

PAUL WILLIAMS TO PLAY FOR XMAS DANCE



How Benny's Rochester Became Star Comedian Of Screen And Radio

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Since in this week of the woods something to be ignored, but never you keep plugging it through the years. One man knows this is Eddie Anderson.

Rochester stage, variety, and man about town, Anderson is one of the greatest names on the air through the years. He is forever telling the story of a supporting character in some of the best comedies in the history of the motion picture.

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MARCHANT TOPS IN OPENING AT CAFE SOCIETY

By GLADYS P. GRAHAM
New York (AP) — Claude Marchant, the leading male dancer in the East, electrified Cafe Society patrons present to witness his new show last week. The expert of the Afro-Cuban rhythm was an impetuous form and received a tumultuous ovation.

Mr. Marchant evidently portrayed Yoda Man, a champion of the Palm Beach and a wily routine which demonstrated the perfect coordination of bodily movements set to intricate timing for which the dancer is noted.

La. Disc Jockey Talked His Way Into Job

Lake Charles, La. (AP) — If you can talk and say the right things you can get a job as a disc jockey even if you are a Negro in the South.

Well, that's the way disc jockey Tony Alexander got his program here in Lake Charles on the city's largest radio station, KLOU. Since May when he first started the program it has grown from a half hour once a week show to a 1-1/2 semi-weekly affair.

Alexander, an ex-GI, first decided station KLOU needed a change one night when he listened to a program which he considered a bit square. His first idea was to call up the station and ask why it did not have a colored disc jockey.

ARBEE STIDHAM ALSO SLATED FOR HOLIDAY DANCE

Raleigh's biggest Christmas week attraction in the entertainment field is slated for Monday night when a double feature attraction, Arbee Stidham, rising young vocalist, will be presented at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium with Paul Williams and his Men of Music.

Stidham, whose two recordings of "My Heart Belongs to You" and "I Found Out Myself" have indicated his reputation among the nation's record and juke box fans, promises to bring several new numbers to town for the Holiday week dance.

GOSSIP OF THE MOVIE LOTS

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (AP) — Look for a full-length, high budgeted motion picture on the lives of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

This production is based on words of MGM's chief executive, Louis B. Mayer, to L. Jordan of the studio's publicity department.

This most promising movie came during a recess at the Hall of Records where Mr. Mayer was on hand in the Cole case, that suspended the MGM writer.

Charles Wherry, crusader for production of films on great Negroes, and I discussed the matter with Mayer. The executive read several letters suggesting the film including one from the governor of West Virginia.

As Dore Schary, producer of "Crossfire" at RKO and now vice president at MGM has long favored such pictures it is probable that all he has been waiting for is a signal from his own boss.

So now you can watch the film. In fact, you may watch the film by writing the MGM production department that you would like to see such a major picture.

Girl of the week is Ethel Bryant of Kress' big Central avenue store. Here she has risen up from the ranks of sales girl.

On the side she uses her own by an outside interests to help the store. She uses her own hand-drawn sketches. At this writing she and other colored girls working here are on strike for better wages.

Along with other girls of Retail Clerk, AFL local 777, she is striking to break the inequality in wages given him and girls at other Kress stores.

Nitelife In New York

New York (AP) — One fails to fully realize the fine box office appeal LENA HORNE has with the folks who count, until you glance at her weekly pay check of \$7500 when she plays in New York's ultra-swift cafe-society haunts. Sometimes, I buttonhole NOBLE SISSLE and we talk back to the days when charming Lena dreamed in terms of seeing her name in big letters the world over and with four-figure weekly paychecks.

She was always a realist and hard worker — this lass whose daily wage was my friend from my teenage days.

I write of her as a great artist and gracious hostess, true fighter for those of her blood lines who wish to rise to the better things in this Jim Crow crucible we live in, and in ourselves in. In my book, she is a racial ambassador with portfolio just as are Joe Louis, Duke Ellington, Marian Anderson, Channing Tobias, Walter White, Paul Robeson, Adam Pow'it, Judge Royce Pool, Jackie Robinson, Ethel Carter, the Internal Avenue lead, Abby Johnson, a congresswoman, and scores more. That is why I unflinchingly speak of the handsome showgirl on the inter-racial front, in which we see whites and Negroes working together in an effort to lessen racial hatred with that would eternalize 16,000,000 Americans of color who everyone to sit by and give-the service alone to the issue.

