

Round the Musical Shows with the 'Melody Maker' NAT ALLEN IS 'STRICTLY COMMERCIAL'

THERE is a paucity of striking rhythmic and melodic presentation ideas in Nat Allen's Orchestra (Ritz Club, 11, Brixton Road, S.W. 20) which is truly amazing.

HIDDEN TALENT Wherein lie the faults? In the opening of the show there is no signature tune. It is replaced by a hurried 'Twelfth Street Rag'.

Another noticeable fault in the presentation (regarded purely on last week's showings) was the clumsy arrangement of the piano solo.

Handed between two variety acts, 'The Wedding Bells' and 'Paddy Harlow's "How" are as exhilarating but never outstanding.

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Jazz Illustrated Brings you the exclusive Story in Pictures of the Sensational 'SMOKEY BECKETT' CONCERT IN LONDON

DINAH DOUBLING On the air Amstell to hold an 'Indian Tea Party'

Under the title of "Indian Tea Party," Dinah Doubling is presenting an unusual "Jazz Club" on the radio.

Melachrinio and Temple in aired hand-contest

The public will refer to the hand-contest between Melachrinio and Temple as the "Melachrinio and Temple hand-contest."

Caribbean Club Trio leaving?

Under two weeks' notice from the Caribbean Club, and due to their engagement as resident group at the Ritz Club, the trio is leaving.

'Elsie Carlisle' line-up Trumpet-arranger Fred Bonamie, who is reported to be leaving the resident band at the Ritz Club, is Elsie Carlisle.

'Lytelton band' tests for EMI On Wednesday last, November 30, Humphrey Lytelton and his band took four sides in a test session for EMI.

- Britain's Top Tunes 1. I'M BREAKING UP MY HEART 2. I DON'T SEE ME IN YOUR EYES 3. THE HARRY LIME THEME 4. CONFIDENTIALLY IN NEW YORK 5. THE WEDDING BELL 6. THE WEDDING BELL 7. LEONARD BARKER AKA 8. I'M STINGING ALONG WITH YOU 9. CAROLINE BARKER 10. THE SCOT TALKING 11. MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 12. A ROSE IN A GARDEN OF WEDNESDAY 13. SHINY WHITE SUN AND BLUE 14. I'M IN YOUR EYES 15. I'M IN YOUR EYES 16. I'M IN YOUR EYES

Leon Roy carbon copy of Gillespie, but...

DESPITE the amount of publicity and speculation surrounding the new arrival, Leon Roy is a big-band singer, the number of his records is not as great as it would seem.

Not in any one number was the band perfect throughout, though there were exciting moments for instance, George Lindale's tenor in 'Lemon Drop' playing with terrific drive and attack.

ELLINGTON'S GREAT COMEDY VARIETY ACT

If Ray Ellington wanted to do the most interesting and varied variety act in the world, he would have to do it in the form of a comedy variety act.

HARRY LEADER NERD LEADERS

Harry Leader, one of the two resident leaders of the Astor, Charter House Club, informs us this week that he is on the way out for two good eight-piece strict-orchestra bands.

New bop rendezvous

The newest strictly progressive jazz club to come on the scene in London is the Bop Rendezvous.

HAWKINS

Theater Party (see page 1) This is the first time that the 11th of the band, which was taken place at the Victoria Palace, London.

ISRAEL: THE PROMISED LAND FOR MUSICIANS?

THE right leg cut through the air dramatically by the master's voice told of a new colony of jazz fans of a Promised Land for Musicians.

IN THE STATES AND BRITAIN Ornette Barone Instrumental vocals are foreshadowing

He arrived the day the Palestine was broke out. He joined the Hebrews.

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The death of crooning

WHAT'S happening to the human voice in contemporary music is a very serious matter.

SOUTHERN ORDER SO BRED BY SEARCH FOR A NEW SOUND WITH THE GREAT HAWK

You Can't Go Wrong WITH WRIGHT Song DOWN IN THE GIE I AM WASTING MY TIME ON YOU TWO LIPS

LEO FULD

language and speaks seven fluently, says a much-publicized article in the New York Times.

They haven't got a best, a proper beat. I've made out. It's not individual, but they'll be good as you're made out.

Heath, Skyrockets

Throughout the country, Heath and Skyrockets are enthusiastic jazz groups. Heath is not limited to professionals.

Anti-British?

It's not what about the anti-British feeling which was stressed so much recently in words and deeds?

own. That's how the blues-shouter started business. I remember when Jim Clark's "Yes No Heav" first appeared.

There are many other examples, and as far as jazz is concerned, it is a fair recent one in "Jazz Day" by the late Duke Ellington.

FULD HE is a crosser-plus who blossomed under the Hyman banner for more than two years. HE moved to America shortly before war was over, built up an East and West coast reputation through the years.

the best drummer in England." Dutch-born Fuld, on his first visit to Israel, was surprised to discover that some of his biggest successes were in English.

Introducing Anne

I wondered what was his happiest experience. He preferred to do his arrangements. The people had never heard anything like it in the country.

