

# FANS PLAN HOMECOMING FOR MAESTRO



## GOSSIP OF THE MOVIE LOTS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (AP)—The sudden illness of Leon H. Washington, Jr., of the Los Angeles Sentinel has shocked the movie colony. He is down with a cerebral hemorrhage at the Queen of the Angels hospital.

Overwork is said to be the cause. His newspaper is found in the clipping departments of all the 40 studio in Hollywood.

Here are a few early Christmas greetings to some overseas personalities. To Reginald Henderson and the Anna Lucasta cast now touring the continent after a year in London. To Anne Brown, still a new bride in Sweden, the Boss of the "Porgy and Bess" sequence in Warner's "Rhapsody in Blue," to the Nicholas brothers for their command performance before the king and queen of England.

And to L. Tanva, a real life illustration of the designers' art in style and charm, now in Paris. I'll reach the rest of you by cable gram or radio.

Story wings are reported to be whirling over the home of the new Mrs. Cady Patterson. He is expected to land in early '49.

Th of bird made a three point landing at the home of the famous Hilda Crozier, twin of movie player Helen Crozier. Hilda, a graduate of Xavier, is an L. A. school teacher.

An wondering if Fred Skiffers, singer-pianist, and his wife of 18 years have patched things up? James Nelson, owner of the Dunbar hotel, and his wife, the former Mrs. Jewell Franklin, recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Mezzo-soprano, Evelyn Brewster, pleased a large audience

## Jacquet Offered \$5,000 Guarantee To Play In Native State Of Texas

Houston, Texas.—Illinois Jazz, the renowned D. Harry O. The Saxophone, is being offered a guarantee of \$5,000 to play a New Year's Eve dance date at the prominent Houston ballroom in his native state. It was revealed this week.

Jacquet, who is a native of the lone star state, having been born and raised in Houston, contrary to other beliefs, departed his first name of Illinois, departed the wide confines of Texas while still in his teens eight years ago. He made a name for himself in California, and he definitely succeeded in that aim.

The youthful saxman's learning of the instrument was a treacherous, hard-coming education to meet him in the event that he is able to play the local New Year's Eve dance date at the Coliseum. Jacquet and his high-flying Sextette were to have played a series of Texas one-acters any this fall, but this tour was canceled due to a booking at New York's Roxy Theater in September.

## Sarah Vaughan Makes Return To Broadway

New York.—Sarah Vaughan, the incomparable character and irascible winner of every major popularity poll as the nation's No. 1 female singer, will make a triumphant return to Broadway to open an engagement at the Chicago, now under the site of the former Elway Club, on Thursday, December 2.

Miss Vaughan has been absent from the local scene since her appearance last May at the Strand Theater, and her date at the Chicago will mark her first local appearance since her record-breaking run at the Orpheum Club on 32nd Street exactly a year ago.

The great singing star, who has had a phenomenal rise in the last year, returns to New York as one of the largest box office names in show business. She has just recently completed a concert tour with Illinois Jacquet's band on

sales with their platter of "It's that it will go over the million mark by the first of the year.



PLANS CONCERT — Actress Lou Swarz chats with Rudolph Smith, manager of the South American Travel Agency who had just completed all arrangements for her flight to Cleveland here, Miss Swarz is presented there by the Cleveland Zetas and was happy to have her flight arranged thru one of her own here in Harlem.

## Nitelife In New York

"Memos Of A Beachcomber"

NEW YORK — (ANP)—Al Moses, Happy to report to you that ex-baret owner JOHNNY CAREY is resting comfortably, as this his sixth week of being hospitalized (Mr. Morris saw him) nears to a close. Contrary to general opinion, Mr. Carey suffered a broken ankle and other leg injuries by stepping out of his car into a hole in the street paving.

Back in the exciting 1920's, John Carey and Mal Frasier owned "The Nest," a downtown cabaret that was patronized by members of Mayfair's snooty "400" class, genuine millionaires; the city's then mayor (JIMMY WALKER), the one and only TEXAS GUINAN and her brash brother Tommy Guinan; and celebs like Hollywood's star actor when in our township (Harlem) for sight-seeing purposes.