Happy-go-lucky and amiable, he is said to be the only member of the Benny cast that does not show up at the studio in white tie and tails with a top hat and an immense topknot and his shoulders are draped in a shawl.

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Eddie Anderson lives in a Los Angeles house complete with swimming pool which he doesn't use. He has a private theatre in the basement.

A skilled carpenter and mechanic, he spends much of his time building model airplanes and miniature racing automobiles. He is also a racing enthusiast and owner of a small racing stable.

His most prized steed was a 1940 yearling named Starlight named "Barrel Cook." When the horse won a race at Arlington, Anderson showed up at a MGM show in the costume of a King of the Jungle, and insisted that the prize be called "Barrel Cook."

Somehow, Eddie Benny, he came to name him, Rochester, I do not remember. He said, "That's okay. Rochester is not only a good name in the mouth, but it's a good name in the mouth of a girl."

To which, Anderson says, "I only wish my puppy was left to name me. That would be some thing."

'BROWN FRAME' CONTEST ENDS NEW YEAR'S EVE

New York — Buddy Johnson, the youthful pianist-maestro of Wally Fox, Rivlin fame, announced this week that the 21st annual Miss Fine Brown Frame Of America in the national finals of the third annual Fine Brown Frame contest will be held at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, starting January 14. The national Fine Brown Frame finals will be held on New Year's Eve at the Laurel Gardens, Newark, N. J., where Buddy and his band will play a half-hour date to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

Maestro Johnson also announced the identity of two of the judges, who will pass upon the selection of Miss Fine Brown Frame Of America for 1949. They are Bill Cook, popular disc-jockey whose Musical Caravan is heard nightly from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight and from 1 to 2 a.m. via Radio Station WAAT, Newark, and Billy Rowe, columnist and theatrical editor of the Pittsburgh Courier and one of America's foremost commentators of dramatic pulchritude.

Judges Cook and Rowe will be joined on the reviewing stand by at least three other judges, whom Buddy will choose from the ranks of leading journalists, disc-jockeys and talent representatives.

In addition to selecting Miss Fine Brown Frame Of America, Buddy will also crown Miss Fine Brown Frame Of New Jersey beauties who will compete for that honor. The youthful Wally Fox, former maestro and his illustrious band, featuring Artie Pryor and Ella Johnson, will play from 10 p.m. to midnight and again from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m., with the Fine Brown Frame competition being staged between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Disc-jockey Bill Cook will preside as master of ceremonies.

SARAH VAUGHAN MAKES TELEVISION DEBUT IN NEW YORK

New York — Sarah Vaughan, the nation's No. 1 girl singer, will appear in her first year of achievement of the past year with a brilliant performance in her television debut on Toast Of The Town, columnist Ed Sullivan's popular variety show, on the rapidly expanding CBS Television Network.

Miss Vaughan, whose column in Sullivan topped the top chart for a year ago when she first started ascending the ladder of popularity, closed the hour-long telecast with her rendition of "It's Magic," the lovely ballad she originally introduced earlier this year via her best-selling "Jazzercise" recording.

Miss Vaughan already has been set for a similar appearance on Toast Of The Town immediately following the completion of her exciting nationwide concert tour with Illinois Jacquet's band.

Willard Community In Full Program Of Post-Yuletide Activities

The Scotch Jubilee singers will appear at the Bland High School on January 9, at 8:30 P. M. Every one is cordially invited.

The Lower Sampson NAACP will meet at Bland High School on December 28 at 7:30 P. M. The public is invited to attend.

On December 29, the third grade will present a play, "Santa Claus Comes To Town." On December 16, the grammar grades presented a religious play, "The Lost Star." The audience was thrilled when the evidence of a very enjoyable evening. Shows were Mrs. M. A. French and Miss N. E. Brown.

On December 18, the following 4-H Club members of Bland School participated in a broadcast over Station WET. Miss Edna Branson, David West, Raymond Pollard, Miss Edna Johnson and Miss Ella Johnson.

Bland High School began its 1949 season early this year. It has played four games to date. Two against Gallatin and against Burdette and against Clinton. Bland won the two against Gallatin High School, but the other two games were lost.

The Young People's Missionary Group of the Bland school community will give a Christmas Eve and early on December 24 at 8:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Virginia Beatty. The group will give presents to the needy ones of the community.