Shining Trumpets

with 24 pages of photographs of Max Rainey, Keppel Smith, Charlie Hill, Jolly Roll Morton, Freddie Bonner, King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Kid Ory, Moustae Taylor, Duke Johnson, etc., etc.

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NFJO NOTEBOOK

by Les Perrin

RADIO COMMENTARY BY MAURICE BURMAN The advantages of contrasted bands

"CONTRASTS IN RHYTHM" JACK NATHAN AND HIS BAND

CONTRASTS appeal to me: imagination. In such things as the radio program playing in contrasted styles.

of Teddy Wilson, Billy Kyle and perhaps Mel Powell, but I don't think they have more than one of two genuine Dixieland grooves.



Record Reviews 'THE MOON'—and Jackson

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SQUADS AND REVELLERS IN 'HIGH JINX'

DELPHI FILMS - High Jinx in Society - could have been quite a showcase for the Squads...

The Revelers did not wait for the film to get under way before starting...

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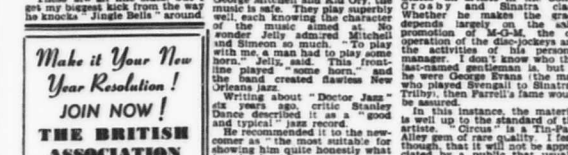
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CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Sidelights on the news by 'MM' Staff Writers

A CELEBRATED figure in Mid-lands dancing circles and the entertainment business generally is Alec Taylor. His biggest claim to fame in the dance band world is as proprietor of the thriving Astoria Ballroom in Nottingham.

Alec is just now in a position to be envied. While he is in England he is receiving the highest wages in the high seas, en route for a three-month business-cum-pleasure trip to South Africa. No progressive musician can think of Alec Taylor without his thoughts turning also to Ken Mackintosh, provincial swing-club leader of that great dance times here (alas, how seldom, considering his outstanding merit!) via the BBC.

Mackintosh, then, is the name behind Alec Taylor's most successful venture. Mackintosh is the name he thinks of every time the strains of his own resident dance band greet his ears, and it must have been of his old friend Ken Mackintosh—left behind to carry the banner in Nottingham while his owner is away for a month or so—that Alec thought as he sailed on the first step of his lone journey.

You have a distinguished fellow-traveler in the next article, said the editor of the "Melody Maker" and Mackintosh!—Jack Marshall.

Had he put in some intensive practice in order to regain the old facility, and amongst the numbers he will feature will be—would you guess it? The Harry Lime theme—Jerry Benson.

He invited out to parties, when someone from a table behind me touched me on the shoulder and said in Hindustani where I came from.

Ken turned round to see the speaker the question was repeated in the same language.

The man who addressed the question to me was a complete stranger, and I merely said him in English: "If I had met him in India, and if so, where?"

"Oh! no," he replied. "I don't think I have met you before, but I had met you in London, at a party, and what a lovely life it was! Where are you in your life now?" I came from Assam myself!—Sincier Trull.

They're off!

WHAT a race, the jazz fans must have had! Forty-nine jockeys and every one a winner. No spins, no bets. And they're off! After the Disc Station.

There'll be no horses in the race either, for the jockeys are disc-jockeys, and they will be seen in a forthcoming Columbia picture featurette entitled "Spin 'em Fast!"

The film will be the first of two, and the second will be a country tour for producer Ralph Kramida, who visited numerous cities to report.

Let's hope the producers don't

The Professor

He looked as though at any moment he might burst a blood vessel. He was a thin, pale man, with a serious expression, and a few strands of hair on his head.

He was the typical disc-jockey: a head and shoulders shot, with a small, round nose, and a thin, pale complexion. He was wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a dark tie.

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ERIC WINSTONE COLLAPSES AT SOUTHEA DANCE

A stroke of misfortune came to the late recognized Eric Winstone orchestra, for when conducting the band on a one-night stand at the Savoy Ballroom, Southsea, recently, Eric Winstone collapsed.

The orchestra, which was led by Eric Winstone, was performing a set of music when the conductor collapsed. The band continued to play for some time before the conductor was revived.

The cause of the collapse is not yet known, but it is believed to be a heart ailment. Eric Winstone was 45 years old at the time of the incident.

A JINX signs on with Pau Fenouillet band

A JINX would seem to have attached itself to the Paul Fenouillet Orchestra—a modernistic music with which the happier dancing public.

The band has been playing the town before the dance floor was set with his presence. Fenouillet, who is a Frenchman, was the first to introduce modernistic music to the dance floor in London.

The band is now playing at the Savoy Ballroom, Southsea, and is expected to play at other venues in the near future.

GEORGE BIRCH SECURES TWO WEST END STARS

MAKING a hit at the Hampton and Hercules Ballrooms, George Birch has secured two West End stars for his band.

The stars are the vocalists Les and Mavis Brown, who have been playing at the Savoy Ballroom, Southsea. They are expected to play at other venues in the near future.

All of a zither!

IT was bound to happen eventually—here it is! Bette Shaw and his band at the Mans Ballroom, Southsea, are featuring a zither in the ballroom.

