Wilson Managing Director, Trailer Coach Manufacturers' Association

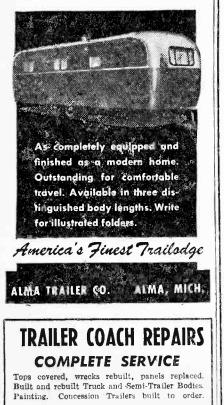
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22.—Notable in the innovations in trailer coach construction and design unveiled at the Trailer Coach Manufacturers' Association's annual show, which closes here tonight in Convention Hall, are many twin bed bedrooms, extra bedrooms that also serve as dinettes, every manner of built-in cupboards and drawers and beautifully designed furnishings.

Greater emphasis has been placed on interior decoration, with color coming into its own, the show demonstrates. Instead of the highly polished wood interior walls, many are painted and one trailer coach living room uses attractive wall paper. Period furniture is shown, with one trailer coach done completely, from drapes to carpeting, in the Victorian period.

One coach features a nursery, decorated in circus motif for the children of trailerite families. Another trailer coach displays a living room wall paneled with chromium-trimmed windows to give a "bay-window" effect. Exterior of this model uses a plaid trim at the tip with the body of the trailer done in cream and light green.

Living rooms of the new trailer coach models are, in many instances, furnished with sectional furniture instead of the customary studio lounges. One living room has a gas-burning fireplace.

Nore trailer coaches than ever before are equipped with toilet and shower facilities, ingeniously arranged to take up a minimum amount of space. Sliding doors provide privacy and also conceal shelves and drawers. In one coach a cabinet swings out from the wall, disclosing a toilet and utilizing the space above as a linen closet.



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November 29, 1947

#### TRAILER COACH SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed Specifications of Every Trailer Coach Model Manufactured by Members of the Trailer Coach Manufacturing Association Are Listed Below:

Symbols: Sgle.-Single; Tan.-Tandem; Car.-Caravan; Con.-Conventional;

Model	Length Overall	Length of Body	Width	A-Alum Height Exterior		Axle		El. Exterior Covering	Weight	Drawbar Load
			Adams	Coach &	z Mfg. Com	ipany, Inc.				
"202"	24'	22'	7'9" A r	8'4½"	6'8" Coach Com	Sgle.	Car.	M	3800 lbs.	
Homecrest	24"	22'	7'9''	8'6"	6'8''	Sgle:	Con.	M	3885 lbs.	490 lbs.
22-Tanden 25-Tandem	24' 27'	22' 25'	7'9"	8'6' <b>'</b>	6'8'' 6'8''	Tan. Tan.	Con. Con.	M M	3995 lbs. 4690 lbs.	465 lbs. 560 lbs.
5-Tangem		20			amlite Cor		Con.	111	1000100.	
Shoreland Tandem De Luxe	29'6"	27'	- 8'	9'4''	7'	Tan.	Car.	м		
Princeton De Luxe		23'	8'	9'2"	6'10''	Sgle.	Car.	м		
Sun Dot	29'6" 19'6"	27' 17	8' T	9'4'' 8'10''	7' 6'6''	Tan. Sgle.	Car. Car.	M M		
				lumbia 🤇	Frailer Con					
'20'' '17''	22° 19'	20' 17'	7'6'' 7'6''		6'6" 6'6"	Sgle. Sgle.	Car. Car.	M	3100 lbs. 2600 lbs.	300 lbs. 250 lbs.
'15''	17'	15'	7		6'6"	Sgle.	Car.	M	2100 lbs.	225 lbs.
					Trailer Co					
230 De Luxe 275 Imperial	23' 27'	21° 25°	8' 8'	9½". 9½"	6'6'' 6'7''	Sgle. Tan.	Car. Car.	M M	3800 lbs. 4750 lbs.	250 lbs. 400 lbs.
300 Imperial	31'	29'	8'	91/2*	6'9"	Tan.	Car.	M	4950 lbs.	475 lbs.
• •	0.01701	colon	P101/1	Conv	way Coach	Cala	C		3750 lbs.	
'Silver Liner"	24'7''	22'2''	7'10 1/2"	Decerlo	6'8"	Sgle.	Car.	A	3150 105.	
Drexler	25'	22'6"	8"	8'9%"	r Coach, In 6'10''	Sgle.	Lnt. R	f. M	3800 lbs.	360 lbs.
Duo Terra Cruiser	29'6''	27'5"	I 7'8''	Duo Coa	ch Corpora 6'10''	tion Tan.	Car.	A	5700 lbs.	570 lbs.
					ich Corpora		_		4 <b>.</b>	
Elcar Tandem	26'6''	23'6"	7'6½''	6'10"	6'2''	Tan.	Car.	M	4800 lbs.	480 lbs.
Elcar Sun Coach (Open)*	28'8'' 35'	26°6''	8*	9'	6'10''	Tan.	Car.	A	6200 lbs.	620 lbs.
Elcar Coach	25'	22' *"Open <sup>f</sup>	7'6½" ' indicates	6'10" length of	6'2" Sun Coach wi	Sgle. hen Porch is	Car. extend	M led.	4200 lbs.	520 lbs.
					railer Comp	bany				
*88** *77**	27'6'' 26'6''	25' 24'	8' 8'	9'8' <b>'</b>	6'6'' 6'6''	Tan. Tan.	Con. Con.	A A	5650 lbs. 4700 (77A)	500 lbs. 400 (77A)
			8'	9'8''	6'6''		Con.	A	5200 (77B) 4540 (75A)	420 (77B) 480 (75A)
"75"	25'6"	23'				Sgle.			4720 (75B)	520 (75B)
"35"	22'6"	20'	8'	9'8''	6'6''	Sgle.	Con.	Α	3900 lbs.	465 lbs.
Sun Valley	23'	21'	HO0	8'4"	nbler Corp 6'6''	Sgle,	Car.	м	3800 lbs.	400 lbs.
Seabreeze	23'	21*	7'6"	8'4'' 8'5''	6'6"	Sgle.	Car.	M	4050 lbs.	410 lbs.
Monterrey Hialeañ	27 27	25° 25'	7'6'' 7'6''	8'5"	6'7'' 6'7''	Tan. Tan.	Car. Car.	M M	4610 lbs. 4920 lbs.	425 lbs. 440 lbs.
					Industries,	Inc.				
Howard 23-48 Howard 28-48	23° 27'10''	21° 25°	7'10" 7'10"	8'6½" 8'6½"	6'5½'' 6'5½''	Sgle. Tan.	Car. Car.	S S	4680 lbs. 5300 lbs.	570 lbs. 610 lbs.
			In	dian Tra	ailer Corpo	ration				
Chieftain	28'	25'	8'	9'	6'6''	Tan.	Car.	M	4800 lbs.	350 lbs.
		101	0	Ir 6'6''	ronwood	Calo	Con	H*	2850 lbs.	350 lbs.
16 18	18'6'' 20'6''	16' 18'	9, 3,	6'6''	8' 8'	Sgle. Sgle.	Car. Car.	A A	3200 lbs.	350 lbs.
26 *Homeosote	26*	23'6''	9,	6'6''	8'	Tan.	Car.	A		
			Kit	Manufa	cturing Co	mpany				
Kit Chateau	201/3	18'	8' 7'6''	7'11¾ 7'10''	6'3'' 6'6½''	Sgle.	Car. Car.	A A	2500 lbs. 1450 lbs.	300 lbs. 200 lbs.
Kit Çapitan Kit Companion**	17'6" 16'4"	15'6" 13'8"	6'11'4'			Sgle.	Car.	Â	1990 lbs.	239 lbs.
Kit Companion*** *Independent Whee	16'4" I Suspen	13'8'' sion-Torsion	6'11¼' Spring	' 7'11% **Wall E		Sgle. ***Convent	Car. ional I	A Bed Model	1930 lbs.	240 lbs.
					ach Compa	ny, Inc.				
Ambassador	27'	24'	8'	8'10''	6'8''	Tan.	Car.	м	5200 lbs.	460 lbs.
Commander	25'	23'	8'	8'10''	6'8''	Sgle.	Car,	M	4500 lbs.	420 lbs.
"Liberty"	23'	20'	8' 1	Jberty C	Coach Com 6'6''	Sgle.	Con.	м	4180 lbs.	380 lbs.
"Liberty"	27	24'	8'	9' 9'	6'6'' 6'6''	Tan. Tan.	Con. Con.	M. M	5200 lbs. 6520 lbs.	450 lbs. 860 lbs.
"Liberty"	33'	30'	8' T:-				Con.	TAT	0320105.	000 103.
"Silver King"-48	27'	24*	8'	8'7''	Trailer Co 6'5''	Tan.	Con.	Δ	4600 lbs.	200 lbs.
"Silver King"- 47-M-A	27°	24'	7'6''	8'5''	6,3.,	Tan.	Con.	Α	3600 lbs.	225 lbs.
Ctaudand			Luxor	-Leffing	well Coach	Company				
Standard Model 25	25'	23'9''	7'6"	7'1''	6'6"	Sgle.	Car.	M	3543 lbs.	450 lbs.
Deluxe Model 225	25*	23'9''	7'6''	7'1''	6'6''	Sgle.	Car.	м	3543 lbs.	450 lbs.
Macomb Cruiser	21'6''	18'6"	8'6''	6°6''	Macomb 7'10''	Sgle.	Car.	M	3350 Ibs.	375 lbs.
			Main-	Line Tra	ailer Coach	Company				
"Silver Lark"	161/2"	14'	$\mathbf{T}^{r}$	7'8½"	6'2''	Sgle.	Car.		1700 lbs.	250 lbs.
"Silver Lodger" "Silver Liner"	18' 22½''	16' 20'	7' 7'	7'10½ 7'11''	" 6'3'' 6'3½"	Sgle. Sgle.	Car. Car.	A A	2100 lbs. 2700 lbs.	300 lbs. 350 lbs.
					Frailer Cor					
Modern 23	23'	20'	7'11''	8'5''	6'7" ied on pag	Sgle.	Con.	M&A	3400 lbs.	385 lbs.

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			(C	ontinued	from pa	ge 80)				
Model	Overall Length	Length of Body	Width of Body	Height Exterior	Height Interior	Axle		xterior vering	Weight	Drawbar Load
			Naj	opanee Tr	ailer Co	mpany				
Tuxedo	28'	24'	8'	9'2''	6'7''	**	Car.	P	5000 lbs.	150 lbs.
Ranger Nimrod	23' 16'	20' 14'	8' 8'	9'2" 8'11"	6'7'' 6'5''	Sgle. Sgle.	Car. S.T.C.	M	3500 lbs. 1500 lbs.	200 lbs.
**Four Wheel Susp		••	•	0	00	CP104	0.1.0.			
			Nat	ional Trai	iler Corr	oration				
Castle DeLuxe	26'	24*	8'	8.8.	6'6''	Tan.	Car.	M	5000 lbs.	650 lbs.
				Palace C	Corporat	ion				
Palace Royale	24'	22'	8'	9'	6'95%''	Sgle.	Con.	Α	3800 lbs.	380 lbs.
			Pan-Ame	erican Tra	ailer Coa	hch Comp	bany			
"Pan American"	31'	28'	8'8''	6'7½''	8'	Tan.	Car.	M	5400 lbs.	
"Pan American"	27	24'	8'6"	6'6''	8'	Tan.	Car.	M	4600 lbs.	
"Pan American"	25'	22'	8'6''	6'6'*	8'	Sgle.	Car.	MAS	4200 lbs.	
1				Schoone		r Compa	-			
"80" "100"	23° 23'	20° 20'	7'9'' 7'9''	8'7' 8'7''	6'5'' 6'5''	Sgle. Sgle.	Con. Con.	M A	3150 lbs. • 2950 lbs.	400 lbs. 400 lbs.
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23	23'9'' 24'9''	21' 22'	8'10 <u>'/</u> 3'' 8'10½''	6'7½'' 6'7½''	76" 76"	Sgle. Sgle.	Con. Con.	M M	4460 lbs. 4860 lbs.	490 lbs. 600 lbs.
25 27	26'9"	24'	8'10 <sup>72</sup>	6'71/2"	76"	Tan.	Con.	M	5040 lbs.	530 lbs.
33	32'9"	30'	8'101/2''	6'7½''	7'6''	Tan.	Con.	M	6760 lbs.	700 lbs.
			Raymo	ond Produ	icts Com	nany In	C.			
**25-48**	27'6"	25*	8'	9'	6'6''	Tan.	Car.	A	4800 lbs.	585 lbs.
"20-48"	22'6"	20'	8*	9'	6'6''	Sgle.	Car.	Α	3800 lbs.	460 lbs.
"Travelo Sportsman"	19"	16'	7	9'	6'4''	Sgle.	Car.	A	2900 lbs.	360 lbs.
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Model 47T	25 1/2*	23'	8'	8'5 1/2''	6½'	Tan.	Car.	M	4340 lbs.	460 lbs.
		8		Schult Co	-	n				
Luxury Liner	26"	23'	8"	8'3"	6'7'	Tan.	Con.	A	4175 lbs.	550 lbs.
Commodore	21'	18'	8'	8.3.,	6'7''	Sgle,	Con,	A	3200 lbs.	475 lbs.
				Sportsma		tries				
Colonial_Std.	23'	20'	7'6"	8'10''	6'6''	Sgle.	Car.	A	3250 lbs.	
Colonial Del. Colonial Manor	23' 27	20' 24'	7'6'' 8'	8'10" 8'10"	6, <b>6, ,</b>	Sgle. Tan.	Car. Car.	A A	3350 lbs. 4500 lbs.	
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Castle	32' 1/2"	30*	04	0.0	10	Tan.	Car.	A	5800 lbs.	490 lbs.
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"Homette"	27	24'	9'	6.6.	8' 6'	Tan.	Car.	A	5400 lbs.	350 lbs.
"Texas"	23'	20'	9	6'6''	°	Sgle.	Car.	A.	3500 lbs.	300 165.
				Frotwood						
Economy	17'6"	14'6''	7'1''	8'4''	6'4''	Sgle.	Car.	***	2300 lbs.	240 lbs. Homasote
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Universal Model 21	21'	18*	7'9''	8'6''	6'7''	Sgle.	Con.	м	3200 Ibs.	325 lbs.
Universal Model 27	27	24'	7'9''	8'6''	6'7"	Dble.	Con.	м	4800 lbs.	400 lbs.
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"23"	26'	23'	8,	8.6.	6'41/3''	Sgle.	Con.	A	3800 lbs.	550 lbs.
				ey Manuf		· · · · · ·	-			
Traveler	20'6'*	17	T	9'3"	6'6''	Sgle.	Car.	M	3270 lbs	375 lbs.
Cruiser	23'6'* 27'6'*	20' 24'	8' 8'	<b>8.3.,</b> 8.3.,	6'6''	Tan. Tan.	Car. Car.	M M	4000 lbs 4500 lbs	375 lbs. 400 lbs.
Mobiliner Super-Liner	33'	30'	8'	9'3''	6'6''	Tan.	Car.	P	5900 lbs.	400 lbs.
PROPERTY OF THE OWNER OF THE OWNER										
				er Boat &	z Traile: 6'4½''	-	-	A	2525 lbs.	360 lbs
Standard Tandem	19' 27'	17'0'' 24'1 ½''	7653" 7653"	8'4½'' 8'4½''	6'4 1/2''	Sgle. Tan.	Con. Con.	A or M A or M	4200 lbs.	500 lbs
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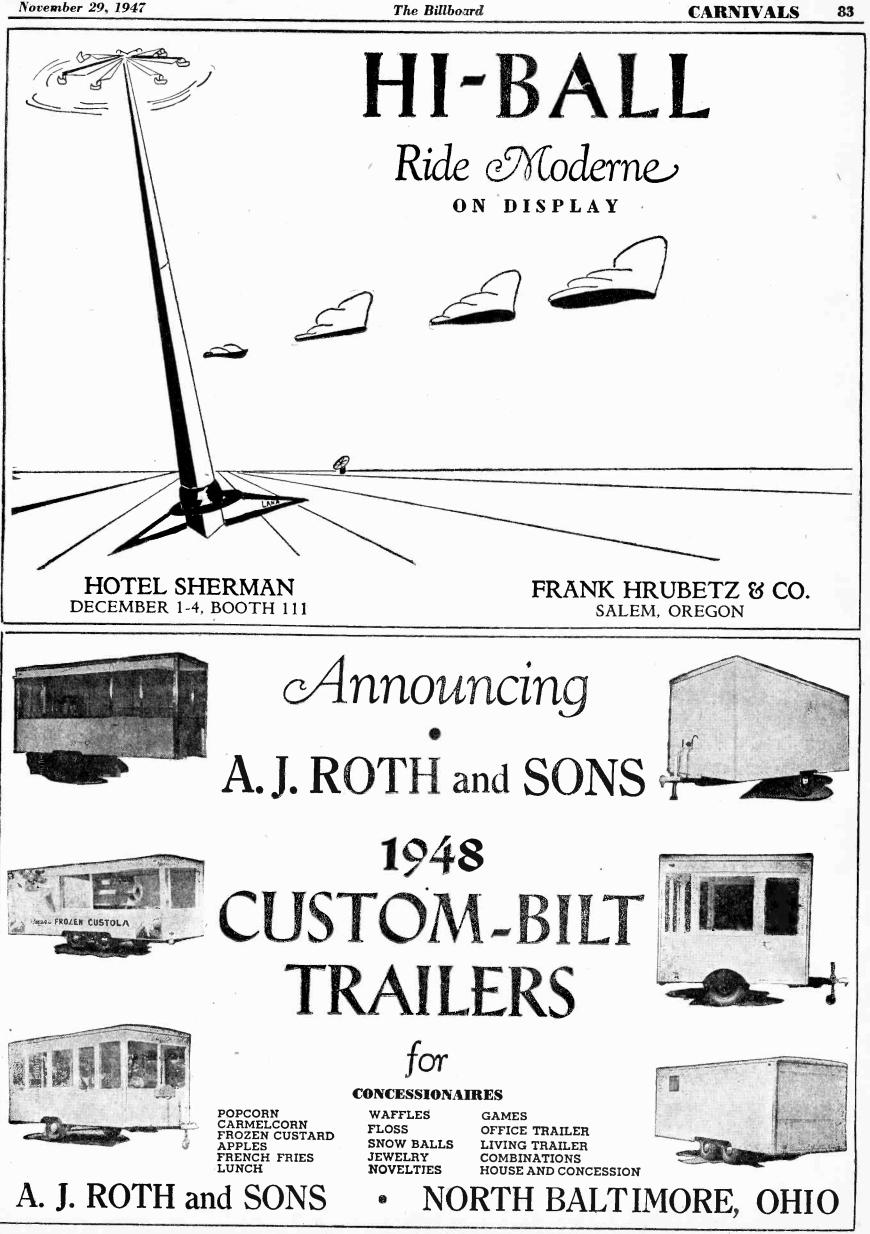
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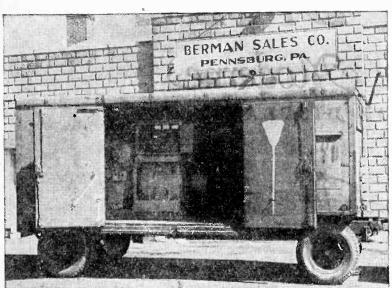
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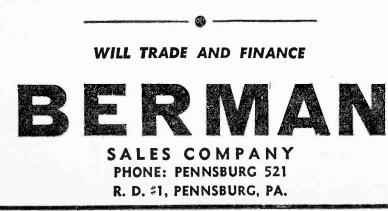
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This show positively holds con-This show positively holds con-tracts for a string of maiden fairs. Did you ever hear of the Blizzard Circuit? If you haven't, you soon will because the big announcement will be made soon. While carnival managers and their agents were mixing drinks with business and pleasing drinks with business and pleas-ure in Chicago, our general agent, Lem Trucklow, stole a sneak by at-tending the first Territorial Fair As-sociation's meeting at Frozen Waste, Alaska. There, without opposition or overbidding, Trucklow entertained the fair men and landed 14 fat, from iceberg to iceberg (no fence), con-tracts for a string of whale blubber expositions and Esquimo Home-comings. Dates of the events have not been set, but according to the association's president they will be announced at the next meeting of the board of directors. board of directors.

board of directors. Holding the exclusive on all con-cessions except snow cones, Manager Pete Ballyhoo stated that to make the tour profitable for booth oper-ators only 14 of each type would be carried. Due to the price of ice being on an uptrend, footage will be slightly higher than it is in the States Alhigher than it is in the States. Al-ready the boss instructed his press department to create a gold rush thru the medium of jackpot advertising. Going all-out in the way of big heartedness, the boss's slogan is: "Bring your fur-lined house trailers. There will be no charge for North-ern Lights." Again, dear editor, this copy

Again, dear editor, this copy should be played up heavily in your

magazine with a banner head and many follow-up stories. It is the news that all showmen have been news that all showmen have been waiting for, and it should increase your circulation at least 30 per cent. Add anything to it you like, but stress the importance of the route and give our general agent a plug as he works on a narrow margir. Manager Bally-hoo loves *The Billboard* and read the first one printed first one printed.

With a long string of Florida and Alaska fairs on our itinerary, show, ride and concession operators would be smart to book with this show. It gives them a continuous winter route with no summer, which will be a money-saving tour, because they'll be able to wear the same underwear the year round. Those joining now will be permitted to make the Citrus Diet Route and ride the show train porth next spring. Bemember deer editor, that our show is always top news and should be given choice space.

P. S. -Two wires just arrived. One P. S.—Two wires just arrived. One from the president of the association stated: "All contracts will be con-firmed and dates set at the next meeting of the board of directors in December, 1950, which will give them time to build suitable grounds. The other, from General Agent Lem Trucklow, read: "When I stepped in-to a sleigh (Lem likes sleigh rides) for my return journey my pocket was nicked losing fair contracts and was picked, losing fair contracts and bottle opener. Included in the loss was the contract for the Polar Bear Chase and Fair, sponsored by the Esquimo Veterans of the Civil War. Wire money." Wire money."

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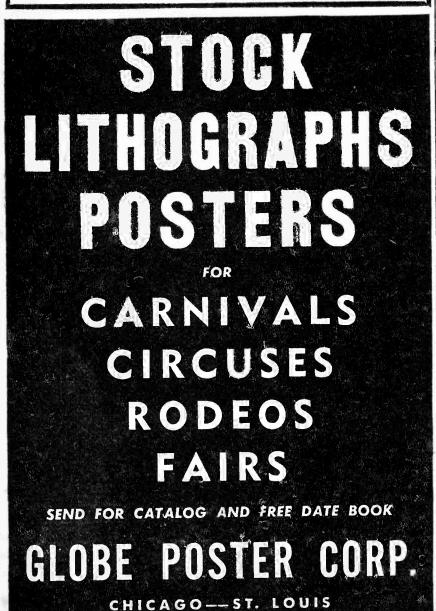


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#### Also Publishes Paper

His base of operations has long since shifted to Estevan, Sask. (Pop. 3,200), where he and his family also publish the *Estevan Mercury*, a weekly with a 2,700 circulation. His son, Stirling, edits the paper, while



ANDY KING

THIRTY years ago Andy King, then | William, another son, is in charge of running a struggling weekly news- | the poster plant.

The poster print operations range from window cards to 24 sheets. For the larger U. S. shows which play Canada, King supplies the dates. For the smaller orgs he does the pictorial work as well. In addition to the American shows, he services virtually all Canadian shows.

An unusual aspect of his business is that he buys his ink and paper from firms in Ontario and Quebec, draws business from carnivals and shows in those provinces, and ships back the finished products to the same places where he got the raw materials.

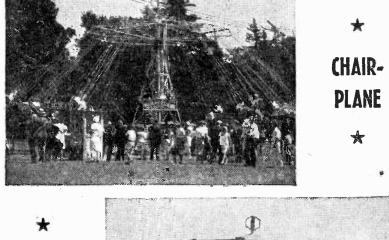
#### Toured Women's Band

Andy himself continues to do his own wood-block cutting. He rarely goes out on the road for business, holding his traveling down to within a 150-mile radius of Estevan.

A part from the poster printing his only other connection with show business was in 1916, when he formed a women's band which traveled around Canada in its own Pullman. Reminiscing about this band, Andy points out it was a good one, but it had its shortcomings. The long skirts worn by the members made it impossible for them to march and play at the same time, he recalls.

Now 62, he has been in the printing business all of his life. The tall, angular Canadian looks like a typical country editor. His excursions into other fields made him mayor of Rouleau for 11 years. He also served as president of the Saskatchewan division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association in 1932. In 1934 he disposed of the Rouleau paper and bought The Estevan Mercury, installing in the latter's plant a battery of poster printing presses.

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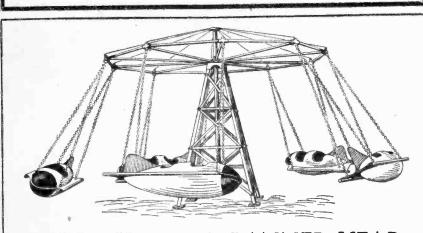
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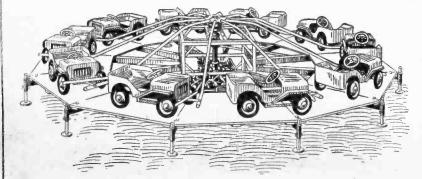


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By Max Cohen ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 22.—This is being written prior to our departure for Chicago to attend the 14th annual meeting of the association; and while it is somewhat early to anticipate the outcome of the meeting, it is already evident that we shall have a large attendance, as indicated by the sizable volume of correspondence being received from the membership. In addition to the responses previously noted, we have also heard from World of Mirth, Douglas Greater and Thompson Bros. shows. We take this opportunity to welcome one and all who plan to attend our annual sessions at Hotel Sherman, and with the attendance which now seems to be assured, the association should make important progress at this year's meeting. Meetings open Monday afternoon, December 1, and continue daily until all business is completed. High spots will include a review of the association's activities for 1947, distribution of the annual report and formulation of a general legislative program for next year, together with open forum discussions on many subjects of interest to the industry.

We have been contacted by the magazine Holiday for information relative to carnivals, as the basis for a feature story which it plans to publish soon.

The War Assets Administration has furnished us with copies of its rules with reference to the disposal of surplus war property, including parcels of real estate which it has available and which may be suitable in some instances for winter quarters. The administration also advises that

Information received from Washington indicates that additional quantities of steel over 1947 quotas will be allowed the automobile industry next year, and that it is reasonable to assume that it will be less difficult to obtain cars in 1948. Washington situation is again becoming active with the reconvening of Congress in special session, and while actual passage of legislation may be deferred until early in 1948, tax reduction is anticipated during the first two months of next year, to include a nationwide community property setup, a reduction in surtax rates, and an increase in personal exemptions from \$500 to \$600.

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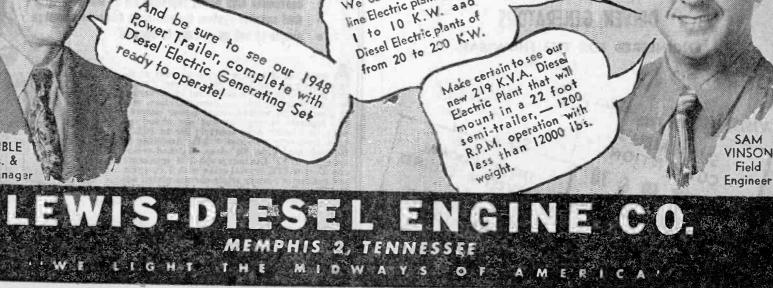
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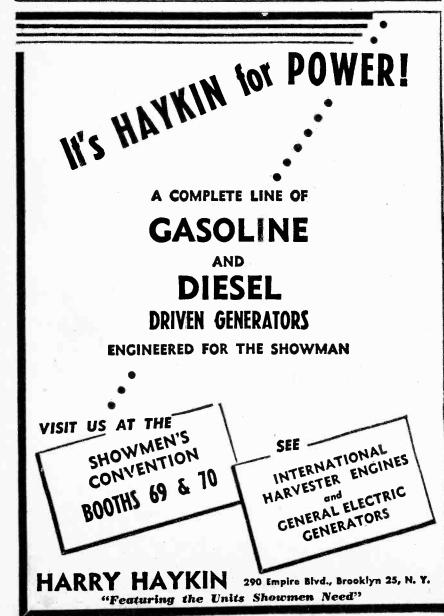
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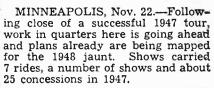
GREENWOOD, S. C., Nov. 22.— Shows are back in local winter quarters after a 32-week season. With the exception of a few weeks which were hurt by bad weather the route of celebrations and street fairs in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania proved satisfactory and the season was a profitable one.

Shows closed November 1 at Pilot Mountain, N. C., and moved onto fairgrounds here where all trucks were unloaded in the new barns built last summer for the Greenwood County Fair. Vacations are now in order, after which winter quarters work gets under way. More improvements are in the making and plans call for many new features. A family show will be added, as will new canvas, trucks, rides and concessions.

#### Jolly

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.-Work in quarters is progressing. Bingo layout is being rebuilt and individual seats recovered. Charles Master and John Mahoney are doing the bulk of the work. Horace Etcherson, kiddie foreman, is here. Co-Owners William Enfante and Jack Robinson are supervising activities. Rides are to be repainted and overhauled.

Lucky Herman, who had the lead gallery on the org this year, is wintering in Miami. Abe Blum, dart game operator, is in town. Lawrence Wright reports that he expects to be with it again next season as a department manager. Current plans call for the org to open early in April. —LILY E. ROBINSON.



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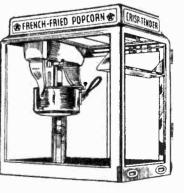


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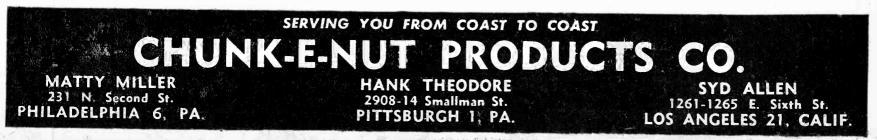


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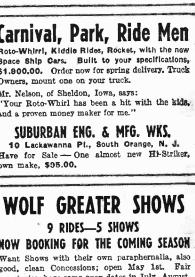
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CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Back after a long absence, President I. J. Polack was in the chair at the Thursday (20) meeting. Also at the table were Treasurer Walter F. Driver, Secre-tary Joe Streibich and Past Presi-dents J. C. McCaffery and Fred H. Kressmann.

Elected to membership were Nate Karakis, R. S. Howard, C. D. Howard, Karl Krenkel, Charles A. Teichner, Jack N. Greene and Randolph Andress.

Letters were received from Al Latto, Endy Bros.' Shows; Floyd E. Gooding, George A. Hamid, Harry Modele and Jack Hawthorne. The cemetery fund was enriched

by donations of \$500 from the Endy Bros.' Shows, \$200 from the Cetlin &

Bros.' Shows, \$200 from the Cetlin & Wilson Shows, \$100 from Oscar Buck and \$50 from Al Latto. Whitey Woods is recuperating at his home after being discharged from a hospital. Sick list includes W. C. Deneke, H. D. Wilson, John U. Lefebvre, Marshall L. Green and Tom Vollmer Vollmer. Recent arrivals include Cal Lipes,

of the Pacific Coast Showmen's As-sociation; Fitzie Brown; Joe Bula, of Bula, of Sociation; Fitzle Brown; Joe Brown; Joe Kila, of Canada; Jack Norman and William E. (Bill) Snyder. New members at the meeting were Ted Prockin, Thomas Burke, Henry Freedenberg and Max M. Aver.

M. Aver. Members present after long ab-sences included Bob Sugar, Manny Weinberg, Jack Kerschner, Adolph Treusch, H. B. Shive, Joe Pavese, Nat S. Green, Flash Williams, Elmer Byrnes, Maury Brod, Roy Barrett, Eli Rudick, Billy Senior, Sid Louis and Past Presidents J. C. McCaffery and Pared H. Kressmann and Fred H. Kressmann.

and Fred H. Kressmann. Convention schedule includes reg-ular meeting November 29, memorial service and president's party Novem-ber 30, annual meeting and election of officers December 1, and the ban-quet and ball December 2. Installa-tion of officers will be held Decem-ber 4

ber 4. Preparations for the annual Christ-Preparations for the annual Christ-mas party for underprivileged chil-dren are under way. I. J. Polack is general chairman. Committee also includes Rev. Marcel La Voy, Edgar I. Schooley, James Campbell, John Lempart, William Carsky, Solly Was-serman, Ned E. Torti, George W. Johnson, Jarry Maxwell and Max Brantman with his house committee.

Ladies' Auxiliary Mrs. Henry T. Belden presided at the Thursday (13) meeting. Other officers present were Mrs. Sam Glus-kin, first vice-president pro tem; Mrs. Marie Brown, second vice-presi-dent pro tem; Mrs. Lew Keller, third vice-president pro tem; Mrs. Rose H. Page, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert H. Page, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert H. Miller, secretary. Invocation was given by Mrs. A. L.

Filograsso, chaplain. A rising vote of thanks was given to Carmen Horan and Mrs. A. L. Filograsso for the so-cial Thursday (6) which netted a

cial Thursday (6) which netted a substantial sum. Mrs. Belden, chairman, and Mrs. Ralph Glick, co-chairman of the ba-zaar to be held during the conven-tion week, reported the receipt of many donations. Billie Wasserman contributed a large box of handmade articles; Mrs. Marie Brown, past president, \$10; Mrs. Louise Rollo, past president, \$5; Carmen Horan, a lace doiley, and Margaret Filograsso, a handmade comforter. handmade comforter.

Mrs. Edward A. Hock and Evelyn Hock continue in Hot Springs, but expect to be back for the November

28 meeting. Open house during the convention will be held November 28 thru De-cember 1. Installation dinner will be held December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the

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CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Seated on the rostrum at the recent meeting were Edna O'Shea Stenson, president; Lucille Hirsch, first vice-president; Pearl McGlynn, second vice-presi-dent; Bessie Mossman, third vice-president; Pat Seery, treasurer, and Mariana Pope, financial secretary. Invocation was by Edith Streibich.

Corresponding Secretary Irene Coffey read communications from Stella Littlefield, Anna Jane Hunting, Daisy Davis, Hattie Hoyt, Grace McBain, Myrtle Hutt Beard and Irma Moore, Cards of thanks were received from the Del Guidice family, Irma Moore and Alex Vanko.

Mae Oakes, welfare chairman, re-ported Dolly Young, Ruth Paddock, Joycie Gray and Eva Clark on the sick list. Rebecca Daniels's mother is hospitalized as the result of a stroke. Anna Jane Bunting advised that her mother had a cerebral hemorrhage.

Elected to membership were Mar-Elected to membership were Mar-garet Davis, Abby Davis, Marie E. Davis, Eva Hinkley, Elizabeth J. Ban-croft, Katherine Rivers, Isabel Hill, Mildred Alexander, Mary Ann Bilski, Ruth Clinton and Anita Mae Robertson.

Donations of an afghan, a bed spread and ginger ale, given by Pearl McGlynn, Helen Wettour and Pat Seery, respectively, were received. The chair welcomed Mrs. Bobby Charmiels who attended hor first Cherniak, who attended her first meeting.

Happy Birthday was sung to Becky Daniels, Claire Sopenar and Helen Wettour. Refreshments followed. Evening's awards, donated by Evelyn Blakely and Marianna Pope, were won by Estelle Swaider and Kathryn Robertson. Officers for '48 were elected.

They are: Lucille Hirsch, president; Edith Streibich, first vice-president; Billie Lou Foreman, second vice-president, Binle Lou Foreman, second vice-president; Mae Oakes, third vice-president; Clara Polich, treasurer, and Mariana Pope, financial secretary. Out-of-town members of the board of gov-ernors elected were Midge Cohen, Hattic Hoyt Ann Declan Dacisy Da-Hattie Hoyt, Ann Doolan, Daisy Da-vis, Ann Roth, Myrtle Hutt Beard, Emily Bailey, Evelyn Blakely, Dor-othy Bloom and Mrs. Harold Paddock. In-town board members elected were Edna O'Shea Stenson, Pearl Mc-Glynn, Lillian Lawrence, Jeanette Wall, Mae Taylor, Irene Coffey, Helen Wettour, Dorothee Bates and Ann Young. Installation of officers and the ban-curd will be held in the Wort Boom

quet will be held in the West Room of the Hotel Sherman Sunday, No-vember 30, at 6:30 p.m. Past Presi-dent Jeanette Wall will serve as misdent Jeanette Wall will serve as mis-tress of ceremonies, with Ann Sley-ster in charge of table decorations. Kathryn Robertson and Veronica Po-tenza will be usherettes for the in-stallation ceremonies. Skippy Pope, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pople, and Marilyn Carnaggio, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carnaggio, will be mascots. Open house will be held in the "Dog Fight" room of the Sherman, starting Friday, November 28, thru December 1, with Isabell Brantman in charge of refreshments.

Louis XVI Room of the Sherman Hotel.

Pearl Van Wert, a member of long standing, is a patient in American Hospital, Irving Park and Broadway, Chicago.



**Pacific Coast** Showmen's Association 1106 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.—Nomi-nation of officers for 1948, accepting of a life member and a report on proposed changes to the by-laws highlighted the Monday (17) meet-ing of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association. Association.

With Bill Hobday, president; Ev-erett W. (George) Coe and Harry Suker, vice-presidents; Ed Mann,

Suker, vice-presidents; Ed Mann, secretary, and Jack Hughes, chap-lain, on the rostrum, the lights were dimmed for B. Bessette, who died Thursday (13) in Jennings, La. C. R. Fielding was voted a life member and John F. Hougtaling was reinstated. Bill Larsen, Chester Cochrane and Jimmy Kelly were re-ceived into the club.

The nominating committee, con-sisting of six members from the board of governors—Taylor, Cronin, Moore, Hargrave, Backman and Matthews—and four members from the floor (five including alternate)— Krug, Doolan, Red Cohen, Smith and Jacobi—went into executive session but were unable to return a slate by the end of the meeting. Nominees will be announced at the next meeting.

Harry Taylor made a pitch for the banquet and ball and Harry Rawlings sold ticket books on the new car, washing machine and console radio. Harry Hargrave reported that the **new** building would soon be renovated and ready for occupancy.

Harry Golub, head of the legisla-tive committee, proposed that the board of governors be increased from 30 to 40 members and the board of trustees from six to seven members. A question came up on whether these new boards could be seated with the new officers. The matter is to be ironed out.

Visiting the club rooms were Louie Glassman; Pat McGee, who was the guest of Hunter Farmer; Joe Bush, Jack Venick, Henry Herman, Al Rodin, Til Taylor, Vic Lopez, Shorty Monte, Poodles Hanneford, Dan Dix, Louis Pillow, L F. Criffth Louis Pillow, L. E. Griffith.

Louis Pillow, L. E. Grimtn. Tom Heeney, veteran showman, recited a poem. Jack Hughes, chap-lain, asked that everyone make a special effort to attend the memorial day services December 7 at 2 p.m. at Showmen's Rest in Evergreen Ceme-tery. John Lohrman, who recently became a grandfather, praised Har-graves for his fine work in securing the new building. the new building.

Jimmy Dunn, of the sick and re-lief committee, reported that Sam Brown was ill at his hotel in Ocean Park.

Harry DeNeau, sergeant at arms, presented Jack Hughes with a new cane that he has designed to aid the blind.

Ladies' Auxiliary Monday (17) meeting was called to order by President Jessie Loomis. Present after absences were Past President Nell Zev, Lillian Shue, Elizabeth (Nanna) and Grace Hanna-ford, Margaret Athenson, Henrietta Seecard, Ethel Ebel, Ruth Samuels, Dora Carlson, Florence Webber, Babe Miller, Jedda Clancy and Loda-belle Scarce. belle Scarce.

