

THE BEST YEAR YET!



THEATRICALY YOURS

By LARRY DOUGLAS (Global News Service) NEW YORK

Frank Walker, President of MGM Records, is back after enjoying his Thanksgiving with his daughter and son-in-law in Seattle, Washington. The "dean of the record industry" as he is called by his immediate associates, was busy during his trip, visiting his representatives at MGM in Hollywood.

The Ebony Lounge, fashionable cocktail spot located on New York's Sugar Hill, and owned by the notable host, "Mr. Watts" is noted for the pretty glamour gals who frequent the spot. Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat Cole visited there last week.

Billy Eckstine's MGM recording of "Seabreeze" is now number four on the hit parade in England. An all-out effort is in preparation to stimulate this disk among the American disk jockeys again, since

it has "hit" in England. Lin Holloway, Theatrical Editor of the widely circulated Norfolk Journal and Guide, has called "My Love For Dorothy" a classic. The song, which is recorded by Fred Norman and his orchestra, is dedicated to Dorothy Dandridge. And, Lin takes his hat off to MGM for dedicating the song to a beautiful Negro girl. Thousands of letters have come in to MGM from fans all over the country congratulating them for releasing such a record, and promising their loyalty support.

Jo Loco and his Mambo Quintette, singer Othella Dallas, the Four Guys, a new rhythm group; and Sonny Stitt and his band, comprised the star-studded cast of the Christmas show at Harlem's Apollo Theatre. They were supported by the Magid Triplets, "Pigmeat" and his comedy company, and tap dancer "Little Willie."

SPORTS CLOSE-UPS

By FRITZ POLLARD (Global News Service) NEW YORK

Nobody was the least bit surprised when Giant outfielder Willie Mays was named the Most Valuable Player in the National League this year. Sports writers and fans have waxed lyrical about Willie's talents, and many people have paid tribute to Willie's modesty and sportsmanship. He has a reputation as a fine, clean cut young man with a great future. They love him everywhere.

Everywhere, that is, but his own home town, Birmingham, Alabama. Any town ought to be proud of such a product as Willie Mays, just because he is a decent fellow. Any town ought to be doubly glad to claim such a person when he is a decent fellow. Any town ought to be doubly glad to claim such a person when he has stood up so well under the critical eye of the public.

But Birmingham, Alabama, which has basked in the reflected glory of Willie Mays, apparently prefers to claim Jim Crow as her favorite son. For Willie, we hear, cannot play baseball in his home town. Interracial contests, we understand, are not permitted there.

We wonder how long it will take them to realize that the parade is passing them by. Certainly the Giants could not afford to drop their star in order to play a town such as Birmingham. They know that would be a step backwards. Most of the major league teams now boast of Negro players—even the Yankees.

And so, if Birmingham wants to be "out of bounds" for the best teams in the country, that's her business. But sooner or later, she'll have to wake up.

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wanted to help out a friend, Benny finds himself being pursued, against his wishes, by the comedienne who has been making people laugh for too many years. Danny and the family get involved with laugh-provoking results.

Channel 11 in the Durham-Raleigh area begins a new program with an old favorite of North Carolina and Virginia music fans—TENNESSEE ERNIE—as he stars in the TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD SHOW, Monday thru Friday from 12 noon to 12:30 p. m.

Appearing with Tennessee Ernie will be a six piece musical group and two girl vocalists. Tennessee Ernie can not only sing a hillbilly tune, but make many hit records of pop tunes.

A little known fact about this popular star is his last name—Ford... and the three names result in much confusion—but they all belong to the same man—yes, Tennessee Ernie Ford!

Besides Mr. Ford's many record hits, he has also proved his versatility as an announcer, master of ceremonies, actor

and comedian. In answer to many viewer requests—here is Tennessee Ernie Ford, on Channel 11.

Of his granddaughter, Sweeney (World of Mr. Sweeney) says, "At Alice's age (14), everything is for keeps provided it doesn't last too long.

-President-

(Continued from Page One) with the May 17 ruling of the United States Supreme Court outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

The movement to use economic pressure to suppress demands by Negroes for an end to segregation was initiated by so-called citizens councils first organized in Mississippi. Recently, efforts have been made to extend the movement into Alabama and other southern states. Primarily, the movement has been aimed at NAACP state and local leaders. However, others who assert their citizenship rights rights have also been victimized. The text of the NAACP telegram to the White House, dated Dec. 20, follows:

Because of a serious situation in Mississippi, National Association for Advancement of Colored People would appreciate a conference with you at your early convenience to indicate what remedial action can and should be taken. Negro leadership in Mississippi is being subjected to undisciplined economic intimidation admittedly designed to curb civil rights and particularly to discourage registration and voting and to force abandonment of efforts to secure peaceful compliance with the May Seventeenth ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court outlawing racial segregation in public schools. Reports from members of our staff in the state indicate banks and other private credit institutions are conspiring to put the squeeze on Negro farmers, businessmen and homeowners who are active in the NAACP by foreclosing their mortgages, demanding full and prompt payment of indebtedness, and refusing credit.