The zither is a stringed instrument, similar to a harp, and is played with a bow. It has a long history and is found in many cultures.

Bette Shaw's band is one of the few in the country to feature a zither in their repertoire.

Top banishes

FROM a film company's hand-out comes this delightful report of a very American picture, featuring the "New Ladies."

The picture is a musical comedy, and features a number of well-known actors and actresses. It is expected to be a big success.

As approached the stage

As approached the stage where the horses held sway, I noticed that he had a peculiar looking object under one arm.

The object was a small, round, and appeared to be made of wood. It was held in a way that suggested it was something of importance.

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Fletcher has been working in the music business for many years. He has written and produced a number of successful songs.

Willie the Lion is in Europe

Famous American piano soloist Willie "The Lion" Smith has arrived in Europe on his first trip to the continent.

Smith is expected to play at several venues in Europe, including the Savoy Ballroom, Southsea. He is a highly respected pianist and composer.

HERE'S THE MAN WHO STARTED IT ALL!

Members of the Leo Harris Orchestra, who have been playing at the Savoy Ballroom, Southsea, are featured in a new advertisement.

The advertisement features a photograph of the band and their leader, Leo Harris. It is a colorful and eye-catching piece of promotional material.

Season's Greetings

to All Our Friends at Home and Abroad

The Hits for Christmas

I'LL STRING ALONG WITH YOU MY DREAM IS YOURS SOMEONE LIKE YOU KISS ME SWEET

Tea party

SEATED in a West End pub on my return from Paris, I was surprised to find that my friends had been waiting for me.

The tea party was a surprise, and it was a very pleasant one. My friends had been waiting for me, and they had a special treat for me.

Northern stars

FOLLOWING my recent paper revealing the high number of prominent musicians who had been born in the north, I have received a number of letters from readers.

The letters were from people who were proud to be from the north, and they were very kind. It was a pleasure to hear from them.

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AS the year 1949 comes to an end, it is a time of reflection and looking back on the year that has passed.

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It would appear from a photograph we received the other day from Canada that at least four London semi-pros have made good in the Canadian market.

The four semi-pros are: [names], who have all achieved success in their new market. They are a source of pride for the London music community.

Modernists-only on next 'Jazz Club'

Tomorrow's (10th) Jazz Club will feature a special program of modernist music, exclusively for the club members.

The program will include performances by some of the most talented modernist musicians in the country. It is a unique opportunity for club members to enjoy the best of modernist music.

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Wimbledon season for Howard Baker

WITH his tenacity at the Kur-saal Ballroom, Southend, assured for many months to come, Howard Baker is now signing contract with Archie Sheburn which puts his Old Time Orchestra into the Wimbledon Palais each Thursday for a season. This is the band which is now in its fourth year at the Kur-saal playing each Monday and Tuesday be-cause of Howard's 15-piece modern outfit which is resident at Southend. This latter can now claim to be one of the finest resident bands in the South of England.

Last Saturday (December 3) the full Howard Baker ensemble played for the fourth time at the Palm Court of the Dorchester Hotel, whilst tonight (Friday) they will be playing at the Dorchester Hotel, whilst tonight (Friday) they will be playing at the Dorchester Hotel, whilst tonight (Friday) they will be playing at the Dorchester Hotel.

PROVINCIAL PARS

ON Tuesday next (13th) the already famous "Club 11" group will, as their second appearance, give one night only at the Housfield-out-club at the Dorchester Hotel, whilst tonight (Friday) they will be playing at the Dorchester Hotel, whilst tonight (Friday) they will be playing at the Dorchester Hotel.

RECENT CHANGES

For these engagements the Kur-saal management, and Bob Long will be leading the Embassy Band in place. This latter combination will also be playing the fifteenth Christmas season at the Waldorf Hotel.

Recent changes in the personnel of the Embassy Band, which has been taken over the piano chair in the Embassy band, which has been taken over the piano chair in the Embassy band, which has been taken over the piano chair in the Embassy band.

SHIP'S PIANIST HOME ON LEAVE

Currently filling-in on piano at the Embassy Ball, Ronnie is on a short holiday from the East Coast. He is a resident on the ship "Queen Mary" which is now in New York. His friends are glad to see him home on leave.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

GLASGOW

RUSTIC CLUB SHOW

Secretary McCracken of the Rustic Club is to be congratulated on the success of the show which was held at the Glasgow Club on Sunday. The show was a success and the Rustic Club is to be congratulated on the success of the show.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

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Anne scores with Glasgow folks

Top-of-the-bill at Glasgow Empire last week was Anne. She is a success and the Glasgow folks are to be congratulated on the success of the show.

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Sixth anniversary

Anniversary congratulations are due to George Adams and his band, now entering their seventh year at the Plaza, Campbell Road, Glasgow.

NAME-BAND POLICY at Southend

Continuing his popular name band policy, the proprietor, Mr. Kruger will be presenting the Embassy Band, which has been taken over the piano chair in the Embassy band, which has been taken over the piano chair in the Embassy band.