Election and bazaar night will be December 8. Polls will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Candidates are: President, Madge Buckley and Jule Smith; first vice-president, Charlotte Cohn and Opal Manly; second vice-president, Vivian Jacobi and Fay Prosser; third vice-presidents, Estelle Wampler and Lillian Nichols; secre-

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tary, Edith Hargraves; treasurer, Peggy Steinberg. New member present for the first time was Alice Cochrane. Babe Miller signed Alma Babe Allen as a new member. Letters were need free new member. Letters were read from Alma Rockwell, Ming Toi Right, Vir-

among members off for Honolulu were Hazel Worth, Edith Walpert, Daisey Marion, Leta Johnson and Oril Kent.

Oril Kent. Reported on the sick list were Past President Ethel Krug, Grace De Garro, Nancy Myers, Minerva Boyd, Tillie Palmateer and Anna May Reed. The last named sustained a broken foot in D core accident

The last named sustained a broken foot in a car accident. Door prizes were donated by Mabel Brown, Lee Sturm, Past President Margaret Farmer and Tudy Di Santi. Prizes were won by Peggy Stein-berg, Ethel Ebel, Babe Miller and Alice Cochrane. Bank night was won by Vivian Jacobi, and the bed spread, donated by Doris Douglas, was won by Margaret Farmer. President Loomis announced the next board meeting would be held

President Loomis announced the next board meeting would be held December 1. Past president and birthday night will be December 29 and the Christmas party December 22. Candy night is scheduled Mon-day (24), and Elsie Zuker and Estelle Wampler volunteered to make all of the candy. the candy.

the candy. Lillian Nichols and Florence Web-ber, both of San Diego, brought in tidy sums from building and furni-ture books. Mora Bagby donated an onyx ash tray for the clubrooms. The secretary asked that all books be sent in soon because December 8 will be the draw.

will be the draw. Lunch was donated by President

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## **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### Show Folks of America San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.— Meeting November 17 was run off promptly to enable members to par-ticipate in a bazaar for the club's sick and relief fund. It netted sick and relief fund. It netted \$145.15. Mike Krekos was auctioneer; \$145.15. Mike Krekos was auctioneer; Joe Alterman, London George Sim-monds, Fred Ferguson and Mickey Hogan handled the concessions; Francis Seber, Mary Texeira, Oli-vette Malthouse, Ethyl Weidman and Lola Cox the push cards and Marie Lola Cox, the push cards, and Marie Jessup assisted in displaying and ar-

Dan J. Meggs, who is operating concessions on the roof of the Em-porium, and Charlie Camp, of circus fame, conducted the events, and Teddy and Mary Texeira were pres-ent for the first time since closing their concessions.

The Marsh Springs Group, under direction of Mrs. Verna Gill, brought down the house with their act. Coun-cil Raiford reported that his wife, Edna, recording secretary, is improv-ing and soon will leave the hospital. Ted LeFors announced that Doc Waddell will come from Columbus, O., to conduct memorial services November 30 when club unveils its new monument.

Harry Seber, president, was in the chair at the November 10 meeting. Eddie Brown, Harry Taylor and some members of the P.S.C.A. at-

some members of the P.S.C.A. at-tended the meeting, as did Sam Wells, of the Arthur Shows, and Bob Kline, of John R. Ward Shows. Bill Meyers, who operates some rides on the roof of the Emporium, here here attending meetings lately

rides on the root of the Emportum, has been attending meetings lately. Welcomed back was Relley Castle Bergland, who had been ill. Tony Soares and George Saxon, back for the rest of the season, also were present. Ted LeFors won the Pot of Cold of Gold.

Fred Weidman presided at the November 3 meeting. On the rost-rum were Sam Abbott of The Bill-board, Ted LeFors, Polish Fisher, Whitey Monette and Tony De Fabros. Elected to membership were R. T. Henry, Peter Herman, Nettie Peter-son, Carl A. and Gladys Parks, George Myers, Hazel McAnish, Henry Balk and Abe Ettin.

Baik and Abe Etthi. Visitors were Skrip Kirk, Henry Buck, Abe Rabin, Joe Kelley, Marie Jessup, A. Rauch and Walter Hale. Dr. E. P. Mannheim reported on members who are ill and Thomas J. (Fuzzy) Hughes talked on his recent trip to Mexico.

Tony De Fabros brought in \$385 from the Northwest. Donations of \$100 from Ralph Mekker and \$150 from the Meeker Shows and Cemetery Fund contributions from Harry Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parks and Nettie Peterson were announced. Whitey Monette won the Pot of Gold.

#### **Heart of America** Showmen's Club

931A Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 22. Vice-President L. K. Carter presided at the November 14 meeting, with Secretary G. C. McGinnis and Treas-urer George Carpenter also on the rostrum

Joe Kelly advised that Past Presi-dent John Castle was ill. Back from a trip to South America, Chester I. Levin, of the Midwest Cnester I. Levin, of the Midwest Merchandise Company, presented the club with a check from K. H. Garman, owner of Sunset Amuse-ment Company, for the returns on the blanket sale held recently on the shows

Club donated four 100-pound sacks of flour to the Friendship Train. F. M. Shortridge, Des Moines book-ing agent, was a week-end visitor while on a business trip. Sale of tickets for the New Year's

#### National

Showmen's Association 1564 Broadway, New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The final meetings before the Big Week took place Wednesday (19) night, with Vice-President Jack Perry presiding at both meetings. At the board of governors' meeting, Secretary Man-ning and Counsellor Hofmann were on the restrum with the chairman. on the rostrum with the chairman.

Reports on the banquet were glow-ng. Banquet Chairman Ralph Endy ing. Banquet Chairman Ralph Endy reported that while there were a few tables still available, the affair prom-ised to be a sellout. Chairman of the Year Book, Fred Murray, re-ported that more than \$300 in advertising had to be refused because of deadlines. Even at that, he said, the book this year will break all records.

The meeting adjourned after a spirited discussion regarding the founders of the club, with George A. Hamid's conception of the founding accepted because it was conceded he was most familiar with the matter most familiar with the matter. was

The general meeting was attended by upward of 200 members, this number being augmented by the arrival of 100 members of the ladies' auxiliary at the conclusion of their meeting. This meeting also was con-ducted by Veepee Jack Perry, who did a fine job. There was a full house on the plotform with There was a did a fine job. There was a full house on the platform, with Treasurer Harry Rosen, Chaplain Fred Murray, Ban-quet Chairman Ralph Endy, Secre-tary Ross Manning, Dr. Jacob Cohen, Counsellor Max Hofmann and former treasurer, Jack Greenspoon.

While the banquet was the chief topic of the session, the presidents' topic of the session, the presidents' testimonial dinner also was on the agenda, as well as the magnificent gift of a television set to the club by the World of Mirth Shows. Presen-tation of this gift was made by Dada King, secretary to Bucky Allen, who directed the raising of money to buy the set. A standing vote of thanks was given the World of Mirth Shows and Bucky Allen. Banquet talks were given by Chairman Ralph Endy, Fred Murray, Leonard Traube and George A. Hamid. Phil Cook, attending for the first time in two years, gave one of

first time in two years, gave one of his famous oratorical outbursts, which nis ramous oratorical outbursts, which can only be described as Cookonian. Max Kassow also put across some interesting remarks, and Frank Ber-gen, Jack Hornfeld, Bucky Allen, Sam Peterson, Jack Rosenthal, Max Gru-berg, Morris Vivona, Lou Weinstein, Morris Batalsky and other members also were called upon to make brief remarks. Seen at the meeting were Ben Braunstein, Sid Goodwalt, Benny Herman, Sam Levy and Myer Pins-ker. Max Gruberg made a substan-tial donation to the vets' fund. The ladies' auxiliary informed the meeting that it would decorate the graves at Ferncliff Cemetery prior to Sunday's (23) dedication of the memorial menument and also fur-nish the flowers for the banquet tables, and was making a donation of \$300 to the club 'to be used as seen fit. By the time you get to read this can only be described as Cookonian.

seen fit.

By the time you get to read this the monument will have been dedi-cated, the presidents' party will be over, the ladies' auxiliary will have finished with its bazaar and the elite of the outdoor amusement world will be assembling for the 10th anniver-sary banquet of the club at the Commodore.

Room of the Hotel Continental is under way. Ladies' Auxiliary Tacky Party has been scheduled for Tuesday night, December 30. Memorial ser-vices will be held in the club rooms Sunday, December 28, at 2 p.m., with Chaplain Al C, Wilson in charge. Secretary McGinnis urges all mem-bers to furnish him with their winter

bers to furnish him with their winter Sale of tickets for the New Year's season addresses and also states that Eve banquet and ball in the Georgian dues are now due.

#### **Show Folks of America** 1839 W. Monroe St., Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- May Adams Stoker, president, was in the chair at the Tuesday (18) meeting in the Gray Room of Hotel Sherman.

Wade Booth, past president of the SFA, was elected president for 1948. Meyer Cherkas, counsellor, spoke, and Mr. Booth dwelt on unity of organization. The president-elect rendered several numbers on Bergie Bergman's program. Latter also included songs by Grace Lynn, a few minutes of fun supplied by Arthur May, piano numbers by Helen Wong and card tricks by Haldane.

Nellie Grosch reports that Bill Woodside will soon be out of the County Hospital. Mother Snow, a patient at the County Hospital, sent thanks for the many greetings she received on her 95th birthday.

Jess Harlow is confined with bronchitis. Warren Warren is confined to his home with severe arthritis. Mme. Pinxy was able to attend the meeting.

The following donations have been The following donations have been received: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey, Washington, \$5; John Ryan, \$10; Anne Lynch, \$10; Bonnie Beck Young, New York, \$25, and Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Swayze, Ind., \$6. John J. Keit contributed \$6 and Marie Alter \$1 to the cemetery fund and Fred Steffenson \$2 to the monu-ment fund ment fund.

A report on the barn dance will be given at the December meeting.

#### **Regular Associated Troupers** 106 E. Washington, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22 .- On the LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.—On the rostrum at Thursday's (13) meeting were Nell Robideaux, first vice-president, who presided; Lill Schue, third vice-president; Marie Bailey, secretary, and Harry Levine, assist-ant treasurer. Honored with seats on the rostrum were Norman Schue, Harry Golub, Orel Kent, Helen Smith and Al Weber and Al Weber.

and Al weber. Olga Weber, sick and relief com-mittee, reported that Ethel Krug and Lucille Perper were improving. Martha Levine, membership; Marie Bailey, publicity; Lucille King, house, and Harold Robideaux, bar, also read reports

Elected to membership were Joseph Exler, Morrie Schiller, John Haw-thorne and Alma Babe Allen.

Guests included Mrs. Dyke, from Alabama; Babe Wilson, Mel Harris, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Ed McDonald, Ken Williamson; Arthur Cohen, in from the East, and Jack Kaplan, Showmen's League of Amer-ica, representing Jack Conway on the West Coast.

the West Coast. Called on for short talks were Al Weber, Marshall and Freda Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Silva, Lillabelle Williams, R. H. Sheppard; Al Rodin, who praised the work done by Lill Schue, who in turn thanked June Gilligan and Jimmy Lynch for their help; Herb Sucher, Dora Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Edwards, George Lauerman and Chris Rodin. Following the meeting a hox-lunch

Following the meeting a box-lunch supper was served. Harry Golub acted as auctioneer, and a total of \$151 was realized for the sick and relief committee. Judges for the contest were Al Rodin, Martha Levine and Sammy Dolman. Orel Kent won the \$5 prize donated by Nell Robi-deaux for the most attractive lunch box, while Lucille Dolman won the 5 donated by Harry Golub for the best lunch.

A \$10 donation by Jack Kenyon is acknowledged.

The secretary is without the mailing addresses of many members and requests that members forward their addresses at once. The secretary also reminds members that 1948 dues are due.



DETROIT, Nov. 22 .- Jack Dickstein, first vice-president; Louis Ros-enthal, treasurer; Bernard Robbins, secretary; and Harry Stahl, past president, were on the rostrum at the Monday (17) meeting.

Members of the board of directors present were Herb Pence, Artie Grzann, Sam Maltin, William Za-koor, Irving Borker, Charles Wester-man, Robert Templeton, Charlie Schimmel, Marvin Keys, Eddie Gold and George Harris.

Elected to membership were Elmer J. Putzig, James S. Bais, Louis Ros-enberg, Benjamin F. Braunstein and H. B. Shive.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, represented by Ann Borker, second vice-presi-dent, and Dorothy Gold, treasurer, presented the club with a \$1,000 check for the building fund.

Preparations are being made for the annual Christmas party for the underprivileged children in the vicin-ity. Pork Chops Ginsburg and Fats Norton will be co-chairmen of the party.

Secretary Robbins left Friday (21) for New York for the memorial ser-vice dedication for the National Showmen's Association. He will go from New York to Chicago for the outdoor convention.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Bernice Stahl, first vice-president; Ann Borker, second vice-president; Marion Dickstein, third vice-presi-dent; Dorothy Gold, treasurer, and Belle Powers, secretary, were on the dais at the Monday (17) meeting. Three members of the board of directors, Dot Miller, Jo Quinn and Helen Baker were present

Helen Baker, were present. The sum of \$118 was collected to augment the fund for the Christmas party for underprivileged children. The auxiliary also turned over \$1,000 to the men's association for its building fund.

#### **Missouri Show Women's Club** 415A Chestnut St., St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22.—President Lee Belmont was in the chair at the November 13 meeting. Mrs. Lotis Francis served as sergeant-atarms in the absence of Alice Belmont.

It was voted to hold the installa-tion of '48 officers January 22 in the Steamboat Room of the Mark Twain Hotel.

Mrs. Lou Edwards, Polly Jo May-jeski and Mrs. Clara Campbell were elected to membership. Daisy Davis reported on a benefit

given on the Johnny J. Jones Expo-sition for the show. Letters from Mabel Baysinger and Madaline Ragan were acknowledged.

Peggy Grimm and Mabel Bay-singer were reported on the sick list.

#### Lone Star Show Women's Club

DALLAS, Nov. 22.—Club opened its new clubrooms Wednesday (12) with a turkey dinner. Ketta Lindsey was hostess. Assisting in the serving of 140 persons were Katie Little, Mabel Welshman, Margaret Sandall, Jewell Crudup, Lois Crangle, Bette Harris, Martha Moss, Millie Cepek, Millie Hudspeth, Mary Ellen Liber-man, Sally Murphy, Louise Hickman, Chris Ayers, and Pearl Vaught. An-other dinner is planned for Decem-ber. ber. Myrtle

ber. Myrtle Potter, charter member, visited before returning to Kentucky. President Mrs. Sally Murphy plans to leave soon to visit her mother, who is ill. Marie Simpson and Bettie Pruitt, granddaughter of Honey Vaughan, visited Honey at the State Fair of Texas. New cemetery monument costing

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Milford Fair, Milford

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GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Cher-okee Hammon Rodeo booked thru Jack Raum. Cost of grandstand show, \$2,750. Total paid grandstand attendance, aft-ernoon, 1,067; night, 3,017.

CARNIVAL: Majestic Greater Shows. PLANT FACILITIES: Grandstand ca-pacity. 1,500; half-mile race track. RACING: 4 days of rodeo. RECEIPTS: Gate, \$1,984; grandstand, \$2,014.85; carnival, \$438.73; commercial exhibits, \$458; concession space, \$672.

AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$407; pre-

AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$407; pre-miums paid, \$130. CHARGES: Concession space outdoors, \$4 per front foot; commercial exhibit space indoors, \$2.50 per foot; farm ma-chinery space, \$10 per lot. STILL DATES: Auto races. motorcycle races, thrill show, horse show. ADMINISTRATION: President, Floyd Willetts; secretary, Mel H. Moore; super-intendent of attractions, Mel H. Moore; superintendent of concessions, William Knapp; superintendent of commercial exhibit space, Ray Puckett and Henry Van Gordon; superintendent of grounds, Clyde Shirtclift; publicity director, Rob-ert Rowe. ert Rowe.

#### **MINNESOTA**

#### **Anoka County Agricultural** Society, Anoka

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: Front gate, approx. 8,000. Operated 3 days and nights. WEATHER: Good,

GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Radio Station KSPT talent; vaudeville and circus type acts.

cus type acts. CARNIVAL: W. C. Dobson Shows. PLANT FACILITIES: Grandstand ca-pacity, 1,000; bleachers capacity, 500; one-half mile race track. RACING: 2 days of running races. RECEIPTS: Gate, \$2,781.75; carnival, \$800: commercial exhibits, \$200; conces-sion space, \$211.75; other sources, \$13.53. AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$767; county aid, \$1,000; premiums paid, \$1,361.60.

\$1,361.60. CHARGES: Concession space outdoors, 83 per front foot (approx.); farm ma-chinery space, \$15 and \$25 per space. ADMINISTRATION: President, J. W. Craig; secretary, C. A. Wickstrom; su-perintendent of attractions and publicity director, Maynard Speece; superintendent of concessions, Ed Marsander.

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#### S. E. Missouri District Fair. **Cape Girardeau**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: Front gate, 24,-919 9. Operated 5 days and nights. WEATHER: Good 4 days and nights; in 1 day and 1 night. GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Circus

GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Circus and vaudeville type acts booked thru Fleckles-Voorhies Company. Cost of grandstand attendance, 7,913. CARNIVAL: Wallace Bros.' Shows. PLANT FACILITIES: Grandstand ca-pacity, 2,000; bleachers capacity, 300; half-mile race track; capacity of park-ing area, 10 acres. RACING: 4 days of harness and run-ning races.

ning races. RECEIPTS: Gate, \$14,463.75; grand-

stand, \$5,037.97; carnival, \$3,328.95; commercial exhibits, \$2,254; concession space, \$3,168.50; other sources, \$6,456.46. AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$1,757.25; other sources, \$100; premiums paid, \$5,465.21.

CHARGES: Concession space outdoors. \$3 per front foot; commercial exhibit



space indoors, \$4 per foot; farm machin-ery space, \$2. STILL DATES: 4-H round-up, m'dget auto races, cattle show, rodeo, horse show, conservation shows, agricultural

meetings. ADMINISTRATION: President, A. E. Kies; secretary, H. W. Keller; superin-tendent of attractions, board of direc-tors; superintendent of concessions and commercial exhibit space, M. Cuskaden; superintendent of grounds, Charles Schweer; publicity director, E. P. Lind.

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

#### **Plymouth Fair, Plymouth**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: Front gate, 73,478; paid admissions, 21,939. Oper-ated 4 days and nights.

WEATHER: Good WEATHER: Good. GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Revue booked thru Al Martin, Boston; Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers. Cost of grand-stand show, \$4,500. Total paid grand-stand attendance, afternoon, 7,254; night, 5,173.

PLANT FACILITIES: Grandstand capacity, 1,360; bleachers capacity, 1,200; one-half mile race track; capacity of parking area, 2,000 cars.

RACING: 3 days of harness racing; 1 day of auto thrill show; 4 nights of fireworks.

RECEIPTS: Gate, \$19,943.07; grand-stand, \$7,209.80; commercial exhibits, \$2,010; concession space, \$5,049.14; other sources, \$4,350.

AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$26,891.10; premiums paid, \$28,896.28. CHARGES: Concession space outdoors,

CHARGES: Concession space outdoors, \$2.50 per front foot; commercial exhibit space indoors, \$3 per foot; farm ma-chinery space, \$1 to \$1.50. STILL DATES: Meetings; picnics. ADMINISTRATION: President, Harry A. Merrill; secretary, W. J. Neal; super-intendent of concessions, commercial ex-hibit space and grounds, Lester E. Mitchell.

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#### **Clermont County Fair**, **Owensville**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: Front gate, 13,225; paid admissions, 16,577. Oper-ated 3 days and 4 nights. WEATHER: Good.

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GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Rac-ing; horse show; acts. Cost of grand-stand show, \$1,875. PLANT FACILITIES: Grandstand ca-pacity, 2,500; one-half mile race track; capacity of parking area, 10 acres. RACING: 3 days of harness racing; 1 day of auto thrill show. RECEIPTS: Gate, \$7,612.10; grand-stand, \$3,571.20; commercial exhibits, \$693; concession space, \$2,506.72. AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$1,300; county aid, \$1,500; premiums paid, \$3,765. CHARGES: Concession space outdoors, \$1 per front foot; commercial exhibit space indoors, \$1.50 per foot; farm ma-chinery space, \$10.

space induors, \$1.0 per 1000, Junit Lie chinery space, \$10. ADMINISTRATION: President, F. W. Schobert; secretary, J. W. Evans; super-intendent of concessions, William Brothers; superintendent of commercial

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exhibit space, George Ankermiler.

## Union County Fair, La Grande TOTAL ATTENDANCE: Front gate, approx. 4,000; paid admissions, approx. 4,000. Operated 3 days and nights. WEATHER: Good. GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS: Acts booked thru Monte Brooks. Cost of grandstand show, \$5,000. PLANT FACILITIES: Bleachers, 3,000; ope-gularter mile race track: canacity of

one-quarter mile race track; capacity of parking area, 1,000 cars. RACING: 2 days of rodeo; 1 day of

fireworks carnival, RECEIPTS: Gate, \$4,000; carnival, \$1,000; commercial exhibits, \$80; conces-sion space, \$90. AID, PREMIUMS: State aid, \$9,000;

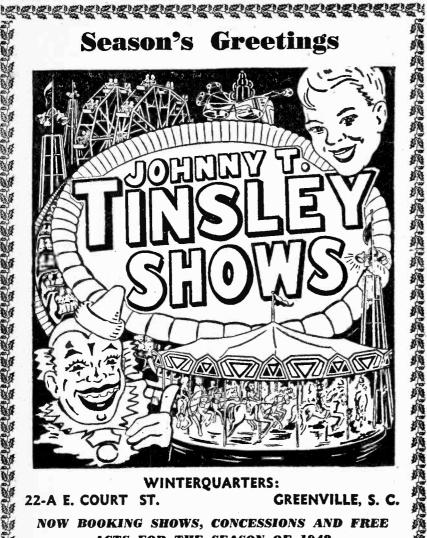
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tickets being sold only at the gate on fair days. But experience has proven that it's usually wise to have ready a few thousand full price tickets for advance sale after the cut price admissions are sold out. Business concerns, for instance, may be-latedly ask for a supply to give to customers or employees.

#### Fill Some Mail Orders

Chain stores and such organizations as the Indiana Farm Bureau are the chief distributing agencies in Indiana. Blocks of the tickets from as low as 10 to as high as 100,000 are sold. The 10 to as high as 100,000 are sold. The small buyers may be any merchant, bank, newspaper, radio station, farm implement dealer, distributor or county agricultural agent. Individuals also will write in for tickets for themselves. In handling the requests, the practice is to wait until it is believed all the major distributors' requests are in, size them up with their previous year's allotment and ration accordingly, considering, of course, any new large requests. Some must be held on hand on the sale date to fill smaller requests and individual to fill smaller requests and individual mail orders which must be handled in the rotation of their receipt. With the extra heavy demands of 1946 and 1947, which naturally led to pressure methods to obtain tickets more tickets, the rationing simply or boiled down to a case of judgment-and to selling the whole supply as quickly as possible after the opening sale date.

#### **Took Time To Build**

Among other phases which must be emphasized is one that the sys-tem's success was not overnight. It was started 20 years ago and the first years were troublesome. In fact, it is probably the uncertainties and the difficulties of the first years which eagerly adopting the same plan. Tho the advance tickets have always been sold in Indiana at reduced prices, it took years for the fair-going public to think enough of the bargain to buy and thereby create the sellout de-mand, which now is beyond all expectation.

In 1927 the plan was conceived because the board was contented spend for rain insurance, yet feared to be without it. Experience had been costly—losses because of rain which costly—losses because of rain which somehow eluded provisions of the rain insurance policies. As an experi-ment, 50,000 tickets were printed at 40 cents, a 10-cent reduction, and were offered to merchants on a refund basis. About 18,000 were sold. The next year more than 30,000 were sold and later the advance sale reached 70,000 tickets in a paid attendance of 235,000. But there was still dissatis-faction because of refund details and faction because of refund details and the fact that rain still meant no guaranteed gate. Refunds were still being made after the State fair had passed.

#### Accent No Refunds

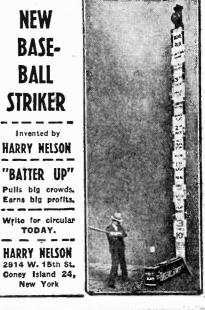
So in 1934 the board decided on a new sale system-no refunds and a new 25-cent half-price ticket. We felt we had to eliminate refunds and felt we had to eliminate refunds and the lower price was a concession to that policy. The issue was 100,000 tickets and all were sold. The next year 25,000 more were offered and the increases continued as demand increased. But it was always policy to hold the number of advance tickets under the demand to whet interest at under the demand to whet interest at sale time and to insure a sellout.

Experience with the sales thru the years has been a reversal of itself. First, it was a case of persuading out-lets to take the tickets and it some-times required two months to clear the supply from the board's offices. Now it's a case of defending our November 29, 1947

reduction of requests from block buyers and of trying to convince late buyers that they're all gone when we tell them that a few days after the sale has started.

Rationing of the tickets isn't done only by the board. The distributors themselves often limit the number to individual buyers. The board holds no such rule on the distributors once it receives its check and hands over tickets. Its only rule prevents profit taking by distributors and no such cases ever have been réported.

Every year as the pressure for the tickets gets heavy, some one usually suggests printing more than the 250,-000. But the board has always held to its originally fixed limit for a to its originally fixed limit for a given year. It seems to be agreed that the \$62,500 now realized is enough insurance against bad weather and that the gamble with the weather can begin there.



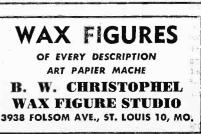


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## Omar, Where Art Thou?---What's **Become of the Arabian Tumblers?**

(Continued from page 72) tamo, who first presented an Arabian troupe of tumblers in this country.

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#### **Prince Mouli Tops**

It was from this troupe that Prince Mouli emerged as the king of all Arab tumblers. It was he who or-Arab tumblers. It was he who or-iginated the famous Arab side som-ersault. When asked how he hap-pened to perfect the trick, he replied: "I was doing a running forward, when suddenly I tripped over a baby camel." Thus, the side somersault. Prince Mouli also originated many of the puramids presented by various

of the pyramids presented by various Arab troupes.

Few American acrobats who have participated with such troupes, or who had a part in pyramid building with other troupes know the significance of the names of various pyramids or their true meaning in translation.

For instance: "Teflaut," perhaps the most popular construction by American acrobats, is defined as "Gate." "Barg" — and the native boys roll that "r"—means Tower. "Kantra" is defined as "Bridge." "Teckle" is translated into "Seven Up," likewise "Saba." "Jidida" means "New Bridge." In days goes but

In days gone by Arab troupes shared the spotlight with the fea-tured teeterboard troupes. Today, if a teeterboard act builds a four high, it is feature material.

#### First Five-High

Perhaps only a few among us can remember the year 1907. I don't, because I wasn't around at the time. However, at the old New York City Hippodrome in the show, Around the World, the Hassan Ben Ali troupe built a formidable five-high. It was a human totem pole pyramid and built a formidable five-high. It was a human totem pole pyramid, and not supported by a base of brawny bottom men. The feat was spec-tacular, so I'm informed by Behee, Hassan.

It was supported by one muscular giant named Big Abdullah. He was widely known by all Arabs of that era. The topmounter, as you acroera. The topmounter, as you acto-bats have probably guessed, was lowered to the stage by a rope and pulley. How else!

#### 21 Men in Pyramid

So far as sky-high pyramids are concerned, only one troupe ever built a higher one. Attempted and com-pleted by Amentag's Mogador troupe, it was a six-man high pyramid!

it was a six-man high pyramia! The Mogador troupe performed the difficult task, but only with the aid of six understanders. Then there were five . . . then four, three, two, and at last, on the very top, one sky-high, nervous topmounter who want-ed to get up in the world. Twenty-one men building a pyramid a bit over 30 feet in height. Isn't that about the tops! about the tops!

If Omar Khayyam were here today and writing a modern version of his famous Rubiayat, no doubt he would fold into his quatrains the plight of the present-day Arab troupes.

#### 13 Carry On

For no longer do we view the reck-less yet precision tumbling which these ground-burners once exhibited down the hippodrome tracks. They were spectacular in their colorful costumes as they nin-wheeled some were spectacular in their coloriul costumes as they pin-wheeled, som-ersaulted from blues to blues, and oft times, around the complete cir-cle, chanting and adding vociferous zest to their sensational routines.

The remaining 13, most of them old-timers, are still carrying on. But their hair is greying now, and the vim and vigor of old is on the wane. Gone is their heart and spirit, their incentive of days gone by. Down deep inside of each burns a

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fervent desire to import, once again, great tumblers from Morocco, and to again build their pyramids to the sky, regaining the prominence which once was theirs.

And if their secret aspirations are not to be realized, they would as soon fold their tents, like their kinsmen of old, and as silently steal away!

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(Continued from page 71) of the "spec" and the clowns. Incidentally, his one-time Happy Warrior and former governor of New York, and former governor of New York, Al Smith, attended many times and once said: "Humph, I get beat 5,000,000 votes and then John Ring-ling invites me to see 50 elephants, everyone of them a Republican, I'll bet." fied.

### Brought Her Knitting

Eleanor Roosevelt brought her knitting to the circus but she brought also a personality and a charm which thrilled those who met her and she brought often a group of children to enjoy the Big Show with her.

We shall never forget the time we had arranged that Dolly Gann, sister of Vice-President Curtis, should occupy the seat next to Alice Roosevelt Longworth. It was at the height of their feud over precedence whether at circuses, dinners or State occa-sions and with Evelyn Walsh McLean also seated in the same row and eager always to aid in a press agent stunt, we had notified photographers to be present in large numbers that we might send out over the nation the words, "Alice and Dolly declare truce at the circus."

### John Nixed Publicity Pix

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that, it will offend Mrs. Longworth and Mrs. Gann and I am afraid that the publicity, while it would be almost international, would be undigni-

And so we sadly called off the camera men and still more sadly, silently wept as we thought of how many editors had thus missed a great picture. Later, many years later, we told Alice Longworth what the idea had been and she roared with laugh-ter and said: "Oh, I wish Mr. John had asked me. I would have loved it and Dolly Gann would have loved it also, for she never dodged a camera and I am sure it would have pleased you, so all of us would have been happy." We have always believed it was the only time Mr. John ever missed a chance for great showman-ship and greater publicity.

Truman Gets Big Bang Today in Washington, we have another man and woman who are circus fans. Harry and Bess Truman have attended the Big Show in Kansas City many times and we feel sure they will do so in Washington when it again comes there. Harry Truman is again the Harding type, munching peanuts, thoroly at home and thoroly enjoying himself at the show. In fact, it would not at all surprise us if he even might consent to ride in the grand entry of the spec, if he were asked to do so. He's that sort of a human, a likable, lovable American.

Washington supplies the circus with more gilt and gold braid than all the other cities combined. One day there, one of the circus officials said, "I'm bringing a celebrity here tonight and perhaps you would like to photo-graph him. He is Rear Admiral Blank " Blank-

Top Level of Celebrities And the reply of Mister John was, as he puffed at his long cigar, "A rear admiral, eh? Listen, Doctor, in Keokuk or even in St. Joe, he might the ordinary. Here he probably is 39th or so on the list of precedence, and after we have had the president, the vice-president, the cabinet offi-cers, the senators and the ambassadors and a few admirals and the ambassa-dors and a few admirals and generals photographed, tell your rear admiral we'll put him in Section G and he can watch the show with no fear of being disturbed by flashlights near him. But—and remember this—if you can dig up a man who isn't an official here, we'll have that fellow put on the front of the program next year."

Washington had its great group of circus fans, one of the liveliest and most entertaining chapters of this organization anywhere to be found, and our favored individual was al-ways Marshall King, a true Virginian, which, of itself, would spell a gentle-man who came over from nearby Al-exandria to entertain circus officials at the Racquet Club and to be in turn entertained at the cookhouse on the lot

Capital of the amusement world, as Capital of the amusement world, as the huge dome of the nation's capitol is capital of the world about it, the Big Top proudly, each spring, raises its head on Washington, fresh from the winter quarters at Sarasota, and the Ringling boys must look down with considerable pride upon the result of their planning back in Clarinda, Ia., many years ago.

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STEPHENVILLE, Tex., Nov. 22.---Alamo Exposition Shows closed their

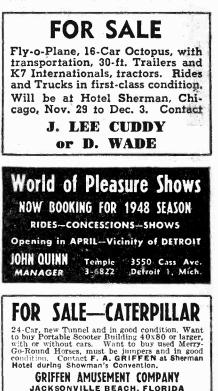
season here November 15 with a gross slightly less than last year, according to Owner-Manager Jack Ruback. Shows moved immediately to winter quarters in San Antonio.

Ruback reports that business was poor the last three weeks of the season because of unseasonal weather. He said plans call for a spring open-ing in March with the addition of several new rides and shows.

### John Francis Adds Rides

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22.-John Francis owner-manager of the shows bearing his name, announced this week that he will use at least 10 rides in 1948, including a Fly-o-Plane purchased last week from Dutch Wilson in Hot Springs. Francis has three other Springs. rides to be delivered including a new Merry-Go-Round.

Work in winter quarters is pro-gressing under the direction of Crawford Francis and Les Henderson.



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## **Royal Crown Big** At St. Pete; To Barn in Largo

LARGO, Fla., Nov. 22.-Eddie L. Young's Royal Crown Shows, which wound up a sock 42-week tour with a successful engagement at St. Petersburg, Fla., November 15, moved into winter quarters here this week. With beautiful weather and a good location at Vinoy Park, show chalked up a decided win at St. Petersburg, where the final Saturday gave org its largest single day's gross of any still da's of the season, Mrs. Dolly Young, busi-ness manager, said. Aided by special tickets, which were distributed to schools, the midway was packed from noon until 5 p.m., with children from all over Pinellas County turning out.

all over Pinellas County turning out. Rides reported capacity business. Among visitors were Carl J. Sedl-mayr Jr., who spent several hours with Manager Young: Bob Parker, who was en route to Miami, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lunsford and their daughter, Wanda. Lunsford, presi-dent-secretary of the Dothan (Ala.) Fair, signed the shows to provide the midway at the 1948 annual.

dent-secretary of the Dothan (Ala.) Fair, signed the shows to provide the midway at the 1948 annual. Dolly Young spent most of the week in her hotel room battling an attack of bronchial influenza. In addition to the Youngs, staff at clos-ing included E. H. Smith, secretary; Carl Hansen, auditor; D. P. Weber, scenic painter; Frank Lambert, builder; Bob Fisher, assistant man-eger; Ed Bryan, ride superintendent; L. R. Ellis, Diesel plants, and W. D. Jaes, mail man and night watchman. The Youngs plan to leave here November 30 for Chicago and the outdoor meetings, where Bob Fisher and Mary Elizabeth Sparks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sparks, will be their guests. After storing their bingo stand here, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis left for Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughn went to their home in Tampa for the winter, while Jimmy Ciesla left for a visit with his family in Buffalo. Bob Bloom, along with a number of other concessionaires, left for Hot Springs. E. H. Smith will winter at his home in Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bancroft are at Sulphur Springs, Fla. Work in quarters is slated to get

Sulphur Springs, Fla. Work in quarters is slated to get under way December 8, and Manager Young is currently mulling plans to feature an Hawaiian Show in 1948.



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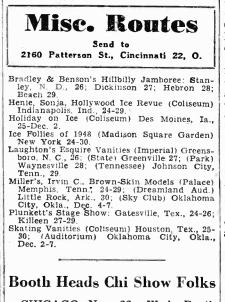
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Majestic Greater: Palatka, Fla.
Midwestern Expo.: Lake Charles, La.
Mighty Monarch: Opa Locka, Fla.
Mighty Van Dyke: Fort Myers, Fla.
Palmetto Expo.: Springfield, S. C.; Norway Dec. 1-6.
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1-6. Smith Am. Co.: Hearne, Tex. Southern States: Wildwood, Fla. Sunshine: Tampa, Fla., 24-Dec. 6. Tassell, Barney: Kissimmee, Fla. United Expo.: Lamarque, Tex. Victory Expo.: Harlingen, Tex. Wonder City: Mobile, Ala., 24-Dec. 7.



Davenport, Orrin: Wichlta, Kan., Dec. 1-6.
Gould, Jay: Ottawa, Ill., 28; Lincoln 29; Chil-licothe Dec. 1; Streator 2; Geneseo 3; Bloomington 4; Bushnell 5; Rushville 6.
King Bros.: Apalachicola, Fla., 25; Port St. Joe 26; Blountstown 27; Quincy 28; Perry 29; Gainesville Dec. 1.
Polack Bros. (Eastern): (Armory) Pough-keepsie, N. Y., 27-29.
Polack Bros. (Western): (Armory) Peoria, Ill., 24-27; (Auditorium) Davenport, Ia., 29-Dec. 5.

24-27; Dec. 5.



CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Wade Booth was unanimously elected president of the Show Folks of America for 1948 at club's annual election of officers in the Hotel Sherman here Tuesday night (18), Jess Harlow said today.

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Dinner Nov. 26 NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Bligh A. Dodds, director of New York State Fair, will be the toastmaster at the 10th annual banquet of the National Showmen's Association (NSA) in the Showmen's Association (NSA) in the grand ballroom of the Commodore Hotel Thanksgiving Eve (26), it was announced by Ralph Endy, chairman of the banquet committee, and Fred C. Murray, chairman of the dais committee. Besides heading the State fair, Dodds operates Gouver-neur (N. Y.) Fair and is president of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fair Societies

Bligh Dodds To

**Preside** at NSA

of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fair Societies. Henry Guenther, Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., and Paul Huedepohl, executive secretary, will represent the National Association of Amuse-ment Parks, Pools and Beaches; Al Wagner, Michigan Showmen's As-sociation; Bob K. Parker, Miami Showmen's Association; Clarence Derwent, president, Actors' Equity Association; Allan Corelli, executive secretary, Theater Authority; Paul Moss, managing director, City Center; Matt Shelvey, national director, Am-Matt Shelvey, national director, Am-erican Guild of Variety Artists; Max erican Guild of Variety Artists; Max Cohen, secretary, American Carni-vals Association; Rabbi Birstein, Actors' Temple; Rev. Allen Claxton, pastor, Broadway Temple; Arthur W. Wallander, New York police com-missioner; Roger S. Littleford, co-publisher, The Billboard; Leonard Traube, year book editor, NSA, and Johnny J. Kline, Greater Show World. World.

Also Ralph Endy, chairman, banquet committee; George A. Hamid, president emeritus; David B. Endy, president; James E. Strates, first vicepresident; James E. Strates, first vice-president; Joseph McKee, second vice-president; Jack Perry, third vice-president; Harry Rosen, treas-urer; Ralph Decker, assistant treas-urer; Ross Manning, secretary; Fred C. Murray, chaplain; Dr. Jacob Co-hen, physician, and Max Hoffman, counsel. Walter K. Sibley, executive sec-

counsel. Walter K. Sibley, executive sec-retary, anticipates a capacity crowd of about 1,000. The year book, which got off to a slow start, spurted ahead during the week, and gross receipts are likely to reach \$10,000.

