

# PERCY MAYFIELD IS GREAT AS BLUES SINGER

HOLLYWOOD — It's a long jump from Shakespeare to blues, but Percy Mayfield took that leap and shows every indication of going higher. Having recently signed an exclusive recording contract with Specialty Records, Mayfield is an up and coming blues singer with two hit records to his credit — "Please Send Me Someone to Love," backed by "Strange Things Happening."

Born in Shreveport in 1920, Percy wrote creative poetry while still in high school. One day, he drifted into a jazz club rehearsal and, to his surprise, as well as the amazement of everyone else, he found he possessed a beautifully rich baritone voice.

He then laid aside the poet's pencil to concentrate on singing — which he did with a will. Before long, orchestral leaders were bidding for his services. More jobs came his way than he could adequately handle — but his first love, poetry, always stayed with him.

Today, Percy Mayfield ought to be a completely happy man. His distinctive singing style, as evidenced by his Specialty recordings, is winning him an ever growing circle of blues admirers. And his poetic faculty is just as busy turning out song lyrics.

# SAM RAGAN NAMES MANY TO TELL STORY OF THE LOST COLONY

RALEIGH, N. C. — Sam Ragan, managing editor of the News and Observer and chairman of the Lost Colony publicity committee, has named a number of prominent newspaper and radio personalities to help him tell the nation about the Roanoke Island drama.

They include Don Bishop, NBC, New York; F. Bosley Crowther, film critic of the New York Times; Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlantic Constitution; Hal Boye, Associated Press columnist; Bob Ruark, Scripps Howard columnist; Mrs. E. E. McCullough, editor of the Bladen Journal, Elizabethtown; Henry Bell, editor of the Goldsboro News-Artist; Hugh Morton, Wilmington on photographer; Carl Goerch, editor State Magazine; Warner Twyford, Norfolk Virginian Pilot; Pete McKnight, editor Charlotte News; Al Dickson, editor Wilmington News; Tom Schlesinger, Washington Post; Burke Davis, Baltimore Sun; Alex McCullough, Spartanburg Herald.

Ragan explained that THE LOST COLONY has long since become a national institution and its public-

# REALM OF REELS

By Bill Veale

## THE SLEEPING CITY

Remember Mark Hellinger's "NAKED CITY"? If so, then you also remember the company that released it. Yes, it was Universal-International, the outfit that gives you some great movies.

Now, you can keep your eyes set for "The Sleeping City," another screen screener from U-I. And in it are Richard Conte, Colleen Gray, and introducing a new-comer, Alex Nicol.

## GO FOR BROKE

On several counts, MGM's upcoming "Go for Broke" merits consideration as probably the most important celluloid enterprise to be before the cameras.

For one, it is a topical military ven, treating of the Japanese-American "Nisei" troops who served with the U. S. Army in Italy during World War II. These soldiers, members of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, distinguished themselves under fire in the European Theater of Operations. The title of the film, incidentally, stems from one of their slang expressions, "Go for Broke," being a colloquialism for about effort.

This one will be personally produced by Dore Schary, MGM vice proxy in charge of production, who also actively supervised one of last season's top boxoffice, and critical successes, "Battleground," another story of GIs in the last world conflict. The director of "Go for Broke" is Robert Floesh, who wrote and was associate producer on

"Battleground." Other players, Japanese-Americans, are being recruited here and in Hawaii.

## GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH AND

From Monogram comes another one to the growing docket of film project, peering with circus, and carnal life. Monogram purchases "The Big Top," an original by Joan L. Stevenson, for production in director by Scott R. Dunlap.

Among other properties on film-makers' agenda are such stories as the rawest circus as "The Greatest Show on Earth," to be produced and directed by Carl B. DeMille, who gave you "Simpson and Delilah," the masterpiece of all times.

Watch for other circus attractions, "The Carnival Story," and "The Boy in the Air" from MGM; "The Gainsville Circus," from Columbia and "Sun the Great," from Universal-International.



**HAS WILSON DATE:** Roy Wilson, dynamic young singing maestro, is scheduled to appear at the Community Center in 28. Brown, currently one of the nation's leading juke box artists, comes to Wilson by public demand. A poll was made of the city to select the orchestra to appear there on the date, with Brown's band being voted into the engagement.

Working in cooperation with private industry, agricultural engineers of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have developed a new type anchor for keeping in place during high winds the circular metal grain bins widely used throughout the Midwest. Termed a foundation ring, the new bin anchor replaces the conventional concrete block foundation often used for such bins.



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ity efforts should be nationwide in coming years.

# Carver School Notes

BY WADE KORNEGAY

MT. OLIVE, N. C. — With flashing of lights from photographers' cameras and delectable appetites, felling like rain drops, Carver School showered its praise on its classes and class presidents who worked so diligently to make the recently ended corn contest a success.