Municipal Passmore

London band leader Arthur Passmore who has just had his contract extended for a further period, is to be congratulated on the success of the show.

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by Tony Brown

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Each member of the Health section gave an understanding and helpful answer before writing his reaction to the question...

LES GILBERT I cannot see how matched mouthpieces could have any effect upon the player's vibrato and tones...

DAVE SHAND I have found that many sax players get a similar noise from the mouthpiece...

TOMMY WHITTLE It is my opinion that it would not be wise for members of the section to buy sax mouthpieces which suit them...

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TECHNICAL PAGE Xmas Good Will

REG OWEN I CAN well understand the lines along which the boys in the section are thinking...

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HENRY MACKENZIE I CERTAINLY do not think it wise to change the section to get those of the same make...

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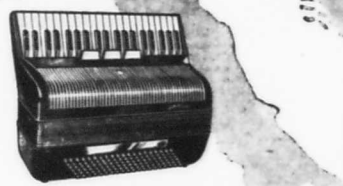
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Ad libbing . . . by Bill

In upstairs rooms at local pubs, They've you'll find the rhythm clubs; And over draughts of different brews, You'll overhear such varied views. . . .

Written and illustrated by Les Ferris

Which clarinetist is the best? The names of Goodman, Bigard, Dodds are all advanced at different odds. This fellow, knocking back a beer will tell you (if you care to hear) of the jazzmen, the tops he thinks. . . .

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Collectors' Christmas Corner

With best wishes from Max Jones and Sinclair Trail

HERE we are, nearly at another Christmas (the ninth the Max Jones has seen) and faced with the job of providing lighter, more normal reading for the enlarged number of the "M.M." To begin with, we have locked up, for a week or two, all the festive letters about Larry Tree (we understand that the Editor carries enough use upon people who mention the name). Instead, we've coaxed a Christmas cartoon out of Humph and unearthed a true, but strange, story. . . .



First, though, we'd like to say our good wishes to all who read and write a happy Christmas. . . .

As our Christmas day, we propose to give a couple of local releases (local releases, but good ones) to the writer of the next article. . . .

Our approach Some of these problems seem pretty dim, but we've tried to explain them in a way that should be clear to all. . . .

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FAREWELL

THIS is a personal editorial... "Farewell"

To the bandleaders, musicians... "Farewell"

I leave the MELODY MAKER... "Farewell"

As his Associate-Editor... "Farewell"

The best of luck to you all... "Farewell"

At a NYONE who still thinks... "Farewell"

It was made nearly five years... "Farewell"

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FELDMAN'S I'LL STRING ALONG WITH YOU MY DREAMS ARE YOURS SOMEONE LIKE YOU KISS ME SWEET

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Coloured players were the pioneers who initiated Bop bass trends

WHEN the string bass first took over from the sousaphone in the standard dance-band instrument...

Many players made use of the "step bass" technique, and even more made use of the "percussive" piano made, the effect was naturally more percussive than melodic.

These, fortunately, such fine musicians as Bob Hight and others, made it clear that the bass could be much more than a sort of supplementary instrument...

These two questions were asked by a beginner and might seem to be many readers of this page. That all questions should be answered...

More on the 'Miller sound'

by JOHNNY GRAY

As a follow-up to the recent articles on the Miller "note" by Alvin Brastor, I feel that, as a tenor man who was privileged to hear and study the famous Miller section at rehearsal, I might add a few words.

In the section that has two tenors, the first step to be taken is to arrange a get-together between the tenors and the clarinet to decide which of the tenors is best suited to double the melody.

It is very important that the volume of the tenor should be slightly less than that of the clarinet, so that the melody from the tenor is felt rather than heard.

When the tenor and lead clarinet parts should be played through completely without vibrato. This is the best way to get in tune.

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Make practice a pleasure

by BERT WEEDON

THERE is no doubt in my mind that intelligent practice is the key to success in any musical instrument.

What most matters in practice is the amount of concentration that is given to the practice.

I hold on to the anything-but-routine if practice is to be beneficial and for the guitar I think the following order of study is best.

1. Scales and arpeggios. 2. Rhythmic exercises. 3. Chords and arpeggios. 4. Chorus exercises.

Collectors' Corner

Edited by Max Jones and Sinclair Trail Goodman on Trumpet by Ralph Venables

"The Hot Box" of "Down Beat" dated November 1948, George Hofer quotes a letter from Hank Cole on the subject of Benny Goodman's excursions into the realm of cornet playing.

"Hank Cole," writes Hofer, "has received a personal letter from Benny Goodman advising him that he did not play the cornet on Brunswick 4413 (Jungle Blues) as listed on the reprint label."

Now that, I believe, is wrong in more than one respect. In the first place, Goodman played trumpet (not cornet) on this record.

So that's that. Careful listening to the record discloses that Mr. Goodman played trumpet accurately and in actual fact he played two notes of his cornet solo when Goodman takes over with the melody.