**Cold Weather Sends** Crandells to Barn; Tour Was a Red One

INDIANOLA, Miss., Nov. 22.-With extreme cold weather forcing closing at Crandell's Midway DeLuxe in Isola, Miss., November 8, unit, under direc-tion of Leroy C., and Richard W. Crandell, rambled into winter quar-ters here this week. Weather forced cancellation of show's contracted cancellation of show's contracted stand at Louise, Miss., the following week, the Crandells report. They added that the season was a success-ful one despite the fact that the final two engagements were lost

two engagements were lost. Leroy Crandell said that present plans call for the shows to reopen early in February, 1948, with a new Ferris Wheel, new rolling stock and a Diesel electric plant recently purchased from Lewis Diesel Engineering Company. A new top also has been procurred for the Cotton Blossom Minstrels.

Minstrels. When the shows closed the Cran-dells left for Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartlett went to Chicago; Robert Kobacker to Centralia, Ill.; Cecil and Wayne Chipman to Tampa, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henry and daughter, Jessie, to El Centro, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lindlay left for Chidester, Ark.; while Sam Evans and family headed for New Orleans. Bethel Asberry and Charles Brindlay went to Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.,

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## Under the Marquee

(Continued from page 73) scheduled in the New Haven, Conn., Arena, and also for the magic show, Houdini Lives Again, coming to the Klein Memorial, Bridgeport.

Ever notice that when a manager has nothing else to say to his agent he warns against speaking too freely about his route?

Joe Haworth Sr., legal adjuster of Cole Bros., who has been in a hos-pital, has returned to his home in Wilkesboro, N. C., and expects to be able to walk, unaided, in a few days.

Hi-Brown Bobby Burns, banner squarer of the Ringling-Barnum show, following the close of his sea-son, hopped to Cincinnati for a sev-eral days' sojourn. In a call at *The Billboard's* new plant, November 17, he advised that after attending the outdoor showmen's convention in Chicago he would go to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the winter.

Slivers Johnson reports that after completing a successful fair season, he vacationed at his home in Fox Lake, Wis., before playing the Fort Worth Shrine Circus and then heading for Honolulu for eight weeks. Johnson says he will return from Honolulu in time to open with the Hamid-Morton Circus in Memphis, February 14.

When an 85-year-old Indianan admitted that he never had a desire to travel with a circus during his youth, a wiseacre cracked, "It's a cinch you are not from Peru.'

## **Capital City Back** In Nashville Barn After Good Season

NASHVILLE, Nov. 22.-J. L. Keef's Capital City Shows, after a success-ful 31-week tour of Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia, are back in win-ter quarters here at 525 Third Ave-

Altho business was down from last year, as was expected, fall dates proved big and shows broke all pre-vious gross records at Walton County Fair, Monroe, Ga. Org closed the season with 9 rides,

Org closed the season with 9 rides, 12 shows and 54 concessions. With the shows at closing were Mickey Apple's Motordrome, Lee Houston's 10-in-1 and Big Snake, Uncle Ezra's Farm, Col. H. P. Davis' Animal Show, Joe Barber's Wild Life, Marie Jones' Queens of Burlesque, Dr. H. E. Thomas' Minstrel Show, Joe Dun-can's Glass House; Little Billie, billed as the world's smallest mule, and as the world's smallest mule, a**nd** Big Bertha.

Big Bertha. Concessionaires were Roy Clayton, 9; Eddie L. Wheeler, 4; C. A. Wills, 3; Harry Roberts, 1; Ed Burgess, 5; Roy Notions, 2; Mrs. Tressie McDan-iels, 1; Jimmie Shipman, 1; Hubert Davis, 1; V. L. Collins, 4; Horace Drennon, 3; Bob Parker, 1; Ed Greer, 1; Houston Wilburn, 1; R. E. David-son, 2; Mack McAllister, 3; Jim Elliott, 1; Mrs. Lance, 1, and C. B. Conquest, Penny Arcade. Staff included J. L. Keef, owner-manager; D. B. Sterling, general agent and press; Jack Rainey, secre-tary; V. L. Colhir, business manager; E. E. (Slim) Lance, billposter; Horace Drennon, electrician and ride super-

Drennon, electrician and ride super-intendent, and B. Bayless, *The Bill-*board sales agent and mail man.

and Freddie Reed headed for Hot Springs. Mrs. Marion Latlip and family, with the MacMatthews, will continue playing spots in the cotton belt this winter with her Ferris Wheel and concessions.

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It's Bath Time For Showfolk at Hot Springs Spa

(Continued from page 74) daughter, Evelyn; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gerety, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shufford, Sam (Barnes-Carruthers) Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Al Baysinger, Clayton and Caroline Holt, Izzy Wells, Jack Baillie, Mrs. Al Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wagner, Dutch Wilson, Dan Fast, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Reger, George Davis, Lillie Head, Harry Weiss, Al Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed and Denny and Margie Pugh.

Other big party heavers here include Max and Sadie Goodman, the Hennies and Mrs. Eddie Hock and daughter. Custom at these get-togethers is an early dinner, after which games start. Rummy, gin and rant bridge and hearts are most poprap; bridge and hearts are most popular, and in these everyone takes his best hold.

### Hotels Get 'Em

Not all of the busy social life is tied up with the chateaux of such families the Hennies and and the Fairlys. Much activity is held in two hotels, Much activity is held in two hotels, the Majestic and the Arlington. For some reason the Western showfolk put up at the Majestic, the Easterners at the Arlington. Sol, beloved Negro, who has been identified with the Majestic as an attendant for 45 years, excepting two war years, when the Majestic became an army rest home, holds the affections of the folks. He delights in caring for them.

Bath-takers among showfolk fall into four categories. For one, there are the Eager-Beavers. They wait in line for the baths to open each morn-ing. In this group fall John Galla-ton and Horry Hornica. They there ing. In this group fall John Galla-gan and Harry Hennies. Then there is the horsey or golf set. They either go riding or tour the golf courses in the early morning, then take to the baths about noon. Members of this group are distinguished by the fact that they either sing or whistle while bathing bathing.

### **Plenty of Variety**

Then there are the mid-morning risers. They shake themselves out of bed late, have a late breakfast, then glory in dividing jackpots between breakfast and bath, the time of their baths usually coinciding with an acute baths usually coinciding with an acute slump in the interest of their audi-ence or fellow jackpot cutters-up. And, lastly, there are the card-play-ers. They claim that the only reason they came here is to rest. However, when pressed, they'll admit that the doc did prescribe a few baths for them. So they play cards all day and just before closing time at the baths, they suddenly remember that there are baths here and they wend there are baths here and they wend their way, however reluctantly, to them for "John Robinson" quickies. In this group fall Denny Pugh and the writer.

### '53 EXPO KEY MAN

(Continued from page 62) delayed industrial and plant expan-sion and in addition have sufficient supply of labor and material to build an exposition in the five years ahead.

Fits In Permanent Plan St. Louis is not interested in a temporary or make-shift exposition. If an exposition is finally decided upon it will consist in great part of permanent buildings needed by the city for a permanent annual exposi-tion and to tie in with our whole well-developed city plan.

Expositions have played a very important part in the industrial his-tory of St. Louis. St. Louis, which is surrounded by the United States, is determined to play a big part in world industrial recovery and to become a focal point on the world's in-dustrial map. Barring a world war and the collapse of world economy,

## ||Lamb Winds Up In Tip-Top Shape

(Continued from page 74) front entrance and four more light towers will be added. Shows re-cently purchased some army search-lights and will add one and possibly two more Diesel light plants to take care of the additional load.

When shows closed, Frank Aschy When shows closed. Frank Aschy stored his concessions in winter quar-ters here and with Mrs. Aschy, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peters, left for Miami. Mr. and Mrs. Maury Brod went to visit relatives in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Rod MacEachern and Frank Hopper went to Hot Springs.

### **Other Destinations**

Others and their destinations are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Kirkland to their homes in Anniston, Ala.; Mr, and Mrs. Jack Strike and son, Donand Mrs. Jack Strike and son, Don-ald, to Wisconsin where Jack expects to undergo an operation; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and daughter to Illinois; the Excellos, free act, to Arizona; Russell Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vasulka, Captain and Mrs. Bell, along with the Lambs, to winter quarters for the present. The Lambs plan to take a short vacation before heading north for the fair meetings

heading north for the fair meetings, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson took four rides and a few concessions and will continue to operate until the cold weather sets in. With them are Estelle and Mary Barr, with their

Estelle and Mary Barr, with their concessions, cookhouse and popcorn. Andy Allan booked his diggers again for next year before leaving for Grenada, Miss., where he has his two children in school. Whitey Gavit and son, Jack, are out with the winter unit, Whitey handling the Diesels and electrical jobs, while Jack handles his dad's glass pitch. Mr. and Mrs. Red Miller, who have the Battlefield, are expected in quar-ters soon. ters soon.

it is my considered opinion that St. Louis will again play host to the nations which are participating in the United Nations Organization and that such an exposition will be worthy of the tradition of its 1904 World's Fair, celebrating this time the great progress of science, industry and culture under a free enterprise system in the fifty years since 1904—celebrating with the rest of the country the 150 years since it became a part of the United States.





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100G FIRE RAZES RESORT

**Mass. Block** Wiped Out

### Hurley Loses 80G; Palm Gardens 33G-greater than former fire losses 0

REVERE, Mass., Nov. 22.—A \$100,-000 general alarm fire destroyed an entire block in the heart of the amusement district at Revere Beach, New England's shore resort, Thurs-New England's shore resort, day night (20) and threatened to de-stroy the entire beachfront.

The fire, reportedly caused by an explosion in the Square Diamond, a three-story wooden structure, at 10:02 p.m., spread rapidly and de-stroyed a Merry-Go-Round, Palm Gardens and the Hurdles. All units, of frame construction, were owned by the Hurley family.

Mrs. Lillian Hurley, 70, wife of the founder's son, died of shock while the fire raged. Two of her relatives escaped from their apartment on the third floor of the Palm Gardens Building.

The fire, visible for 20 miles, was not brought under control until midnight. The devastated area was bounded by Ocean Avenue, Beach Street, Revere Beach Boulevard and an alley running between the Hur-ley units and the Ride of Thrills. Flames at times shot an estimated 300 feet in the air.

### **Boston Lends Hand**

A crowd of 12,000 persons watched firemen from a half dozen com-munities battle the blaze. Apparatus came from Melrose, Malden, Win-throp, Chelsea, Lynn and Boston.

Fire Chief Thomas McCarrick ordered the evacuation of year-round occupants of adjacent buildings and refused to allow his men to enter the burning buildings, which prob-ably saved firemen from possible injuries since all walls later caved in.

The blaze was discovered by two bys. The four alarms were sounded within a half hour of their reporting it at a near-by police station. All off-duty police and firemen were called to the scene.

Property owned by William F. Hurley had an assessed value of \$80,-550. The Palm Gardens, which was seriously damaged, was assessed at even be a seriously damaged by the seriously damaged by the series of the ser \$32,850.

\$32,850. Fire has taken a tremendous toll at the beach. The worst previous fire was on the morning of August 28, 1918, and resulted in \$400,000 damage. On October 9, 1927, another gigantic fire caused damage esti-mated at \$350,000. A \$25,000 blaze occurred on August 2, 1928. It was followed September 11, 1939, by a \$10,000 fire and April 14, 1945, with a \$15,000 blaze. a \$15,000 blaze.

### **Boston To Build Three All-Purpose Stadiums**

BOSTON, Nov. 22.—Construction of three stadiums here has been ap-proved by Acting Mayor John C. Hynes. The stadiums will be avail-able for amusement purposes and will be equipmed for openes musicals will be equipped for operas, musicals, plays, rodeos, etc., as well as for sports events.

The Boston Park Department will sponsor the events which will include at least one circus.

## **SLA Program**

November 24-December 6.— Open house in the league rooms

Open house in the league rooms for members and friends. Sunday, November 30.—An-nual memorial service, Bal Tab-arin, Hotel Sherman, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 30.—Presi-dent's party, Louis XVI Room, Hotel Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Monday, December 1.—An-

Monday, December 1.—An-nual meeting and election of of-

ficers, league rooms, 1 p.m. Polls open for election 2 to

6 p.m. Tuesday, December 2.—An-nual banquet and ball, Grand Ballroom, Palmer House, recep-tion, 6:30 p.m.; banquet, 7:30

Thursday, December 4.--Regular meeting and installation of officers, league rooms, 8 p.m.

## **NSA Auxiliary Bazaar Success**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The bazaar held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the National Showmen's Association, at the Capitol Hotel, Thursday (20) and Friday (21) chalked up a neat finan-cial success, but no estimate of the take was issued because returns from the sale of books and other items were still incomplete.

The bazaar occupied two large rooms, in one of which a well-stocked grab joint and lunchroom were set up, while the main salon housed an assortment of attractively stocked booths, including three merchandise wheels, seven stands and a fortuneteller's tent.

Practically all members of the Auxiliary assisted at the bazaar, working in relays at the wheels, be-hind the counters, as cigarette girls and staffing the cookhouse, grab joint and lunch room.

NSA members were not much in evidence, but those making an ap-pearance spent liberally and several pepped up business by ballyhooing the games and stands. The largest male delegations on hand were those from Palisades Amusement Park, George A. Hamid office, and the Bert Nevins office. As usual, George Hamid, the Rosenthal brothers and Joe McKee livened up the affair.

Handling the mike as announcers Andling the mike as announcers and auctioneers were Jack McCor-mick, Ross Manning, George Hamid and other members of the NSA. Other NSA members spotted at the bazaar were Gerald Snellens, Jack Perry, Phil Isser, Justin Van Vliet, Eddie Elkins, Sid Goodwalt and Louis King. King.

### Waddell To Conduct

### Memorial Services in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.-Harry Seber, president of the Show Folks of America, Chapter 2, announced that plans have been completed for Doc Waddell, Columbus, O., nation-ally known showman-evangelist, to conduct the club's memorial services ally and unveiling of the monument here November 30.

The Memorial Day services, open-ing a three-day club program, will be held at Mount Olivet Cemetery. On December 1 the Presidents' Party will be held in the clubrooms and Tues-day (2) the third annual banquet and ball will be held at the Palace Hotel, the malady.

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## Show Folks of America Ready Final Plans for Dec. 6 Feed

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. Everything was reported in readiness for the third annual banquet and ball to be staged by the Show Folks of America in the Gold Room of the Palace Hotel December 2. Ted LeFors, chairman, said that only a

LeFors, chairman, said that only a few tables were unsold as the plan-ning went into its final stage. Outdoor show business will be well represented, the list of reservations revealed. Out-of-town guests will include the Earl Douglas party from Oregon, the Harry Hargrave and Bill Mever parties from Los Angeles. Meyer parties from Los Angeles. Other tables reserved include those of the West Coast Amusement Com-pany, Golden West Shows and Pa-cific United Shows. Committees for the event include:

Committees for the event include: Executive—LeFors, chairman; Sammy Corensen, Mary Ragan Kanthe, Adam McBride, C. Wrightsman, Dr. E. P. Mannheim, Red Kearns, Council Rai-ford, Hunter Farmer, J. W. Conklin, George Keeney, Tony DeFabros, Tony Soares, George Sackson, Oscar Walker, Charlie Albright, Pat Trea-nor, Ralph Meeker, J. Ed Brown, Harry A. Farros, Bill Oberhansli, Wil-liam Kindel, Lee Brandon, Bob Schoonover, Teddy Texeira, J. H. Christensen, Fred Oberhansli, Felix Burk, Morris L. Ginsberg, Fred Wed-dleton, Harry Friedman, George French, Tex Cordell, Charlie Walpert, Norman Schue, E. Pickard, Glenn Artz, Dave Cavagnaro, William Pearl, Norman Schue, E. Fickard, Glein Artz, Dave Cavagnaro, William Pearl, Mike Krekos, Elmer Hanscomb, Earl Douglas, Whitey Monette, Frank Con-lin, Whitey Claire, Harold G. Long, Arthur Hockwald and Gene Rosencrantz.

Ladies' Reception—Marosa Her-man, chairman; Ethyl Weidmann, Lillian Schue, Mary Texeira, Mar-garet McCloskey, Mrs. Tony Soares, Gladys Patrick, Mrs. Orie Blome, Hazel Christensen, Ann Coles, Helen Artz, Margaret Farmer, Frances Se-

## PneumoniaEpidemic Killing Sea Lions

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Ani-mal dealers on the West Coast are watching with apprehension the pos-sible spread of a pneumonia epidemic among the herds of sea lions which inhabit the Pacific coastal waters from Mexico to the Canadian border. Most of the trained sea lions in America were captured in this area, and during the past several weeks one herd near Monterey has been decimated more than one-third of its number by a mysterious epidemic which scien-

a mysterious epidemic which science tists claim is a type of pneumonia. Dr. Paul Bonnot, biologist for the State fish and game commission, said he believes that 172 sea lions found dead on the shores of Monterey Bay must have been "weakened" by somemust have been "weakened" by some-thing in the water before contracting pneumonia. Bonnot said captive sea lions are fairly susceptible to lung infections but he never heard of pneumonia in wild sea lions. He is preparing to visit the Monterey Bay area to investigate possible causes. Meanwhile, Dr. George S. Myers, Stanford University biologist, said he noticed the bodies of 18 sea lions at Pigeon Point, north of Scnta Cruz when he passed there November 4.

ber, Lola Sackson, Marlo LeFors, Rita Friedman, Relly C. Burglon, Mollie Lindenberg, Betty Monette, Carolyn Hodges, Patricia Anne Long, Cora Ganoe, Louella Johnson, Nellie Baker, Ann Hagler, Edith Corenson, Mrs. Dave Rosenthal and Berta Mae Harris.

Men's Reception—Council Raiford, chairman; Clarence Alton, Dave Rosenthal, Louis Leos, Harry Taylor, Jimmy Lynch, Harry Myers, Joe Al-terman, Dave Long, Steve Murphy, Ralph Deering, Al Rodin, Ted Levitt, Hort Campbell, Sam Miller, Edward J. Harris, Everett (George) Coe, Joseph Franks, Malcolm Lewis, George Lorraine, P. Charles Camp, Mat Herman, Fred A. Ferguson, Bill Oberhansli, Jimmie Hunter, J. J. Casey, Orie Blome. Tickets—Albert T. Roche, chair-man; Milt Williams, Tony Soares, Andy Hynes, Jack Christensen, Fred A. Ferguson. Men's Reception-Council Raiford,

A. Ferguson.

Finance—Milt Williams, chairman; Al Lindenberg, Bill Coles, Edna Rai-ford, Adam McBride and Charlie Albright.

Entertainment-Euena Mack Hanna, chairman; Fred Weidmann (toastmaster), Eddie Burke, Mickey Hogan, Red Kearns and Jimmy Jaye. Press—Arthur Craner, chairman; Abe Rabin, Harry Chipman, Jack Lewis and Ed Smithson.

Program—Harry Low, chairman; Fred Cockrell, Relly Castle Burglon

and Sammy Coomas. Legal Counsel — Nathan Fisher Cohn and Albert T. Roche. Sergeant at Arms—Bill Coles. Reception starts at 7 p.m., with din-ner at 8 and floorshow at 8:45. Danc-ing follows the show ing follows the show.

# **Courtney Plans**

New Type Show CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—A new type traveling organization combining in-dustrial exhibits and professional en-tertainment is in the formative stage, it was announced here this week by John F. Courtney, outdoor equipment designer and engineer. Courtney is organizing Manufacturers Expostdesigner and engineer. Courtiely is organizing Manufacturers Exposi-tions, Inc., to produce and operate a still un-named traveling expo that will feature displays of national manufacturers and local merchants and built around professional enterand built around professional entertainment.

Initial plans call for three units housed in circus-type tops and ex-tending 1,400 feet from front to back. First will consist of 28 exhibitors' displays in as many vans; second, approximately 40 booths for local mer-chants, and third, stage with seating accommodations for several thousand.

accommodations for several thousand. Show will carry novelty and restau-rant stands. Front gate has been ten-tatively set for 25 cents, with extra charge for admish to the show. Courtney plans to operate under auspice of local chambers of com-merce and business associations on one-week stands for a season of about 20 weeks. National exhibitors will be 20 weeks. National exhibitors will be signed for run of season. Courtney stated that he is negotiating with radio and stage talent to headline presentations, each show in for four weeks. Debut is skedded for June. Debut is skedded for June. weeks.

Edna Raiford, recording secretary of Show Folks of America, San Fran-cisco, is in Mount Zion Hospital in that city to undergo an operation.

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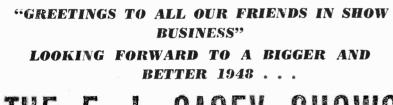
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CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Claiming that the roller rink business is in need of a rebuilding job thru the advertising a rebuilding job thru the advertising and promotion of skating locally, Chicago Roller Skate Company, in a letter to Fred A. Martin, Detroit, sec-retary of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States, offers suggestions to supple-ment the plan offered by the RSROA (The Billboard, November 15) to halt the decline in business. The RSROA analysis of the busi-

ness situation recognized inflated costs as the principal reason for de-clining box-office receipts and re-vealed that intensive cultivation of the juvenile field as the weapon most likely to halt the slump. Claiming that children of school age are the helpless victims of inflation and that the price squeeze is hurting the kids far more than adults, the RSROA plan advocates strict surveillance of price levels for children, especially

Man Vs. Machine TAMPA, Nov. 22.—Spectators jammed Harry J. Warner's Coli-seum Skating Rink here recently to see a race between a skater and a midget automobile capable and a midget automobile capable of making more than 100 miles per hour. The race proved to be one of the most exciting events ever presented at the rink, according to Manager War-ner who reported that the ner, who reported that the skater was forced to slow down at times to keep from lapping the car.

plans that may do much in helping to reverse the trend. The letter reads:

"We received your notice concerning high prices and the hardship they work on the children in America. We agree that there is a problem—that rink attendance is on the decline and

rink attendance is on the decline and that something should be done about it. "Inflation is a large factor in this decline. Prices are high. Possibly the cost of living has increased much factor then words and containly the faster than wages, and certainly the amusement dollar is now an amusement 25-cent piece. Everyone, young and old, has less purchasing power, and while necessities must be pur-chased, entertainment and luxuries come last-if there is any money left.

"The only solution therefore is for at matinee sessions. In this the Chicago skate firm is in wholehearted accord, and in its letter to Secretary Martin outlines a depression sport. It is without



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doubt the least expensive participa-tion sport and it offers a variety of entertainment equal to nothing elseexercise, music, artistry and the ever-present "boy meets girl" motif. "This combination, with emphasis

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on the inexpensiveness, should guar-antee roller skating a following and a better-than-fair portion of the amusement 25-cent piece.

"However, there has been a war. A generation has grown up that did not have sidewalk roller skates as standard play equipment. Another gen-eration has seen war and has grown old before its time. In spite of their years, they have outgrown roller

"The job then is to advertise and promote skating locally. It must be rebuilt as the top participation sport that it is. Along with advertising, it is necessary to watch prices and keep them as low as costs permit. Attendance prices should be whittled Attendance prices should be writtled down and parties should be stressed in order to reach new customers. Window cards, match books, stickers and mailing lists should be used to promote our inexpensive sport.

"Lastly, the sale of shoe skates should be pushed hard, since every skater who owns an outfit is going to skate more often and is going to enjoy skating more. done in several ways: This can be

### Four-Point Plan

"1. Promote sales by urging skaters to 'own their own." This can be done with displays, counter cards (which Chicago will supply) and direct mail. "2. Hold the prices of outfits down. Limit the retail price to a maximum 40 per cent mark-up or less. If re-tail stores can operate on this mark-up so can roller rinks since the rinks up, so can roller rinks, since the rinks are primarily concerned with the rental of space for skating, whereas stores must depend on the sale of

their goods only. "3. Install a credit or budget plan for the sale of skates. Children may want skates but they find it difficult to wrangle \$20 or \$25 from their par-ents. There are budget systems in operation today so set up that the risk is negligible and the skates are brought within reach of the average skaters.

"4. Sell only good quality skating manufacturer and that are properly mounted and fitted to the customer. This will add to the ease of skating and the enjoyment.

"In short, there is no denying that inflation is here and is growing worse every day. Also it is obvious that not only are the children victims of this inflation, but that the amount of money available for entertainment is limited. The only course that is open is to promote, build and service old ord new sketers. and new skaters.

"Without a program of education the children will not turn to the rinks for entertainment. There are too many other forms of amusement. However, if the small youngsters grow up with sidewalk skates, if rinks are known for their inexpensiveness, if skaters are treated with courtesy and if shoe skates are placed within reach of average incomes, then rink skating will remain as one of the top participation sports. A successful 'depression sport' should be a suc-cessful 'inflation sport.'"

### Fire Hits Shenandoah Spot

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Nov. 22 .- The Rollerdrome located at Sportsmen's Park here was badly damaged re-cently by fire caused by an over-heated stove. The rink had been converted from a prisoner-of-war barracks. Roy Hopkins, a war vet-eran, is owner of the rink.

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## Scott To Open New Skatery in Carthage, Ill.

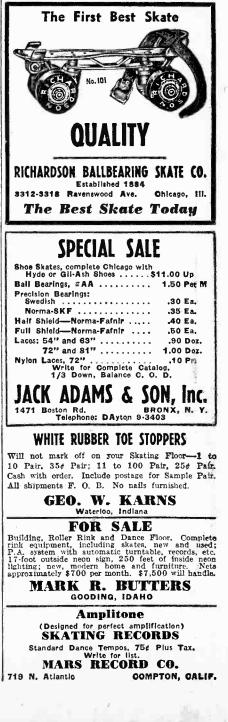
CARTHAGE, Ill., Nov. 22. — The December 1 opening of John F. Scott's new Crystal Ball Roller Rink here will mark the culmination of 10 years of operation of a portable rink and of permanent rolleries here and in Iowa, reports Mrs. Scott.

Scott has disposed of his portable and his permanent rink in Iowa and the old Carthage rink has been combined with the new establishment.

The new building is of cement block construction with glass block win-dows, said Mrs, Scott. It has a 50 by 120-foot Masonite skating area which Scott plans to convert into a plastic surface at a later date. In-stallation of an air-conditioning sys-

tem will permit year-round skating. Exterior of the building has been painted white. The interior color scheme is blue and white, set off by a large crystal ball.

Located on the edge of town, the large acreage on which the rink is located provides ample room, for parking and a restaurant which Scott plans to erect.







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stitch in time saves nine, meaning that a floorman can always head off an unruly group by stopping the first ones to start. I also believe the insurance companies would hesitate to carry liability insurance if they knew there was no protection on the floor.

In regard to an inefficient floorman driving away business, this could be true to the same extent that any other member of the rink staff would do the same thing. A floorman should be above the average skaters and possess mature judgment.—WESTON J. BETTS, Operator, Redondo Skat-ing Arena, Redondo Beach, Wash.

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### **Org Closes in San Angelo**

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Nov. 22. Riding the crest of a business wave, which he termed the best in his 30 years of show business, Harley Sad-ler closed his 1947 tent show tour here today. Unit concluded a click five-day run tonight. Sadler credited the successes gained this year to a summer of near-perfect weather, an unusually strong show and the cooperation of Joe and Marian McKen-non, under whose tent the show has been operating.

Equipment was stored here, Mr. Equipment was stored here, Mr. and Mrs. McKennon's home-town, after the local wind-up and a crew of four will remain in quarters to get things ready for an early spring opening of the Joe and Marian McKennon Players. Sadler's equip-ment will be returned to his head-quarters in Sweetwater, Tex. His plans for 1048 have not heap an plans for 1948 have not been an-nounced, it was reported.

The first blue norther of the season occurred in Stamford, Tex., but it didn't affect business as Stamford is the old home-town of Harley Sadler and Morris Rose. It was like Old Home Week, and standing room Was at a premium all three nights. Visitors included State Representa-tive J. D. Sanderfer, of the State Park Commission, and his party; also State Representative L. R. Pearson, Parger Tory, Clude and Pac Davis Ranger, Tex. Clyde and Bea Davis, who have been producing a Gay 90's show at a leading hotel in Omaha, dropped by on their way to the West Coast. Ray and Jeanie Mathis, former members of the Sadler org, came over one afternoon from Haskell where they were appearing with the Henry Brunk Show.

At Eastland, Sadler had as his guests Judges Long, Grisham and Gray, of the Court of Civil Appeals, also James McClain, the former Dr. I. Q., of radio note.

At the turnaway opening here visitors included Dick and Flo Darling, also former Sadlerites, and their son, Rickey, and daughter, Shannon. The Darlings are located in Dallas, where they are producing shows for local organizations, using professional talent. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Eagle had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Drury Barker and Opal Baldwin, from Dallas, formerly associated with the Wayne Babb Players.

### By Gosh's Country Store Finds Ohio, W. Va., Good

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 22.-Byron Gosh's Country Store tour of the Publix Ohio and West Virginia Circuit continues good, it was re-vealed here last week by Arthur Caufield, who caught Gosh's show locally locally.

Caufield said the presentation caught on here so well that at one performance Gosh was forced to turn over 500 patrons away for lack of space, which Caufield said he be-lieved was some kind of a record for a one-man act of that type.

### **Mertz Moves to California**

BANNING, Calif., Nov. 22.—F. M. Mertz Film Service has moved its 16mm. film and equipment rental business from Springfield, Ill., to this city. It has been located in Spring-field more than 18 years SIMPSON FILMS 155 HIGH ST. City. It has been located field more than 18 years.

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## **To Bessie Loranger** SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 22.— Bessie Loranger, for the past two years a feature of the Little Oscar Gang, and widely known in rep and

tent show circles. was laid to rest in

Woodlawn Ceme-tery here November 18, with mem-bers of the Oscar Gang, Curly Boyd's Dakota Cowboys and the Happy Bill Radio Troupe participat-ing in the funeral services. Mrs. Loranger succumbed to a heart

Bessie Loranger attack sustained during a performance of the Oscar Gang at Beres-

ford, S. D., November 14. The wife of Nelson J. (Duff) Loranger, she spent almost all of her Loranger, she spent almost all of her life in dramatic show business and was well known to hundreds of troupers. Born in Malden, Mo., May 5, 1881, she joined the Hans Hansen Company, managed by James T. Mc-Alpin. In 1911, Nelson J. Loranger purchased the Hans show and she and purchased the Hans show and she and Duff were married February 6, 1914, at Fort Smith, Ark. Following the closing of the company in 1917, the Loranger Stock Company was opened to play repertoire thruout the Mid-west. The Loranger Stock Company

Coming to Sioux Falls in 1939, Duff and Bess made hundreds of friends thruout the five-State territory by their personal appearances and radio broadcasts with the various companies that featured them.

tle Oscar Gang during its four-week swing over the territory.

## **Duble Recalls DeRue Bros.**' **Eastern Tours**

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 22. Charlie Duble, in a jackpotting session here last week, pointed up the fact that there may be some veteran ract that there may be some veterand minstrel troupers up thru the East-ern and New England States, who were connected with DeRue Bros.' All-Star Minstrels, one of the popular burnt cork orgs that toured thru the East for 15 years or more.

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companies that featured them. Her husband, doing featured com-edy with the Little Oscar Gang over KELO, Sioux Falls, and one daugh-ter, Jean Harvey, doing radio and picture work in Hollywood, survive. Brief memorial services will be held at each performance of the Lit-tle Oscar Gang during its four-week

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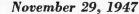
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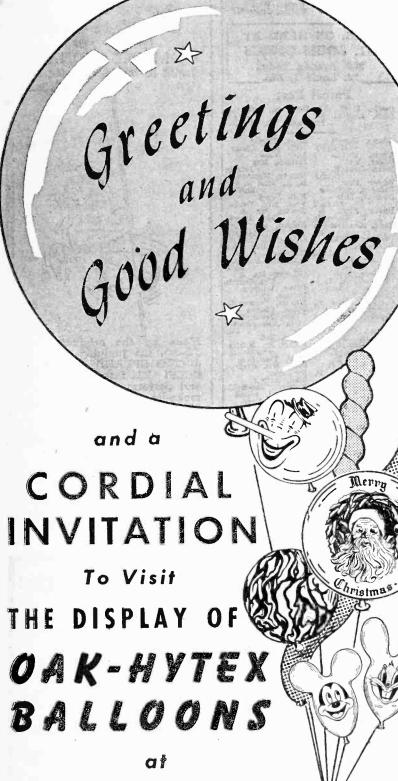
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## **Pipes for Pitchmen** -By Bill Baker-

THE TELL US . that Pierce Kramer, well-known pitcheroo currently working Milwau-kee, is much in demand as a speaker in the Beer City.

Time will tell-what?

ERSTWHILE . .

pitchman and currently a reporter on The Newark: (N. J.) Evening News, Joe Gale is heading for Chicago for his annual Christmas vacation.

MRS. CLARA GELHART mother of Nancy Hart, Milwaukee pitchwoman, is recovering from a recent heart attack.

Do your best and you'll be at your best.

"IT LOOKED

like old times in a recent issue, what with that piece by Sid Sidenberg," pens Doc Hubert Potters from Holly-wood, Fla. "I've been down here for with that piece by Sid Sidenberg, pens Doc Hubert Potters from Holly-wood, Fla. "I've been down here for a year and have seen few pitchmen in that time. I suppose the snow and cold weather will bring them down in a few weeks, however. Northern papers seem to think that the East Coast of Florida was blown away in September. We did have two hurri-canes and some damages but you can't see any of it today. My house trailer came thru without a quiver. Any of the boys who plan to head this way had better come in their trailers. It takes the family jewels to rent a room here, while there is plenty of room to park a trailer. Let's have more pipes from Sid Siden-berg, Mary Ragan and a few more of the old timers " berg, Mary Ragan and a few more of the old-timers."

### FOOD SHOW ...

at Milwaukee pulled a goodly number of the members of the tripes and keister brigade. Among them were keister brigade. Almong them were the Von brothers, A. and H., who worked their palmistry machine. Since the Bcer City is a good town for anything like palmistry or astrol-ogy, they were pulling in the geedus.

Find a pitchman and nine times out of 10 you'll have found a live town.

### RICHARD ARCAND . .

continues to work Newberry's Store continues to work newberry's Store in downtown Los Angeles to good takes. Arcand says that the stores there are making big preparations for the Christmas rush which gets under way immediately after Thanksgiving Day.

### HOW WERE . .

any lettuce.

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PROFESSOR HANSEN .

with a silhouette set-up, worked the food show in Milwaukee to big tips and passouts.

BEA LOUIS BEA LOUIS . . . who is selling foot med at the F. W. Grant store, Milwaukee, brought, back memories of old times during the food show in the Beer City. During a visit to the show, she struck up a talking contest with the Von

brothers, who had their palmistry machine on hand, with the result that a large crowd gathered to listen in on the kibitzing. Tips and takes were among the largest of the brothers' stand.

### Create holiday business by giving your display the holiday touch.

### BUSTER DOSS

BUSTER DOSS .... letters from El Dorado, Ark., that he's pitching flour now instead of med and business has been pretty good. "T'll always remember," says Buster, "the good ald down with D i Buster, "the good old days with Bubbles and Ramona, Pat Harris, Nor-man Fuller, Doc Jacobs and the king and queen of med shows, Toby and Bertha Shelton. I'm on the air here



MR. ALLEN at Syco-Slate Demonstration, Kress Store, Miami, for placements Dec. 1

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JACK (BOTTLES) STOVER and Charlie (Fast Money) Madison are working lots around Harrison-burg, Va., and corraling a few greens.

ART McDONALD worked kitchen gadgets outside the main arena at the Food Show in Milwaukee to a big herman count.

### PAT MALONE .

is making spots around Harrisonburg, Va., boosting Christmas items, and plans to join Jack (Bottles) Stover and Charlie (Fast Money) Madison in the Carolinas soon.

Leave your tips satisfied and your towns always will be open to you. 1

AL YOUNG

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is reported to have collected plenty of long green at the Food Show in Milwaukee. One of his visitors dur-ing the engagement was Chester J. Batchelor, owner of Turiddi Art Products, and who supplies Al with plaster products which go as prizes. Al is known as one of the snappiest dressers among Milwaukee pitcheroos

### MARGE V. KELLEY

well-known West Coast pitchwoman and secretary of the Circus Clown Club at Los Angeles, is working a de-partment store in the City of the Angels with gyro tops and toys to fair business fair business.

REPORTS SEEPING in from the West Coast indicate that costume jewelry is going over big in Los Angeles, with drugstores being the best location for those items.

Head for the warehouse, fellows! Newspaper ads in the tobacco areas are urging growers of weed to bring their produce to market.

### **BLANCHE INGLIS**

had a neat handwriting analysis lay-out at the Food Show in Milwaukee and business at the stand was reported good.

### JACK VINNICK

continues to work fraternal lodges in California with his various items to satisfactory takes.

### GEORGE HEINL . .

has his jewelry layout in the Plan-kinton Arcade, Milwaukee, going great guns.

month-old daughter who will accom-pany them in the future. Rust says his only connection with Pitchdom at present is a spook bcok and ques-tion-and-answer pitch from which he has been deriving fair results. He opines, however, that there isn't much fun in operating by mail and he'll soon be out among 'em.

In answer to numerous queries of late, The Billboard's Mail-Forwarding Department is govcrued by the United States postal regulations and is not permitted to give out information as to the whereabouts of a person, nor is it permitted to make known to inquirers where mail is forwarded.

### "JUST FINISHED

"JOST FINISHED . . . . reading Tom Kennedy's recent pipe," letters Emil M. Seibold, from Forest Hills, N. Y. "I consider myself an old-timer and feel I should speak up on the recently proposed pitchmen's (See Pipes on page 138)



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## Pipes for Pitchmen

### (Continued from page 137)

organization. Altho I have worked the mouse for the most part in this country I have traveled extensively in Europe and pitched many different items. I belonged to the pitchmen's organization in Germany and was a founding member of the Stanwerker's Bond, a pitch organization in Am-sterdam, Holland. When I arrived sterdam, Holland. When I arrived in the United States some 20 years ago, I felt like a bird who escaped from a cage. The size of this country compared to Europe is tremendous. That's the reason I think there never will be effective pitchmen's organi-zation here. It's just too big. A pitchman' just arriving in Seattle from the East is too far removed from Broadway. He may never come back or perhaps if he does it won't be for a number of years. So, his inter-est is confined to the spot he is curest is confined to the spot he is cur-rently working. When he moves, everything moves with him. I read with interest my old friend Tom, Kennedy's characterization of the pitchman of today. I recall we had the same difficulty after World War I. Every fair and market was crowded I. Every fair and market was crowded with fellows trying to make a living. Of course, a peddler is not a pitch-man, but he has the same problems. In my opinion the only way to achieve some protection for pitchmen is to form some branch within the big showmen's league. The show-men's league in Germany at the time men's league in Germany at the time I left had a branch for pitchmen and one for venders and peddlars with a membership of many thousands. Pitchmen had the assistance of lawyers retained by the showmen's league and enjoyed many improve-ments in their lot. Still I doubt that such an organization can be accomplished in this country.'

### CHARLEY CASHER

rambled into Milwaukee last week with a nifty juicer layout which he set for that city's annual food show.

### RAY W. SMITH

who closed a successful jaunt with his Keen-o-Tone med show in Texas recently, has returned to his home in Alva, Okla.

### SIGHTED WORKING

SIGHTED WORKING . . . the Kresge five and dimer in Kansas City, Mo., recently were Ed and Norma Murray, Glen and Marian Hossburg, Jean and George Haney, Val Rennie, Blackie Beard and Jay Ross.

If you are looking for a lesson in tactfulness, just watch a pitch-man and see how he acts when his tip is jammed up.

### R. B. CUNNINGHAM

has been warm. Business is off and there are few spots available to a pitchman. I've been working signs for my meal tickets and hotel bills. Let's have some pipes from Jack Mails."

### W. C. WOLFE

and Doc Blanton have teamed up in Asheville, N. C., with a big Christmas jewelry layout and returns have been exceptionally good. Blanton also plans to work a jewelry set-up at the tobacco warehouses, which open December 1.