Through the cooperation of all classes in the school, a total of 12,320 pounds of corn was gathered, which sold for \$528.70.

Kings and queens were chosen from the class in each department, collecting the highest amount of corn. In a beautiful ceremony these were crowned and were given gifts. After the crowning, there was presented in their honor and for their entertainment a Talent Show, which proved most entertaining and successful.

The king and queens were Richard Bass and Frances Carter from 11-A, the winning class in the high school department; Carlton McKinley and Emma Martin from 8-A, the winning class in the elementary department; Billie Southland and Evelyn Bass from the first grade, the winning class in the primary department.

Erny Plowden, 4th grade, won first prize in the Talent Show singing "Music, Music, Music." Delaney Kornegay, 12th grade, singing "Blue Moon" took second place and Joyce Hunter, 9-A, was third with a recitation of "In De Morning."

The November program of the PTA Association was in the form of a panel discussion centered around the theme "The Operation of Carver School In Terms of the Needs of Students." Participants on the panel and their topics were the following faculty members: P. U. Watson, School Finance; E. Kyer, guidance; H. Palmer, vocational work; Miss M. Davis, the library; Messrs. Clemons and R. J. Durante, extra-curricular activities; Mrs. MacFadden, the high

school curriculum; Mrs. P. W. Connor, the elementary curriculum; and Miss P. K. Durham, discipline. Mrs. Hattie Newell gave a report of the District PTA Meeting of Four Oaks, N. C. Delegates were also selected to attend the State PTA Meeting.

The Student Council sponsored a Carnival in the school auditorium recently.

Mr. Jones Jefferies, State Tobacco Marketing Specialist, spoke to the classes in Agriculture recently on "Grading and Marketing Tobacco."



**SCOTTISH RITE MAN** — Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, President, Texas State University, Houston, Texas was honored as Scottish Rite Man of the Year at a meeting in Houston, Texas.

The 29th National 4-H Club Congress will be held in Chicago from November 25 through 30.

In a new bulletin the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture says palms are second

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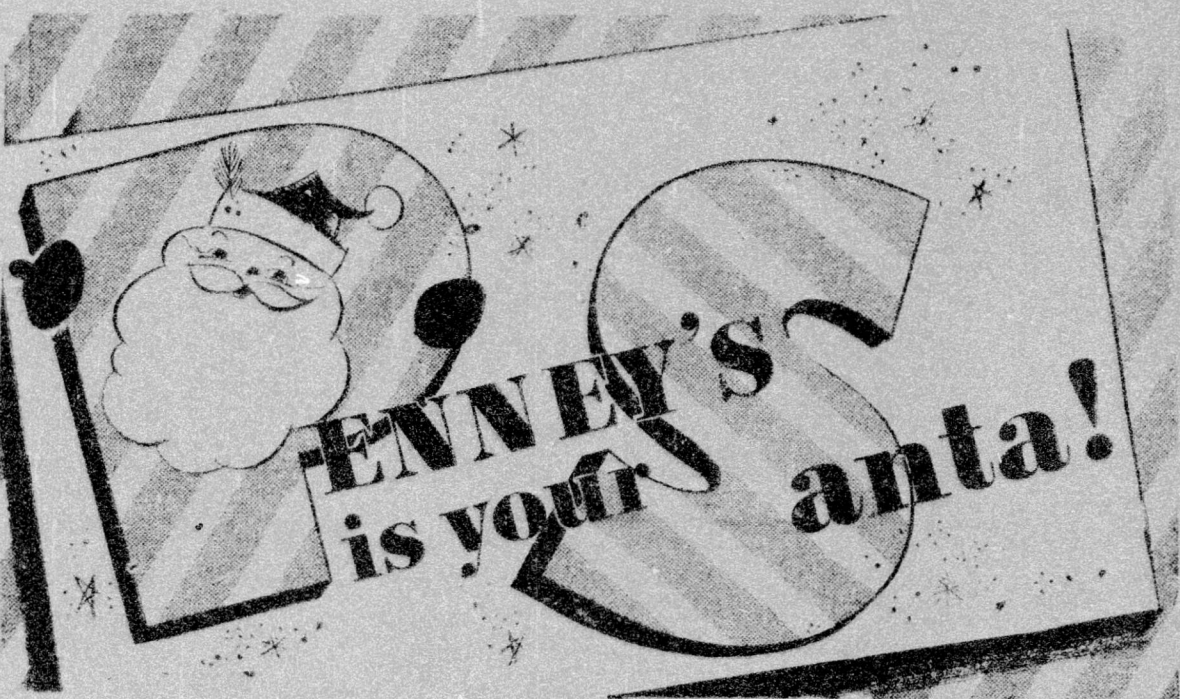
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