RICHARD HUEY left an estate of \$50,000 while most of us thought it would be close to five grand. All of which brings me back to our pet subject directed at "business" whispering campaigns and street-corner innuendoes that instead of being of service, represents gross disservice to both the dead and the living.

A Plane Drops Message: Lolling on "Seventh Beach" (7th Ave., 135th St.), a note flutters by and I race to catch it. It is from ED SULLIVAN, N. Y. Daily News E-way columnist and it reads:

"Most interesting show business experiment is Miami Beach's permission to the INK SPOTS to work in a white night club down there. It marks the first time a Negro act has ever been given the interracial front's frontiers seem to dwindle even if the program is so faint one scarcely can view the fingerprints clearly an er telescopic lens.

These two thespians, entertainers of a higher order, have passed thru the gates from whence there is no returning. Would that the whisperers who think only in terms of dirt and sensationalism would baton up their lecherous mouths ere someone does it for them.

One need not be born gambler to accept this wager. "Those dead who have gone into final accounting wrote a chapter in their chosen fields so bright and luminous that the whispering living would do well to follow before their day is marked with nothing but the howling of the wind and the distant cry of the coyote and the jacking "A Holiday Thought"

The year (1948) winds its way across the uncharted hills we fondly remember as our "yester-years." The great fight of President HARRY TRUMAN to bring white Americans to a fair sense of evaluating human rights in this, the supposed, leading country of Christendom is all the "turkey" my appetite craved for. Let our type of citizenship continue its high course so that right wingers like Gerald Smith and others will not be able to say our brave leader was wrong from the outset.

Buddy Johnson and Ork make record breaking stand

Birmingham, Ala. — The power of the disc jockey was forcibly demonstrated in this city as Buddy Johnson and his Walk 'Em Down orchestra registered a record breaking gross of \$4764 in a one day only appearance at the Birmingham Theater in this city that was promoted by Bob Umhach, platter pilot on the Atomic Boogie Hour, which is aired six hours daily via Radio Station WJLD.

Buddy's box office take at the Birmingham Theater topped the previous all-time record that had been established earlier this year the more amazing in view of the fact that the Johnson crew had played a Birmingham dance date just four weeks previously.

Umhach, who has one of the biggest audiences of any disc-jockey in the south, made his debut as a promotional impresario with the Johnson booking and it was certainly an auspicious start for him.

"Set My People Free" Folds After Month

NEW YORK (ANP)—"Set My People Free" the Theater Guild's bold experiment, is scheduled to close down Friday night, it is reported, after a brief run of 30 performances. Lack of public interest and support is causing the play's closing, although it presents some of Broadway's finest acting in an event of historical importance.

FAMOUS SCULPTOR'S MOTHER DIES IN N. Y.

NEW ORLEANS (ANP)—Mrs. Marie Clementine Franklin, 70, died here suddenly last week at the Fint-Goodridge hospital. She is the mother of the world famous sculptor, Richmond Barthé of New York.

Her death came after she failed to recover from an emergency appendicitis operation.

Plans for her funeral have not been completed. Her body is to be taken to Bay St. Louis, Miss., her home. There the funeral will be held at the St. Rose de Lima Catholic church.

Besides her famous artist son, Mrs. Franklin is survived by another son, Louis Franklin of New York, and three daughters, Mrs. Rita Wiggins, Mrs. Edna Wright

## It Happened In New York

(By Gladys P. Graham) While And Eisenhower At Book and Author Meet

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Gen. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University, and Walter White, NAACP Executive secretary, were among the guest speakers on the Book and Author Luncheon, at the Hotel Astor, 123rd New York Herald Tribune, was chairman.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, who traced the Negro's progress from 1900 to the present in a recent New York Times article, has made some interesting observations in his research. The veteran human relationist says among other things "let none assume that this record of accomplishment that the American Negro has secured or is about to secure his full rights as an American citizen. Least of all are Negroes themselves satisfied or ever optimistic."