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Philadelphia, Pa. — Ramon Bruce, who has won fame as the Quaker City's favorite disc-jockey through his nightly broadcasts on Radio Station WHAT, received the tributes of many of the nation's foremost recording stars as he celebrated his third anniversary as a disc-jockey at a special celebration at the Powelton Cafe.

The popular platter number which became one of radio's very first, Negro disc-jockeys when WHAT three years ago, was featured by such recording stars as Count Basie, Illinois Jacquet, Buddy Johnson, Tony Pastor, Sarah Vaughan, Ted Weems, Paul Weston, the Orioles, and the Deep River Boys.

Highlight of the celebration was the presentation to Ramon by maestro Buddy Johnson of a trophy symbol of Ramon's selection as Philadelphia's No. 1 disc-jockey.

Jacquet Waxes New RCA Victor Recording

New York — Illinois Jacquet, the renowned Dynamic Of The Saxophone, comes forth this week with a new RCA Victor recording that promises to be one of the biggest hits of the youthful saxman has turned out to date.

The new Jacquet platter bears two original compositions by the exciting instrumentalist, Embury, and a Jacquet for Jack The Ball boy. The latter selection was titled in honor of Ed McKenzie, famous Detroit disc-jockey, who is known as Jack The Ballboy.

Jacquet, who clicked with a number of disc hits on the Apollo, Disc Savoy and Aladdin labels before signing an exclusive RCA Victor contract late last year, already has established himself on the RCA Victor label with such top-sellers as King Jacquet, Symphony In Sid, Jim Production, and Mutton Leg.

at specialty artists and repertoire, Steve Sholes.

In his previous capacity, Milliner will scout for new talent and plans to segment Victor's rapid expansion in that field.

Ramon Bruce, Disc-Jockey, Feted By Noted Maestros

Chicago (AP) — This is Chicago, where everything jumps after dark. The city where the breezes from the Great Lakes blow gently to make it pleasant for millions of yuletide shoppers, where King Louis Armstrong and his all stars are rocking the Blue Note, Chicago's house of jazz.

Where Nat (King) Cole and his trio has them lining up downtown trying to get into the Oriental theater, where night life uiggins the stars at the Beige scribble Ted Watson can be seen at the Regal, Delia or any other spot.

Where Larry Steele may spin at the Regal theatre with his Smart Affairs, where "Tina" (the female Satchmo) Davis and her Helldivers all girl band are seducing the patrons at the Blue Heaven lounge.

The Choralists are the acers of the DeLisa show while Bill and his band are the wow at Joe's Deluxe club, Gatemouth Moore, MC at the DeLisa, New down to Beale Street in Memphis to make a guest appearance at the Blues Bowl football game between two top high schools.

Pappy's lounge is planning a special surprise for patrons during the holidays. Little Miss Shagcropper is the big news at the C and T lounge, and Tom Archia and his Swing for Christmas have taken over at the Mac-cornor lounge.

The Ritz lounge, star, Jo Jo Adams was a big hit in that special recording of hers at the DeLisa. The Leake Twins and their combo are the Christmas treats at the H and A lounge.

Harlem scabbler Billy Rowe dug the spots here last week. Al Hibbler's Trees is first on the

WINDY CITY CHATTER

windy city's disc parade. The Adam brothers' new new look record shop is the thing here these days.

On behalf of the stars that light up the windy city's many night spots and your windy city chatterbox we wish to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and may all your Christmases to come be filled with happiness.

Will be back next week and next year with more of the latest chatter from her big wind. The mailman can find me at the C and T hotel, 2233 Prairie avenue, Chicago.

First Concert Held By Elementary Band

The Raleigh Elementary School Band under the direction of L. E. Thompson held its first annual Christmas Concert Sunday after noon at the Bloodworth Street YMCA.

The band is composed of members of the bands of Cosby-Garfield, Lucile Hunter, Oberlin and Washington Elementary Schools. Mr. Thompson is a director of instrumental music in the city schools.

Christmas Carols and hymns made up the concert program. Soloists were: Thurman Davis, Francis Roberts, Samuel Gibson, Julia F. Campbell, Wilbur Young and Vernon Wole.

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AND
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Raiders of Red Rock
News

Wed.-Thurs. Dec. 29-30
TYRONE POWER
RITA HAYWORTH
IN
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News, Flashes
AND
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SUNSET CARSON
IN
Alias Billy The Kid
PETER LORRE
VICTOR FRANZEN
IN
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