PERSONAL PREFERENCES... FOR THE NEW COLLECTOR No. 2—MOUND CITY BLUE BLOWERS

THE MOUND CITY BLUE BLOWERS One Hour/Hello, Lela (SHV) BOSTON Red McDermott (Saxophone), Glenn Miller (Sax.), Pat We Russell (Sax.), Fred Russell (Sax.), Jack Blue (Sax.), Eddie Gordon (Sax.), Morgan (Sax.), Gene Krupa (Dr.).

As these two sides are going to be deleted from the catalogue in January next, my advice to you is to buy, but briefly. If such a thing as a Chicago record is to be had, it is to be had in the form of a 78.

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Edmundos Ros. BONGOES. Includes image of bongoes and descriptive text.

TECHNICAL BUREAU COUPON. Includes a coupon for technical advice and contact information for Eric Delaney.

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TIPS FOR TYROS (and others!) DONT. Turn up for a gig at the advertised start. You get out one hour and warm up.

CHARLIE SHORT Uses and Recommends HAMILTON "PEGMIKE" AND N.E.P. Speaker-Amplifier For STRING-BASS AMPLIFICATION.

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May Your Gigs be Three Guineas Touches

May You Never have a Dud in a Dozen Reeds

May Your Drum Tighten as if You Don't

May You Get as much Kick from Going You Service

Various advertisements for musical instruments, including saxophones, trumpets, and drums, with prices and contact information.

MUSICIANS WANTED 64 per word. Various notices for musicians seeking gigs or collaborations.

END OF SEASON BARGAINS. Various musical instruments and accessories for sale at discounted prices.

PERSONAL 64 per word. Various personal notices, including lost items and local news.

CLUBS 64 per word. Notices for various musical clubs and societies.

ANGLO-AMERICAN SWING CLUB. Notice for a swing club meeting.

BRON'S. Musical instrument store advertisement.

SCIENTIFIC Reeds. Advertisement for scientific reeds.

DRUMS & BONGOS. Advertisement for drums and bongoes.

JOE CROSSMAN. Advertisement for Joe Crossman's mouthpieces, featuring a photo of him playing a saxophone.

Dearman Super MOUTHPIECES. Advertisement for Dearman mouthpieces, highlighting their smooth controlled tone.

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WE RECORD YOUR OUTFIT! Advertisement for recording services, including soloists and bands.

HARRY HAYES. Advertisement for Harry Hayes' saxophone and clarinet services.

THE SAXOPHONE SHOP. Advertisement for a saxophone shop with a list of instruments and prices.

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DRUMMERS! "NIPPY" Rhythm Brushes. Advertisement for drum brushes with white rubber handles.

BEAUMONT BARGAINS. Advertisement for Beaumont Bargains, featuring a list of musical instruments.

B & H BARGAINS! SLEEPY moon. Advertisement for B & H bargains, featuring a 'Sleepy Moon' saxophone.

RAY ELLINGTON. Advertisement for Ray Ellington's King Model B Carlton Sticks.

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Northern star

Five hundred musicians give notice at fifty-four provincial theatres

ON Christmas Eve (according to Hardie Ratcliffe, General Secretary of the Musicians' Union) more than 500 pit musicians in 54 Provincial theatres will pack their instruments away...

The theatres, selected in order to affect each of four proprietors' associations, are also on a geographical basis, including Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Birmingham, Bradford, Leeds, Birmingham, Sheffield, Nottingham, Swansea and Brighton.

The men at the theatres concerned were instructed to hand in their notices on the Saturday (10th) as a protest against the failure of proprietors' associations and Managers' Associations to meet the MU to discuss the salaries that musicians-including musical directors-should receive.

FOUR ASSOCIATIONS The four main associations of proprietors involved are the Theatrical Managers' Association, the Scottish Theatrical Proprietors' and Managers' Association, the Independent Theatricals' Association (formerly P.E.P. and I.A.), and the British Actors' Protection Association.

The MU states that it wrote to the first three associations as far back as July 15, asking for a meeting to be arranged, without acknowledgement only were received.

On September 14 these associations were informed that the months are passing, and are more than ever anxious that some action should arise, perhaps at an early date.

SECRETARY SPEAKS Mr. Hardie Ratcliffe said in London last week that the MU wanted to see some of its members in the way of a meeting on Christmas Eve, and that the MU state they received either hand in their notices or 'sister' letters.

TOURQUAY Francis Jeff Head writes from the Marine Hotel, Torquay—where he is staying with Art Jennings' Band—on the point that the current spelling of Torquay is as given above, and that it is not 'Grove Head,' as printed in error last week. Sorry, Jeff.

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BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR SOUTHEAST BANDLEADERS

AT the Kursal Ballroom, London, Howard Lee and his Band will be playing Christmas dances on 24, 25 and 27. Seasonal festivities at this seaside hall...

Noted Hawaiian guitarist, Howard Lee, is busy arranging a series of Christmas dances at the Palace Hotel, London...

The Westward Ho Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, is presenting a series of Continental dinner-dances on Saturday, December 10, with music provided by the Westward Ho Hotel band...

At Weston Hippodrome a large new orchestra has been organized for the presentation of large scale musicals...