### IS IT TRUE

mas holiday bank roll?

### "HAVE BEEN .

reading with interest the recent dis-cussions concerning the organizing of pitchmen," blasts Ben (Horseback) Meyers from his Fort Worth, Fla.,

haunts. "Does it mean that we have among us some pitchmen of the in-ferior type who want organization to tell them what to do and where to go? Pitching is a come and go as you please situation and everybody take their best hold. You've got to climb their best hold. You've got to climb the ladder in Pitchdom step by step not by gyroscopic elevations. I hope that some day someone comes along to enlighten us as to how we can grab the geedus without effort."

You'll never be disappointed if you don't expect any more for yourself than that which is granted a local citizen in the towns you work.

### CHARLES WILLIAMS

is working sales days and plants in Southern territory to good geedus returns.

ANYBODY MAKE .... the Grand National Livestock Exposition and Rodeo, which closed in San Francisco November 9 with a record attendance of over 105,000?

### C. L. (TINY) ENDQUIST ...

continues to score solidly with his gyro top demonstration in St. Louis. DOC GEORGE BLUE .

is reported to have grabbed off his share of the filthy stuff working the Arizona State Fair, Phoenix.

### WITH SPECIAL . .

football bowl games springing up in almost every section of the country— some of them being held early in De-cember this year—it looks as tho novelty workers and souvenir pur-veyors can sandwich in some good long-green counts between the reguspots they have set for December. With the bowl attendance at the games already being estimated as the largest in the long history of the at-tractions, it seems that novelty spending this year also will reach new highs. It's up to you to corral your share of it.

### Fancy Freddie says: 'When a fellow begins to believe his present and past achievements are great he's on the brink of failure.

### BEA LOUIS

BEA LOUIS . . . has returned to Milwaukee and is pitching Lock's foot med at the F. W. Grant downtown store. Her hus-band, Si, is working at a five and dimer in Quincy, Ill., to reported sock returns sock returns.

### HARRY BOWMAN

HARRY BOWMAN . . . . made the Ringling-Barnum show at Asheville, N. C., October 31 with nov-elties to good geedus counts. He reports that the tobacco markets in Asheville open December 1 and from suprovi indications husiness should be current indications business should be good. Harry plans to head for the North for the holidays with a new toy layout.

### **DUBLE REMINISCES**

(Continued from page 120)

ist; Arthur Russell, interlocutor and ist; Arthur Russell, interlocutor and George Millner, female impersonator. Duble, who played the trombone, recalled that the ork was made up of Charles May, leader; William Jack-son, Harry Chappelle, Bert Bruno, Charlie Russell and Will Leaders. Bobby DeRue doubled as band leader and also played a cornet solo at the noon-day minstrel band concerts. A faw others that Duble fails to remenfew others that Duble fails to remember were in the troupe, which totaled 26 persons. Duble still retains a program of those days along with others which date back to Happy Cal Wag-ner's New Minstrels of 1872.

One of the boys with whom Duble has come in contact in recent years was Charles May, who operated a printing concern in Concord, N. H.

# Ringling Change (Continued from page 69)

set up in the big top by four superintendents and 10 workingmen in one hour. It now takes 250 men about two and one-half hours to erect the heavy steel and wood bleachers and sections. The first of the new seating units is expected to be completed in winter quarters within two weeks. The remainder will be finished well in advance of the show's 1948 open-ing under canvas.

The shortening of the tent, while adding width, will give the big top an almost circular shape. Seating capacity, about 9,000, will not be affected.

New England will again be included in the Big Show's itinerary, North said. Yankeeland was booked and then canceled this year because of new laws, reportedly too stringent for the circus to operate profitably under, which resulted from the dis-astrous fire in Hartford, Conn., three years ago. years ago.

### To Hunt Talent

The spec for 1948 will be titled 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, North said. He plans to fly to Europe December 7 where he has arranged to purchase 15 reindeer from Lapland to use in the feature. His taux in to use in the feature. His tour, in search of talent, will include Lisbon, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome, Milan, Ge-neva, Paris, London, Brussels, Am-sterdam, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo.

Rose Gould, featured aerialist, was resigned for next season. She is one of several foreign acts imported by the Big Show this spring.

The trek homeward thru Florida The trek homeward thru Florida has been good. A three-day stand in Miami proved big, despite a small opening matinee crowd Monday (17) because of rain. Weather at night wasn't much better but still the show had a full house. Tuesday (18) the had a full house. Tuesday (18) the matinee drew an overflow and the



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North Launches night show played to a straw, with a crowd, estimated by police at 5.000. crowd, estimated by police at 5,000, being turned away. Wednesday (19) it was a sellout at the matinee and a straw at night.

straw at night. Bad weather hurt the two-day stand at Jacksonville, but business was still good. Org opened Friday (14) in threatening weather, after an all-day rain the day before which made the lot plenty soggy, and the matinee crowd was only fair. Night show drew a strong house. Saturday (15), both matinee and night shows drew three-quarter houses.

Final stop in Georgia, before mov-ing into Florida, was at Savannah, Thursday (13), where the Big One again hit poor weather and officials said business was only fair. Matinee drew a fair house with the night attendance about three-quarters.

### **DAILEY BROS.**

(Continued from page 70) Morrison, Kid Cummings, Streamline Fizzle, Red Frievogel, Butch Cohen, Johnnie Stevens, Ed Martin, James Boyle, Si and Nellie Kitchie, the Tommy O'Briens, Hazel King, the

Johnnie Stevens, Ed Martin, James Boyle, Si and Nellie Kitchie, the Tommy O'Briens, Hazel King, the Dave Migets, Joe Rossi, Dave Curtis, Walter Schuyler, Gonzales, Red Rum-ble, Johnnie Hoffman, Freddie Fred-ericks, Willard Isley and Dorothy O'Brien, to the West Coast. The Paul Pyles, Jim Van, Larry Cardon, the Jack Turners, to San Antonio; the Slim Farleys, Francis Doran and mother, Pat King to Aransas Pass; Wiley Scott, Jackson-ville, Fla.; Homer Clark, Joplin, Mo.; Emilio Paolucci, Chicago: Tiger Bill Snyder, Waelder, Tex.; Cal Towns-ends, Indianapolis; Richard Dowd, Cleburne, Tex.; the Ray Family, Leesville, La.; Mae McLain, Tom Tumpkins, Tampa; Sugar Brown Troupe, George Wagner, Miami; Jean Allen, Walter Powell, Louisville. Howard Saunders, St. Louis; Mario Ivanovs, Sarasota, Fla.; Arky Wil-liams, Toledo; Joe Baker, Sherman, Tex.; Bertha Drane, Clinton, Ind.; Eva Todd, Des Moines; Bill Garrison, Memphis; Deep Sea Red, Cincinnati; Jeff Kyser, Beaumont, Tex.; Doc Phillips, Utica; George Gardner, Louis Grabs, Gibsonton, Fla.; Sam Barham, Nashville; Rube Arnold, Canada; Harry Leonard, Ward Hall, winter dates; Milt Robins, St. Peters-burg, Fla.

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Canada; Harry Leonaru, waru Han, winter dates; Milt Robins, St. Peters-burg, Fla. Oscar Denis, Gainesville, Fla.; Joe Pomilio, Waco, Tex.; Red Maynard, winter dates; The Gardners, Berke-ley, Calif.; Donna Knouff, Cambridge, O.; Rosemary Stock and Corky and Norma Plunkett, Fort Worth Shrine Circus; Alberto Lopez, Riccardo Sachey and family, Francisco Rolon and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Munoz and sister; Charlie Ricci. Toto Aurcho Navarro, Alfinso and Emma Murillo, Mexico City; Eddie Murillo and family, Monterey, Mex. Joe Horwatch, Cuba; Johnnie Wil-liams, Cleveland; John Ingram, Car-dessa Walker, Bow Jerdan, Kansas City, Mo.; Dulse Walker, La Fayette, La.; Chuck Vackter, Sharon, Pa.; Elmo Wheeler, Cincinnati; Willie Mae Strong, Tallulah, La.; Vernon Thomas, Whitey Haley and Jack Mc-Farland, various spots. — HAZEL KING.

### FIRE IN PHOENIX

(Continued from page 47) to both ends. Metal supports pre-vented the roof from collapsing. The fire raged for three hours until it burned itself out. The Phoenix Fire Department sent

one piece of equipment to the scene, tho the park is outside the city limits. Lack of sufficient water suplimits. Lack of sufficient water sup-ply prevented firemen from fighting the blaze, however.

the blaze, however. Sportsman's Park is owned by Zack T. Addington, Marion Welborn and Bernard Gillespie. Welborn, who ar-rived soon after the alarm was sounded, said he did not know what the actual loss might be. Only item saved was a filing cabinet. There was some insurance.

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(Continued from page 47) stock, automobile, industrial, horticultural, flower and horse shows. The large covered arena will have a seat-ing capacity of approximately 25,000 persons.

Construction of the new home of the Great Western Livestock Show will be delayed, according to H. W. Lane, secretary-treasurer of the Lane, secretary-treasurer of the 48th District Agricultural Association, until such time as building materials and labor are available.

The other major project calls for a \$5,000,000 building for sports events and will be financed from revenue bonds. This structure may be built in Exposition Park by the Coliseum Commission, said Robert L. Burns, president of the commission.

### To Provide for Sports

This structure would be used for This structure would be used for basketball, hockey, boxing and other indoor sports. Altho the commission has not yet authorized the drafting of the plans for the structure, it will probably be erected at the southeast corner of the park, Burns said. The city is lacking in facilities for such sports, the commission head declared. Funds for the building would be

Funds for the building would be obtained from income from the Coli-seum, which will amount to \$450,000 this year from football alone.

At the same time Burns said that parking facilities for the Coliseum will be improved before next fall. The Sixth Agricultural District, which with the city and county, owns the Coliseum, is spending \$2,000,000 in State funds for acquisition of vacant property near the stadium for public

property near the stadium for public parking . Burns also said the commission frowns on the suggestion that a big league baseball field be constructed at the Coliseum property, saying that baseball and football seasons would overlap. It was pointed out that this would probably reduce revenues and that the cost of a temporary field would be at least \$100,000.



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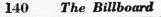
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# Importations

**Emergency measure effect**ive Nov. 17 announced by **Canadian finance minister** 

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Shipments to Canada of American-made coin ma-Canada of American-made coin ma-chines were halted this week by an order effective Monday (17) mid-night which bans importation of all "non-essential goods." Move came as part of the Canadian government's program to conserve a dwindling U. S. dollar supply. At the week's end, manufacturers and distributors in this country—who have done a in this country—who have done a large dollar volume business with Canada—were still waiting interpre-tations of the embargo before making

definite plans. A check of coin firms in this country and in Canada by The Bill-board shows that firms in both countries expected the ban, altho no one was certain when it would come. Under terms of Monday's order, all shipments which had not left their originating point on or before Tues-day (18) are barred from entry.

## Sizeable Loss Indicated

The Canadian embargo will mean the loss of a sizeable chunk of American export business, since Canada has long led the list of countries importing U.S. coin-operated equip-ment. In 1946, Canadians accounted for 9,595 of the 14,396 coin machines shipped out of this country. This rep-resented \$1,122,935 of the \$2,655,078

resented \$1,122,935 of the \$2,655,078 total export shipments. During the first six months of 1947, Canada took 7,521 of the 12,900 coin machines shipped out of the States, and paid \$875,997 of the total \$2,754,236 foreign buyers spent on (See CANADA HALTS on page 168)

## **Outdoor Meet** Will Feature **Coin Machines**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Various types of coin machines will be featured among displays at the annual con-vention of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB) which will be held at Hotel Sherman here December 1-4. Arcade equipment and vending machines suitable for use in outdoor locations will be prominent at the

machines suitable for use in outdoor locations will be prominent at the show. Among exhibitors whose dis-plays will be of interest to coinmen are A. B. T. Manufacturing Com-pany, Chicago; Capitol Projector Corporation, Chicago; Edelman Amusement Devices, Detroit; Elec-tric-Aire Engineering Corporation, Chicago; H. C. Evans & Company, Chicago; Exhibit Supply Company, Chicago; Greyhound Amusement De-Chicago; Exhibit Supply Company, Chicago; Greyhound Amusement De-vice, Brooklyn; International Muto-scope Corporation, Long Island City, N. Y.; Mission Dry Corporation, Chi-cago; Mike Munves Corporation, New York; Orange-Crush Company, Chi-cago, and Perey Turnstiles, New York cago, York.

## **Order Halts** *Approve Measure To License* Coin Machines in Md. County

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 22.—An enabling act passed by the State Leg-islature, giving Baltimore County power to license or tax a long list of different types of coin-operated county has been approved (The different types of coin-operated equipment, has been approved (The Billboard, November 15). Question as to whether the provisions of the bill will be extended beyond 1948— which they cover specifically—is to be decided in a referendum vote by Baltimore County voters in the general election of November, 1948.

Titled Senate Bill No. 10-X, the measure gave Baltimore County broad additional taxing powers, including the power to license "certain shuffle boards, musical, vending, claw and pinball machines and other similar devices."

### Quote New Section

New section added to Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland is described as 127B. In it are the following provisions pertinent to coin-operated equipment:

"The county commissioners of Bal timore County commissioners of Bar-timore County are hereby authorized by resolution to require that during the year 1948, every person, firm, as-sociation or corporation keeping, maintaining or operating for public entertainment or amusement within entertainment or amusement within Baltimore County, any musical box, mechanical player piano, gramophone or other similar mechanical music device played by the insertion of a coin or token shall obtain a license from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to do so and shall pay therefor the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each such ma-chine or device and two dollars (\$2) chine or device and two dollars (\$2) additional for each independent coinoperated speaker delivering music on the same premises;

"To require that during the year 1948, every person, firm, association or corporation keeping, maintaining or operating within Baltimore Coun-ty, a claw machine or pinball ma-chine or similar device for public (Geo Augusta Marguer an Marguer 170) (See Approve Measure on page 170)

## Pa. Tax Talk Centerson Amusements

### Legality Questioned

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 22.—As municipalities here prepare their 1948 budgets, talk of amusement taxes flies thick and fast. Municipal govthese thick and fast. Municipal gov-ernments, by virtue of power given them by the State Legislature this past year (*The Billboard*, July 12), can levy taxes on a variety of sources, including coin machines, circuses, rinks and all other amusements.

Meantime, a decision involving the constitutionality of the enabling act is pending in the State Supreme Court.

Court. Chief Justice George W. Maxey in an unprecedented expression of **a** "personal opinion" on a case while it is pending a decision in his court, has flayed the enabling law as giving too much power to minor officials. In fact, the Pennsylvania Chief Justice intimated he doesn't have any con-fidence in the integrity of local of-ficials to handle such matters.

ficials to handle such matters. Concurrently, a 10 per cent amuse-ment tax is being considered by the city of Pittsburgh (see complete story elsewhere in this issue). Oppo-sition immediately cropped up. The protest against the proposed tax even took the form of large daily news-paper ads paper ads.

## AAMONY Moves To New Office

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .--- Headquar-NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Headquar-ters of the Associated Amusement Machine Operators of New York (AAMONY) will be moved to the newly-opened direct sales division of the Seaboard New York Corporation, at 583 10th Avenue, next Monday (24). The game operators associa-tion\_will occupy an office set aside for its use by Harry Schneider, gen-eral manager of the Seaboard outlet. AAMONY formerly maintained tem-porary headquarters at Abbott porary headquarters at A b b ott Specialty Company. Bart Hartnett, AAMONY business manager, will make his headquarters

the new offices.

## Pin Game Gift to British Royalty

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The enter-tainment problems of the future king and queen of Great Britain have been

taken care of. As a wedding gift for Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten, who were married in the most widely who were married in the most whely publicized wedding of the century Thursday (20) in Westminster Abbey, Lyn Durant, head of United Manufac-turing Company of Chicago, sent the first model of a new United pin game to be released to the trade shortly.

The new game was shipped via air express to London to arrive in time for the wedding.

## Rush Work on Large 42d **Street Arcade in New York**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—What promises to be the largest and most elaborate amusement arcade in the metropolitan area, housing more than metropolitan area, housing more than 150 separate pieces of equipment and occupying floor space of approxi-mately 5,000 square feet, is being rushed to completion in time for a scheduled December 4 opening. Lo-cated at 244-48 West 42d Street, in the heart of the Times Square amuse-ment belt, the premises (formerly the location of the American Bus Terminal) is undergoing extensive dozen workmen and contractors un-der the supervision of Nat Choderker, store manager.

store manager. The arcade, to be called the 42d Street Playland, is an operation of 42d Street Enterprises, Inc., an or-ganization headed by Dave Simon, president, who also is the chief ex-ecutive of Simon Sales, Inc., the 10th Avenue amusement game distribut-ing house ing house.

### 37 Poker Machines

Featured in the arcade will be a row of 37 poker game machines run-ning the entire depth of the store (100 feet) on one side, broken only by space alloted for a premium ex-based counter. As an innovation in by space anoted for a premium ex-change counter. As an innovation in the installation of such games, ac-cording to Choderker, the playing faces will be situated considerably-lower than usual, to permit unob-structed player view and aim. Above the poker games and also running the poker games, and also running the full length of the arcade, will be two premium display shelves flank-ing a continuous series of fluorescent lighting fixtures. Poker machines to be used are those manufactured by the Scientific Machine Corporation. the Scientific Machine Corporation. They will feature custom-built stain-

less steel trimmings. In accord with the principle of in-creasing patronage by allowing a

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22.—What | full interior view to transient traffic, the 50-foot front of the location is completely constructed of glass. Six banks of triple-tube fluorescent banks of triple-tube fluorescent lighting fixtures will run the length of the store ceiling to provide "day-time" illumination for evening operatime" illumination for evening opera-tion. Outside, above the glass front and formed around the store's mar-quee which extends over 42d Street for about one-third of the arcade's width, a two-color electric sign will advertise the establishment's name.

In addition to the poker machines, Choderker said the arcade would carry a complete line of games and equipment (comprising about 125 equipment (comprising about 125 units), ranging in play from 1 cent to 35 cents. Among these will be a number of the latest roll-downs. About 20 employees will work in the arcade's operation. It is planned to keep the arcade open 22 to 24 hours a day. a day.

Directly in back of the store, and fronting on 41st Street, is the ter-minal presently in use by the Somer-set and Quaker City bus companies. Choderker foresees a bonus patron-age from commuters waiting for Choderker foresees a bonus patron-age from commuters waiting for connections, since the arcade's prem-ises can be entered thru the rear and will make available luncheonette and rest room facilities. The lunch-eonette, on the main floor of the store, and the rest room, in the base-ment, are concessionaire-operated.

ment, are concessionaire-operated. Executive offices will be main-tained by 42d Street Enterprises, Inc., in an enclosed balcony overhanging the rear portion of the arcade. Cor-poration officers, in addition to Simon and Choderker, who also holds the post of treasurer, are Ed Balin and Marvin Heisman, vice-presidents, and Max Brown, secretary. The prin-cipals also operate the Playland Ar-cade on Broadway, between 47th and 48th streets.

## **Grads Absorbed** By CM Industry

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 22.-With the second class of the National Association of Amusement Machine Owners' (NAAMO) Mechanics School now under way at the Manhattan Trades Center, F. McKim Smith, association president, this week announced the 100 per cent placement of the first class graduates in jobs.

R. E. Torres and M. Garfunkel, op-erators of the Play-Mor Amusement Arcade, Tucson, Ariz, hired Reginald Farnum. Atlantic New York Corpo-ration placed Irving Rodin in its mu-sic department. Carmen Ferraro goes to Active Amusement Machines Comto Active Amusement Machines Com-pany headquarters in Philadelphia, while Harry C. Mowbray will join the firm's Newark, N. J., branch. Schork and Schaffer, operators of six amusement arcades in New York, hired Rubin Wexler and David Sher-vington. Playland Arcade here added vington. Playland Arcade here added John Piscopo. Joseph Mazza becomes a serviceman for National Photomatic Company here, as does Reginald Grange. Herbert Weaver, head of H. H. Weaver 'Company and the American Grip Tester Company, en-gaged Anthony Antoniou for the former concern and George Wolfson for the latter.

the latter. Berger Hires Two Harry Berger, West Side Distribu-ting Company, hired George Chap-man and Herbert Nurse. The Board-walk in Atlantic City attracted Walter Turtell and Robert Steinman, who have joined Smith's Gameland. Domi-nick Guarino was hired by A. J. Geist for his Rockaways Playland at Rockaway Beach, N. Y. Leon Gras-si and Bezolel Geller, who led the class academically, both join Ben Rodins in Washington. Rodins in Washington.

Rodins in Washington. Al Rodstein, owner of the Variety Corner Amusement Center in Phila-delphia, hired Leon Phillips. Sam Moss, also of Philadelphia, added Abraham Weisberg to his staff. Jack Rubin and Jack Semel, Esso Manu-facturing Company, Hoboken, N. J., added four of the graduates, Howard O'Neil, Americo Ciocca, Jacob Krauss and Americo Ramos. The last named had agreed to join a coin machine firm in his native Puerto Rico, but changed his mind to accept the Esso position. position.

The second class, now in its third week, has 37 students, while a third class is expected to start early next month. The students, after complet-ing their course, become on-the-job trainees and receive 85 cents an hour for a 40-hour week for a period of six months. The government, under the G.I. Bill of Rights, pays the difference between this amount and \$175 monthly for single vets and \$200 monthly for married ex-G.I.'s,

#### **Thomas** Callaghan Portrayed on Air

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Thomas J. Callaghan, special sales representa-tive of Bally Manufacturing Com-pany, was depicted as one of the characters appearing in the Adven-turers' Club program over WBBM here at 10:30 a.m. today.

Callaghan's participation in an exciting counterfeiting case back in 1910 was portrayed, at which time he was a member of the United States Secret Service.

It was after his retirement from It was after his retirement from the Secret Service that Callaghan joined Bally. While in the service he acted as a bodyguard at one time or another for every president from Theodore Roosevelt to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## NAAMO School Bowling Alleys Draw Record Play During 1946-'47 Season Donations at

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 22.—Coinmen interest in bowling alleys as locations is taking on added importance with the report this national sport showed the biggest increase yet recorded in number of American Bowling Con-gress (ABC) league and team mem-berships during the 1946-'47 season. According to A. H. Johnson, director of research for ABC, the number of constituent for aBC, the number of sanctioned teams across the country can be used as a good comparison for over-all play, locating centers of bowling activity and checking the sport's growth.

Increases scored during the 1946-'47 season over the 1945-'46 period chalked up 26.417 leagues (20,130 in previous year); 251,307 teams (184,-207 in preceding season), and an estimated individual membership of 1,250,000 against 920,000 during 1945-'46

'46. These figures illustrate the rapid These figures illustrate the rapid and extensive rise in popularity dur-ing the decade beginning 1937-'38: For that season, ABC records show 10.225 leagues, 93,118 teams and 465,-000 individual members. In 1940-'41, there were 18.123 leagues, 162,253 teams and 810,000 members. During the war years of 1941-'42 these fig-ures soared to their highest levels until the 1946-'47 season, 21,009 leagues, 190,423 teams and 950,000 members.

members. By 1944-'45 this high had fallen off to 18,976 leagues, 172,835 teams and 860,000 members, only to be followed by the big bowling boom in 1946-'47, when the record of 26,417 leagues, 251,307 teams and 1,250,000 individ-251,307 teams and 1,250,000 individ-ual members was reached. This means that since 1937-'38, number of leagues increased by 16,192, teams by 158,189 and individual member-ship by 785,000. Coinmen hail this as a sign of a steadily increasing customer potential for all types of coin machines spotted in bowling lanes. (The Billboard, November 15.)

lanes. (The Bulboard, November 10.) Johnson says that AEC records re-veal that the 10 largest bowling States, based on numbers of ABC team membership, are Illinois, with 36,063 teams, 605 bowling establish-ments and 5,635 bowling lanes; Mich-igan, 34,559 teams, 466 establish-

## **Bally Debuts New Roll-Down**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Bally Manufacturing Company this week an-nounced thru George Jenkins, gen-eral sales manager, introduction of a new roll-down game, Hy-Roll.

new roll-down game, Hy-Roll. Game, which is adjustable to op-erate with from five to nine balls, includes a kick-up pocket on its play field which causes the ball to jump off the board into a basket. Featur-ing 18 roll-over buttons and seven pockets, which score from 1,000 to 10,000 points, game introduces a new high score feature which builds up on high score feature which builds up on the back glass when certain skill shots are rolled. This high score, which Bally calls super score, is not counted into total score until player rolls a basket shot, then it is transfered as an extra bonus award on the back-board. Super score, at option of operator, may be retained on the back-board at end of game, thus furnishing play-incentive for next player. Jenkins stated that the coil spring

construction of the roll-over buttons insures positive pop-up. A simplified latch holds the playfield to cabinet, eliminating use of nuts and bolts, he added. Cabinet itself is of natural

added. Cabinet itself is of natural grain wood. Hy-Roll, currently being shipped to distributors, was widely tested be-fore production, Jenkins says.

ments, 4,671 lanes; New York, 30,703 teams, 855 establishments (leads in teams, 855 establishments (leads in this category), and 6,955 lanes; Ohio, 30,703 teams, 434 establishments, 4,045 lanes; Wisconsin, 19,025 teams, 477 establishments, 3,027 lanes; Pennsylvania, 16,481 teams 576 estab-lishments, 3,882 lanes; California, 15,604 teams (or land land line). 15,604 teams (only leading West-ern State), 245 establishments and 2,546 lanes; Indiana, 11,200 15,604 teams (only leading West-ern State), 245 establishments and 2,546 lanes; Indiana, 11,200 teams, 203 establishments, 1,624 lanes; New Jersey, 10,859 teams, 410 establishments, 2,958 lanes, and Missouri, with 8,046 teams, 132 es-tablishments and 1,081 lanes.

Total number of bowling lanes in establishments in these 10 states number 44,517.

ABC figures take on added imnot lighted take on added im-portance to coinmen inasmuch as most bowling alley operators cater to league play from Monday thru Friday and open or non-league play on week-ends.

## R. I. Coinmen **Meet To Form** New Op Assn.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 22.-In PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 22.—III one of a series of organizational meetings called to group together coin machine operators in an asso-ciation to be known as the Rhode Island Amusement Guild (RIAG),-Island, Amusement Guild (RIAG), more than 40 coinmen gathered here Tuesday (18) for a dinner and busi-ness discussion under the chairman-ship of L. K. Woods. The proposed association is an outgrowth of the Rhode Island Music Association, ex-

Rhode Island Music Association, ex-panded to include amusement game machine operators. Guest speaker at Tuesday's meet-ing was LeRoy Stein, executive di-rector of Music Guild of America, an association of Northern New Jersey operators, who emphasized the value of good public relations to profitable juke box operation. Stressing the im-portance of sound business princi-ples, he cautioned coinmen to set aside a fair amount of their returns for depreciation, thus permitting the periodic replacement of outdated and operators, who emphasized the value

worn equipment. Also present was Johnny Lane, young singer from Providence, who records under the Regent label. An-other meeting will be held soon, Woods announced, to further the organization of RIAG.

#### **Gottlieb Releases New Parts Catalog**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—D. Gottlieb & Company announced Monday (17) the release of a new parts catalog featuring factory-specified units for the firm's equipment. Developed under the supervision of Alvin Gottlieb, company advertis-ing and promotion manager, catalog is designed in loose-leaf book form. All items included are described in detail and the catalog is indexed in such a way that information on any of the firm's parts may be easily located. Following the release of fu-ture games, part sheets for each game will be prepared and mailed to cata-log users.

log users. Gottlieb officials disclosed that the Gottlieb officials disclosed that the parts catalog was produced in the firm's own printing plant, a procedure that they believe will result in ex-pedited distribution of information on new parts availability. Alvin Gottlieb stated that the cata-log will be sent free to any bona fide coinman upon request.

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## **Cancer Fund** \$137,347.56

#### **CMI** Drive Rolls On

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Contribu-tion for the Damon Runyon Memo-rial Fund for Cancer Research drive being conducted by Coin Machine In-dustries, Inc. (CMI), this week reached \$137,347.56.

reached \$137,347.56. Donations were received during the week from Mrs. H. W. Korevaar, Raymond, Wash., \$116; Paul A. Nehr-ing, Nehring Electrical Works, De Kalb, Ill., \$100; Chapin Crabtree, Crabtree Music Co., Edinburg, Ind., \$50; Huntington Post No. 7, Ameri-can Legion, Huntington, Ind., \$50; Chester W. Rey, Paramount Music Co., Utica, N. Y., \$50; A. B. Morse, Valley Music Co., Medford, Ore., \$50; Robert L. Johnson, Logansport Nov-elty Co., Logansport, Ind., \$50. Walter Cichowalz, Kosciuszko Post

elty Co., Logansport, Ind., \$50.
Walter Cichowalz, Kosciuszko Post
No. 207, Gary, Ind., \$35; San Mateo
Post No. 60, VFW, Marion, Ind., \$25;
Console Distributing Co., Inc., New
Orleans, \$25; William P. Brown,
Murphy Distributing Co., Inc., St.
Louis, \$25; Morris Kammer, Softone
Music Co., Hoboken, N. J., \$25;
Matthew Ronzema, American Italian
Relief Association, Elkhart, Ind., \$15;
Henry Blake, Buffalo, \$15; Leroy J.
Lambert, Lambert Music Co., Stockton, Calif., \$13.
J. F. Terry Wolcottville, Ind., \$10;

ton, Calif., \$13. J. F. Terry Wolcottville, Ind., \$10; Charlotte Peek, Peek Service, Inc., Rego Park, N. Y., \$10; Sam Lazar-chick, Lazarchick's Music Store, Tamaqua, Pa., \$10; Alan Conway, Qualitone Music Co., Santa Ana, Calif., \$5.55; A. G. Floyd, Chester, W. Va., \$5; Sam Maullin, Michigan City, Ind., \$5; Mrs. Clark R. Hynum, Madison, Wis., \$5; William P. McClel-land, New Bethlehem, Pa., \$4; Ervin Whitaker Jr., Jenkins, Ky., \$3; Albert Franceschini, the Chocolate Shop, Fowler, Ind., \$1.

#### Hold N. Y. Show for Genco Roll - Down

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Bing-a-Roll, Genco Manufacturing Com-Roll, Genco Manufacturing Com-pany's new roll-down, is being shown to the trade for the first time in this area at the newly opened Direct Sales Division of the Seaboard New York Corporation. The 10-ball game, which allows a maximum score of 290,000, has already completed a lo-cation test period of several months, according to Harry Schneider, gen-eral manager of the Seaboard outlet. On the face of the game 25 holes

On the face of the game 25 holes, carrying different point values, cap-ture the balls, but do not let them fall thru until the game is completed. Center hole, called Bing-a-Roll, con-tains a permanent ball in addition to Center hole, called Bing-a-Roll, con-tains a permanent ball, in addition to the 10 the player uses. To build a high score the player aims the balls to fill any five holes in a straight line, thus ringing up a bonus of 50,000 points. These lines may be drawn horizontally, vertically or di-agonally. Skill holes offering the highest individual scores are situa-ated in the front row.

highest individual scores are situa-ated in the front row. Featured in the game is a back bumper, activated by a button within the player's reach, which flips balls back to the playing field if they come to rest at the rear of the machine. On the backboard glass, a colored replica of the bingo-like game pat-tern lights up to show the positions of

tern lights up to show the positions of balls already played. Bing-a-Roll will be distributed by the Atlantic and Seaboard Corpora-tions in 19 Eastern and Southern States.

VENDERS HIGHLIGHT ABCB SHOW

## **New Machines On Exhibition**

Several firms display new soft drink venders at Atlantic City bottlers' meet

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 22.—With coin-operated bottle and cup vending machines proving to be one of the highlights of the 29th annual conven-tion of the American Bottlers of Car-beneted Bourgass (ABCB) the first tion of the American Bottlers of Car-bonated Beverages (ABCB), the first post-war convention and exhibition was brought to a close here Friday (21). More than 10,000 members of the soft drink industry and allied trades jammed the huge Convention Hall to inspect all types of machinery, forme of the newest types of vending some of the newest types of machinery, machines and other displays set up for the international showing, which started Monday (17).

While Pepsi-Cola jumped the ABCB convention with a gathering of jumped the its own the previous week, at which time it displayed several new vend-(See Venders Highlight on page 154)

## **Request Ops To Register** Early For NAMA Meet

- National 22. -CHICAGO, Nov. Merchandising Associa-Automatic Merchandising Associa-tion's (NAMA) convention chairman, George M. Seedman, is urging oper-ators attending the 1947 NAMA Con-vention and Exhibit, December 14-17 at the Palmer House here, to register now to insure that badges, tickets, programs and other convention ma-terial will be ready for them when

they check in at Chicago. Seedman states: "There will be more than 2,000 at the association's first exhibit of machines and merfirst exhibit of machines and mer-chandise, and the fellow who reg-isters in advance will save time and money, for his registration fee will be less." Registration should be made with NAMA headquarters at 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago. There is no registration fee for wives of members members.

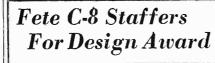
#### **Registration Benefits**

**Registration Benefits** Registration permits attendance at all exhibit and convention sessions, participation in the round-table breakfast on Tuesday, December 16, and at the president's and directors' reception Sunday (14). Tickets for the Monday (15) evening dinner and Tuesday (16) luncheon should be purchased at the registration desk. Tickets for the annual banquet, Wed-nesday evening (17), should be pur-chased in advance by mail.

#### **Greene Statement**

One of the first members to reg-ister, President Robert Z. Greene, declared: The 1947 convention and exhibit will be the ultimate in automatic merchandising with every segmatic merchandising with every seg-ment of the merchandising and ser-vice industries presented. The 1947 show will be historical in that it will set a pattern for future years and is in itself a standard and a preview of what is to come." Greene added: "The committee is to be congratulated for the excellent arrangements of informative sessions. I am looking foreward to seeing the members of NAMA and all interested groups at the convention."

groups at the convention."



NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Mario Ca-ruso, president of C-8 Laboratories, manufacturers of the Eastern Electric cigarette vender, his son, Anthony, and Lou Jaffa, sales manager, played host at a dinner Tuesday (18) cele-brating the firm's winning of one of five awards for electrical design refive awards for electrical design re-cently offered by Electrical Manufac-turing magazine. The dinner was held at the Waldorf-Astoria, with guests from coin machine trade publications, C-8 Laboratories and the Brooklyn Trust Company in attendance.

Addressing the assemblage, Caruso Addressing the assemblage, Cardso stated that in his mind this was only the start of the vending industry's growth, that he envisioned super-markets set up as exclusive coin-operated outlets, serviced with coin changers for the customers, who would be able to complete their entire shopping in any one center in much faster time faster time.

Caruso cited his 40 years with the Lionel Electric Train Corporation and said he expected great things to come from the manufacture of electrical vending machines. He reported that the firm soon would expand its fa-cilities to meet the backlog of orders now on hand.

Now on hand. Other speakers included Frank J. Oliver, editor of *Electrical Manufac-turing*, and George Bradley, who wrote the award-winning paper. Max Rogel, press representative for Ca-ruso, was toastmaster. Jaffa was in charge of all arrangements.

## **Popcorn Leaders Discuss Industry Problems at Chi Association Convention**

Enough Popcorn, Seasoning To Go Around "At a Price"

#### CHICAGO, Nov. 22. - Over 450 popcorn industry representatives, ining manufacturers, distributors operators of popcorn vending cluding and and operators of popcorn vending machines, got an inside picture of the present trends in the industry at the third annual convention of the Na-tional Association of Popcorn Manu-facturers (NAPM) at the Sherman Hotel here this week.

In an open forum Thursday (20) the inside picture of recent develop-ments in the supply picture was opened up by leading industry representatives.

#### Supply Short

Forrest Wanberg, of Central Pop-corn Company, Schaller, Ia., presi-dent of the Popcorn Processors Association, told those at the forum that "the supply of quality popcorn is definitely short, altho there is a good sup-ply of inferior corn." Looking to the future, Wanberg said, "With prices the way they are

said, "with prices the way they are there may be better plantings next year, but if plantings are not in-creased there is apt to be a drastic popcorn shortage in 1949." Wanberg told popcorn manufactur-ers that they could help in the present

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period of tight popcorn supply by in-stituting conservation measures and eliminating waste. H. O. Rinne, of the Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Sales Company, gave the inside picture of the present season-ing "shortage" (*The Billboard*, No-vember 22). Rinne said that, despite an increase in American output of oils used in popcorn manufacturing, "nolitical commitments abroad over-shadow the supply in the United States," and that "all in the fats and oil business have been shocked by the present turn in the market."

#### **Oil Output Gains**

Binne pointed out that American cottonseed oil output is up about 30 per cent over 1946 and that there has been no short supply of other types of oils, which would ordinarily mean plenty of oils at a reasonable price for American users, but that the de-mand abroad is so great that "the situation is now far more dangerous than last spring when many were than last spring when many were worrying about market trends."

He said that price controls or some other measure to correct the price situation by control is needed in the face of the drain of supplies by the government to fill European require-

ments. "Our own government is bidding against United States buyers for fats and oils and the law of supply and (See Popcorn Leaders on page 155)

#### Congressman Urges **Dropping of Peanut** Production Control

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Urging that Secretary of Agriculture Ander-son cancel plans for a quota referendum among peanut growers, Rep-resentative Fisher, of Texas, has pro-posed unrestricted production of pea-nuts for 1948.

nuts for 1948. Referendum, scheduled for Decem-ber 9, would determine whether pro-ducers approve an acreage allotment program under which government price guarantees and loans would continue continue.

continue. In his appeal to Anderson, Fisher wrote that in view of the current world food shortage and pending foreign relief program there should be no curtailment of peanut output. According to the agriculture de-partment, adoption of the quota sys-tem will mean a cut of 25 per cent in notional accesse compared with

in national acreage, compared with the 3,000,000 acre average for the past five years when no restrictions were imposed. For the referendum to be effected, two-thirds of the farmers voting on the measure must

approve. Fisher pointed out: "With the corn Fisher pointed by 25 per Fisher pointed out: "With the corn crop estimate reduced by 25 per cent and with the planting of wheat at this time only 70 per cent of nor-mal due to the drought in the Great Plains States, the need for full pro-duction of peanuts seems apparent." During World War II years, peanut demand was so great the quota sys-tem was discarded in 1942. Prices, however, were supported by the gov-ernment.

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## **Telecoin Readies Canned Juice** Distribution for New Venders

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Morgan Company, Traverse City, Mich., and the Red Cheek Fruit Co-Operative, Chambersburg, Pa., apple juice.

Supplementing the above-men-tioned flavors will be orange juice, grapefruit juice, an orange-grapefruit blend, and chocolate milk. All drinks will be sold via the vending machine at 10 cents for a six-ounce can.