Howard University Dean Speaks At New School

Charles H. Thompson, dean of the graduate school and professor of education Howard University, spoke on "Booker T. Washington and His Times," at the New School for Social Research. The editor of the Journal of Negro Education was guest lecturer in the course, "Negro in American History," instructed by Dr. William DuBois of the NAACP.

Thousand of children accompanied by parents and teachers were on hand for the second annual boys' and girls' book fair which was held at the American Museum of Natural History. More than 1,000 popular children's books were displayed. The Children's Book Council and the New York Times, in cooperation with the museum, sponsored the stupendous literary venture.

Teachers and anthropologists will find the current issue of the Natural History Magazine, an organ of the American Museum of Natural History, invaluable as an audio-visual aid. An excellent study has been made of the rarely photographed Tarahumaras, a representative tribe of Northwest

Charles Howard of Des Moines, Ia., noted publicist and Claude A. Barnett, director of the Associated Negro press, Chicago, were among the notables who were guests at the Theresa hotel last week.

AKA's Initiate Jewel Welsh of Hunter college and Dorothy Powell Jones of Fairhaven, N. J. were inducted into the portals of Tau Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Algonceta Flood, basileus and Ann Boyd, dean of pledges, were among the initiating officers. Notables among the sorors were Norma Boyd and Lt. Latis Campbell of Washington, Estelle Osborne of New York University and Thelma Bozler.

## SIR CHARLES FORMS BAND

NEW YORK — Sir Charles Thompson, former featured pianist with Illinois Jacquet and star of numerous Apollo record hits, is rehearsing with his own five-piece band, key men of which include Bob Dorsey, popular tenor man, and John Collins, guitarist.

According to Thompson, writer of "Robbins Nest" and pianist on tune "Mad Lad" platter and "The Street Beat" hit the new band will style music, "pleasing," not necessarily (hop) for which several men in the group are noted.

Sir Charles Thompson's current record release is (Strange Hour) backed by (Rhythm Itch), featuring Sir Charles on piano; Bob Dorsey, tenor; Leo Parker, baritone sax; Shadow Wilson, drums; Gene Newman, trumpet; Freddie Green, guitarist; and John Simmons, bass. It's on the Apollo label.

Muriel Rahn Cited In Lyric Music Magazine

Muriel Rahn continues on the wings of fame. She thrilled the critics in the opera "Aida," which was presented here at the Brooklyn academy Saturday evening. The soprano was also featured in the current "International Lyric Courier," edited by Maestro Alfredo Salmagari. Miss Rahn has an entire page as inside cover girl of the musical monthly.

"The Three Flames," are setting something of a precedent at the swank Fifth Avenue Hotel Brevort, where they appear nightly as the only septas in the show.

**FACTS ON THE NEGRO IN WORLD WAR TWO**

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T/S EDMUND D. MASON, BRONX, N.Y. QUARTERMASTER CORPS, WON THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS A MAIL ORDERLY AND COURIER IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE.

SERVING WITH A QUARTERMASTER CORPS UNIT AS MAIL ORDERLY AND COURIER IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE, T/S EDMUND D. MASON OF THE BRONX, N.Y. RISKED LIFE AND LIMB ALMOST DAILY HIS MISSIONS OFTEN EXPOSED HIM TO AIR ATTACKS.

AND EVEN WHEN NOT HARASSED BY ENEMY FIRE, HE FOUND SUDDEN DEATH CONSTANTLY FACING HIM FROM NATURAL HAZARDS, WHICH FILLED HIS PATH.

MORE THAN ONCE HE HAD TO BRAVE THE FURY OF TROPICAL STORMS, ALONG WITH OTHER PERILS, IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH WITH THE VITAL MESSAGES ENTRUSTED TO HIM.

AND THE GRIM REAPER, RIDING ENEMY ARTILLERY SHELLS LURKING IN LAND MINES OR SITTING ASTRIDE THE GUNSHOTS OF ENEMY SNIPERS, WAS EVER REACHING FOR HIM.