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Milroy launches new 20-piece orchestra for 1949 'Kenton' concerts

BANDLEADER VIC LEWIS this week takes the most courageous step of his whole vanguard career with the augmentation of his orchestra to twenty strong for the special purpose of presenting nationwide concerts of Kenton-style progressive music.

General opinions of the orchestra, with its new and exciting ten-brass sound, were excellent. The fact that dance bands, presented in the ordinary commercial way, are not an attraction to Joe Public any more.

KENTON HELPS I plan to provide that new sound—both by the composition of the music and also by playing the music of Johnny Dankworth, Ronnie Scott, and Ken Thorne, the most modern in the business.

COMEDIAN DRUMMER joins Harry Gold The fixing of the new drummers to replace Johnny Wise and Harry Gold's Pieces of Eight has now been satisfactorily arranged.

JACK SHELDON at the Astoria Now installed as resident band at the Astoria Ballroom, Alton, is a new band led by Jack Sheldon and his Band—a booking which is a definite advance on his previous success in London.

MILROY BAKER TO DOUBLE AT LES AMBASSADEURS Within five days of their opening at the Milroy, violinist Fredrick King and his band have been booked by Jimmy Mills to open there on January 2.

GREENWOOD VACATES 'Amato' tenor chair After an association lasting on and off for great many years, the tenor chair of the Greenwood band has been vacated by Jimmy Mills to open there on January 2.

TED HEATH TO PRESENT 'MM' POLL WINNERS IN SUPER PALLADIUM SWINGSHOW

TED HEATH'S January 1 "Swing Season" at the London Palladium will ring in the New Year with a presentation more star-studded than any (even this brilliant showcase of Britain's musical stars has ever included. No fewer than twelve of the country's foremost musicians will be guest artists.

These are the winners of the instrumental and vocal sections of the Melody Maker's 1949 Dance Band Poll, results of which were announced last week.

It is the winning Swing Band leader's plan to devote the whole of the second half of his session to presenting the winners, who will be featured first as solo artists with the Heath band, and finally, in a ten-minute jam session, in which they will be given a chance to shine in small-band work.

LEAD BELLY DIES IN N.Y. HOSPITAL The American Negro blues and ballad singer, who was widely known as 'Lead Belly,' died in Bellevue Hospital, New York, on December 6. His age was given as about 64.

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Pupil replaces teacher in Sid Phillips' Band

While full details of the band and Sid Phillips himself are to be made available, it is known that one, at least, of the present band will not be staying with Sid. He is a veteran drummer, Max Abrams, who informs us that his place in the band was taken by one of his most promising pupils—20-year-old Cyril Sherman, who was for a time in the band with Sid at Churchill's.

LYTTLETON SIGNS NETTS drummer Playing his first official engagement with the Humphrey Lyttelton Band at Birmingham Town Hall, tonight (Friday, 23rd), will be Nottingham drummer George Lyttelton, who has replaced Bernard Sanders.

FELDMAN'S START THE NEW YEAR WITH THE SENSATION OF THE AMERICAN HIT PARADE

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All this... and Hawkins, too!

HISTORY has lately been made on Sunday nights with Bechet last month and now Hawkins.

The concert at the Princes Theatre the Sunday before last was a triumph. Not so great for us as the preceding one, but still an occasion—as always in which a jazz musician of unusual ability given in person.

'Peg o' my Heart' 'progressive'...

Swing Reviews by Edgar Jackson

Disappointing and not only because she is often fat. Curiously it is a commercialized version of the work's music. It may please those who like jazz but it is not music for those who know how to enjoy music.

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Jazz Review by Max Jones

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Real jazz—so it died out

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JOIN THE Peter Maurice ORCH. CLUB A WONDERFUL MELODY! OH TELL ME GYPSY BOLERO from 'Lola Quarter'

Vibrato and Harris by JACOB ARMSTRONG Technical is about the halfway mark between the truly technical and the non-technical.

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Rough-edged tenor tone by RONNIE SCOTT This inquirer gets hold of some very characteristic and interesting tenors through it doesn't matter how many of them you have.

You Can't Get Wrong with WRIGHT Song DOWN IN THE GLEN TWO LIPS AM I WASTING MY TIME ON YOU

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MELODY MAKER INCORPORATED "BETTER"

While the battle rages in England for the entry into this country of leading American...

ON THE BEAT PAGES FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF 'MELODY MAKER' REPORTERS

In fact, this states that Petrillo has advised him that he will be free to import several musical...

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Ad libbing... by RIFF



In case of fire, wait—not run to the nearest exit. Issues on the wall of a Broadway Dance Hall...

Obituary notice

It is difficult to keep the name of Anton Karas out of the papers. The little Austrian...

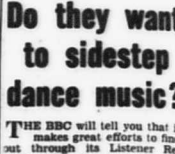
Do they want to sidestep dance music?

The BBC will tell you that it makes great efforts to find out through its Listener Research department what the public likes best.



With I could say that the rest of the orchestra played were up to the mark. Some, or rather, could say of a monumental nature...