#### Breakdown Given

Jack M. Gross, manager of Tele-coin's Tele-Juice division, reported the first allocation consists of 18,000,-000 cans of citrus juice drinks; 2,750,-000 cans of apple juice; 2,500,000 cans of tomato juice, including the College Inn Tomato Cocktail and as a starter Inn Tomato Cocktail and, as a starter, more than 1,000,000 cans of chocolate

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Distribu-tion of 25,000,000 cans of juices and milk, seven different drink flavors in all, will be started by the Telecoin Corporation within two weeks for initial nationwide operations of the firm's new Tele-Juice, coin-operated vender. The initial distribution is believed to be one of the largest of its kind undertaken in the automatic merchandising industry. Packers who are already working on contracts with Telecoin to provide the canned drinks include College Inn Food Products Company, Chi-cago, tomato cocktail; Edgar F. Hurft Company, Swedesboro, N. J., and Phillips Packing Company, Cam-bridge, Md., tomato juice; John C. Morgan Company, Traverse City, Mich., and the Red Cheek Fruit Co-Operative, Chambersburg, Pa., apple

#### **Rigid Tests Passed**

Gross emphasized that while the Tele-Juice machine was conceived before the war, it is being introduced to the post-war market only after

rigid testing and further development. Operating on the gravity principle, the machine dispenses 300 six-ounce cans of refrigerated juices and stocks cans of refrigerated juices and stocks six flavors simultaneously. Among its features are an enclosed compart-ment for the can opener, a self-contained disposal unit for empty cans, and a straw dispenser. A foot pedal operates the knife, the device which opens the cans. Broduction of the canned juices and

Production of the canned juices and other drinks was started several months ago when the manufacture of the six-ounce cans, halted during the more than 1,000,000 cans of chocolate milk. Gross stated that the drinks were canned for the Tele-Juice ma-chine exclusively, and revealed the firm is now negotiating with addi-tional packers, so that the eventual

#### First Exclusive Automatic Merchandising Trade Show

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—National Au-tomatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) announced this week the complete program for its 1947 con-vention and exhibit. The four-day meet, which will be held in the Palmer House here December 14 thru 17, will be the first exclusive trade show of merchandise and service vending machines, equipment and supplies, NAMA convention chairman George M. Seedman declared. George M. Seedman declared.

George M. Seedman declared. Three convention sessions are de-signed to cover presentation of oper-ating problems on various types of merchandise machines, with particu-lar emphasis on candy, gum, nut, cigarette and beverage venders. Leading off the four-day conclave will be a continuous registration service, set up in a fourth floor corri-dor, lasting from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday (14). At 12 noon ladies' headquarters opens in Parlor 15, club floor, and will remain open until 10 p.m. Thereafter, ladies' headquarters will be open on Monday (15) and p.m. Thereafter, ladies' headquarters will be open on Monday (15) and Tuesday (16) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Wednesday (17) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### **O**pen Exhibit Hall

to 7 p.m. Open Exhibit Hall At 2 p.m. Sunday (14) the exhibit will open, remaining so until 10 p.m. Machines and equipment will be spotted in the exhibition hall, fourth floor, while supplies will be shown in exhibit rooms on the seventh floor. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday there will be the president's and directors' reception, taking place in the Red Lacquer Room, fourth floor; a "get-acquainted" party for all registered guests will follow. Monday (15) activities will open with a cigarette session, in the Red Lacquer Room, fourth floor, pro-gramed for 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. During the session a one-act skit titled A Day With a Cigarette Opera-tion will be presented, featuring Arthur Gluck, Rowe Corporation, New York; George H. Duckett, G. B. Macke Corporation, Washington; J. Herman Saxon, Saxon's, Inc., Char-lotte, N. C.; Martin Gluchow, East Liverpool Cigarette Service, East Liverpool, O.; Sidney Kronenberg, Alamat Company, Birmingham, and E. G. Chandler, Rowe Service Com-pany, Los Angeles. Beverage Workshop Also on Monday running concur

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Also on Monday, running concurrently with the cigarette session, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, will be a beverage session. Taking place in Room 18, club floor, meeting will have I. H. Houston, Spacarb, Inc., as chairman, Lionel Harris, New York, will talk on Cup Vending Equipment—Type, Availability and Cost; and L. J. Granfield, County Beverage Company, San Droft Potentials of a Cup Machine Operation. Everett Newcomer. City Milk Company, Maspeth, N. Y., will speak on Problems and Potentials in the Automatic Merchandising of Milk; K. C. Melikian, Rudd-Melikian, Niddelphia, on The Automatic Merchandising of Coffee, and Jack M. Cross, Telecoin Corporation, New York, on The Automatic Merchandising of Fruit and Vegetable Juices.
From 12 noon to 6 p.m. Monday, the NAMA annual business meeting will take place in the Red Lacquer Koom; President Greene will preside, and his report, along with those of the nominating committee. Election 12:300.
Farata Markananual business meeting will be heard, as will the report of the nominating committee. Election 12:300.

of directors will take place at this session. Guest speaker during the meeting will be Bob Elson, sports broadcaster.

(16), a round-table breakfast is scheduled in the Crystal Room, third scheduled in the Crystal Room, third floor, at 8:30 a.m. All persons arriv-ing before 8:30 a.m. will be guests of NAMA; tables will be marked "candy, gum and nuts," "cigarettes" and "beverages." Exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, then reopen at 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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From 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., the NAMA luncheon will be held in the Grand Ballroom, fourth floor. Vice-president E. F. Pierson will preside. A legislative skit will be presented, featuring a cast of prominent NAMA members, who will depict a "mock" city council in action.

roadcaster. Beginning the third day, Tuesday (17), will start off with two business

sessions, one on candy, gum and nuts. This will take place in the Red Lacquer Room, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A one-act playlet will deal with a *Typical Day With a Candy Operator*, and will feature John Col-lins, The Canteen, New York; Paul I. Berkley, Vendex, Inc., Hillside, N. J.; S. Quaranta, Forty Vendors, Detroit, and H. A. Geiger, Geiger Automatic Sales, Milwaukee.

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#### **Beverage Session**

Beverage Session Second session, also from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, will be a bottled beverage round-table in the Crystal Room, third floor. I. H. Houston will be chairman; T. Gordon Mason, Dr. Pepper Company, discussion leader, (See NAMA Program on page 154)

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To Up Tobacco Levy

Baltimore Gets Okay held here recently, the Baltimore city council was authorized to levy additional taxes on tobacco products. Current indications are that the 1 BALTIMORE, Nov. 22.—At a spe-cial session of the State Legislature be doubled in the near future.

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## **Rowe Corp. Stock Offering Reveals Intimate Details Of Manufacture & Operation**

#### Greene Offers 145,800 Shares-Retains Control

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—With the country's per capita cigarette con-NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—With the offering on the Curb Exchange of 150,000 shares of the Rowe Corpora-tion common stock this week by two of its stockholders, the firm (largest of its type), which manufactures and operates cigarette machines as well as venders of other merchandise, wen as venders of other merchandise, revealed for the first time intimate details of its manufacturing activi-ties and operations in 12 states from New York to California. Robert Z. Greene, corporation president and director, made available 145,800 shares for purchase thru 19 under-writers, with the largest number to writers, with the largest number to be handled by Hayden Stone & Com-pany. The remaining 4,200 common shares were offered by John F. Mor-an. Greene will remain majority stockholder, retaining 52.3 per cent of the firm's outstanding stock.

The sale stems from a recent amendment to Rowe's certificate of incorporation filed with the Securi-ties and Exchange Commission (The the firm's authorized capital stock from an original 9,000 to 750,000 shares, at a par value of \$1. An open-ing price of \$8.75 a share was an-nounced by the underwriters as the nounced by the underwriters as the sale began, making possible a po-tential return to Greene on the trans-action of \$1,275,750 before taxes and expenses. It was emphasized by those concerned that the negotiation was one involving the sellers as indi-viduals, and was not an offering by the corporation itself.

#### **Biz Upturn Reported**

Biz Upturn Reported Organized in 1929 as the Rowe Cigarette Service Company, an out-growth in corporate form of a part-nership formed the year before, the company reports a sizable increase in its current business over the pre-war years. In 1941, the last pre-war year, Rowe's net sales amounted to \$10,115,734, representing a net profit before federal taxes of \$347,304, a margin of approximately 3½ per \$10,115,734, representing a net profit before federal taxes of \$347,304, a margin of approximately 3½ per cent. This compares with a net profit margin of 6 per cent for 1946, on a return of \$1,105,448 for net sales totaling \$17,858,698. Continuing the upward trend, over-all figures for the nine-month period ended Sep-tember 30, 1947, reveal a net profit of \$1,467,664 before taxes, on sales of \$16,434,678, marking a return of about 8 per cent on net sales. This indicates that the net profit realized during the first nine months of this year was greater than the amount for the entire year of 1946, altho the net sales were less. This is explained by a reduction in administrative and selling costs from \$3,077,847 in 1946 to \$2,675,775 for the later period. In a further breakdown of the

to \$2,675,775 for the later period. In a further breakdown of the company's operation, figures were made public on the merchandising end of the business which disclosed important increases in the average number of cigarettes now sold thru its vending machines over the number sold during pre-war years. While in sold during pre-war years. While in 1946 there were 16,600 Rowe ciga-rette machines on location, only 1,100 rette machines on location, only 1,100 more than in 1941, the aggregate of cigarette packages sold increased more than 50 per cent, to 96,717,000. During the first nine months of 1947, 18,600 venders sold 76,515,000 packs, a gross of \$13,913,398. This is an average of 4,221 packs per machine. **Reasons Behind Increase** 

## An explanation of the factors in-fluencing the increase cited greater customer acceptance of automatic merchandising, larger machine capacity and a general increase in the

sumption. Altho combined totals of cigar, gum, mint and candy machines (also a firm operation) on location dipped sharply from 5,500 to 800 for the years noted, representing a dollar decrease in gross sales from \$283,629, in 1941, to a 1946 figure of \$160,554, a minimum in this phase of the a rising curve in this phase of the firm's operation was noted in 1947.

firm's operation was noted in 1947. For the nine-month period ended last September, the company reported 1,300 units on location, doing a busi-ness totaling \$180,315. The scarcity of suitable brands of cigars at prices permitting profitable machine sale, and the general short-age of gum, mint and candy during the past several years were given as reasons for reduced operations in those fields. But with the supply situation improving rapidly, the com-pany is now placing more machines on location. on location.

#### Losses Negligible

Losses Negligible An interesting sidelight to the company's operation was disclosed when it reported that its losses from breakage, robbery, slugs, foreign or mutilated coins and mechanical fail-ures amounted to approximately 0.33 per cent of Rowe's gross volume of business since 1943. With the entry of the firm into the

With the entry of the firm into the manufacturing sphere in 1932, a sub-sidiary corporation was created to design, produce and sell coin-operated merchandising equipment. Dur-ing the first nine months of 1947, ng the first filme months of 1947, Rowe Manufacturing Company, Inc., sold an inventory of machines and parts amounting to \$2,618,119, of which \$2,340,965 represented equip-ment sold to firms not included among the parent company's merchandising unbridiation

the parent company's merchandising subsidiaries. Occupying a plant at Whippany, N. J., the manufacturing company is now in full production only on its cigarette machine, Crusader, but has produced since 1933 a long line of cigarette venders, as well as a num-ber of gum, mint and candy machines. ber of gum, mint and candy machines. Under development and scheduled for Under development and scheduler for an early showing to the trade and testing on location is an electrically-operated cigarette machine. It is designed to vend a cigarette package at any price up to 30 cents and will accept quarters as well as nickels and dimer. Other merchandising equipaccept quarters as well as nickels and dimes. Other merchandising equip-ment in the experimental stage at Whippany include a manually-oper-ated candy machine and a cigar vender. Production on the cigar vender is not expected to begin before 1949.

#### **Gluck Is Veepee**

Gluck Is Veepee Rowe officers, in addition to Greene, are Arthur Gluck, vice-president, treasurer and director; George M. Seedman. secretary and director; Herbert E. Greenberg, assistant treas-urer, and Christian Gabrielsen and Samuel M. Chapin, directors. A regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents a common share on the Rowe Corporation stock will be payable in December, a company spokesman

December, a company spokesman announced, in addition to a special payment of 30 cents per share at that time.



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**Frosti-Server Vender Output Being Resumed** 

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.-H. & M. LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.—H. & M. Company here, originally formed in 1932 to manufacture the Frosti-Server ice cream bar vender, was purchased by new interests August 15 this year and has now resumed operation after being shut down dur-ing the war years. New owners are R. A. Kelsey, president; J. D. Carter, vice-president and sales manager, and John C. Redell, secretary and treasurer.

Firm's vender has been given a redesigned cabinet, but mechanically remains unchanged from the earlier models. According to Carter, first hand-built units were on test loca-tion from 1932 to 1939, undergoing experimental operation. In 1940 the first 100 production models were first 100 production models were built, output being discontinued in 1941. A Los Angeles operator is cur-rently operating a route of 30 of the former machines, Carter declared.

#### Describe Machine

New vender, weighing approxi-mately 400 pounds, stands 6 feet high, 30 inches wide and 36 inches deep. Two vertical racks contain 72 bars, 36 in each, and vend by gravity feed. Unit is loaded from the upper front, bars being placed in either rack by hand, no removable magazine being provided. ABT coin mechanism is used, with dime operation. Patron has a choice of two flavored bars, delivered thru one delivery chute, which is 18 inches from machine's base. Bars are vended manually by means of two push-pull levers on face of vender, positioned below each ice cream bar rack. Coin return but-ton is placed below coin entrance, which is on right hand side, front.

Insulation is solid cork board, four inches thick, which completely sur-rounds the refrigerated portion of the machine. Interior temperature aver-ages 10 degrees. Venders, unless or-dered differently, come in white baked enamel upper finish, blue on bottom.

#### Enclosed in Box

Enclosed in Box Bars vended are enclosed in a 43/16 by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  by 1 3/16-inch box, Carter stated. On the West Coast, they are preferred without a stick, while in the Midwest and East sticks are a must item. Wider bar racks are being designed for those machines scheduled for operation in latter two sections so that adequate length sections so that adequate length sticks may be used.

Machines are built for H. & M. un-der contract by Western Flying Servaer contract by western Flying Serv-ice, Lakeside, Calif., a firm also en-gaged in manufacturing precision parts for aircraft. Currently, Carter is promising 90-day delivery on orders. All Frosti-Server venders are be-

All Frosti-Server venders are be-ing sold outright to operators, thru State distributors, Carter revealed. Such distributors are now in the pro-cess of being set up. Carter is also head of Universal Sales Company, headquarters in San Diego, which firm acts as national sales representative for the Frosti-Server vender

Server vender.

## NCA Adds Foreign Firms as Members

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—National Con-CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—National Con-fectioners' Association (NCA) has added several foreign confectionery manufacturers to its membership group, according to NCA officials. Since revision of the by-laws in June this year, when membership was made available to candymakers thru-unt the world a number of foreign out the world, a number of foreign requests for both information and membership have been received.

First of the foreign confection-ry firms to join NCA was ery firms to join NCA was Svenska Chokladfabriks Aktiebolaget, of Ljungsbro, Sweden, which joined in July. Newest application for membership comes from the Wicks Company, Ltd., Johannesburg, South Africa.

Earlier "foreign" members included Mars, of Mexico; Ponce Candy In-dustries Corporation, Puerto Rico, and 10 Canadian confectioners. Such firms were considered "neighbors" rather than "foreign" concerns, how-ever, and were admitted to NCA in 1946.

#### Vendors, Inc., Ups Production by 20%

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22.—Vendors, Inc., has stepped up its production 20 per cent on its recently introduced 50-bar candy vender, J. M. Bryan, firm official, announced. He also dis-closed that the Continental Vending Machine Company, Detroit, has been appointed a distributor for the product.

Called Candyette, new vender's cabinet is made of aluminum and steel. Merchandise delivery is ef-fected by a slide control knob. Included in the machine's equipment are a slug rejector and a coin return plunger, which is applicable when the vender's single merchandise column is empty or when the mechanism re-

is empty or when the mechanism re-fuses to accept a coin. Candyette's dismensions are 25 inches high by 5 inches deep by 7½ inches wide. It is adaptable for wall or counter installation and can be used on a stand. One of the new vender's features is that its merchan-dise magazine is adjustable as to dise magazine is adjustable as to length, width and thickness and therefore can handle sizes from chewing gum packs to large candy bars.

pars. Distributors for the product pre-viously appointed include McClure Distributing Company, St. Louis; McClure Distributing Company, Kan-sas City, Mo., and Munro-Matlack Company, Cleveland.

#### A. E. Staley Profits Up

DECATUR, Ill., Nov. 22 .- A. DECATUR, Ill., Nov. 22.—A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company, here, refiners of corn products, announced a net profit of \$8,288,054, equivilent to \$9.62 a common share, for the nine months ended September 30. These amounts more than doubled the \$4,089,547, of \$4.63 per share, net in-come reported by the firm for the first three-quarters of 1946.

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## October Cig Sales Up

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.-The American public smoked 29,-WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The American public smoked 29,-204,000,000 cigarettes in September for the highest monthly rate since October, 1946, Commerce Department announced this week. This number, however, is only slightly higher than the number smoked in each of the three preceding months. Average number of cigarettes consumed monthly during the past year amounts to approximately 27,000,000,000, according to Com-merce statistics.

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Exports of cigarettes have been averaging about 1,600,000,000 monthly for the past year, but this average was taken by Commerce before the recent British ban on imported tobacco.

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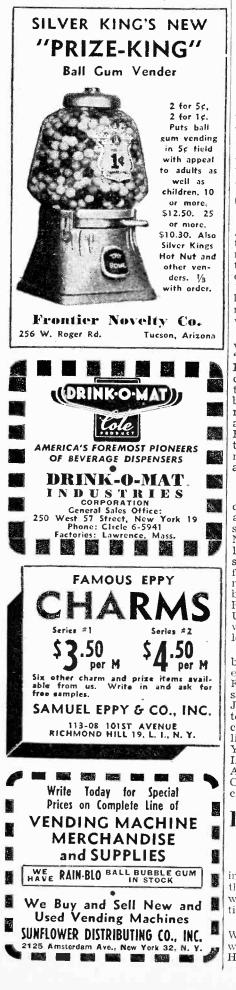
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## Ice Cream Production Off From 1946 Demand by 10%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. – Ice cream production for the first nine months of 1947 totaled 513,370,000 gallons, according to latest figures released by the Department of Com-merce. Amount is 10 per cent off the figures reported in the same period last year, but 47 per cent above the 1941-'45 averages for the period.

For September, ice cream output was 61,350,000 gallons, within 1 per cent of the total for the same month a year ago and 37 per cent above the



September averages in the five-year base period.

Breakdown by State areas for the September ice cream output report showed the following: North Atlantic, 19.190.000 gallons; East North Cen-tral. 13.960.000; West North Central, 6.710,000: South Atlantic, 6,695,000 Collong: South Central, 7.185,000; Pa-6.710,000: South Atlantic, 6,695,000 gallons: South Central, 7,185,000; Pa-cific Coast, 5,950,000, and Mountain States, 1,660,000 gallons. While all areas showed substantial increases over the September 1941-'45 aver-ages, only the North Atlantic, East North Central and West North Cen-tral States made gains over their Sep-tember 1946 records tember, 1946, records.

Leading producers of ice cream during September by individual States were Pennsylvania, 7,350,000 gallons; New York, 6.600,000 gallons; Hlinois, 3.800,000 gallons, and Ohio, 3,590,000 gallons. Two lowest pro-ducing States were Colorado, 500,000, and Louisiauz 570,000 gallons; and Louisiana, 570,000 gallons.

**ExpectRecordCrowd** For '47 NAMA Meet, **G. Seedman Reports** CHICAGO, Nov. 22. — National Automatic Merchandising Associa-tion (NAMA) headquarters here is receiving hundreds of advance regis-trations for the association's 1947 convention and exhibit December 14-7 convention and exhibit December 14-17, an indication that the meet will be a record-smashing event, chair-man George M. Seedman stated this

week. According to Seedman, hotel reservations have exceeded expectations. "All single rooms and suites at the Palmer House, for use during the convention week, were sold by Sep-tember," he said. NAMA staff mem-bers are now working on a "share the room" plan so that all guests may be Accommodated at either the Palmer House or a nearby hotel. Operators, too, are co-operating in this arrange-ment and are sharing rooms, he added.

#### Seedman Biography

Seedman, who served as vice-chairman of the convention last year and also as its publicity chairman, is and also as its publicity chairman, is secretary of the Rowe Corporation, New York. Formerly a practicing lawyer in Birmingham, he repre-sented Rowe legally in the South be-fore joining the firm in 1940. Seed-man keeps in the journalistic swing by editing the Rowe house organ, Rowegram. He was columnist on the University of Alabama's daily paper University of Alabama's daily paper when he attended the Southern college as a law student.

Other convention committee members who have done a fine job in the efforts of NAMA's big convention are F. N. Pierson, Vendo Company, Kan-sas City, vice-chairman; J. Sidney F. N. Pierson, Vendo Company, Kan-sas City, vice-chairman; J. Sidney Jones, Southern Vendors, San An-tonio, exhibit chairman; Neill Mit-chell, Lehigh Founderies, Inc., pub-licity chairman; Ben Seltzer, New York Subways Advertising Company, Inc., entertainment chairman, and T. A. Vaughn, New Orleans Cigarette Corporation, New Orleans, reception chairman.

#### Lester Paul Leaves Uneeda Vendors Co.

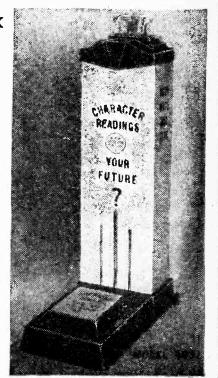
NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Lester Paul, in the cigarette vending business for the last 16 years, announced this week the termination of his connection with Uneeda Vendors, Inc.

Paul will devote full time to the West Side Distributing Company, where he shares executive duties with Harry Berger.

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## L. A. Sanitation Conference To Ponder Regulations for **Cup-Type Soft Drink Venders**

#### **Decisions May Set Standards for Nation**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22 .- A de-1 cision on the operation of cup-type cision on the operation of cup-type soft drink and coffee vending ma-chines in the city is expected soon, with standards to be set upon which a city ordinance will be based for such equipment. Meetings are being held on the findings of the health department at the first examina-tion of these machines. Recom-mendations of the department will mendations of the department will be sent to the National Sanitation Foundation and the United States Public Health Service as the basis of country-wide standards.

of country-wide standards. Move to reach some basis of op-eration by the health group was started here by Charles L. Senn, di-rector of health department's sanita-tion service. The idea for the con-ference was advanced because Senn felt that it was "unsound to issue citations to operators of equipment with sanitation problems when the operators themselves are sometimes helpless until manufacturing designs are improved."

Following the examination at which manufacturers co-operated, the following basic regulations were set

#### Limitations

Machines permitted under these regulations shall be limited to those dispensing products that do not con-tain milk or milk products or any ingredients that spoil, ferment, or are known to act as incubation media for pathogenic organisms under the con-ditions of normal or anticipated use, maintenance or operation except as permitted under Section IV.

permitted under Section IV. Near the end of the regulations, coffee machines are included thus: "Coffee dispensing or vending ma-chines shall be permitted under these regulations provided all tanks, con-tainers, pipes, conduits and valves with which coffee or milk or cream come in contact are of sanitary concome in contact are of sanitary con-struction and are readily removable, readily disassembled and are regu-larly cleaned. Only powdered or sterilized canned milk or cream may be used. When such liquid milk or cream are used the milk or cream centainers conduits pipes and values cream are used the milk of cream containers, conduits, pipes and valves shall be removed daily and returned to the service headquarters for clean-ing and sanitizing. Liquid milk or cream shall not be kept in machines for more than 24 hours and all parts that held or convert the milk or for more than 24 hours and all parts that hold or convey the milk or cream shall be kept below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Milk or cream for use in the machines shall be added di-rectly from the original container.

"The label on the milk or cream dispensing valve shall be in accord-ance with the California State milk and dairy products regulations."

**Additional Regulations** 

The following additional regulations were considered:

No machine shall be operated if laboratory tests show the presence of significant contamination. The health significant contamination. The health officer is authorized to order a ma-chine out of service until conditions are corrected. If surroundings are neglected or customers create a nuisance by not properly disposing of cups or drinks, the board is em-powered to revoke the permit. Each person, firm, corporation or partnership with two or more loca-tions must have a permit as a "food products establishment." Storage places must comply with ordinance requirements.

Each machine location must be approved by the health officer before

a machine is placed in operation. Adequate maintenance must be as-sured; machine must be protected from dust, rain, overhead leakage, rodents, flies and other insects. Floors at the machine must be im-

pervious and capable of withstand-ing repeated scrubbing. There must pervious and capable of withstand-ing repeated scrubbing. There must be adequate sanitary plumbing for emptying waste containers, cleaning drip pans or other parts of the ma-chine and for the serviceman to properly wash his hands prior to handling any parts.

Facilities, such as hot water, de-pend upon service necessary to operate machine.

designed and finished as to enable maintaining it in a clean and sanitary condition.

Bottom of the machine shall be supported on legs or supports pro-viding a free and unobstructed space at least six inches high to permit thoro sweeping and scrubbing under all parts of the machine, or the base of the machine shall be sealed to the floor in a leak-proof manner, and the floor under the machine shall be accessible for inspection and clean-

accessible for hispection and crean-ing. Cup and drink dispensing opening shall be thoroly and tightly closed by a self-closing device. The health of-ficer shall allow a reasonable time for the installation of such closing de-vices on existing machines. All containers, pines, values and

vices on existing machines. All containers, pipes, valves and conduits for ready prepared drinks, sirups, flavors or ingredients shall be easily and readily removable for cleaning and inspection, and shall be smooth, non-corrosive and non-toxic, readily accessible for inspection and cleaning. Machines not designed or arranged for easy removal of con-tainers, tanks, valves and conduits shall be permitted provided they are arranged to circulate thruout. Records of cleaning dates and em-ployee's name shall be kept on forms approved by the health officer. Such records shall be posted in the ma-chine and thoro cleaning of all parts that come in contact with ingredients

that come in contact with ingredients (See L. A. Conference on page 170)

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CHICAGO, Nov. 22. - Nutrine Candy Company reported net earn-ings for the nine months ended Sep-tember 30, 1947, were \$1,040,171. During the 1936 to 1941 period, firm's net earnings increased from \$50,540 to \$93.314 to \$93.314.







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Venders Highlight ABCB Show; New Mdse. Exhibited

(Continued from page 146) ing machines built by Stewart Products as well as a model of a machine now in production, but not yet on the market, which the Hupmobile Com-pany, of Detroit and Cleveland, is manufacturing, the firm showed at the ABCB gathering a new 6-cent bottle vender which is being manu-factured by the Jackson Industries, Inc., of Providence, R. I. You operate the vender by placing a penny and then a nickel in a drop coin chute. It is designed for possible use to combat increased costs.

#### Another Machine Shown

While the Stewart Products and the Hupmobile machine were not on display at the main event, another Pepsi-Cola coin-operated dispenser manu-factured by the Lyons Manufacturing Company (Bally), of Chicago, was shown. In charge of the Pepsi-Cola exhibit were Talbot O. Freeman, vice-president, and A. D. Pinkham Jr., spe-cial assistant. Bryan Houston, ex-ecutive vice-president, was on hand to manual dura but notword to New for several days, but returned to New York Wednesday (20).

Despite the fact that business meetings and forum discussions covering scientific developments, fluctuating prices on liquid sirups and sugars, post-war developments in the indus-try, public relations and sales problems drew heavy attendance. Crowds jammed into the \$15,000,000 Convention Hall thruout the day and eve-ning hours to see the displays. Spe-cial attention was given to the following booths where the newest de-velopments in coin-operated vending equipment were studied by bottlers from all over the country:

The American Vendor of Los An geles, manufactured by the General American Precooling division of the General American Transportation Corporation, Chicago, with a capacity of five cases of soft drinks, 62 bottles in vending section and 62 in the precooling compartment. The vendor is a rotary type and has a semi-autodent, and G. E. Brown, vice-presi-dent, represented the company at the exhibit.

#### Wonder Orange

The Wonder Orange Company, Chi-cago, featured an American Vendor to dispense its orange and rummy drinks. M. V. Wells, vice-president and sales manager, presided. The American Vendor was also displayed by the Nesbitt Fruit Products of Los Angeles for its Nesbitt California orange soda. J. T. Hunsaker, vice-president, was in charge. president, was in charge.

president, was in charge. American's Rotary Vendor was also displayed by soft drink firms. The equipment was featured by the Cal Beverage Company, Chicago, for its Cal Cola, with Wilbur F. Arnold, president, in attendance; the H. R. Nicholson Company, Baltimore, dis-pensing Nichol Kola, under the su-pervision of H. R. Nicholson, presi-dent, and his son, H. R. Jr.; the Orange Crush Company, Chicago, with A. E. Repenning, vice-president, and D. H. Hampton, Eastern sales manager, present, and Sun Spot Com-pany of America, Baltimore, for its Sun Spot drink, with the booth su-pervised by Albert Fine, sales man-ager. ager.

#### **O-SO** Grape

U-SU Grape The O-SO Grape Company, Chi-cago, with R. A. Conover, president, and Ben Koch, vice-president, rep-resenting the firm, exhibited the American Vendor, as did Bireley's, of Hollywood, which featured its orange drink. E. M. Johnston, general sales manager, and P. A. Templeton, as-sistant sales manager, were in charge. The General Vending Machine Cor-The General Vending Machine Cor-

poration, Chicago, displayed the larg-est variety of bottle venders. These ranged from two-case midget machines to a jumbo 14-case model. Also were a five-case (leader) shown model, an eight-case machine (mas-ter), and a nine-case vender (Chieftain). All machines vend a seven-ounce bottle. T. A. Terhune, gen-eral sales manager, and Terry Terhune presided.

The Vendall Hydro Silica Corpora-tion, Gasport, N. Y., showed a model of its new coin-operated cooler, with Ray Quinlan in charge. The Choco-late Products Company, Chicago, dis-played its Kayo Chocolate drink in an Ideal dispenser, with A. D. Pash-kow in attendance. Kalva Venders, Chicago, with H. E. Lerrimore, presi-dent, on hand, had its Kalva Quad vender on display, featuring four different drinks.

#### Drink-O-Mat

Drink-O-Mat, with Sam Kressberg, Dick Cole and Lee Yeaton on hand, displayed its Coca-Cola vending machines thruout the show.

Another display, this one sponsored by the Atlas Metal Works, Dallas, highlighted the firm's eight-case up-right vender which was manufactured for Dr. Pepper. Boude Storey, vice-president, was in charge. The Select vending machine, also featuring Dr. Pepper, was shown by Fred Johnson, the builder of the machine.

The Super Vend Corporation, Dallas, with Leo Knight, sales manager, and Jack Booth, chief engineer, on hand, exhibited its three-flavor ma-chine. Spacarb, also a three-flavor dispenser, was represented by I. Hus-ton, president, and Jack Pero, sales manager.

National Slug Rejectors, St. Louis, had its display of slug rejector coin mechanism and totalizers, with J. C. Cleary, sales manager; Fred Wallin, engineer, and W. D. Boone, Eastern service representative, on hand to answer questions.

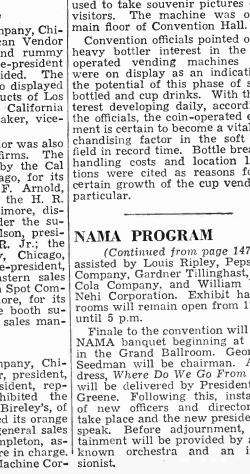
#### Photomatic on Loan

F. McKim Smith; operator of the Smith's Gameland Arcade, lent a Photomatic to the convention. It was used to take souvenir pictures of the visitors. The machine was on the

Convention officials pointed out the heavy bottler interest in the coinoperated vending machines which were on display as an indication of the potential of this phase of selling bottled and cup drinks. With this in-terest developing daily, according to the officials, the coin-operated equipment is certain to become a vital mer-chandising factor in the soft drink field in record time. Bottle breakage, handling costs and location limitations were cited as reasons for the certain growth of the cup venders in

(Continued from page 147) assisted by Louis Ripley, Pepsi-Cola Company, Gardner Tillinghast, Coca-Cola Company, and William Uzzell, Nehi Corporation. Exhibit hall and rooms will remain open from 12 noon until 5 n m until 5 p.m.

until o p.m. Finale to the convention will be the NAMA banquet beginning at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. George M. Seedman will be chairman. An ad-dress, Where Do We Go From Here?, will be delivered by President R. Z. Greene. Following this, installation of new officers and directors will take place and the new president will speak. Before adjournment, enterspeak. Before adjournment, enter-tainment will be provided by a well-known orchestra and an impres-



November 29, 1947



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#### **Popcorn Leaders** Laundry Problems At Chi Meeting

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demand has pushed the price up to where it is today," Rinne told the group.

Biggest factor in the fats and oils Biggest factor in the facs and ons shortage is an increase in the per capita demand by eight pounds per year over the pre-war demand along with disruptions in producing areas outside of the United States, Rinne said.

"The market in Europe is great and there is a 1,000,000-ton deficiency there," he pointed out.

#### **Optimistic** Note

Rinne added a more optimistic note, however, in pointing out that there will be sufficient coconut oil for the American popcorn industry "at a price," but that manufacturers may have to go out and look for it. He pointed out that the rest of the world probably won't want all of their al-lotments of coconut oil, so there should be considerable available to the American trade.

Both Rinne and Wanberg said that they had no idea of where the price rises of popcorn and seasoning were going to end. A suggestion was adform contracts between processors and farmers and end-users, with an eye to stabilizing the industry.

Representatives of popcorn equipment manufacturing concerns told the group that their end of the industry intended to attempt to hold the price on equipment down to help offset price rises in materials.

#### Show Two Venders

Displays of equipment and supplies held the major portion of conven-tioneers' attention. Only two coin-operated popcorn vending machines were displayed. These were the T&C Company's "POP" Corn Sez machine and the Viking Tool & Machine Cor-poration's Minit-Pop vender.

One of the featured attractions of the displays was a 1902 popcorn street wagon displayed by C. J. Cre-tors & Company, Chicago popcorn machine manufacturer. Several new developments were on exhibition, including new types of popcorn.

Awards were made to several NAPM members. An annual award for the best job of package designing went to Fred J. Meyer, of Madison, Wis, who is the retiring president of the pacaging for the package designing president of the association.

Special recognition awards were made to President Meyer; O. Koene-man, St. Louis, and W. T. Hawkins, Chicago, past presidents of the asso-

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## NCA Program Stirs Foreign Interest

CHICAGO, Nov. 22. - National Confectioners Association's (NCA) "balanced selling" program, designed to upgrade selling techniques of con-fectionery wholesale salesmen, has drawn requests for detailed informa-

tion from foreign concerns. Latest is from A. W. Allen, White & Campbell Pty. Ltd., Sydney, which firm has its salesmen meet every two weeks to discuss confectionery sell-ing problems. Idea is to conduct ing problems. Idea is to conduct NCA's coaching program at these meetings.

## **New Sanitary** Vender Rolls

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22. - Vendors.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22. — Vendors, Inc., here announced Wednesday (19) that it will begin production shortly on its new sanitary napkin vender. According to J. M. Bryan, firm of-ficial, new machine will have a ca-pacity of\_100 internal type tampons. It is equipped with a slug rejector and a coin return chute applicable when

It is equipped with a slug rejector and a coin return chute, applicable when vender is empty. Manufacturing firm disclosed that its new product will be marketed thru distributors now being ap-pointed. Thus far, Bryan said, the following firms have assigned disfollowing firms have assigned dis-tributor territories: Continental Vending Machine Company, Detroit; Mun-ro-Matlack, Cleveland, and the Mc-Clure Distributing Company, of both St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.



CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Commodity Vendors, Inc., has appointed two dis-tributors to handle its aspirin vender, Howard Pretzel and Ken Wilson, firm heads, announced Thursday (20). Those named were Ben H. Golob Distributing Company, New York, headed by Ben Golob, for the New England States; Mulligan Distrib-utors, Inc., Pittsburgh, headed by Jack Mulligan, for Western Pennsyl-vania. vania.

Vender sells three-to-a-pack as-pirin for a nickel, is made by the Lewel Aspirin Machine Company, Fort Worth, for Commodity Vendors.

#### New Chattanooga Laundry

CHATTANOOGA, Nov. 22 .- Newest addition to automatic laundries here is the Brainerd Launderette, which began operations last week. Store furnishes automatic dryers.

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**Open Alabama Taverns to Jukes** Pa. Supreme

# **Ban on Music**

#### Permits to be issued to locations — measure goes into effect December 15

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 22.—Juke box operators and tavern operators in Alabama were officially notified Friday (21) that the State Beverage Control Board had issued an order lifting the ban on music in places where alcoholic beverages are sold.

where alcoholic beverages are sold. This means that juke boxes, wired music and dancing will be allowed in public establishments selling liq-uor, for the first time since the ad-ministration of ex-Governor Chaun-cey Sparks slapped the ban on in February, 1943. Official figures show that there are 2,868 retail establishments with alco-holic beverage licenses in Alabama this year.

this year.

#### Effective December 15

Considerable activity among Ala-bama juke box firms was reported here, altho the lifting of the ban will not become effective until Decem-

here, altho the lifting of the ban will not become effective until Decem-ber 15. The regulations change followed declarations by Jim Folsom, Ala-bama's new governor, that he in-tended to see that "the little man in Alabama gets his juke box and beer." (The Billboard, November 22.) The new order requires that per-mits be issued by local authorities due to the fact that a few small towns specifically prohibit dancing and music in taverns. In making the announcement, con-trol board officials warned license holders not to "jump the gun" in placing juke boxes in their places of business before they get a permit or before the December 15 ban-lifting date. The board warned that vio-lations of regulations would subject establishments to loss of licenses. Under the new order, dancing in taverns will be allowed as well as general use of live, mechanical or wired music.

wired music.

#### **Based on Legislation**

A satement given out by Chairman Lamar Kelly, of the Control Board, explained that the board's decision to lift the juke box and dancing ban was based on the passage of a (See Alabama Taverns on page 163)

## **VideographAppoints**

Chicago Distributor NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—H. F. Dennison, president of the Video-graph Corporation, manufacturer of a coin-operated juke box-television cabinet featuring Emerson tele, this week announced the appointment of the Automatic Phonograph Company of Chicago, as distributor in that area. Dennison said the first showing of the equipment in the Midwest would be held November 29-30 at the dis-tributor's headquarters. First machines now are going on

tributor's headquarters. First machines now are going on test location in the East. Initial installation was made late last week at the East Casino Bar here and this week combinations will be sent to four New Jersey centers, Newark, Union City, New Brunswick and Elizabeth. Additional distributor appointments will be made soon. Dennison is now

will be made soon. Dennison is now busy completing his production setup here.

## Lift 5 - Year See Music Dept. for This Info

Among the stories of interest to the coin machine industry to be . found in the Music Department of this issue of The Billboard are: ADVANCE PLUG SONGS. A listing of the 1948 plug songs

of the music publishers. FORMER SIGNATURE DISTRIB DUMPS PRESSINGS. GE reported releasing stock of disks in its New York headquarters at cost. Diskery reported in difficulty on payment of publisher roy-

alties. **CAPITOL IN DISCUSSION WITH ABC.** Recording firm and American Broadcasting Corporation in preliminary discussions on sale of diskery to broadcast chain. **DE LUXE RAZED BY FIRE.** Recording firm loses masters in block

MAJESTIC OFFICIAL IN COURT ACTION. Eugene Tracy testifies in stockholders' suit. And other informative news stories as well as the Honor Roll of Hits and pop charts.