HIS SKILL AND DARING ENABLING HIM TO COMPLETE EVERY MISSION SAFELY WAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MORALE SO VITAL TO SUCCESSFUL WARTIME OPERATIONS, AND WON FOR HIM THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

## Rating Hot Records

Jazz Lovers Can Help Cancer Fund

Here is a marvelous opportunity to contribute painlessly to the Runyon Memorial fund for cancer research. All you have to do is buy the new Capitol album, "Giants of Jazz," featuring stars and tunes in "A Song Is Born" and you not only get six sides of excellent jazz but you help out an institution which will reap profits from the sale.

Artists include: Mel Powell, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Lionel Hampton, Charlie Barnet, the Golden Gate, Page Cavanaugh trio and a flock of others playing not only "A SONG IS BORN" but "MUSKIE RAMBLE, DADDY," "RED SKIN RUMBA" and "STEALIN' APPLES." Swings, rages from Dixieland through bebop with Goodman tasting the latter. You'll like it.

Dorothy Shay crashed into the limelight as the "Park Avenue Hillbilly." She keeps it up in a new Columbia album called "Coming Round the Mountain" and including eight titles: JOAN OF ARKANSAW, PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW, WHY DON'T SOMEONE MARRY MARY ANNE, NO RING ON HER FINGER, SINCE MOTHER WAS A GIRL, LOVE ISN'T BORN, GRANDPA'S GETTIN' YOUNGER EVERY DAY and THE OLD APPLE TREE. This has much of the sly humor and loud zuffawa which were part of her first album and is almost as enjoyable.

Frankie Carole's fans will be plenty enthused over his new Columbia album, called "Rose in Rhythm" which features his piano playing eight sides with rose in their titles. They are ROSES OF PICARDY, MY WILD IRISH ROSE, MEXICANA, ROSE OF WASHINGTON SQUARE, HONEYBUCKLE ROSE, ROSE POOM ONLY A ROSE and ONE DOZEN ROSES. There's swing here and rhythm too—in fact enough of everything to please

both those who want to dance and those who enjoy a light cocktail style piano.

Unlike most songsmiths, Willard Robinson gets some of the genuine feeling of the people and places about which he writes. Some six of his compositions have been gathered into a Capitol album in which his voice is heard along with those of Johnny Mercer, a vocal chorus and Paul Weston's band. Titled "Deep River Music," the album contains OLD FOLKS, THE DEVIL IS AFRAID OF MUSIC, DEEP SUMMER MUSIC, MOVE OVER JEHOVAH, COUNTRY BOY BLUES and DON'T TAKE YOUR MEANNESS OUT ON ME. It is, for the most part, quite enjoyable.

An old master whose work remains ever fresh is Goetz. His ballet music from the "Walpurgis Night," cut from his opera, (Faust), retains a justly deserved popularity. In a Columbia album of two 12 inch platters, the City of Birmingham orchestra has caught the spirit of this vital and exciting work. It packs a real punch.

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**Lincoln**  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
DECEMBER 5-6  
Alan Ladd and Donna Reed  
— IN —  
**BEYOND GLORY**  
COLOR CARTOON  
NEWS OF THE DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7  
**POWDER RIVER**  
GUNFIRE  
ALSO  
Manton Moreland, Charlie Chan  
— IN —  
**SHADOWS OVER CHINATOWN**

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 8-9  
DANA ANDREWS  
GENE TIERNEY  
— IN —  
**TOBACCO ROAD,**  
ON THE SAME PROGRAM  
**"Harlem Hot Shots"**  
And Shadrack Carter  
— IN —  
**MURDER IN SWINGTIME**  
ALSO CHAPTER NO. 4  
DAUGHTER OF DON Q

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 10-11  
DOUBLE FEATURE!  
ALLAN "ROCKY" LANE  
— IN —  
**Stagecoach To Denver**  
AND  
Joan Crawford, Zachary Segel  
— IN —  
**Mildred Pierce**  
ALSO FIRST CHAPTER  
KING OF THE FOREST  
RANGERS  
(DON'T MISS THIS!!!)