These and other acts of intimidation have been initiated by so-called Citizens Councils recently organized in many of the State's Counties. These Councils, according to State Representative Wilma Sledge of Sunflower County, are "composed of reliable white male citizens... organized for the sole purpose of maintaining segregation of the races." They seek this goal through the "application of economic pressure of trouble-makers."

The MONTGOMERY (ALA.) ADVERTISER characterizes the Councils' methods as "rash, indecent and vicious." This leading Southern daily quotes a Council spokesman as saying "we intend to make it difficult, if not impossible, for any Negro who advocates desegregation to find and hold a job, get credit, or renew a mortgage." We believe these economic purges warrant the attention of the Federal Government.

We urge you to direct the appropriate Federal Agencies to make such investigation as may be needed and to make their facilities readily available to Negro citizens now being persecuted because they support the Constitution of the United States. We are vitally concerned with the moral issue confronting our country. We believe that a public statement from you followed by corrective action would be a proper exercise of the moral suasion inherent in the High Office of the Presidency of a free people. There can be no freedom where privately organized groups brazenly seek to control the hopes, attitudes, speech and action of American citizens through what the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER aptly calls "economic thugery." For the law abiding victims of this terror we pray swift and authoritative relief. In this grave circumstance we

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Appealing for your support of the 1955 March of Dimes, Jan. 3-31, are (left to right): John F. Potts, Denmark, S.C., grand bassist of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and president of Voorhees Junior College; Mrs. Lillian Rogers-Johnson, Clarkdale, Wis., president American Teachers Association, and Robert Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

respectfully seek and urge a conference with you for presentation of factual evidence and a full discussion of this evil threat to the well being of our country.

-White-

(Continued from Page One) ward R. Dudley, special assistant in charge of Fight for Freedom Fund; James W. Ivey, editor, The Crisis; and Herbert Hill, labor relations assistant.

All-Negro School

(Continued from Page One) Jersey because white students could not be induced to enroll at the institution. Gov. Robert B. Mayner made the announcement on behalf of

Apricot Fluff Frosting For Chocolate Cake



Frosting is to a cake what jewelry is to a costume. It gives the finishing touch. No matter how good a cake, it is made better by a fine frosting. Every good cook has her own favorite frostings, but she is always looking for new ones, just as she looks for new costume jewelry to complete her favorite new costume.

Apricot Fluff Frosting is a handsome new frosting for this Fall and Winter. It is excellent on chocolate cake, and it goes equally well on white or yellow cake. Its apricot flavor is delicate, as is its lovely pastel color.

One of the joys of this attractive frosting is that it is easy to make. The apricots come out of a baby-food can, all ready to blend with the fluffy creamed margarine. Margarine creams so smoothly and so easily that in a few minutes the sugar and fruit are whipped in and the frosting is ready for the cooled cake.

One of the reasons modern margarine is so satisfactory to use in making delicious frostings is that its texture is always carefully controlled. Never too soft for serving, never too firm for creaming, margarine quickly blends with other ingredients to help each of them do its best in the finished product.

When you shop for pureed apricots on the baby-food shelf, you'll find that the apricots are usually blended with some other fruit, like apples. The combination gives this frosting a subtle flavor that sets off any good cake to advantage.

APRICOT FLUFF FROSTING

(Frosts tops and sides of 2 9-inch layers)  
 1/2 cup margarine  
 1/2 cup (1.4-oz. can) apricot puree  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon lemon juice, if desired  
 4 1/2 cups sifted confectioner's sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 Stir margarine and salt until soft and creamy. Add sugar gradually, alternating with apricot and lemon juice. Beat well after each addition. Beat in vanilla extract. Spread on cooled cake. (Note: an electric mixer makes an especially fluffy frosting.)

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The State Board of Education. The board declared that the failure of white students to enroll there makes the school a violation of the spirit of the constitutional program against segregation.

Soil Testing Pays Off For Farmer

RALEIGH, N. C. A soil test saved John Isler money in two ways.

Mr. Isler, a tenant farmer on the Dixon Farm in the Davies Field section, was about to purchase additional potash when he had his soil tested.

County Agent Sherman N. Shelton says the soil test revealed that the land not only didn't need additional potash but more of it would probably have resulted in serious root damage to the tobacco crop. Isler used 1,000 pounds of 4-8-10 per acre and produced

1,980 pounds of tobacco per acre which sold for a 60-cent average. Thus he was saved the expense of purchasing unneeded potash and from adding something to the soil that could injure the crop rather than benefit it.

Shelton says that many farmers apply potash without soil tests, often resulting in root injury and lower yields.

Accuse Window

DETROIT Mrs. Dorothy Long, 19 and her 30-year old lover, Edsel Heslip were being held by police her in the murder of her soldier-husband, Samuel.

Pvt. Long, 20, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was shot in the back on December 16 on a lonely road near Fayetteville. Before dying, he told a passing motorist that he had been shot "by a man riding with my wife."

-Man Shot-

(Continued from Page One) bullet and to help determine the course in which the bullet traveled.

Tyre went to a funeral home after the shooting, telling the man on duty there that he had shot a man accidentally and wanted to take him to the hospital.

He was taken into custody by Lt. Byrd at the Jones home.

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