## New Packard Finance Plan For "Long - Range" Program INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 22.—Homer | said, agrees that music operators are

of Packard Manufacturing Corporation here, announced this week that his firm will offer music operators the financial services of Associates Investment Company (AIC), of South Bend, Ind. Securing AIC's services, Capehart said, is part of Packard's "long-range program for music oper-ators."

ators." In making the announcement Cape-hart said he felt the new time-financing plan is a "forward step in solving operators' current problems and increasing the opportunity of every operator to establish his busi-ness and his future securely." No details of the new financing arrange-ment were released, but Capehart said that the plan is designed to per-mit music operators to operate ef-ficiently out of earnings instead of out of capital. Everyone, Capehart

E. Capehart, chairman of the board faced with a major problem. "Their receipts have remained high, but their costs of doing business have gone up." receipts have remained high, but their costs of doing business have gone up." To meet this problem, the Packard head said, new phonograph equip-ment to increase play and lower maintenance costs will go a long way. But, he added, "the second phase of the operators' problem is to make if possible for them to purchase the new high-earning equipment, which they must have to operate efficiently and profitably, at prices and terms which they can afford to pay out of earn-ings instead of from capital." The new financing plan for his operators, Capehart said, is "an important part of Packard's long-range profit plan for operators; just one more reason why I believe we are entering a new era of automatic music operating." AIC was founded in 1917 by Ernest

AIC was founded in 1917 by Ernest M. Morris, who is now chairman of



PITTSBURGH, Nov. 22.—Pennsyl-vania's State Supreme Court gave juke box operators a pat on the back at the same time that it ruled that a municipality has the right to tax phonographs to make sure that they don't become "a public nuisance."

In an opinion written by Justice Horace Stern on a case involving a juke box tax in New Kensington, the court declared that it was "doubtless true" that "the operation of these juke boxes has been heretofore gen-ovely, conducted in a beamber and erally conducted in a harmless and inoffensive manner."

Upholds Fce However, the ruling upheld, specifi-cally, a \$25 license fee levied on juke boxes by the city of New Kensington, at the same time knocking out an in-junction which had prevented the city from enforcing its ordinance.

Injunction had been obtained in Westmoreland County court by Wil-liam Adams, juke box operator in New Kensington. Adams claimed that the heavy license fee would do irreparable harm to his business. Justice Stern's opinion said, "It is a matter of common knowledge that

a matter of common knowledge that (See Pa. Supreme Court on page 160)

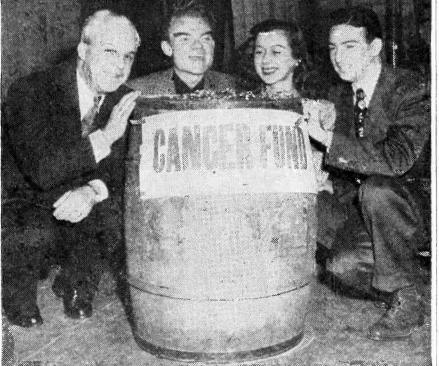
## **Pantages'** Wired **Music** Featured At CMI Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22 .-- Rodney Pantages, scion of the famed theatri-cal family, will introduce a new excal family, will introduce a new ex-tension cabinet, an automatic solicitor and a lock-out box at the Coin Ma-chine Industries show in Chicago in January in connection with his Pan-

chine Industries show in Chicago in January in connection with his Pan-tages Maestro Music display. The innovations in wired music presented by Pantages are based upon his experience in the business both as an operator and manufacturer. Altho in his late '30s, Pantages has crammed a wealth of experience into a comparatively few years. Today he is president of two music corpora-tions — Pantages Maestro Company, the manufacturing corporation, and Maestro Music, Inc., the operating branch of the business. Associated with him in the manufacturing are H. A. (Hum) Brockamp, vice-presi-dent; Harry Snodgrass, secretary and general manager; Joseph Pizer and Hugh Hood, both vice-presidents. Snodgrass and Pizer are associated with him in the operating business also. also.

#### Entered Trade in '39

Pantages entered the music busi-Pantages entered the music busi-ness in 1939 when he decided to manufacture Maestro "choice by voice" equipment. The original idea was to concentrate on making these units, but the war with its conse-quent shortage of materials turned him into an operator of his own equipment. Since 1941, the operating end has worked hand-in-hand with the manufacturing business. Thus, they this "milet" business Pantages the manufacturing business. Thus, thru this "pilot" business Pantages (See Pantages to Introduce, page 160)



NICKEL'S BY THE BARREL for the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund is the aim of the Illinois Phonograph Owners', Inc. (IPO). Association has taken over Chicago's Studebaker Theater for Tuesday night (25), including its current feature, Spike Jones' "Musical Depreciation Revue," sold tickets for double price with all proceeds going to the Runyon cancer fund. Left to right: Ray Cunliffe, IPO president; Jones; Helen Grayco, revue's featured vocalist, and Mike Spagnola, IPO secretary.

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#### **UST Receivers in Public** Locations in 15 States

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Indicative of the spreading influence of public location television is the report this week from the United States Tele-vision Manufacturing Corporation vision Manufacturing Corporation (UST) that its sets are now on location in 15 states as well as Washing-ton, and on a test location in Mexico City. Several sales have been re-corded also in Canada, where loca<sub>7</sub> tions are picking up telecasts out of Detroit.

In addition to the above-men-tioned, UST receivers are now located in Wisconsin, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Connecticut, Ohio, Massachusetts, Illinois, Michi-gan, Missouri and California.

## **Oregon Rifle Range Customers** Patronize Century - Old Juke

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22.—M. D. sented it to his mother before their Durham, owner of the Rifle Range Arcade here, believes he has the old-est coin-operated juke box in oper-ation in United States. His hand-wound, German-made Symphonion is reputed to he more than 100 years. Altho none of its records are from reputed to be more than 100 years old.

old. A music-box type instrument, it was acquired by his son, Neal Dur-ham, arcade manager, about two years ago from a Swedish tavern op-erator for \$150. The tavern man then was about 85 years old and told Neal Durham that his father had pre-



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Altho none of its records are from anybody's hit parade, the machine still draws good play, says Durham, because of its unique character. The coin mechanism has been added since coin mechanism has been added since manufacture but it was on when the arcade acquired it. It operates on gravity system, the falling coin set-ting off a trigger that releases the spindle turning a steel record about two feet in diameter that looks like a buzz saw. The platter, fixed in vertical position, is provided with spikes that pluck reeds like on the old music boxes. The machine has two sets of reeds, 52 in each. One revolution of the disk comprises one number and lasts about as long as a 10-inch record. Durham has 44 rec-ords, ranging from beautiful Christ-mas carols to the more modern, such as In the Good Old Summertime. Juke is a little more than two feet

Juke is a little more than two feet Juke is a little more than two feet square in a wooden cabinet with a glass door. About three feet high, it stands on a pedestal with shelves for the records. The records are labeled in German, French and English, and a card inside the machine carries instructions in the three languages

#### Repairs a Problem

Repairs present a problem as the threading on the inside bolts is of non-standard gauge. When the main spring was broken recently by a cusspring was broken recently by a cus-tomer winding too vigorously on the crank, Durham thought he was going to have to go modern and install an electric motor. A local music firm, however, was able to procure a new spring, 27 feet long, from an Eastern concern. Its installation, tho, was a three-man job three-man job.

Durham has had numerous oppor-tunities to sell the machine, which he has declined, as well as rejecting pleas from museums to put the piece on display,

#### **Rigidity Feature Of Special Metal Used in New Jukes**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.-A new metal, marketed since the end of the war, marketed since the end of the war, is now being used to add glitter to juke boxes. At least one juke man-ufacturer is using the metal, which is called rigidized metal, and indica-tions are that its use will increase when new models are introduced.

Term rigidized metal is used be-Term rigidized metal is used be-cause of a process which imparts a deep textured pattern that produces extra rigidity in flat rolled metal. As this process creates geometrically patterned textures in the surface of the metal, and is easily applicable to highly finished metals as brass, alu-minum and stainless steel, it can be used on a wide variety of parts and used on a wide variety of parts and will provide a high glitter quality.

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DETROIT 21, MICH.

One of the uses to which the new metal has been put in juke manufacmetal has been put in juke manufac-ture, is for speaker covering. Firm using the metal on present models claims its use as speaker "cloth" re-duces the open area from 60 to 70 per cent to less than 25 per cent. For-merly, the larger open area was necessary for required sound transmission.

mission. Same firm also stated that reflec-tivity tests showed the textured sur-face of the new metal reflects up to 50 per cent more light than other ma-terials. Metal's tendency to tarnish or become dusty is reduced to a mini-mum is another claim. mum, is another claim.

## **Distribs** View Tradio's Coin **Tele Equipment**

November 29, 1947

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Tradio dis-tributors covering the East, South and Southwest met in New York last week to witness the firm's new public loca-tion tele receiver, Tradio-vision, a coin-operated wall box selector of-fering a choice of tele sound, the AM radio channel. FM stations or wired music and the batel model console music, and the hotel model console combination television, radio and automatic phonograph set.

automatic phonograph set. On hand for the get-together were Morris Hankin, of H&L Distributors, Atlanta; Frank Lipman, Tri-State Tradio, Portsmouth, Va.; Jack Rubin and Ed Borok, Tradio, New York: Ben Golob and Fred Meyers, B. Golob Distributing Company, New York; Carl Caddell, H&L Distributors, Bir-mingham; James Browning, B&R Sales, Dallas, and J. B. Morgan, Pro-duction Engineering Company, Ma-rietta, Ga. rietta, Ga.

George Trad, vice-president of Tradio, and Harry Rockafeller, sales manager, entertained the visitors at the Mermaid Room of the Park Cen-tral Hotel, and later took the group to the 45th Street Theater to see a performance of *Finian's Rainbow*.

## Miss. Ops in **Jackson Meet**

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 22 .- With more than 25 members in attendance, the Mississippi Phonograph Opera-tors' Association, Inc. (MPOA), held its regular monthly meeting at Hotel Heidelberg here last week, W. F. Pratt, MPOA attorney, announced.

Major developments of the session were the appointment of a committee to select nominees for the election of officers for the new year and a lively discussion of the use tax. Featured guest for the meeting was A. J. Christadaro, of Radio Specialty Corporation, New Orleans.

Two highlights of the program were an announcement that Roscoe Redd, owner of the Redd Music Company, Laurel, Miss., had offered to donate an automatic phonograph plus a supply of records to the proposed youth center in that city; a reading of a let-ter of appreciation from the Jackson Y. M. C. A. to local operators for their recent sponsoring of memberships for 20 boys.

Officers of the Mississippi association are Dick Farr, Jackson, presi-dent; T. C. Null, Meridian, vice-presi-dent, and S. P. McCormick, Jackson, treasurer. Board of directors is comtreasurer. Board of directors is com-prised of Charlie Hall, Meridian; John Haley, Canton; C. D. Shive, Yazoo City; Guy Slay, Hattiesburg, J. C. Herman, Laurel; H. E. Hill, Green-wood; A. B. Fort, Columbus, and Emile Kalil, McComb.

Next MPOA regular monthly meet-ing will be held in Jackson, Decem-ber 18.

## **Tulsa Licenses** Jukes for 1948

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 22.—Sale of 1948 licenses for operation of juke boxes is now in progress, John M. Hall, finance commissioner, anboxes is now in progress, John M. Hall, finance commissioner, an-nounced this week. Deadline for af-fixing the new stamps is January 1, after which the police department here is authorized to confiscate un-licensed automatic phonographs.

Juke box license fee is \$20 per machine.

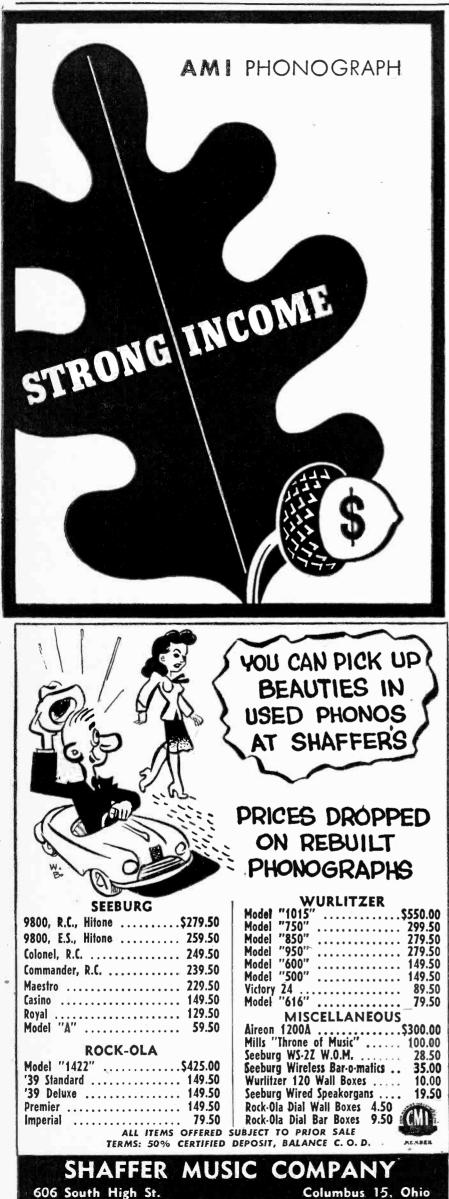
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## **Pantages To Introduce Wired Music Features at CMI Show**

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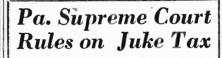
(Continued from page 156) has been able to actually set his equipment in action to the best ad-vantage. Administrators, regardless of executive title, are all required to t a k e assignments in installation. Snodgrass only recently returned from installing Maestro in Honolulu and Pantages himself is back from Denver where he supervised placing Denver where he supervised placing Century Music Company's equipment.

Primarily interested in the manu-facture of machines, Maestro will continue to operate. No elaborate expansion is planned and it will remain a local operation, Pantages said. Production of Maestro Music or

Pantages Maestro is based upon a three-month estimate and is set on that basis. No advance stock of ma-chines is being built up. At this time chines is being built up. At this time the main thing curtailing production is the inability of music operators thruout the nation to obtain tele-phone wires from their machines to central offices. Naturally, when lines are available, the machines will be made made.

#### Large L. A. Set-Up

Outstanding Maestro installation is in Los Angeles at the Melody Lane, a unit of a chain of combination driveins and restaurants operated by the Pig 'n' Whistle Corporation. When the cocktail lounge was being constructed, Pantages received a call from the architect to look over plans and to make recommendations for space for his machine. The plan was to leave a niche for it. Since the room was to cost upward of \$100,000, Pantages was reluctant to put a piece of standard equipment in it. He worked with the architect and a mir-ror from the ceiling to the floor was worked into the plan. This was the



(Continued from page 156) halls, some of which are open into the wee hours of the morning or even all night.

"It would appear to be entirely in order for the municipality to make sure, by periodic inspections, that they do not become a public nuisance they do not become a public nuisance by reason of their being located in a part of the establishment so near a public thoroughfare as to disturb pe-destrians, or by their being operated noisily or at improper hours, or be-cause of their playing vulgar or ob-scene records."

To Regulate Jukes New Kensington defended its ordi-nance under its general police powers, saying that the law was passed to regulate juke boxes rather than raise money.

"Theatrical, operatic and musical performances, and motion picture shows have always been recognized shows have always been recognized as proper subjects of police inspec-tion and control," the court said. "And in comparison with them the necessity for the supervision and regulation of music and songs fur-nished by juke boxes is, at best, merely a question of degree." The court emphasized that its rul-ing applies only to juke boxes, altho the New Kensington ordinance re-quires a license fee of \$25 for every "vending machine of whatsoever kind." Juke boxes, which were class-ified "vending machines" by the New

kind." Juke boxes, which were class-ified "vending machines" by the New Kensington Council, were the only type of equipment involved in the case. The court did not say whether it was legal for a municipality to tax other types of coin machines.

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first mirror job and was so successful that others followed. Operators from over the nation have come to Los Angeles to see it. Today Maestro has 170 locations in the area but all are not of this elaborate Melody Lane type.

A few years ago when Maestro had been serving Robert's Drive-In and a new spot was planned, Robert's requested Pantages to install its music in the proposed restaurant. Pantages found that the telephone connection had to run thru a Santa Monica tele-phone exchange, a toll charge, and that the cost was \$97 per month. Knowing that because of the high line charge it would not be a profitable operation to him, Pantages made the proposition that the spot owner take care of this charge. This was ac-ceptable and it turned out to be a profitable operation for both.

#### **Abandon Conversion Cabinet**

Early in 1947 the firm decided to manufacture a conversion cabinet, the Mirror Music, which used a counter box in the center glass, the removal of which made way for the "choice by voice" type of music. This plan was later abandoned with the com-pany devoting full time to standard Maestro machines.

Working toward making machines to fit locations the company is bringto fit locations the company is bring-ing out the extension cabinet, which Pantages describes as a "cross be-tween a counter box and the main phonograph." This unit has its speaker and amplifier in the main box. Being only 14 by 20 by 8 inches, it fits on the back bar and coins are placed in the chute by the bartender. There is a sensitive microphone at-tachment that will pick up even the tachment that will pick up even the faintest whisper. So sensitive are tachment that will pick up even the faintest whisper. So sensitive are these mikes that the girl in the cen-tral station is alerted to listen for names and come on with "Mr. So-and-So, this is being played for you." The automatic solicitor is designed to increase play and is set to operate automatically at a pre-determined time. Soliciting is done now by Maestro girls at different bars on a 20-minute interval basis.

#### Lock-Out Box

The lock-out box makes it possible for operators to use counter boxes along with the main unit. When along credits have been stored up, and a patron plays the main box a busy signal is flashed. The same goes for

signal is flashed. The same goes for the boxes in event the credits are on the main unit. The boxes are me-chanical and are limited to the selec-tions listed there. The main box offers the feature of the "choice by voice" music—an unlimited library. Pantages points out that some of the original Maestro equipment is still serving on location. The Melody Lane job, which was high on music standards, is still profitable despite its high cost of installation and has been pulling since early 1942.

#### Thief Outwitted By Coinman's Son

FORT WORTH, Nov. 22.—Ben Mc-Donald, head of Star Coin Machine Company here, owes his possession of \$3,000 to the calm thinking on the part of his son, 18-year-old Pete Mc-Donald, when latter was held up in firm's office recently.

Pete refused to open a safe during the holdup, saying he did now know the combination, altho he had opened it daily when his father was in the

army during the war. Because of Pete's convincing man-ner, all the thief made off with was a sack containing \$300 in coins.

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It would appear that this plan is the answer to the problem of making available to the music operators the finest commercial equipment at a price and terms well within the ability of the pure chasers to pay."

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#### Atcher To Marry

Bob Atcher will marry Marguerite Churchill at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Chicago, November 29, after which the new Bonnie Blue Eyes will join Bob's Mutual air show. . . Irving Siegel, the veteran tunespinner, accordionist and singer, is now touring with the Oklahoma Cowboys of Jack Pierce's National Radio Jamboree.

Tex Ritter will do a guest shot on the Grand Ole Opry December 13. Cur-

#### AMERICAN FOLK TUNES **Cowboy and Hillbilly Tunes and Tunesters**

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rently in North Carolina, he is heading his own show which will work thru the South until Christmas. . . . Merle Travis has just completed a tour thru the Midwest and is readying a Texas junket for December.

Texas Bill reports that he and the



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Cowboy Ramblers have just finished cutting 16 sides for Victor. Bill's brother, Jim, flew in from Dallas to be on the record date, doing both solo work and some duets with Bill. Bill and his wife, Mildred, will return to Dallas next week and resume their daily airshots from WRR.

Eddie McMullen has just squeezed in a record session of his own for Rainbow label and did the steel guitar work on an Eddy Arnold date for Vic-tor in addition to his regular shows over WALL, Middletown, N. Y. . . . Karl and Harty, currently out of radio, have just cut The History Song written by Shelby Jean Davis, Karl's niece.

Cliffie Stone reports that he's having trouble getting all his work into 24 hours. He does an early morn-24 hours. He does an early morn-ing show over KFVD and a noon show over KXLA, both in the Hollywood area, and in addition has taken over the Cowboy Hit Parade, which was formerly emseed by Foreman Phil-lips, who left the show recently after 10 years on the air. In addition, he is playing a dance Saturdays at the Placentia (Calif.) American Legion Hall, featuring Wesley Tuttle, Eddie Kirk, Judy Hayden, the Oklahoma Sweethearts and Larry Cassidy. Clif-fie's latest picture, The Song of the Drifter, with Jimmy Wakely, has just finished shooting and he's also squeezing in record dates for Capitol before the Petrillo work-stoppage bebefore the Petrillo work-stoppage begins

Tommy Trent and His Dixie Fun Barn just celebrated their first anniversary over WAGA, Atlanta, where they have been doing two shows daily since coming to that station from Florida. In addition to one-nighting thru the surrounding territory, the five some plays Saturdays at the Larry Bell Auditorium, Marietta, Ga. Jon Farmer, emsee on the station's Hillbilly Hit Review, has also been appearing with the Fun revue, The Atlanta station is also using the Homeland Harmony Quartet, who include Connor Hall, tenor; C. M. Bradford, tenor; James McCoy, baritone, and A. D. Soward, bass. They recently made records of bass. They recently made records or their air favorites on their own platter label.

#### **Gibbs Moves Over**

Sheldon Gibbs and His Arizona Ranch Boys have moved to KOY, Phoenix, Ariz., after two years over KPHO, in the same city. At present, Gibbs has two different bands work-Gibbs has two different bands work-ing under his name, doing dates at his two ballrooms, the New Frontier Ballroom and the Willow Breeze Ball-room, both in Phoenix. Gibbs is fea-turing the Bar-G-Trio, composed of Paul R. Herndon, Jimmy Carroll and Gibbs, in addition to Slim Forbes and Frankie Bourland, fiddles; Ed Russell, piano and accordion: Art Hawkins piano and accordion; Art Hawkins, stell guitar; Gene Herndon, bass; Whitey Thompson, Paul Herndon and Bibbs, guitars, and Jimmy Carroll, banjo. Jerry Allen has just joined the band on banjo and vibes.

Arizona Joe (Bob Streepy), for over 20 years one of Seattle's best known radio cowboys and tunesmiths, is doing 15-minute shows over KOL in that city. He recently cut a series for Mc-Gregor e.t.'s. . . . Rusty Keefer, with Pat Patreau and the Santa Fe Trail Blazers, have left Philadelphia for a theater tour thru Maryland and Virginia, booked by Jolly Joyce agency. . . Willis Meyers and His Bar X Ranch Boys do Don't Stand In God's Way and The Parlor Is a Pleasant Place To Sit on Sunday Evening for the debut over Cowboy disks. Meyers' combo is heard from Norristown, Pa. ... The 101 Ranch Boys, of WSBA, York, Pa., who had been heard on Cowboy records, have set up their own plattery. First records include Red Hair and Green Eyes, backed by It's a Sin.

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#### **McGuire's Jamboree**

McGuire's Jamboree Mac McGuire is now promoting a Sunday night jamboree at the War Memorial Hall, Trenton, N. J. Mc-Guire, who airs from WIP, Philadel-phia, has built a Western show around his Harmony Rangers, featuring Frannie, Slim and Doug, Wally Gor-don, and George and Lela Wagner, the Arkansas Cousins. One hour of the new show is aired by a new sta-tion at New Brunswick, N. J. . . . Ray Whitley's Western Jamboree, being played Friday nights at the Rustic Cabin, Englewood, N. J., is pulling 2,000 each Friday night, featuring top 2,000 each Friday night, featuring top rustic names. Jesse Rogers is also preparing to run jamborees somewhere else in that area.

A new program of folk music will be premiered over WJR, Detroit, Michi-gan's only 50,000-watt station, soon, Titled Down the Trail, the show will utilize records of top names and will air on Saturdays and Sundays with a sponsor already set. . . . The Inter-Valley Ranch Hands, "composed of Valley Ranch Hands, "composed of Shorty Wilkerson, guitar; Tony Berger, accordion; Hank Gericke, bass; Jimmy Wallace, guitar, and Red Miller, fiddle, have been together only since January, 1947, but they are gaining a big fol-lowing with their airshots over KIT, Yakima, Wash,

Elmer Newman, ranch boss for the Elmer Newman, ranch boss for the WFIL-ABC Hayloft Hoedown radio show Saturday nights in Philadel-phia, moves over with his entire Sleepy Hollow Gang to the Victor record label. The Gang, which has been recording for Majestic and pre-viously for Cowboy, will cut its first sides in December to get ahead of the Petrillo deadline with the rec-ords scheduled for January release. A new recording contract and affilia-A new recording contract and affiliation was completed by the Bland Brothers (Slim and Neil), also fea-tured on the *Hayloft Hoedown* show. The Bland boys will now cut the spinning sides for the MGM label.

Jack Day, cowboy singer in Phila-delphia, has built up a fan club with 500 radio listeners to start. Fan club was an outgrowth of his fan mail on his daily radio show on WFIL, Phila-delphia, from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m.

#### New Releases

Bing Shopa, head of Metropolitan Records, announces four new sides by necoras, announces four new sides by the Sons of the Range to be released before the end of the year. These include Chickie, with vocal by Hank Berg and Curly Pike, with vocals by Cowboy Russ for I Walk Alone, The Texas Cannonball and There's a New Moon Over My Shoulder. Shopa, who also has his own music publishing Moon Over My Shoulder. Shopa, who also has his own music publishing firm in Camden, N. J., is now rehears-ing a Western swing unit which also will feature both the pop and Western songs. The Lonesome Cowboy (Pete Taylor), completing a Southern tour, is set to return to WWBZ, Vineland, N. J., where he will resume his daily broadcasts during the winter season. . . Cliff Japhet and His Western Aces advise that they are now broad-casting daily over WWSR, St. Al-bans, Vermont. . . Dapper Dans and His Singing Cowboys have left the ABC-WFIL Hayloft Hoedown show in Philadelphia and have located in Maryland where they are preparing to join a new Columbia network Western radio show.

Curly Herdman, hoedown fiddler, is now back with Uncle Elmer Newman and the Sleepy Hollow Gang's Hay-loft Hoedown show. Pee Wee Miller, scat singer on the show, has been approached by Super Discs Records for a recording season. . . . Pete Newman, of the Sleepy Hollow Gang, and Dick Thomas, writer of Sioux City Sue, have collaborated to produce a new song in I Turned Your Picture To the Wall.

#### Cowboy on WSM

Cowboy Copas, of King disks, is now airing over WSM, Nashville, with his own band. . . PeeWee King has gone to Louisville for a spell. . . . The folk artist roster of WHNT, Hunting-ton, W. Va., includes: Ray and Jimmy,

of Springfield, O.; Katie Hill, five-string banjoist; the Green Valley Boys; Bob Hall, guitarist-singer, and Al Hendershot and His Dixie Ramblers.

The appearance of the Grand Ole Opry troupe at Constitution Hall, Washington, grossed \$18,000 for the Opry two performances October 31. Tickets went from \$6 to \$1,20, with many government biggies in attendance. . . Cowboy Copas, of King disks, has a new band at WSM, Nashville, which is called the Oklahoma Cowboys, Per-sonnel includes Jimmy Weidner, co-median and guitar; Joe Carroll, fiddle; Bob Foster, steel guitar, and Marshall Barnes, bass.

Chaw Mank, of Blue Ribbon Music reports that two of his tunes, Little White Church and Tearstains on the Bible, will soon be recorded. Mary Jean Shurtz is writer of the lyrics for both.

Cousin Emmy and Her Kinfolks, last heard over WSB, Atlanta, have joined the folk staff of KMOX, St. Louis, and has her first sponsored show over that station with others soon to follow. . . Tiny Hill will emsee a transcribed series of disk jockey shows which are being sold by Rush Hughes, KXOK, St. Louis, syndicated disk jockey.







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1947 legislative act giving local governments power to regulate and control mechanical music.

"Permits may be issued by the board permitts may be issued by the board permitting various types of music as set out in the regulation (live, mechanical or wired music) and may also provide for dancing if so stated in the permit," the state-ment sold ment said.

"Permits will be issued only after careful screening and study of the ABC Board and will carry such restrictions as to each individual per-mit as the board deems necessary to insure a clean and decent oper-ation of such licensed premises."

#### Location Regulations

Licensees were cautioned further that the new regulation "will remain in force and effect only so long as the retail license operates in a manner that meets public approval.

"The board sees no harm in the playing of pleasant, soft music during meals at cafes and restaurants, or in the use of live orchestras or me-chanical music for dancing under proper regulations.

"The board has reached these decisions after long study, realizing that the only way music can be per-mitted in licensed establishments is by strict control and it has reached the conclusion that the only way this can be done is thru a permit system applicable to each individual loca-

tion." The board pledged strict enforcement of the regulations.

#### **Constant** Attacks

Constant Attacks The five years of the ban were punctuated with constant attacks against the measure and it played a large role in Folsom's successful campaign for the governorship last year.

year. Folsom particularly attacked "dis-crimination" in enforcement of the measure, pointing out that if mem-bers of private clubs, which under the ban were allowed to have music and dancing along with their drinks, could escape the restriction "then the average person ought to have music average person ought to have music with his beer."

Indications are that the number of juke box location possibilities may keep increasing, since Alabama seems to be swinging from a trend toward becoming a "dry" State to opening up previously closed territories to liquor sales.

uor sales. Alabama phonograph operators have worked hard to have the ban repealed, but until Folsom took of-fice, their pleas met deaf ears of the Sparks administration, which had swung into office on a platform that included several "dry" measures.

#### **Opens Markets**

**Opens Markets** Just what the lifting of the ban will mean in the way of movement of juke box equipment into the State is not definite as yet. Most opera-tors will need new equipment to han-dle the requirements of locations with new permits. Since the ban went into effect nearly five years ago, most surplus phonographs which were available at that time have been taken out of operators' hands or al-ready located in open locations.

ready located in open locations in the or al-ready located in open locations. It has appeared to be a definite probability that the ban would be lifted for some time and some equip-ment has reportedly been shipped into the State to be used as soon as lo-cations are onened cations are opened.

#### **Lily-Tulip States Profits**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-Lilly-Tulip Cup Corporation and subsidiaries re-port a net profit of \$923,092, or \$4.32 a share, for the nine months ended September 30. Figure compares with \$613,484, or \$2.87 a share, in 1946.

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## **Michigan Phono Ops Launch** Drive To Aid Cancer Fund

**MUSIC MACHINES** 

drive to get behind the Damon Run-yon Memorial Cancer Fund was launched by the Michigan Automatic (MAPOA) during MAPOA's open meeting held Monday (17) in the grand ballroom of Hotel Fort Shelby here.

At the meet it was announced that one of main efforts of the association in raising cancer funds will concen-trate in a dinner scheduled for Sunday night (23). This event which has the backing of the Michigan Miniature Bowling Association and the en-tire Michigan coin machine trade, will take place in the grand ballroom of the Book-Cadillac Hotel here.

#### **Discuss Commissions**

Other subjects featured at the session included spirited discussions on location commissions and the alleged use of double-entendre records.

Regarding location commissions, it was pointed out that the 50-50 perwas pointed out that the 50-50 per-centage agreement on location gross income hardly seems equitable in these times, since the operator still charges the pre-war price of a nickel per play while all operating costs have advanced considerably in the past six years. One suggestion offered was front money on all locations.

place on juke boxes. no definite procedure was adopted to combat their use. In an effort to in-form operators on the subject, Morris form operators on the subject, Morris Goldman, MAPOA trustee, stated that a system was currently being developed that would advise mem-bers of titles of records which MAPOA deemed as unsuitable for juke boxes.

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#### **Guests Attend**

Among the featured guests at the MAPOA meet were Al Curtis, presi-dent of Michigan Miniature Bowling Association, and Fred Chlopan, executive secretary of the Metro-politan Cabaret Owners Association (MCOA) and Michigan Table Top Association (MTTA).

One of the interesting develop-ments of the meet concerned the making of arrangements to have a committee appointed by MAPOA meet with MTTA and Michigan Restaurant Association officials to pre-sent the operators' position in terms of rising costs.

#### New Coin Wash in Austin

have advanced considerably in the past six years. One suggestion offered was front money on all locations. During the discussion on objection-able records, MAPOA members were in agreement that such records had

## Priced for Immediate Disposal **Used Equipment:**



New York:

The coin machine industry and the people in it are receiving much favor-able publicity these days, with feaable publicity these days, with fea-tures appearing, or scheduled for early publication, in the Sunday edi-tion of The New York Herald Trib-une, Saturday Evening Post, Busi-ness Week and the syndicated column of Rob Considue of Bob Considine

Leo Knebel, chief engineer of Videograph Corporation, is overseeing the installation of juke mechanisms in the firm's combination tele-juke set, readying them for the first shipment to local operators. . . Dick Cole, of Drink-O-Mat, reports that the company's office and showroom space in New York is soon to be increased. . . . Morris Rood, always to be seen in his glass-enclosed office at Runyon Sales, celebrated his 30th birthday Wednesday (19).

Ira Becker, vice-president of Co-mial Television Corporation, says Ina Decker, vice-president of Co-lonial Television Corporation, says the firm's new headquarters will be ready within two weeks. . . . Sol Wohlman, president of Pan Coast Distributors, is fitting another of his service cars with a two-way radio telephone. . . Robert Mishelow, of Reliance Music, is increasing the number of roll-downs on his route.

Chris Gabrielsen, director and chief engineer of the Rowe Corporation, will be in charge of the company's exhibition booths at the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) Show in Chicago. Other firm execs on hand will be Richard Kapke, Ralph Phipps, Andy Anderson and Sal Sparacino. . . , Lew Jaffa, sales man-ager of Eastern Electric Vending Ma-chine Corporation, is in Massachusetts this week on business.

Ins week on business. Jerry Sherman will manage the Active Distributing Company, a new outlet handling a complete line of games and juke boxes, scheduled to open soon at 488 10th Avenue. . . . Charlie Lichtman, president of Hub Distributors, has bought an entire building—5.000 square feet of floor space—at 47th Street and 10th Ave-nue. . . John Pero, sales and adver-tising director of Spacarb, is attend-ing the convention of the American

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#### **Portland**, Ore.:

Budge Wright, Portland manager, Western Distributors, reports favor-able impressions from his survey of new equipment on his recent air trip to Chicago. He liked particularly the offerings in the five-ball game divi-sion and reported a trend toward games that stress the amusement side of play. Wright declares orders are rolling in at a satisfactory pace but that the equipment is not rolling out the factories sufficiently fast to fill the orders.

Recent staff changes at Western Distributors includes a new serviceman, Herman Walters, who settled in Portland after a tour of the country in quest of a suitable location. His experience includes service with Mitchell Manufacturing Company, air conditioning and lighting fixture firm in Chicago.

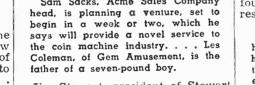
James F. Gardiner has come in from Astoria, Ore., to handle music work at Western Distributors. Bill Terry, formerly in the shop at West-ern, has been placed in charge of the parts department.

Operator Bill Goble seen at the Press Club of Oregon playing his own money into his own machines.

Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages (ABCB) in Atlantic City this week.

Sam Sacks, Acme Sales Company will provide  $\alpha$  novel service to sayз the coin machine industry. . . . Les Coleman, of Gem Amusement, is the father of a seven-pound boy.

Jim Stewart, president of Stewart Products Corporation, is back in Greenwich, Conn., after displaying his venders at the Pepsi-Cola show in Atlantic City. He left two of the drink venders behind for the ABCB (See NEW YORK on page 166)





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#### **Detroit**:

Maurice L. Strong and Walter A. Fenning are forming the Strong Vending Company, operating organi-zation, in the suburb of Grosse Pointe Park. . . . George D. Arthur. of Reed City, and Carlton G. Horton, of Traverse City, are incorporating the Traverse City Automatic Laun-dry in the latter city with a capi-talization of \$10,000. . . Bud Engel-bart of the Wolvering Sales Company talization of \$10,000 ... Bud Engel-hart, of the Wolverine Sales Company, was out looking up new locations this week.

Meyer Edelman, of Yassy, Rumania, is planning to move his headquarters to Havana where he will join Huna Solomon, formerly located in Jerusalem, as representative of Edelman Amusement Devices of Detroit, as well as several other coin machine manuas several other coin machine manu-facturers. ... Gil Kitt, of Empire Coin Machine, Chicago, was a visitor for a few days. ... S. J. Rose, of King Pin Distributing Company, spent several days in Chicago calling on manufacturers, while Hazel Richlin of same organization headed for the Port Huron to call on operators.

Leo Angott, of the Angott Sales Company, has just returned from a 16-day, 6,300-mile motor trip to Mexico and California. . . James Kalemis has been uamed to the new post of public relations director of the Michigan Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association. He was with the army public relations office for four years, and was a G.I. war correspondent in the Pacific Theater.

Stanley Smutzski Sr., who sold out his juke box route about a year ago, has joined with Horace T. Rankin, of the Phonograph Service Company, to establish a route of voice recorders as the Michigan Coin Recorder Company, using offices of the Phonograph Service Company.

#### Los Angeles:

West Coast coinmen were saddened by the news of the death of Jack R. Moore at his Portland home Sat-R. Moore at his Portland home Sat-urday (15). Lucille and Paul Laymon left here for the Oregon city to attend the funeral. They are due back Monday, ... Mrs. Golden Wil-liams, secretary for M. S. Wolf Dis-tributing Company, is undergoing treatment for an infected jaw. She has been away from her desk-for two weeks. ... E. R. Rippee and wife have returned from a month's vacation in Tennessee and are back on the job servicing their phono-graphs. graphs.

Bert Polse, of Sambert Company in sert rolse, of Sambert Company in Oakland, returned to the Bay City following the examination of beverage venders here by the city health department. While here, he met Bert Mills and Hans Steffanson, of the Bert Mills Corporation, makers of coffee venders. coffee venders. He also conferred with Jack Greenfield, Southern California distributor for the Bert Mills machine. Polse has the Northern fornia California area for this vender.

Lyn Brown is awaiting shipments of the George Ponser new Pro-Score and anticipates a big future for it in this area. . . Jack Greenfield, of Coast Enterprises, is looking forward to the arrival of Snively citrus juice machine. Greenfield's company has been named as the Southern Cali-fornia distributor for this line. . . Budd Parr, of Solotone and General Music, is in San Francisco visiting his Bay City branch of General there. The local General company has added Brush-Up shoe shine machine, with Fred Gaunt enthusistic over its with Fred Gaunt enthusistic over its arrival.

Al Bettleman, of **C.** A. Robinson Company, returned to the city follow-(See LOS ANGELES on page 166)

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Mike Spagnola, secretary of Illinois Phonograph Owners (IPO), reports that the special Damon Runyon night at the Spike Jones show at the Studerbaker Theater here looks like a sellout. IPO members have been working hard to make a success of the event, Mike says.

Chicago:

Gil Kitt, Empire Coin Machine Exchange, made a trip to Detroit this week to pay a call at Robinson Sales .Company. Ralph Sheffield, Kitt's partner at Empire, is off for Wisconsin this week on the trail of a big fat -the kind with four legs. Salesman Bob Schaefer brought back quite a few of the other kind after a sales trip thru the State last week. If Sheffield is as successful as Schaefer, Paul Glaser says, the Empire staff will be eating venison sandwiches for the next few weeks. Glaser will cover Empire's Michigan territory next week. Eddie Wikoff is in Indiana this week. Henry Geers, of Monmouth, Ill., was a caller recently, Howie Freer reports.

Dick Hood, of H. C. Evans Com-pany, is back in town after a flying trip to Florida and Puerto Rico. He reports a successful trip and says that it looks like an all-time record sea-son for the tourist trade in Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Consoles are becoming top-demand items these days, Hood reports.

Bruno Kosek, Mid-State Company, plans a business trip to take in most of Michigan next week. . . . Jack Nel-son Sr., has returned from a business trip to California, where he was in conference with officials of the Allite Manufacturing Company. Jack Jr., reports that distributors are being appointed to handle popcorn venders and will be announced soon.

Billy DeSelm, of United Manufac-Billy DeSelm, of United Manufac-turing Company, says that sales on roll-down models of their Hawaii game are favorable and that roll-downs will probably become a per-manent item in the United line. The new United plant is moving along with James Rhines, full-time archi-tect recently added to the United staff, working on the plans. Recent callers at the United offices were M. Y. Blum. United Amusement Com-Y. Blum, United Amusement Com-pany, Wichita, Kan.; Ed Heath, Heath (See CHICAGO on opposite page)

#### Indianapolis:

U. S. Sen. Homer Capehart was guest speaker at the dinner meeting in the Hotel Antlers given by In-diana coinmen for the benefit of the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund Sunday night (23) Dan Brennen will Damon Runyon Cancer Fund Stinday night (23).... Dan Brennen will assume his duties as district sales manager for Aireon electronic phono-graphs after acting as temporary manager of the Indiana Music Cor-poration for a short time.