PIANIST-ACCORDIONIST JOE SAYE WEDS IN LONDON



At the wedding of Joe Saye to Miss Joan Warner last night...

NEWS IN BRIEF

Greetings to all British musicians and artists come from Cecilia Borstein on behalf of his friends at the Grand Palace Hotel, Colombo.

Starband shows for London cine-variety

Three of London's biggest cinema stars to be the scene, early next series of Sunday concert at which the cream of...

THE EVIDENCE

In evidence, the Marlin said that he had been a musician for twenty years and had not until...

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Radio Commentary by MAURICE BURMAN

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"I'VE GOT SIBERS" was the opening number on this broadcast. Danato was up to us to say that it was played with...

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GOES to Cyril Stapleton's Radio Club. In an arrangement of his splendid tone, phrasing and...

The West End style of Aubrey Franck

THE ubiquitous Maurice Burman once again surprised and completely last Saturday night when he introduced his...

Berthe Barones: credit and debit

MAKING her bow in Variety Theatre last night, Berthe Barones was a most attractive and...

Deniz airings

Guitarist Frank Denis and his formation, the Deniz Club, who have been featured in a special...

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Girl Pat

After many years spent abroad her home town of Derby, Pat Forrest secured her first professional engagement as a vocalist during the summer of 1948 with the Musical Union...

No change in MU v. Theatres dispute: F.J.B. offers to negotiate

AS we close for press, there is little or no change in the dispute between the MU and certain Theatre Proprietors' Associations, who continue to refuse to accept Mr. F. J. Butterworth's offer...

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

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PROVINCIAL PARS

FOLLOWING a run of Saturday appearances at Paulden's in Manchester, the Doncaster Musicians' Band from Huddersfield...

PERCY PEASE IN CAR CRASH

The latest victim in the series of accidents which has been plaguing Percy Pease, and his alto saxophone, Len Lovelace...

DISPUTE AT BARROW

The agitation among theatre musicians for increased wages coincides with new demands by the dance bands in Barrow-in-Furness...

LOCAL RATES

Among those who do not see eye to eye with the local rate authority is the Barrow-in-Furness branch of the MU...

STARS BOOKED

January 1 brings the Squadrone, supported by the "other man" Anon Karan: Harry Parry and his Band with the George Mitchell Quartet...

NEWS AND HERBS

Among the musicians there is a feeling that the local rate authority is not doing its duty where the purpose of the strike is to have local rates adjusted.

MANCHESTER

Opening a day behind schedule, the City Hall, Manchester, got away to a good start on Saturday last (21st), and is expected to run for several weeks over the holiday season...

GLASGOW

There will be a twenty-first birthday in Glasgow shortly which will require no invitation. It will take place on Hogmanay—last day of the year—and is the birthday of Green's Palace Ballroom...

COURTESY CORNER

The courtesy which Tito Burns extended to Ted Hood a few weeks ago when he loaned trumpet to the latter's band...

BOP COMES TO MANCHESTER



Mr. Edwards has made inquiries for Doncaster musicians and found a number who are sympathetic and willing to help. Mr. Edwards would find difficulty in obtaining a band up to a standard compatible with present pit orchestras...

MIDLANDS BANDS TO GET EXTRA AIR DATES

Plans of more interest in provincial dance music are being shown by the Midlands Region of the BBC, which has several programs to be broadcast during the New Year. Evening airings are to be given on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve...

NOTTINGHAM

BILLY MERRIN AT HERNE BAY

From the Billy Merrin office in Nottingham comes a breath of Christmas cheer. Billy has secured the contract for his Commanders' band to appear at Herne Bay for the 1950 season. The season commences on June 4 for a period of 14 weeks and will be Billy's third successive year at the resort.

IRISUAL

Looking forward to a busy time over the festive season, Allan Wood and his Orchestra will provide the music at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, on New Year's Day. Alan's Christmas Day party will broadcast his new Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve parties...

MANCHESTER

Opening a day behind schedule, the City Hall, Manchester, got away to a good start on Saturday last (21st), and is expected to run for several weeks over the holiday season...

GLASGOW

There will be a twenty-first birthday in Glasgow shortly which will require no invitation. It will take place on Hogmanay—last day of the year—and is the birthday of Green's Palace Ballroom...

COURTESY CORNER

The courtesy which Tito Burns extended to Ted Hood a few weeks ago when he loaned trumpet to the latter's band...

BBC 1950 plans to give dance music pre-war popularity

VERY extensive changes that may bring big improvements in several directions are scheduled in the BBC's plans for the presentation of dance music in the New Year. Among the several fresh departures, and reintroduction of old programmes in new guises, one item that looks really exciting is the resurrection of "Band Parade" to take place on Sunday evenings in future.

JOHNNY FRANZ TAKES OVER MAGNA MUSIC

AFTER nearly fourteen years in Messrs. Francis and Taylor's hands, the Hunter's Exploitation Department, famous music publishing firm and star piano accompanist, Johnny Franz leaves the firm on December 31 to take over management of the Magna Music Company, which he has become a director.