Leonard B. Manley, recently in the music business at Minneapolis, has been appointed manager of Indiana Music Corporation. . . . Tommie Thomas, of P. J. Distributing Com-pany, called on operators in Southern Indiana during the week . . Pater Indiana during the week. . . . Peter Stone, Rock-Ola distributor, recently made several short trips to call on operators in the State. . . Donald Hyten, of H. & H. Novelty Company. Bainbridge, Ind., was saddened by the death of his mother recently.

Mrs. Irving Eyster Jr. is back on Mrs. Irving Eyster Jr. is back on the job after a minor operation at a Terre Haute, Ind., hospital. . . Dan Brennen, acting manager, Indiana Music Corporation, was in Detroit several days on business. . . Warren Bruce, of the service department at Indiana Music Corporation, has re-turned to his post after a siege of influenza. . . Indiana operators visiting coin row during the week included C. L. Huttinger, A.B.C. Novelty Company, Fort Wayne; Paul Deaton, Western Sales Corporation, Connersville, and James Miller, Co-lumbus. lumbus.

#### Chicago:

(Continued from opposite page) Distributing Company, Macon, Ga.; Dave Simon, Simon Sales Company, New York; Pete Peters, King Pin Game Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Harry Jacobs Jr., and Sr., United Coin Machine Company, Milwaukee.

Gordon Sutton, Illinois Simplex, is back in Chicago this week after a suc-cessful business trip to Indianapolis to supervise activities of the Indiana Simplex firm. Sutton says that Illinois Simplex's parts department on wheels will be rolling next week with Lee Taylor at the wheel. Sutton has purchased a block of tickets from the Illinois Phonograph Owners, Inc., (IPO) for the special cancer fund night at the Spike Jones show and will pass them on to a local charity organization.

Atlas Novelty Company's Nate Atlas Novelty Company's Nate Feinstein and Joe Kline are off to-gether on a road trip thru Illinois. Back in the home headquarters at Atlas boys claim business is hum-ming. ABC Music Service is lining up plans for its annual Christmas party. Bob Gnarro says this year there will be about 80 persons at the beindig which will be held atthem berge will be about 80 persons at the shindig, which will be held either December 16 or 17. Employees will bring their families and a king-size portion of Christmas cheer will be enjoyed by everyone attending, Bob promises. A spot to hold the party is still to be selected is still to be selected.

Foreign business is a major topic over at Monarch Coin Machine Company these days. Clayton Nemeroff reports that because of the number of shipments to Lebanon, firm appointed a direct agent there last week who will handle all orders. Orders from that spot and from Syrian markets especially heavy at this time, Clayton states, as equipment will reach its destination about February, just in time for the spring surge in business. National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches gathering here next week, December l thru 4, still has Clayton in α dither preparing items for display. He's α-shinin' and α-polishin' up his show-

Bell Products Company is pushing production on its new mechanical coin changer, Beacon Junior, and re-ports good reception by both location owners and coinmen. Unit holds \$22 in nickels, is designed for spots where it is more practical to place a manual type machine, firm's Harry Salat Levin tells how Chicago Coin Ma-chine Company's new Sea-Isle game



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Lookers-in at Bally Manufacturing Company during the past week in-cluded Sam Rose, King Pin Distribut-ing Company, Detroit, and Clarence Camp, Southern Amusement Company, Memphis, Previous week's callers included Joe Abraham, Lake City Amusement,, Gleveland, and Ed Heath, Heath That busy fellow you see dashing about here is Herb Jones. . . Ted Kruse and Vince Connors added A T & C popcorn venders to their Amusematic Playland Arcade at Randolph and Michigan Wednesday (19). Boys say if sales prove good they will spot additional popcorn venders on their other amusement machine locations.

Silver King Corporation's new Prize King gumball venders will be avail-able for delivery beginning December 1, H. F. Burt says. New units are adaptable for either nickel or penny sale, a proper plate being provided in each instance. Penny play vends two gumballs for a single copper; balls are a smaller size, a 2-10 count.

Al Stern, World Wide Distributors head, is one of the busiest boys in town this week. He's making arrangements for the entertainment at the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund dinner scheduled for Sunday (23) at the Bismarck Hotel. Al is responsible for setting up that phase of the big event. World Wide's parts depart-ment manager, Harry Veronoff, has just joined the "convertible club" here: he now parks his new maroon con-vertible next to Wallace Fink's yellow convertible. World Wide staffers are all making excuses to pass Mary Lenan making excuses to puse they ten-nan's desk since she returned from her three-week vacation. Mary, who is Al's secretary, came back to the office looking prettier than ever, boys all agree.

Wedding bells rang in Minneapolis last Saturday (15) for Robert R. (Bob) Bailey, Chicago territory manager for Telecoin Corporation. Bob and his bride are spending the week honeymooning at a Minnesota resort. Bob is expected back on the job here Mbnday (24).

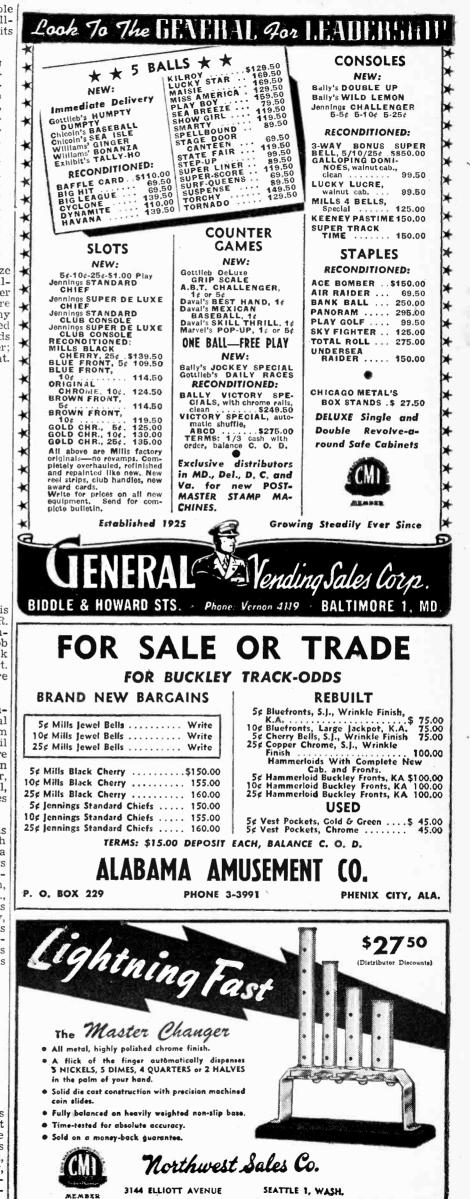
The Fargo, N. D., Veterans' Admin-istration Center is the latest hospital to receive miniature pin games from Empire Coin Machine Exchange. Gil Kitt and Ralph Sheffield, Empire partners, sent some 50 of the pin games to Lawrence A. Schneider, special services chief at the hospital, in answer to his request for the games for patients.

Henry Fox, veteran New Orleans Henry Fox, veteran New Orleans coinman, spent most of a day with Pat Buckley discussing plans for a fall-winter campaign. Other visitors at the Buckley Manufacturing Com-pany included Ralph Baughman, digger operator in Portland, Ind., and Harold Minnama, who made his semiannual visit from Traverse City, Mich., to look into music supplies . . Bill Wolf, of M. S. Wolf Dis-tributing Company, a firm that has offices in four West Coast cities, was a coin row caller. a coin row caller.

D. Gottlieb & Company released its complete parts catalog last week. Al-vin Gottlieb, firm's advertising and promotion manager, believes the pub-lication will prove a big aid to Gottlieb operators in ordering replacement parts. . . Several local firms were preparing their exhibits for the coming outdoor convention, scheduled for the Sherman Hotel, December 1-4.

Lindy Force, AMI's general sales Lindy Force, AMI's general sales manager, is recovering from a recent operation and may get back to the office by December 1. Firm callers during the week were Paul Black, General Music & Novelty Company, Fond-Du-Lac, Wis., and Harold Mid-yett, of the Tennessee Music Dis-tributors, Union City, Tenn.

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time at the bedside of his father-in-law, who is ill.

F. McKim Smith, of NAAMO, re-ports that Spacarb, Inc., recently do-nated a new cup vender for the use of studenets at the NAAMO-sponsored

Coin Machine Mechanics' School. . . .

Buth Nussbaum, AMOA bookkeeper

and secretary, became an aunt last week. Her sister gave birth to a boy.

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(Continued from page 164) ing a successful trip to Northern California. Charlie Robinson is off on another jaunt to San Francisco and Nevada. . . Max Thiede, of Badger Sales, is back from Las Vegas.

. . . C. Pierce, of Pierce Music Com-pany, Broadhead, Wis., visiting the Coast and stopping in at Badger Sales to see Bill Happel, a friend of

long standing. . . E. Jay Bullock has added the Vend-A-Tune Record

Bar as an added service to his

H. G. McClure, of McClure Dis-

tributing Company in St. Louis, was

on the Coast, making the rounds on

coin row. McClure formerly lived in

this area before moving to the Mid-

west. . . The new truck recently acquired by the E. T. Mape Dis-

tributing Company is seen running around making deliveries of the new

Filben Mirro-Cle machine. . . . Walter

Filben Mirro-Cle machine.... Walter Gerke, of Automatic Machines, Inc., is busy readying a new vending ma-chine.... Ralph Marsico, of Fresno, in the city and stopping off at Badger Sales Company.... John McCall, of Oxnard, a buyer this week.

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## **COINMEN YOU KNOW**

#### New York:

(Continued from page 164) convention this week. ... Jack Rubin, of Esso Manufacturing Corporation, reports that the four vets (graduates of the mechanics school sponsored by the National Association of Amuse-ment Machine Owners) whom the firm hired are doing fine.

Nat Cohn, Modern Music Sales president, says that delivery of Sig-net Records, special 50-cent label of Signature Records distributed by Modern, will begin next week. . . George Glassgold, who directed the Coin Machine Industries (CMI) film, Fight Cancer, reports that finished prints were shipped out by air exreports that finished press Tuesday (18) to all cities which have scheduled CMI cancer fund dinners November 23. . . . George Trad. Tradio, Inc., executive, was in town this week.

Robert Hazelton, of Ideal Music Robert Hazelton, of Ideal Music Company, recently expanded his busi-ness operations with the opening of a Launderette — featuring Bendix washing machines—in Harlem. . . Louis Morenberg, owner of Moray Music Company, has returned to the city after vacationing for three weeks in Florida. . . Harry Rosen was away from his desk at Seaboard New York Corporation a few days last week the victim of a cold. last week, the victim of a cold.

Dave Friedman, formerly of New York and now operating in Buffalo and Syracuse, has opened an office in Brooklyn to distribute roll-downs. As-

sociated with him in the new enterprise is Willie Levey.... Gale Adams, daughter of Sam Kramer, of Interboro Music Company, is rehearsing in a new Broadway musical. She fora new Broadway musical. She for-merly appeared in The Red Mill and The Duchess Misbehaves.

Abe Bernstein, Academy Music, opened a bar and grill in Elmont, L. I., this week. The spot is near Belmont Race Track. . . Lou Hirsch, who operates under the name of the Silvertone Music Company, will take off for a Florida vacation immediately after the Automatic Music Operators' Association (AMOA) meeting on November 25.

Ted Ruby, of Paramount Vending, Upstate operator headquartered in Bea con, was in town on business this week after returning from a Florida vacation. . . Al Simon, of Al Simon, Inc., is featuring Chicago Coin's new roll-down in his 64th Street show-room... Theodore W. Buchter has been named United States Television Corporation service manager for New York, Albany, Schenectady, Boston, Baltimore and Washington.

Harry Berger reports that Danny Subarsky has joined the engineering staff of West Side Distributing Com-pany. . . . Out-of-town visitors to coin machine row this week included Thomas A. Libby, Averill, Mass.; K. E. Hall, Beaver, W. Va.; Pete Bon-nano, Bryant, Tex.. and Joe Abra-ham, Altoona, Pa... Al Denver, AMOA president, is spending a lot of



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Stanley Little, of Lakewood Village, made several coin calls in the city. ... Lee Wirt, of Montebllo, a visitor. ... R. A. Dindinger, of San Diego, making the rounds on coin row... Roy Jones in the city from Inyokern. . . . Bill Aldridge and Hal Smoot, of Kwik Kafe of California, are lining up locations for their coffee vender. They are also offering a location sevice to operators interested in coffee machines.

machines. Bill Wolf, of M. S. Wolf Dis-tributing Company, is in Chicago on business. His general office is being moved to the San Diego branch, known as the California Amusement Company. Bill Smith, auditor, will make his headquarters in San Diego in the future. Nels Nelson, manager of the local Wolf branch, is back from a business trip to Fresno. . . Bob Stark, of Ideal Weighing Ma-chine Company; Jay Kurtz and Aubrey Stemler, of Kayem Products Company and Aubrey Stemler Dis-tributing Company; Bill Aldridge, of Kwik-Kafe; Ralph M. Miller, of Western Beverage and Supply Com-pany, and Russ Coller, of Cigarettes Unlimited, are planning to attend the NAMA convention in Chicago.

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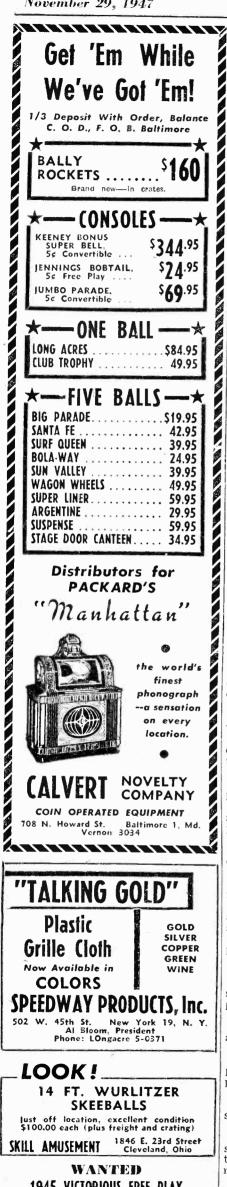
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Mississippi December 15: Income tax fourth in-stallment due. Manufacturers, dis-tributors, and wholesalers of tobacco



The Billboard State Tax Calendar due. Real estate and tangible per-Alabama sonal property tax due (last day). Soft drinks manufacturers' report and payment due. December 10: Tobacco stamp and use tax report and payment due. To-bacco wholesalers' and jobbers' reports due. Nebraska December 1: Personal property tax December 15: Income tax fourth installment due. December 20: Jasper occupation tax first installment due. Nevada return and payment due. Sales tax December 1: Property tax quarterly report and payment due. December 31: Property tax return installment due. New Hampshire December 1: Property tax due. and payment due (last day). Arizona December 15: Gross income report New Mexico December 1: Property tax semiand payment due. annual installment due. Arkansas December 20: Gross receipts tax re-December 15: Occupational gross income tax report and payment due. port and payment due. North Carolina California California December 5: Personal property, se-cured by real estate, tax due (last day). Private car tax due. Real property tax semi-annual installment December 15: Income tax fourth in-stallment due. Sales tax report and payment due. Use tax report and payment due. North Dakota December 10: Cigarette distributors' December 15: Personal income tax third installment due. reports due. December 15: Income tax fourth in-**Colorado** December 14: Sales tax report and payment due. Use tax report and payment due. stallment due. Ohio December 10: Cigarette wholesal-' report due. ers December 15: Income tax fourth December 15: Cigarette use tax and installment due. report due. Florida December 10: Agents' and whole-salers' cigarette tax report due. December 20: Real and public util-ity property tax and semi-annual in-Oklahoma December 10: Cigarette wholesal-ers', retailers' and vending machine owners' report due. December 15: Income tax fourth installment due. Sales tax report and payment due. Tobacco whole-salers', jobbers' and warehousemen's report due. stallment due. Georgia December 10: Cigar and cigarette dealers' report due. December 19: Intangible personal property tax due (last day). Prop-erty tax due (last day). Idaho December 15: Cigarette wholesal-December 15: Cigarette wholesal-ers' drop shipment report due. December 19: Property tax semi-annual installment due (last day), Personal property tax due. December 25: Use fuel tax report and payment due. South Carolina December 15: Income tax fourth installment due. December 31: Property tax installment due. Illinois December 15: Cigarette tax return ue. Sales tax report and payment Tennessee December 20: Sales and use tax report and payment due. Utah December 15: Excise (income) tax Indiana December 10: Cigarette distribu-tors' interstate business report due. fourth installment due. December 15: Cigarette distributors' drop shipment report due. Fuel use Vermont December 15: Personal income tax tax report and payment due. fourth installment due. Kansas December 15: Compensating tax re-Virginia December 5: Individual income tax port and payment due. December 20: Property tax first indue. Washington December 15: Wholesalers' cigarette stallment due. Sales tax report and payment due. Kentucky December 10: Cigarette wholesaldrop shipment reports due. West Virginia ers' report due. December 15: Cigarette use tax re-port and payment due. Sales tax report and payment due. Louisiana December 1: Tobacco wholesalers' . Wisconsin December 10: Cigarette wholesal-ers' and manufacturers' reports due. December 15: Soft drink wholesalers' report due. Tobacco whole-salers' report due. December 20: Sales and use tax re Wyoming December 15: Sales tax report and payment due. Use tax report and payment due. port and payment due. December 31: Property tax due. Maryland December 15: Income tax fourth in-stallment due. Sales and use tax re-Hydraulic Tail Gate Lift port and payment due. Massachusetts December 20: Cigarette tax report and payment due. Marketed by Chicago Firm Michigan December 15: Sales tax report and payment due. Use tax report and payment due.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Day Com-pany here, manufacturers of hy-draulic lifts, is now in production on a hydraulic tail gate loader for weights up to 1,200 pounds. Unit which may be used for lifting coin machines for transportation, will fit most 1½-ton trucks: the lift platform operates over the full distance from ground to truck-floor level, being ground to truck-floor level, being utilized as a tail gate when vehicle being is in motion.

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## **Canada Halts Importations** Of U. S. Coin Machines

#### (Continued from page 144)

American machines. Hardest hit are the music manu-facturers and distributors, since automatic phonographs always lead all other equipment in Canadian pur-chase orders. Fortunately for music operators in Canada, records were not included in Monday's ban.

#### Can Ship Parts

Metal replacement parts, the Cana-dian Consulate General's office in Chicago said, can be shipped into Canada to keep coin machines op-erable. In order to bring in the parts, however, Canadian importing forme must sequence Constant Lagrantic 100 firms must secure General Permit 100 from the Foreign Exchange Control Board. This general permit, the consulate's office said, could be ob-tained from the Custom's office in the port of entry. port of entry.

The Canadian move to bar imports of all but essential commodities has been in the wind for at least two years as the Canadian government fought to maintain a healthy dollar balance. In July, 1946, the Canadian government—in a move to increase purchasing power—revalued its dol-lar to bring it on a par with the lar to bring it on a par with the U. S. dollar. Prior to that time, the Canadian dollar was valued at ap-proximately 90 U. S. cents.

How long the current ban will last, no one could safely say, tho trade circle heads predict that the em-bargo might be in effect for several years. Representatives of the Canadian government in Chicago told The Billboard that the ban would be lifted as soon as possible, but refused to estimate how long a period that might mean.

#### **Detroit** Picture

In Detroit—one of the principal trading centers because of its proximity to Canada—distributors re-ported that many orders destined for Canada did not make the deadline. One Detroit distributor estimated that 10 per cent of Michigan distri-butors' business came from Canada. Since most of the dealings were on a particularly of used machines—was high, this embargo will make itself felt.

Canadian coinmen, across the river Canadian coinmen, across the river in Windsor, expressed optimism that their government will set up some sort of quota system under which completed machines may be pur-chased. But official government state-ments concerning the ban gave no real grounds for this hope.

Detroit distributors said they be-lieved Canadian coin firms had a good supply of parts on hand, so they did not expect a rush for permits to import replacements. Hy Greenstein, HY-G Music Company in Minneapolis, who has recently visited Canadian coin firms, confirmed the De-troit trade's opinion that firms across the border are well stocked with parts.

#### Seek Other Markets

Seek Other Markets In North Tonawanda, N. Y., Dave Lee, export manager for the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, said he be-lieved the ban on Canadian ship-ments will mean concentrating on other markets. Other manufacturers reported their distributors were questioning the possibility of ship-ping component parts to Canada for assembly there, but the advisability --or the possibility--of doing this is unsettled. Whether or not such a plan could be worked out would de-pend, of course, on the Canadian government, and that country's con-sulate in Chicago intimated that it was doubtful whether the govern-ment would permit such practices. In New York, a check of 10th In New York, a check of 10th Avenue disclosed that few coin firms

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there engage in trading with Canada, and that those who do make sales limit themselves to small orders. Many distributors—not only in New York—shy away from the Canadian business because of red tape, and the high duties and taxes.

Before the ban went into effect, coin machines sent to Canada were subject to a 25 per cent duty, plus 25 per cent excise tax, plus an 8 per cent sales tax based on the value of the machine plus duty. The Chiper cent sales tax based on the value of the machine plus duty. The Chi-cago office of the Commerce Depart-ment said there was a possibility that excise taxes might be increased, and such an increase would affect parts shipments, but Monday's order was not concerned with tax rates.

#### Loan for Essentials

Monday's emergency measure followed closely on the heels of an an-nouncement that the United States Export-Import Bank had promised a \$300,000,000 loan to Canada. This loan, however, was slated to help Canada continue to buy "essential equipment and raw materials" from the United States.

Vending machines, which have just Vending machines, which have just begun to play an important part in Canadian retailing, will be doubly hit by the import ban, since most of the supplies necessary to vending have been placed on the restricted list. All sirup, candy, cigars, cigarettes, juices and washing machines are pro-hibited as "non-essentials."

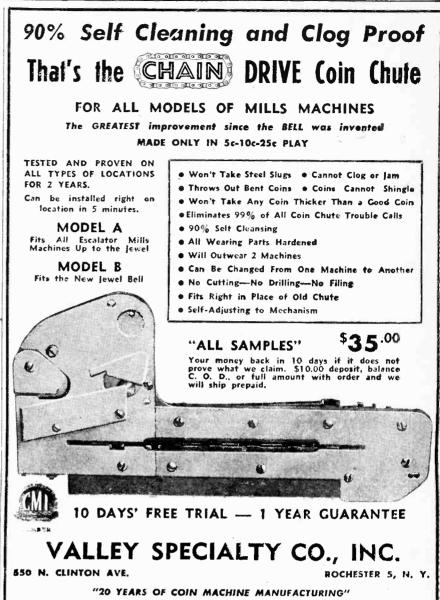
Canadian vending machine operators, faced with supply prices as high or higher than those prevailing in the States, will have to secure their supplies from local manufacturers.



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#### The Billboard



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wire for sample, \$3.95 each **DISTRIBUTORS: Write for special deal** 

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Herb Jones Hypos Cancer Fund Drive

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Herb Jones, vice-president and advertising man-ager of Bally Manufacturing Company, is not content with only putting his shoulder to the wheel in backing the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund drive, but he's determined to make that wheel spin.

Currently, Jones is sending out a card to all Bally distributors urging them to each contribute another dollar to the fund. To date, they have given a total of \$9,950 to the cause, and as Jones puts it: "Just one more buck from each will make it an even \$10,000."

#### Florida Businessmen **Plan Tax Discussion**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 22.-General sales tax, one of the top issues facing Florida business firms, will be the main topic in St. Peters-burg December 1 and 2, Harold Colee, the group's executive vice-president announced.

He stated that the many legislative clouds that hung over the 1947 Legis-lature are, sure to come up again when the next meeting of State solons takes place. Colee added that the chamber meet will stress taxation matters "because any business that is not thoroly acquainted with im-pending levies is sure to feel the pinch." pinch."

Colee said that in no time in his memory has Florida business been faced with problems of greater mag-nitude, but took comfort in the fact that both Washington and Tallahassee are receptive to suggestions from business interests.

#### **James Rhines Joins** United Mfg. Staff

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Lyn Durant, head of United Manufacturing Com-pany here, announced this week the appointment of James Rhines to the United experimental department staff

Rhines, a graduate engineer from the University of Michigan, has had considerable experience in the field and mechanical, industrial and prod-uct designing. He was formerly em-ployed by the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company in both North Tonawanda, N. Y., and De Kalb, Ill.



#### A Word to the Wise **MR. DISTRIBUTOR:**

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#### Conn. Governor Asks Amendment for 3% State Sales Tax

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 22 .--- Be-cause State sales and use tax collections were returning much more than expected, Governor McConaughy convened the Connecticut Legislature here Friday (14) in a move to amend

the 3 per cent levy. Tax, which became effective July 1, brought in \$9,523.000 during its first three months, a figure equivalent to more than \$36,000.000 annually. Local tax observers believe that the first quarter was actually less than what the average quarter will prove to be if the tax remains as is. They explain that if it had not been for much pre-tax buying, the total return for the quarter would have reached approximately \$11,000,000. Official estimate of revenue to be derived from this tax when passed in the Legislature here was about \$26,000, 000 yearly.

Indications are that if the move to have the tax cut or amended is successful, several additional items will be placed on the exempt list, particularly tobacco products.

#### Hotels Branching **To Suburban Spots**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—New hotel construction, during the next quar-ter century, will center outside of crowded metropolitan districts and be spotted in suburbs and on high-ways between cities, according to J. Leslie Kincaid, president of Ameri-can Hotels Corporation.

Commen, having found hotel lounges and arcades good locations for their equipment, will follow closely the trend in this type of construction. As the new buildings are predicted to follow the ultra-modern motor court pattern instead of the skyscraper type, even greater use may be made of coin machines in such buildings. Kincaid, in a report to his corporation's 25th anniversary commemoration, indicated that future betal buildings, would follow the hotel buildings would follow the sprawling, horizontal type because of soaring building costs that prohibit multiple level structures; former would be built at one-third the cost

of the skyscraper building. Existing hotels, Kincaid stated, are now in the midst of a \$1,500,000 modernization program.

#### WohlmanResignsJob As AAMONY Official

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- Sol Wohlman, president of Pan Coast Distrib-uting Company, Inc., resigned this week as financial secretary and mem-ber of the board of directors of the Associated Amusement Machine Op-erators of New York (AAMONY), to join the property experimed Coin (AAMONY), to join the recently organized Coin Machine Distributors of New York (*The Billboard*, November 1). Wohlman was one of the founders of AAMONY, which, during its for-mative period, used Pan Coast as its business office

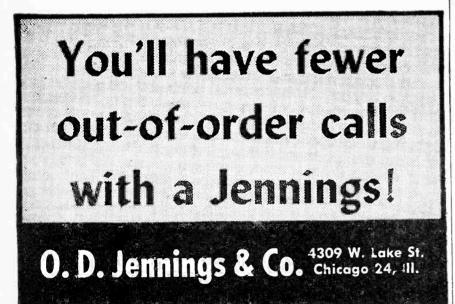
business office.

#### Miami Pinball Ops Show Co-Operation

MIAMI, Nov. 22. — Co-operating with Miami Beach parent-teacher or-ganizations, pinball game operators there have instituted measures to bar play on their games to school chil-dwar dren.

Locks for machines have been provided which will keep the games out of use between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4 in the afternoon, periods during which children have reportedly been spending lunch money to play pin games.





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## L. A. Sanitation Conference Mulls Vender Regulations (Continued from page 152) Any decision to come out of the

shall be done at least every 60 days.

(Continued from page 152) shall be done at least every 60 days. Water filters or other water con-ditioning devices that need to be opened or taken apart for cleaning or replacement of element shall be re-moved and cleaned, serviced and given a sanitizing treatment at the plant as often as is found necessary by the health officer. Their interiors shall not be serviced at the place where the machine is installed. All machines shall be designed so the water and ingredients can be readily added in a sanitary manner and without introducing contamina-tion. Openings in tanks and con-tainers shall be protected by leak-proof rims or lips and tight-fitting overlapping covers so no moisture or leakage on the surface or top can en-ter the tank or may contaminate any part coming in contact with the in-gredients or the drink containers. The health officer shall allow a reason-able time for the installation of leak-proof rims. All machines shall be so designed proof rims.

proof rims. All machines shall be so designed that cups and utensils can be added directly from the original wrapping or container without handling the surface of such cups. All cups shall be protected against dust, leakage or other contamination. No container for waste cups shall

No container for waste cups shall No container for waste cups shall be installed or used in a machine. Self-closing, water-tight, readily cleanable and plainly labeled and designated waste containers shall be kept adjacent to each machine. Drip containers located within the machine shall be readily removable for cleaning. Machines shall be equipped with adequate features to prevent overflow by mechanical or

prevent overflow by mechanical or

electrical failure. Water supply inlets shall comply with all health and plumbing regu-lations pertaining to cross-connec-tions and back-siphonage. Electrical connections and devices

Electrical connections and devices shall comply with all applicable elec-trical and fire-prevention regulations. Should it be found that a machine has become infested with vermin the health officer shall cause such ma-chine to be placed out of service until he is satisfied provisions have been made to prevent entrance or access of vermin to the machine. The of vermin to the machine. The health officer may also require cor-rection of the cause of such infesta-tion on all machines of similar construction

Each machine shall be filled only Each machine shall be filled only with ingredients bottled or placed in closed, sanitary containers at a "food products establishment," except that potable water may be added thru an approved water connection to the machine, or be carried in a sanitary container from an approved tap near the machine. the machine.

Health officer shall be enabled to make unannounced inspections of the make unannounced inspections of the interior of the machines at all rea-sonable hours. This will involve as-signing a specialist inspector to ac-company a company representative company a company representative on inspections of locations designated by the inspector. Arrangements will be made on short notice, to provide principle of unannounced inspections.

principle of unannounced inspections. For each location there shall be designated, in writing, a responsible person who shall place the machine out of operation whenever it fails to properly deliver a drink or whenever a written notice by the health officer requires that the machine be taken out of operation because of violation of these rules and regulations. A permit will be required for the operation of machines on the follow-ing basis: (a) Each "food products establishment" shall pay \$10 or more per year as classified in Section 31.12, and (b) for each machine location, a separate permit as a "sandwich stahd" (fee \$5, as required for and obtained. shall be applied for and obtained.

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conferences will be based upon these regulations. However, further re-search will be made to determine the most effective methods of cleaning most effective methods of cleaning machines, frequency of cleaning, ef-ficiency of germicidal lamps, methods of repelling insects and for generally improving sanitary design and main-tenance. The health department said that it believed these standards pro-vided recomple health protection vided reasonable health protection but that the regualtions are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

The regulations, altho tentative, were approved by Dr. George M. Uhl, head of the department.

#### **Approve Measure Ťo License Mchs.** In Md. County

(Continued from page 144) amusement or gain, the operation of amusement or gain, the operation of which requires the insertion of a coin or token, and the result of whose operation depends, in whole or in part, upon the skill of the operator whether or not it affords an award to a successful operator, shall obtain a license from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to do so Court for Baltimore County to do so and shall pay therefore the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each such machine or device, for which a fee of five cents (5c) or more is charged for the operation thereof;

"And to require that during the "And to require that during the year 1948 every person, firm or cor-poration selling or offering for sale within Baltimore County, thru coin-operated machines, any articles, goods or merchandise, except cig-arettes, n e w s p a p e r s, magazines, paper cups, paper or cloth towels, soap, toilet seat covers, postage stamps or sanitary napkins, shall ob-tain a license from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to Circuit Court for Baltimore County to do so and pay therefor ten dollars (\$10) for each machine charging five cents (5c) or more for merchandise;

"And to require that during the year 1948, every person, firm or cor-poration keeping, maintaining or op-erating within Baltimore County, any console machine, shall obtain a li-cense from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County and pay therefor twenty-five (\$25) for each machine;

machine; "And to require that during the year 1948, every person, firm or cor-poration keeping, maintaining or op-erating within Baltimore County, any shuffle board, shall obtain a license from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County and pay there-for twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each board. The clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County shall pay over monthly to the treasurer of Baltimore County the amounts collected for such license fees for expenditure as a part of the general funds of said county." Another bill, titled Senate Bill No.

county." Another bill, titled Senate Bill No. 36-X (*The Billboard*, November 15), also has passed both houses and has been approved. This legislation au-thorizes county commissioners of St. Mary's County to pass on the legality of coin-operated equipment upon which a 5 per cent gross receipts tax was imposed earlier, and to set li-cense fees upon such machines. Be-fore the provisions of this act can be-come effective, however, the legisla-tion will be passed upon by voters of St. Mary's County at a special elec-tion to be held December 9, 1947. A maximum license fee of \$50 is

A maximum license fee of \$50 is designated for any machine, in addition to the 5 per cent gross receipts tax

#### The Billboard

**Moffitt Sales Moves** 

**Offices to Richmond** 

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 22 .--- Moffit Sales Agency, distributors of automatic merchandising equipment, this

## **New Markets Avail Cocoa** For America

#### Fernando Po Sells Lot

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Cocoa con-tinued to hold the candy supply spot-light this week as imports of the scarce commodity arrived in this country from new areas.

country from new areas. Higher prices were attributed as the cause for shipments from areas which have not been regular cocoa suppliers to the U. S. Included in the cocoa purchases made this week were some 2,000 tons of cocoa beans from Fernando Po, a Spanish island off the coast of Nigeria, West Africa, while offerings were received from Jamaica this week for the first time since before the war.

There was also business reported in Haiti cocoa scheduled for Novem-ber shipment. However, despite offerings from producing sections other than the usual Brazil and African markets, cocoa prices are continuing to remain at all-time highs.

In the spot market average price In the spot market average price being quoted was  $50\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound. Some types ran as high as 53 cents per pound. Spot dealers, however, are skeptical whether high prices now being paid for cocoa will hold up in the light of increasing shipments from new sources.

Altho at present all but a small percentage of cocoa imports come from the Brazil and British-controlled African sources, the possibility of de-velopment of new fields looms as a distinct factor in the situation.

American cocoa users have long been at work on development of new sources of supply (The Billboard, No-vember 15).

## Popcorn Growers Continue To **Renege on 1947 Crop Contracts**

market.

CHICAGO. Nov. 22. — Poucorn |growers throut the nation are con-tinuing to back down on contracts

growers in touch the halton are con-tinuing to back down on contracts for the 1947 popcorn crop, popcorn firms attending the National Asso-ciation of Popcorn Manufacturers (NAPM) convention at the Sherman Hotel here this week report. In the most out-and-out case of contract reneging, a settlement was finally reached between the Central Popcorn Company of Schaller, Ia., and popcorn growers in the Murray, Ky., area. The Murray farmers had met earlier to demand the higher market prices for their crop rather than \$2.90 and \$3.00 per 100 pounds which their contracts with Central called for. (The Billboard, November (1.) (1.)

In order to assure deliveries, Cen-tral finally agreed to pay \$4.80 per 100 pounds for hand picked popcorn and \$5.00 per 100 pounds for machine picked corn, rather than take the contract-breaking to court and force delivery at the lower prices specified in the written agreements. Action of the Murray farmers was brought about by offers made by the

W. H. Broach Company, representing an unnamed Texas popcorn firm, of \$5.75 and \$6.00 per 100 pounds for spot delivery. Because of the wide difference between the spot price and contract prices, 300 popcorn growers met in Murray October 16 to protest the situation.

Central had already contracted to resell much of the Murray popcorn and was forced to arrange changes in and was forced to arrange changes in those contracts in order to meet the new payment offer, firm representa-tives at the NAPM show said. Firms who are buying at the cur-rent market price say that they are having to pay at least double for the same quality corn as they bought last year

In spite of price difficulties, how-

#### ever, popcorn firms say that they expect to be able to fill the entire popcorn demand during the coming year and that the higher prices are not ex-

city. pected to price popcorn out of the

week announced the moving of firm offices from Newport News to this Headed by A. R. Moffit, company's new address here is 300 North 25th Street.



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**England Ponders Ú. S. Cocoa Price** 

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Cocoa shortage in the U. S. appears to be creating a stir in England. A report from London has it that local interests are wondering what will be the reaction of the American consumer to the stratospheric prices of cocoa beans.

English concern over the attitude of the American buyer is based on fact that the present cocoa situation is an outgrowth of the commodity's control by British and Brazilian gov-ernments. Discussing the interna-tional expects of generation British ernments. Discussing the interna-tional aspects of cocoa, one British official states: "First offers of this season's West Africa cocoa crop have been offered in New York at a price about five times what would have been considered reasonable before the war." Actual increase in the bean's price since January 1, 1941, has been 823 per cent as of Octo-ber 15. ber 15.

National Confectioners' Association (NCA) president, Philip P. Gott, de-clared that the huge price rise in coclared that the huge price rise in co-coa beans can be attributed to three causes: shortage of supplies, monop-oly marketing practices by British and Brazilian governments (which control two-thirds of the world's co-coa supply), and greatly increased demands from the U. S. and other countries. countries.

#### **Elkin Gets Parking Meters**

ELKIN, N. C., Nov. 22 .- Installation of 200 parking meters has been completed in the downtown business section. City officials say they hope this will eliminate the acute parking problem here.

## **Excessive Rain Cuts** South's Peanut Crop

ATLANTA, Nov. 22.—Prolonged rainy weather has caused extensive damage to the South's peanut crop, especially in the Georgia-Florida-Alabama area, the Production and Market Administration (PMA) announced.

Government agency stated that unusual weather in the tri-state region had resulted in costly damage to both Spanish and runner stacks still in the field. Some damage to peanut ker-nels and considerable discoloration of hulls had been reported earlier in the Virginia-Carolina area.

Currently, crop picking in both areas is at a standstill, PMA said, and unless favorable weather arrives im-mediately many mills in the Carolina

area would be closed due to a short-age of farmers' stock peanuts. Shipping point sales and quotations for Virginia type peanuts were most-ly 17½ to 18 cents for cleaned jum-bos, 15¼ to 16 cents for shelled extra large.

#### **Cig Tax Receipts in** Fla. Up for Quarter

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Nov. 22.-TALLAHASSEE, FIA, NOV. 22.— October cigarette tax returns totaled \$1,003,212, a drop of 1.56 per cent from the \$1,018,916 returned for the same period a year ago, James Vo-celle, State beverage director, an-nounced

Celle, State beverage director, an-nounced. Cigarette revenue for the four months ended October 30 totaled \$3,881,748, 4.74 per cent above the amount collected in a like period in 1946.

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Nov. 22.-International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers (IAICM) thru its definitions and standards committee is making every effort to bring about a minimum butterfat standard of 10 per cent and 8 per cent for ice cream, Ridgway Kennedy Jr., of Abbotts Dairies, Inc., and chairman of the committee, announced at the recent IAICM convention here.

He pointed out that his committee has had several meetings already with the Federal Food and Drug Administration regarding standards for frozen dairy foods, with the govern-ment body leaning toward 12 per cent and 10 per cent minimum standard for ice cream. Kennedy also disclosed that the federal body does not favor an ice milk standard.

In his report to the association Kennedy said: "The representatives Kennedy said: "The representatives of the Food and Drug Administra-tion have indicated that they are ready and anxious to complete the job of establishing the federal stan-dards for ice cream, and your com-mittee is working valiantly to come thru with a set of standards that will permit us to continue to operate profitably and continue to grow toward our billion dollar goal."

## **Biz Barometer**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. A higher-than-usual gain in em-ployment during the month of October was reported here this week by the Department of Commerce.

According to the department report, there were more than 59,000,000 persons in civilian jobs during the month. Indus-trial employment was up 2,200.-000 from October, 1946. Agricultural employment, however, was unchanged from a year ago.

#### **Returns Given on** New Minn. Cig Tax

ST. PAUL, Nov. 22.—New Minne-sota cigarette levy that went into effect here July 1 yielded \$2,316,249 during its first three months of optarling its first infect infect infects of op-eration, according to the State audi-tor's report covering that period. At the same time the report stated that Minnesota income reached an alltime high, surpassing the previous mark by almost \$5,000,000.

For October new cigarette tax returned \$699,642, bringing total State cigarette revenue since June 30, 1947, to \$3,015,891.



## Confectionery **Sales Ahead of** '46 High Mark

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Nine-month report on candy sales thruout the nation indicates that last year's all-time high of \$687,000.000 will be surpassed with something to spare. For the first three-quarters of 1947 preliminary reports by the U. S. De-partment of Commerce showed that candy sales totaled \$620,000,000, compared with \$450,000,000 for the same period a year ago.

Most recent study of manufac-turers' sales disclosed that for Sep-tember alone, 288 candymakers sold \$67,765,000, a 50 per cent gain over the previous month and a 53 per cent the previous month and a 53 per cent increase in sales over September, 1946. Same manufacturers have accounted for \$505,641,000 of the nine-month 1947 total, a 38 per cent gain in dollar volume over an identical period a year ago.

Of great encouragement to candy Of great encouragement to candy producers is the fact that poundage sales are currently showing consistent gains over last year. For the nine months ended September 30, 1947, candy poundage amounted to 1,041,-375,000 pounds compared with 990,-824:000 pounds for a like period in 1946 an increase of 5 per cent

chocolate manufacturers soared 19 per cent, while manufacturer-whole-salers were up 49 per cent and manu-facturer-retailers made a 9 per cent gain. On the seasonal gain score-card, all three departments showed rises in September over August.

indicated the following gains: Manu-facturers, 53 per cent; manufacturer-wholesalers, 36 per cent, and manu-facturer-retailers, 13 per cent.

Of the manufacturers reporting, the Atlantic region extending from New York to Florida contributed 91 reports, with the East North Central area, including Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, turned in but four reports, the lowest of the seven regions reporting seven regions reporting.

#### **Mercury Steel Co.** Names Ill. Distrib

DETROIT, Nov. 22.-Mercury Steel Company has appointed the Kildare Novelty Company here as distributor for the Mercury Athletic Scale in Illi-nois, C. L. Skidmore, Mercury sales manager, announced.

Manufacturing concern is headed by Edward A. Gorney and Chester Rosinski. Tho the firm is concentrating its production on scales, develop-ment of a number of machines is also being undertaken.

Firm's scale is not a weighing scale, but has three plays for lift tests, six plays for wrist tests, four plays for grip or knuckle tests and two plays for muscle tests (old Indian wrestling). Each test requires one penny.

Machine has a polished solid alumi-num base. Kick plates are bright chrome finish, handles and trimming are chrome and polished aluminum. Dial is of unbreakable glass with a Dial wrinkle finish background.

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**RECORDS MOST-PLAYED ON THE AIR** 

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THE WHISTLER...Sam Donahue (Shirley Lloyd)......Capitol 472—BM1 (Tommy Dorsey (Gordon Polk), Victor 20-2552; The Modern-aires, Columbia 37980)
 NEAR YOU .....Elliot Lawrence (Rosalind Patton)...... Columbia 37838—ASCAP

#### **Boston Coinmen Receive** Praise

BOSTON, Nov. 22 .- Boston coinmen have recently received a great deal of praise from various quarters for their wholehearted co-operation in fund drives by charitable organizations.

At present local distributors and operators are plugging hard for the Damon Runyan Memorial Fund for Cancer Research. During the past week an additional \$10,000 was pledged to the fund at a meeting of coinmen from the Greater Boston area. area.

In addition, local coinmen have won high praise for their heavy con-tributions to the Community Fund and the Children's Hospital Medical Center.

## **Candy Groups Duscuss Cocoa** At N. Y. Meet

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Cocoa bean supply situation was the major point of discussion at a conference here last week of members of the executive committee of the Association of Co-coa and Chocolate Manufacturers of the United States and a special com-mittee of the National Confectioners' Association (NCA).

During the conference, it was disclosed that the International Emer-gency Food Council has estimated that 1947-'48 crop will yield about 644,450 long tons of exportable cocoa supplies, which is almost 50,000 long tons short of pre-war supplies.

One of the featured speakers of the One of the featured speakers of the meet was Clive C. Day, president of the cocoa association, who outlined the comprehensive research work now in progress under the sponsor-ship of the American Cocoa Research Committee. In co-operation with the Pan-American Union, this commit-tee is fostering an extensive program to combat parisitical infestation, and thus increase the yield per tree, and to develop new sources of supplies, Day said.

Day said. List Committee Robert H. W. Welch Jr., of James O. Welch Company, served as chair-man for the confectioners' commit-tee which consisted of the following: Charles F. Haug, Mason Au & Ma-genheimer; Herman L. Heide, Henry Heide, Inc.; Louis L. McIlhenney, Stephen F. Whitman & Son; Theo-dore Stempfel, E. J. Brach & Sons; Russell Stover, Russell Stover Can-dies; J. H. Tatigian, Peter Paul, Inc., and Philip Gott, NCA president. Among those representing the co-

and Philip Gott, NCA president. Among those representing the co-coa association besides Day were A. M. Ferry and Gordon Peyton, the group's secretary and counsel, re-spectively; John Bachman, Bachman Chocolate Manufacture Company; H. Russell Burbank and A. A. Singer, Rockwood & Company; Howard O. Frye, Walter Baker & Company; L. W. Major, Hershey Chocolate Cor-poration; August Merckens, Merckens Chocolate Company; Charles H. Shu-macher, A. N. Stollwerck, Inc., and John Whittaker, of Peter Cailler Kohler Swiss Chocolate Company.

Poundage Sales Up

in 1946, an increase of 5 per cent. Dollar sales during September of chocolate manufacturers soared 79

Over-all picture on candy dollar sales for the 1947 three-quarter mark

Of the manufacturers reporting,

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## Candy Op Runs Test on 6-Cent **Operation; Dollar Volume Up**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Rising candy forms customer of the 6-cent price, ar prices, causing much pro and con specifying that only a nickel and chicked, Nov. 22.—Rising candy bar prices, causing much pro and con debate on continued sale of nickel bars thru venders, have spurred at least one local operator to seek a workable solution to the problem.

Bert Riel, sales manager of Vendall Bert Riel, sales manager of Vendall Service Corporation, this week re-vealed his firm was in process of making a test run of a 6-cent bar price in one of its machines. "If final results show satisfactory acceptance of the increased price, we will change over most, if not all, of our units. So far, there is no indication of con-sumer resistance," Riel said.

#### Six-Week Test

First 6-cent machine was installed six weeks ago. Unusual angle to the installation was that while it was placed next to a regular unit vending nickel bars, the penny increase did not prevent the machine doing an even larger dollar volume of business than that done by the straight 5-cent than that done by the straight 5-cent unit. Riel explained that, while top-pulling bar brands were stocked in the 6-cent vender, well-known but slightly less popular bars were placed in the nickel machine. Packages of gum were kept in the latter unit. In no case was the same product used in the two machines in the two machines.

"From all appearances, if both venders were on 6-cent operation, gross intake would be proportionately higher," Riel states. Test machine, which is installed in a railroad yard, has seemed to indicate that the act of placing a second coin in a vender does not act as a damper on sales. Employees questioned as to their re-action to the new price in most cases stated they did not let it stop them from making purchases; reaction was that they more or less expected to pay the higher price. "Candy counters charge six or even 7 cents, so how can a machine give you a cheaper price?" was the consensus of their remarks remarks.

#### Single Corn Entrance

Riel said that they are using a sin-gle coin entrance, 6-cent coin mech-anism that was developed and first shown by Vendall Company at the CMI convention in February this year. Both pennies and nickels go thru slug rejectors. As either coin may be deposited first, new price creates no confusion for the patron. Sign placed on the vender in-



specifying that only a nic penny will operate machine, and Use of pennies alone will not operate mech-anism; after third penny is deposited additional pennies are rejected. First three coins are returned upon patron pressing coin return button. Unit is so constructed that it can be switched to straight 5-cent operation with one adjustment, made without removing from the cabinet.

According to Riel, 6-cent candy price seems to be the answer to in-creased costs of merchandise, etc., now borne solely by the operator. Since candy manufacturers, distributors and jobbers have advanced prices with rising raw material costs, it should not be expected of the vender operator to alone bear the loss entailed in maintaining the nickel candy bar price, he feels. Main thing for the successful vending of the 6-cent bar is that good merchandise should be offered at all times, he adds.

#### No Dime Operation

Dime bars are out as far as venders Dime bars are out as far as venders are concerned, Riel declared. Thus the only real recourse to offset rising costs is the penny increase on the nickel bar. "Another price increase by the candy manufacturer will make the 6-cent price mandatory if opera-tors wish to continue in business," he states states

While he feels that the single test While he feels that the single test conducted so far is not enough to prove conclusively the acceptance of the 6-cent candy vender, the unex-pected popularity of the one test unit at least shows what may be expected of similar installations elsewhere.

Riel is currently planning on placing additional 6-cent test units out on location.

#### CoinCalendarUsed **By Insurance Firm To Increase Sales**

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—A coin-oper-ated calendar bank has proven an ex-cellent sales aid for the Bankers' Mutual Life Company of Freeport, Ill., Bertram M. Colvin, Chicago su-pervising general agent for the insur-ance firm reports. ance firm reports.

Novel bank was introduced by the firm 13 years ago and with thousands in use today is still a popular means for paying insurance premiums, Colvin said.

#### **Has Five Chutes**

Has Five Chutes Calendar bank has five coin chutes. Nickel, dime and quarter chutes are provided for daily savings. Upon in-sertion of one of the three types of coins the calendar advances one day. A fourth chute advances the month upon the insertion of a quarter. A fifth chute which will take any coin up to and including a quarter, is available for depositing additional coins in the bank. Calendar banks are manufactured by Gerrett Corporation of Milwau-kee, are loaned by Bankers' Mutual to people who desire to use this method of savings to meet their pre-mium payments. The banks are used mainly for holders of juvenile poli-cies. Holders of special \$1,000 poli-cies can meet payments by depositing a dime a day, Colvin pointed out. Actually the insurance company has no direct control over money de-posited in the bank since a key is

Actually the insurance company has no direct control over money de-posited in the bank since a key is given to policy holders and they are free to remove the money at any time, but the method has proven a successful way to keep up with policy payments, Colvin said.

**Market Cig Sales** BERLIN, Nov. 22 .- Ban on mailed tobacco products, already in effect in American zone of Germany, will be extended to other occupation zones in an effort to combat the black market, B. J. Humes, American mili-

tary government postal section head. announced.

Other occupation powers, accord-ing to Humes, will put the ban in full force December 1. Following this date tobacco products sent into Germany via international mails will be confiscated.

American cigarettes sold on the black market now cost about \$100 per carton or \$10 per pack.



**Army Curbs Black** 

PHIL BRITO (Musicraft 15117 and 517) Kate—FT; V. I Wish I Didn't Love You So—FT; V. White Christmas—FT; V. Ave Maria—V.

It's for the holiday songs that Phil Brito's intimate and expressive baritoning makes for some top song selling. With a vocal ensemble added to Ted Dale's music, Brito sings from way deep down for White Christmas. And with full restraint, extends himself to sing a most impressive Ave Maria, singing it Latin and with deep religious fervor. Bringing real intimate charm to his chant, with Dale's music providing a soft and subdued background, Brito imparts full romantic flavor to the I Wish I Didn't Love You So ballad, taken at a bright tempo. And with a fem vocal unit on the assist, whirls it bright and breezy for Kate. They'll buy the holiday sides for the parlor phonos.

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PERRY COMO (Victor 20-2545)

Two Loves Have I-FT; V. I Never Loved Anyone-FT; V.

the soft strings of Russ Case's music

matching the lyrical mood, Perry

Como caresses the wordage for both

of these slow spinning ballad sides.

And wraps 'em both up handily. Two

Loves Have I was resurrected from

the 1931 folios and may meet fresh

response with this new release. I Never Loved Anyone, of current vin-

tage, is also well-suited to Como's

balladeering style. Como fans will favor his Two Loves

chanting.

ANN CORNELL (Sterling 3003 and 3004) I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good—FT; V. Why Is It So?—FT; V. When Your Lover Has Gone—FT; V. Mad About You—FT; V. Singing in heartfelt manner, with

Mad About You—F1; V. While the husky voicing of Ann Cornell is scaled to the torch register, her singing is without any stylized delivery or rhythmic feel to make it any degree of song selling. Skippy Williams' small rhythm band sup-ports, but with as little spark in their syncos as in the singing. Never get-ting into a winning way for the ting into a winning way for the wordage, Miss Cornell torches it throaty for three slow blues ballads, taking a lively beat for When Your Lover Has Gone.

Nothing here that makes for nickels. BOB MANNING (Click 103)

I Understand—FT; V. Judy—FT; V.

Judy—FT; V. Until recently handling the song selling for Ziggy Elman's band, Bob Manning steps out solo. And with the Herman Chittison (piano) Trio establishing an intimate musical set-ting, the lad gives out with engaging romantic flavor in his baritoning for both of these ballads. Makes his best impression for a smooth and easy impression for a smooth and easy styling of *I Understand*, altho taking it with as much ease in his delivery of the oldie Hoagy Carmichael tune in Judy. I Understand will help attract attention

to the troubadour.

DICK FARNEY (Majestic 7271)

I Still Get Jealous—FT; V. The Wildest Gal in Town—FT; V.

Altho he displays no special degree Altho he displays no special degree of lyrical projection or individual styling in his baritone singing, the romantic warbling of Dick Farney falls easy enough on the ears without causing any undue attention. Singing in simple melodic style with Jack causing any undue attention. Singing in simple melodic style, with Jack Matthias providing a full musical bank, Farney takes it in better stride for the slow Wildest Gal in Town ballad for which the maestro sustains a rhythmic background. It's a more moderately-paced tempo for I Still Get Jealous from the High Button Shoes musical, singing it smoothly but without bringing out the infectious charm of the song or its story. Song popularity may help bring atten-tion to The Wildest Gal in Town.

JOHNNY THOMPSON (Regent 109)

Peggy O'Neil-W; V. Sweetheart Darlin'-FT; V.

It's the straightforward commercial chanting of the sweet-toned baritone voice of Johnny Thompson, more lyrical than romantic in its ring, for both of these evergreens. And with Daniel Mendelsohn providing a soft string and woodwind background, string and woodwind background, brings a measure of attraction to the disking. Takes it at an easy three-quarter tempo for *Peggy O'Neil* for which the drummer boy interjects a clog dance effect on the drum blocks to give the spinning some postelying to give the spinning some nostalgic flavor. And for Gus Kahn's Sweet-heart song, spins at a moderate tempo

in sing-song style. Peggy O'Neil returning to popularity favor may help attract some to that side. ALAN DALE (Signature 15160)

Oh, Marie—FT; V. So Far—FT; V.

Combining the bel canto style of the Italian street singer with the rhythmic flair of the popular songs, Alan Dale makes a marked impres-sion with his interpretation of *Oh*, *Marie*. Sings it sweetly for the folk lyric in Italian and contrasts with a lyric in Italian and contrasts with a stanza in English phrased rhythmic-ally as Ray Bloch's music sustains a lively pace thruout. For the flip, Dale subdues his baritoning to the soft and intimate register in the singing of So Far, slow ballad from the Allegro show score, with Bloch building a colorful string and woodwind bank in the background

in the background. Oh, Marie should gather in the coins.

DINAH SHORE (Columbia 37952) How Soon-FT; V. Fool That I Am-FT; V.

The balladeering of Miss Dinah rings rich in sincerity as she sings it for the tuneful *How Soon*. Adds a lilt to the lyric with Sonny Burke's smooth musical setting adding to warmth of the songbird. Equally engaging is her torch chanting for Fool That I Am with Burke's music again heightening the intimate charm of the chanteuse.

Dinah Shore fans will favor both sides.

#### RUSS MORGAN (Decca 24196)

The More We Are Together—FT; VC. The Trail of the Lonesone Pine—FT; VC. The silky strings and soft musical rhythms of music in the Russ Morgan manner is brought back in bringing back these two sides. And if nothing else, the spinning provides the dance urge for those taking their incentives from the sweet musical frame. It's a lively rhythmic pace sustained for the More We Are Together, with maestro Morgan and ensemble singing the nursery jingle. And for the Lonesome Pine oldie, Morgan refines the rustic rhythms, even polishing the Strads for the turkey-in-the-strawing.

For the dance spots.

#### BUDDY JOHNSON (Decca 48052) Please, Mr. Johnson-FT; VC. Stop Pretending-FT; VC.

The blues piano chording of the maestro and the sultry blues singing of Ella Johnson, with the band boys of Ella Johnson, with the band boys sustaining a rhythmic beat in the slow tempo while the trumpet and saxes cut in their licks, makes it still a fashionable spin for *Please*, *Mister Johnson*. Equally effective in the bounce frame is the mated Stop *Pre-tending*, with Buddy Johnson and the Mack Sisters piping it rhythmically Mack Sisters piping it rhythmically while the alto sax and trumpet blow hot. It's a fine Harlem brand of jazz, fashioned with restraint but without losing any of the rhythmic flavor or color.

Race spots will show interest in both sides.

#### THE RAVENS (National 9035 and 9038)

Ol' Man River—FT; V. Would You Believe Me—FT; V. Summertime—FT; V. Write Me a Letter—FT; V.

Write Me a Letter-FT; V. Plenty of persuasion in the har-mony singing of this sepia fourtet, their singing all the more compelling in the contrast of the low bass voice of Jimmy Ricks and the high tenor pipes of Maithe Marshall. Moreover, there's a trim rhythmic flair in their fashioning, most pronounced for their styling of Ol' Man River and Sum-mertime in modern dress. Slow down to the ballad frame for Would You



Believe Me, with the tenor lead singing with full tenderness. Drop below par set on the other sides for Write Me a Letter, a rhythm race blues with the accompanying rhythm section set-ting forth a shuffle boogie rhythm. There's marked individuality and originality in their singing and styl-ing, all adding up to attention-getting. Sepia spots will do well to reserve phono strips for most of these sides.

#### VAUGHN MONROE (Victor 20-2523) How Soon?—FT; VC. True—FT; VC.

Two nice tuneful ballads of sentiment, it's a pairing that's tailor-made for the maestro's piping. The fiddle section and trombones for the banks and bridges, Monroe sings it with a nice measure of tenderness for How Soon?, getting nice rhythmic support from the band and vocal assist from the Moon Maids. Takes it at a slower tempo for *True*, and with the gals on hand again underscores the romantic character of the tuneful ballad.

If the songs strike pay dirt, so will the sides.

#### LUCKY MILLINDER (Decca 48053) Big Fat Mama-FT; VC. Trouble in Mind-FT; VC.

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Sepia spots may still want to hear Rosetta Tharpe's singing of Trouble in Mind.

#### MEL TORME (Musicraft 15116) Ballerina-FT: V.

What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?-FT; V.

It's entirely the intimate and whis-pered lyrical phrasings by Mel Torme for both of these slow-spinning bal-lads. But without any instrumental color to frame his piping that depends entirely on delivery rather than vocal quality for the selling, Torme is vir-tually without support with only a rhythm section to back him up.

Hardly enough substance in this spin-ning to attract coinage.

#### BETTY RHODES (Victor 20-2559)

Put Yourself in My Place, Baby-FT; V. Just Around the Corner-FT; V.

With the advantage of good song material and a decided lift in the colorful musical setting created by Charles Dant, the intimate chanteusing of Betty Rhodes is easy enough to take for both of these sides. Brings fresh lyrical life to the Around the Corner oldie, and at a more moderate pace brings out the torch qualities of the attractive Put Yourself in My Place ballad

Song selections should help bring attention to the songbird.

#### DICK HAYMES (Decca 24225)

That's All I Want To Know-FT; V. With the Roses in Her Hair-FT; V. The casy lyrical flow of Dick Haymes, rich in romantic appeal, with Gordon Jenkins's music for the color-ful bank, makes it attentive spinning for both of these ballad sides. Most striking is the Roses lullaby, a highly tuneful serenade that smacks of sunny Italy. Haymes chants it in bel canto style, with fiddles and mandolin to accent the melodic appeal. For the flip, adds a rhythmic lilt to the *All I Want to Know* ballad.

They'll get romantical with their nickels for With the Roses in Her Hair.

#### CONRAD THIBAULT (Decca 24189) The Lord's Prayer-V. Goin' Home-V.

The operatic tenoring of Conrad Thibault is brought back again for these two standards. With the strings and harp of Jay Blackton sustaining the musical mood, it's the full religious spirit in his singing of The Lord's Prayer. And just as impressive for Goin' Home lyric set to the largo movement of Dvorak's New World symphony.

For the homes.

#### PHIL HARRIS (Victor 20-2535)

Ding Dong Daddy From Dumas-FT; VC. Some Little Bug Is Going To Find You FT; VC.

Two novelty selections revived here by Phil Harris, both tailor-made for his rapid-fire song delivery. His band his rapid-life song delivery. His band boys sustaining a lively rhythmfc pace, it's Harris's drawl dittying as he chatters his way thru *Ding Dong Daddy*. And for the flip, keeps up his chatter for *Some Little Bug*, the com-edy food song on what's the use of eating that used to roll 'em in the aisles at the old-time minetral shows aisles at the old-time minstrel shows. Phil Harris fans will take this one home.

HARRY HORLICK (Decca 25256)

Silent Night-W. The First Nowell-W.

Harry Horlick, conducting the Decca Salon Orchestra of soft and subdued strings and woodwinds, makes it pleasant listening as they concertize for both of these Christmas carols. Both entirely instrumental and unobtrusive as holiday background music. For home play.

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**REX ALLEN (Mercury 6061)** 

I Went and Got a Bucket for My Tears FT; VC. Queen of the Rodeo-FT; VC.

Rex Allen does a neat job on the comedy novelty, I Went and Got a Bucket for My Tears, with the blonde balladeer of the WLS Barn Dance twist that's necessary. Lyrics of the tune are bound to sock the rustic fans in the pocketbook, for tune kids frustrated romance, a theme that has been a folk tune songwriters' bonanza for years. Reverse, an Allen original, will pack a wallop in the Western States, for it relates the story of the belle of the round-up, another fa-vorite conversational theme.

Rex Allen will ride the juke range on this pairing.

LIDA BRODONOVA-)OHN ZAK (Standard F-7009)

I Want To Get Married—FT; V. White Gardenias—W; V.

The folking singing of Lida Brodonova, blending with the sweet-toned tenor voice of John Zak, and toned tenor voice of John Zak, and both projecting their song personality on the platter, keeps it spinning true and bright for both of these Bohemian folk songs. Singing in the native tongue with fiddles, clarinet and ac-cordion sparking the instrumental background, it's gay and spirited singing for the lilting I Want To Get Married Contrasting they make for Married. Contrasting, they make for a romantic twosome for the tuneful and plaintive White Gardenias waltz

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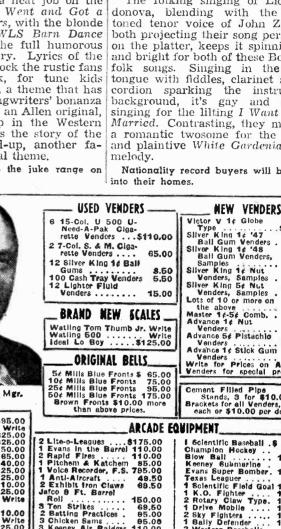


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#### DOROTHY SHAY GOES TO TOWN (Columbia C-155)

Dorothy Shay, who lends Park Avenue sophistication to her moun-tain melodies, scores with her second set of hilbilly song satires which run the emotional gamut from sagebrush pathos to earthy humor. There are three kiddie songs in set, each in con-trasting characters as she chants it trasting characters as she chants it in a forthright manner for a straight He's the One lullaby, a satire on backwoods slumber songs in Moun-tain Lullaby, and with biting humor for the saga of the kid who went to kingdom come via the plumbing in The Drainpipe Song. The sophisti-cation of the farmer's daughter comes in for lust a Friendly Feeling and It's in for Just a Friendly Feeling and It's the Little Things That Count, with a dash of spice added in her singing for The Style To Which I'm Accus-tomed and With a Little Indiscretion on the Side. A drinking ditty, Agnes Clung, wraps up the waxings in handy fashion. Mischa Russell pro-vides the music to frame her per-

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sonality piping in show style. Photo of Miss Dorothy in sparkling evening dress dresses up the cover for this four-record package, inside cover remaining blank.

#### HIGH BUTTON SHOES (Victor K-10)

The musical comedy already in the hit class, this original cast cutting of the song favorites from the High Button Shoes gives the label a show set of four records that will go great guns with the theatergoers. However, for those who haven't seen the show, entrenched in New York for a long run, the disking holds no special significance unless some of the show songs take a decided spurt up the hit parade ladder. Moreover, since the musical is even richer in eye appeal



which the wax cannot capture, it's which the wax cannot capture, it's still spinning that the show crowds will seek out first. Nanette Fabray, joined by Jack McCauley, cuts the two most familiar tunes from the score, projecting her vibrant song personality for the polka-styled Papa, Won't You Dance With Me? and the tuneful rhythm ballad, I Still Get Jealous. The romantic baritoning of Mark Dawson, with Lois Lee mak-ing for the lyrical love interest, make Mark Dawson, with Lois Lee mak-ing for the lyrical love interest, make it meaningful for Can't You Just See Yourself? and You're My Girl, both attractive lullabies. The Get Away For a Day waltz melody gets lilting lyrical treatment from Jack Mc-Cauley and Johnny Stewart; and the patter piping of comedian Phil Silver, with the other specialists assisting, sells it strong for the novelty special-ties of the score in Nobody Died For Dear Old Rutgers, There's Nothing Like a Model "T" and On a Sunday by the Sea. The show orchestra and chorus, directed by Milt Rosenstock, add show flavor to each of the sides. And while the needling offers little And while the needling offers little of the nostlagic flavor and color of the musical, it still adds up to a spinning delight for the folks favoring two seats on the aisle. Records shipped without album jacket for review.

#### SCHUBERT: UNFINISHED SYMPHONY ----Bruno Walter: Philadelphia Orchestra (Columbia MM-699)

The most popular and everlasting of the symphonies, Schubert's Sym-phony No. 8 in B Minor, the Unfin-ished, is excellently recorded by the Philadelphia Orchestra with Bruno Walter on the podium giving full understanding to the lyrical and poetic masterpiece. It's a new re-cording, spinning over three 12-inch records. And for those late in getting their classical categories started, this is an important starting set. Symbolic The most popular and everlasting is an important starting set. Symbolic figures embellish the title page with photo of the conductor and notes on the music filling the inside page.

#### BEETHOVEN: APPASSIONATA-Rudolph Serkin (Columbia MM-711)

Derkin (Coumbin MM-711) A compelling and highly emotional composition that captures the spirit-ual grandeur of the composer, Bee-thoven's Sonata No. 23 in F Minor, more familiar as the Appassionate Sonata, provides pianist Rudolf Ser-kin an excellent vehicle to display his technical brilliancy and imaginghis technical brilliancy and imaginahis technical brilliancy and imagina-tive qualities for interpretation. Ser-kin concertizes alone for three 12-inch records and the spinning spell-binds the listener. Makes for an im-portant contribution to the classical shelf of piano music on record. Tin-type of the composer and the piano graces the title page, inside cover kept blank. kept blank.

#### MORTON GOULD SHOWCASE (Columbia MM-706)

(Columbia MM-706) The lush string harmonies designed by Morton Gould, blending a pro-nounced rhythmic pattern with tonal colors rich in symphonic overtones, makes for a pleasant listening pack-age for eight orchestral 12-inch sides. Gould applies his scoring skill for eight popular melodies, and makes it an instrumental gem for each in Two Guitars, The Birth of the Blues, The Peanut Vendor, Blues in the Night, Limehouse Blues, Georgia on My Mind, Begin the Beguine and Masquerade. All makes for restful and relaxed listening without osten-tation in the spinning. Cover a color-ful title page, inside cover kept blank. ful title page, inside cover kept blank.

#### TORCH SONGS BY DINAH SHORE (Columbia D-1)

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The first in a new series of folded soft-back envelope albums, the spin-ning brings back four torch tunes recorded before by Dinah Shore.

While hardly the best examples of While hardly the best examples of torch songs in the music folios, Miss Dinah is at home for each of the songs, singing them with full expres-sive feeling. Titles take in *St. Louis* Blues, Tess's Torch Song, Bill and When a Woman Loves a Man, and it will take the songbird's personal magnetism rather than the selections to attract buyers to the record count-ers. Envelope attractively designed with a heart motif for the title page, full page photo of Miss Dinah for the full page photo of Miss Dinah for the inside page and notes on the needling for the inside back page.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS-Dick Leibert (Victor P-196)

Dick Leibert, playing the Radio City Music Hall organ, provides the musical inspiration for a community sing with a medley of 16 Christmas carols spinning over the four records in the soft Word checks included with in the set. Word sheets included with the set, making the package attrac-tive for home buyers. Winter holiday tive for home buyers. Winter holiday scene makes for the cover attraction, inside page kept blank.

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ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS (Bibletone Album-Y)

This is the music and singing of the Salvation Army, a collection of eight marches and hymns played and sung marches and hymns played and sung with full professional skill by the Star Lake Band and Chorus of the music camp in New Jersey. The full band, directed by Adjutant Rich-ard E. Holz, and playing with marked precision and spirit, offers five in-spirational marches in Star Lake March. Gladsome Morn, Victors Ac-Claimed, March Gladness and March Purity. The brass ensemble, rich in tone and harmony, add a slow hymn, Meditation. Remaining two sides bring in the a capella singing of the Ramapo Choristers, with the con-tralto voice of Irene Watson in the lead, for two devotional hymns in Except I Am Moved With Compas-sion and The World So Deceiving. An array of band instruments, to-gether with a photo of the vocal soloist on the album cover, introduces



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master and notes on the needling. Part of the platter profits will go to the Salvation Army.

#### KANKIE AND THE CONCERTINA (Columbia MJ-39)

A soft-back, two-record set that holds the fascination of the moppets as it spins out the delightful story of Kankie the Kangeroo and his finding a concertina which enabled him to leap higher than his father and at the same time get into jungle mis-chief that almost proved serious to sion and The World So Deceiving. An array of band instruments, to-gether with a photo of the vocal soloist on the album cover, introduces this band concert of sacred music.



Inside page carries photo of the band- | playing the parts of the sprightly Kankie, his more sedate Pa and his concerned Ma. Original music com-posed and conducted by Charles Hale adds to the whimsy of the tale. Descriptive envelope cover with the story told on the two inside pages makes for added merchandising at-

#### ALADDIN AND HIS WONDERFUL LAMP (Musicraft M-87)

Set to the exotic Scheherazade music by Rimsky-Korsakoff, the two records in this set spin out a fascin-ating and exciting story of Aladdin, adapted by Krasno and Steele, and how he found the fabulous lamp after being tricked by an evil magician posing as his uncle. And while Milton Cross is overbearing in his dramatic force as the narrator, even more than the character players, the story content is exciting enough to keep the youngsters breathless as the sides spin out the amazing experi-ences of Aladdin. Moreover, the background music, played by the or-chestra conducted by Ted Dale, es-tablishes the appropriate mood for story, which will arrest the attention of ground and old alike. Cover on of young and old alike. Cover an attractive title page but with adult eye appeal.

#### SUITE 'N SWING (Peer Gynt)-Henri Rene (Victor P-190)

(Victor P-190) Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite gets an-other going over, and this time, it's the lovely melodies smothered in a jazz transcription by Henri Rene. And while his studio band plays it energetically enough, with the mu-sical moods running the gamut from baction upped to the blues and pren sical moods running the gamut from boogie woogie to the blues and pep-pered with tenor sax improvisations, the spinning of the four records strikes no responsive chord. For the hot jazz or even the dance fans, it's a mill-run foxtrot fashioning of a a mill-run foxtrot fashioning of a classic, and for the music lovers, the adaptation is far from becoming these lovely melodies. Arabesque dancing girl figure, complementing a sketching of a hot jazz band, makes for a striking enough cover design, inside cover page kept blank.

## SONGS OF THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS Roy Acuff (Columbia C-143)

It's the lusty baritoning of Roy Acuff, packing plenty of pathos in his sagebrush singing style for this collection of mountain songs being reissued in package form. The fidcollection of mountain songs being reissued in package form. The fid-dles and guitars of his Smoky Moun-tain Boys provide spirited musical support with a top tenor giving vocal assist on several of the eight sides in the set. All mountain standards, and for the most enjoying wide popularity as single issues, packing includes Wreck on the Highway, Fire Ball Mail, The Precious Jewel, Pins and Needles, Wabash Cannon Ball, Freight Train Blues, Wait For the Sun to Shine and Low and Lonely. Caricatures of mountain music Caricatures of mountain music makers provide for an attractive cover design, inside page kept blank with no pictorial plug for the cowboy crooner.

#### GOLDEN GATE SPIRITUALS (Columbia C-145)

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Unquestionably one of the most outstanding of the Negro spiritual singing groups, it's the rich rhyth-mic feeling and religious spirit in their harmony that the Golden Gate their harmony that the Golden Gate Quartet brings to their spinning sides. For the most part, selections in this four-record set are reissues, with No Restricted Signs, a spiritual with social significance originally cut many months ago, being issued for the first time. For the spontaneous rhythmic combustion, it's mostly pro-nounced for Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho and Swing Down, Chariot. The Quartet maintains the same lively The Quartet maintains the same lively

pace for Jezebel, God's Gonna Cut You Down and the Blind Barnabus narrative, slowing down for I Will Be Home Again and Wade in the Water. Piano and guitar provide instrumen-tal support. Celestial motif makes for title page attraction, inside cover page kept blank.

#### ELMER BIECK CHRISTMAS ALBUM (Hollywood Rhythms EB-4)

(Hollywood Rhyims EB4) Coast indie enters the Yuletide sea-son platter sweepstakes with a six-sided disk book of Christmas faves featuring radio's Elmer Bieck at the console and ex-Horace Heidt vocalist Steve Merrill in the lyric depart-ment. Both display their talents ca-pably and to good advantage. Their selections include White Christmas, Silent Night, Toyland, Adeste Fidelis, Little Town of Bethlehem, Santa Claus Is Coming to Town. Reproduc-tion and surface is not up to par, but this does not totally spoil a job well done by the soloists. However, it is doubtful that the Bieck-Merrill al-bum will be able to withstand the terrific competition of similar ma-terial released by other waxeries. A rather unimpressive silver-on-blue album cover does not ad to its sales appeal. Inner flap carries piece on Bieck, but writing is awkward and reveals an unprofessional hand. Coast indie enters the Yuletide sea-

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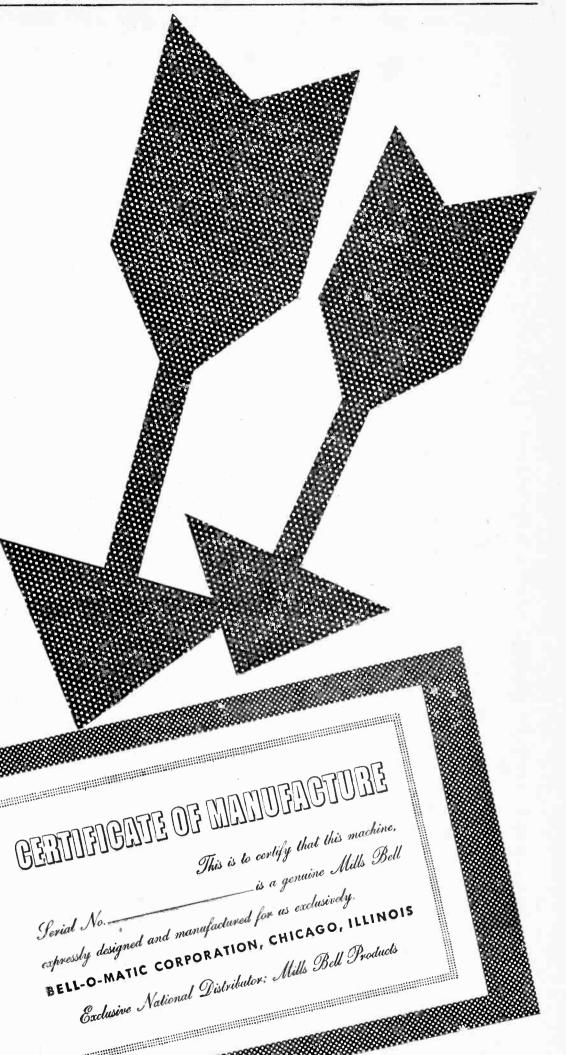




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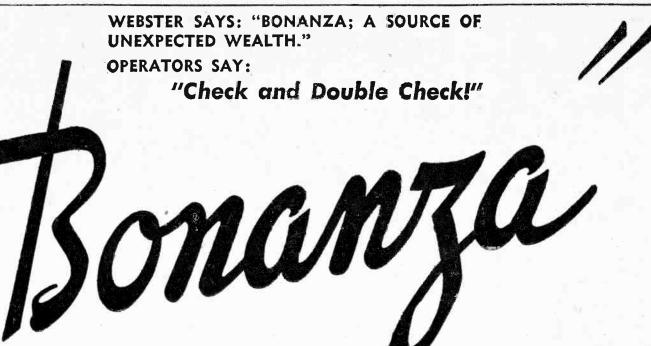
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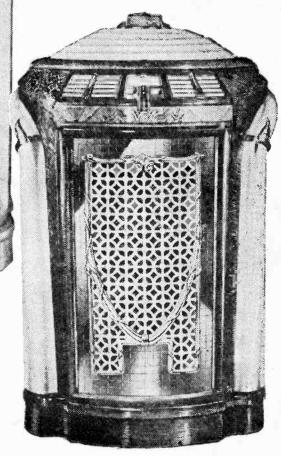


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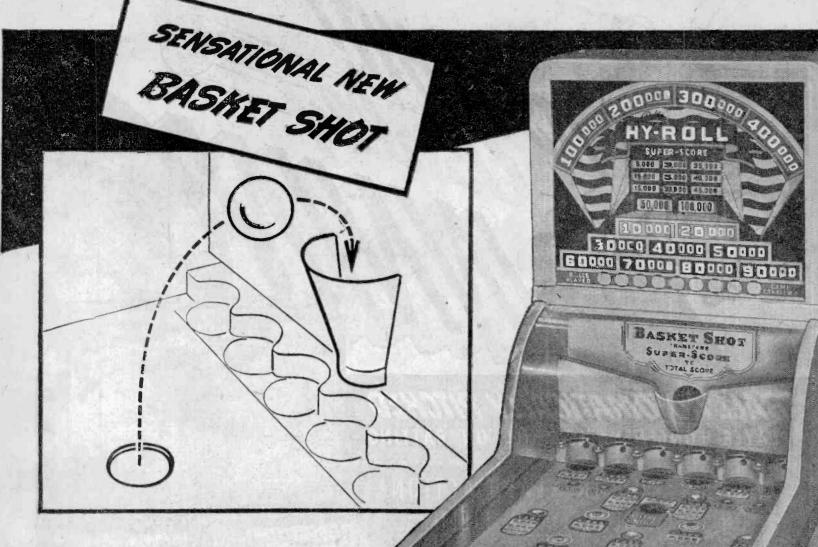
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