STAR "PARADE"

With Ken Mackintosh leading the line-up, the new Star Parade will feature such stars as Harry Roche (trumpet), Dave Goldberg (guitar), Charlie Short (bass), Norman Stansfield (piano), Bobby Kevin (drums), and Tommy Pollard (violin).

NEW SERIES

The "Mayfair Merry-Go-Round" kicks off this coming Monday (2nd) with Charles and his Orchestra from Hainthwaite, and Edmundo and his Orchestra from the Bosanite. Also on Tuesday nights will be a new series featuring instrumentalists and vocalists...

BRITAIN EXPORTS JAZZ TO HOLLAND

Britain exports jazz to Holland through the efforts of the Dutch Jazz Society. The society has secured a number of British jazz bands to tour the Netherlands...

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS



A Happy New Year to all our readers, both from the "Melody Maker" and from Edging Film Studios, where this hilarious picture of New Year's Eve celebrations is a certain success story...

HEATH POLL SESSION - latest details

Biggest topic on the lips of fans in London this week is the "Heath Poll Session" which will be held at the Edging Film Studios on January 2...

ALAN KANE (Band leader) OPENING AT FISCHERS

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A new era was ushered in last week when both the Ray Ellington Quartet and Harry Parry and his Sextet moved up in Holland, so part of the welcome band exchange arrangements which will bring the Johnny Merrin Quartet to England early in 1950—will possibly be the names "Skymasters" later. These pictures show Harry Parry and his Sextet (left) and the Ray Ellington Quartet (right) waiting in trains and exchanging arrangements which will bring the Johnny Merrin Quartet to England early in 1950—will possibly be the names "Skymasters" later.

Treat those rumbas more seriously

THE rumba, samba, bolero, and all the other Latin-American dances are no longer novelties to be regarded as a passing fancy. They are definitely here to stay, and it is up to every arranger to acquire a basic knowledge, not only of the various rhythmic instruments used, but also the various styles and combinations used to produce the peculiar nostalgic sound of the true rumba band.

Before I go any further, let me say that I do not pose as an expert on this subject. But I have spent a considerable amount of time in producing these professional arrangements, being called upon to produce the best of my score, and I have naturally had to study the subject up to a point.

From the point of view of the arranger, there are two main types of rumba outfit: small combinations of the Santiago and Edmundo Roa ensembles, and the large Cuban bands, and the latter is the one which is most popular with the Cubans and Cavaliers.

First, let us examine the smaller group. These are usually modeled on the lines of the greatest Cuban bands, and use a small front line, with perhaps trumpet, flute, trombone, and a large rhythm section of bongos, maracas, clave, castanets, chachon, tambourine, etc.

In the genuine arranca, the melody comes to the fore, and is embellished with occasional block choruses by the melody instrument, the guitar embellishing with single-string phrases, and the rhythm instruments used to play the rhythm with the exception of the bongos, the player, who is given complete liberty to play as he pleases.

Now let us analyze the large

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Honky-tonk piano jazz

Jazz Reviews by Sinclair Trail

CHARLIE SPANO'S Got Good. He plays a honky-tonk piano jazz, and it is a real treat. The music is full of energy and rhythm, and the playing is top-notch.

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PROVINCIAL PARS

AM KRISHER, proprietor of the Olympia Ballroom, Southend, made a gesture which was in keeping with the spirit of goodwill when he released the Ray Ellington Quartet from their contract to appear at the Ballroom on Tuesday last...

Tommy Whitelaw, for the Norman Evans orchestra, shortly to be traded down in Manchester, 'The Merit Club' is to be featured by Jimmy James during its post-Christmas season...

Mr. Eddie Almond, North-West District organizer for the MU, was present, and his experience, tact and diplomacy went a long way towards ensuring that the meeting was successful.

Dennis Anderson, noted guitarist with the Len Lewis broad-casting quartet, has left his duties with Len Boote's Orchestra...



The face of men seen on this page brings a smile of remembrance into the dull days of winter...

DONCASTER NAME BAND POLICY ABANDONED

Regrettable anarchy by the general public towards name bands in Doncaster, has caused Alex. Berry, noted local dancing teacher, to abandon a policy which has been pleasing the fans...

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WENT HARTLEPOOL

Now in his fourteenth season at the Queen's Hall Ballroom, West Hartlepool, leader Benny Nelson has undoubtedly his own reasons for discovering talent...

MARY LEE FOR SUMMER SHOW

Next summer is a long way off, but Louis Freeman is losing no time in preparing for his show at Berridale Pavilion, Largs...

Preston song contest

Governor British publicity expert, Eric McCormack, ran a song-writers' contest at Preston New Victoria Cinema to boost the presentation of the musical, A Song is Born...

At Northolt the party was met by Ivy Bertone and her Ladies, who with Jennifer Jones listened to Preston vocalists Ken Jones...

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Rotary Chord Chart. A note from Neil McCormack, still in a Brierley of Hotel, tells us "MM" that it will not be very long before he will be with the Musical arrangements at the North Brink Hotel, Glasgow...