

NOTES OF THE WEEK

Broadway will be buzzing in July when VINNETTE CARROL and MICKI GRANT, open with their new musical "Alice." DEBBIE ALLEN (remember her from The Ben Vereen TV Special) will play the featured role of Alice, in this take off from "Alice in Wonderland" with a mixed cast of 26. In the meantime, MELBA MOORE continues to knock em' out on Broadway with her role in "Timbuktu;" as a matter of fact, they've got tickets printed through Labor Day for this GEOFFREY HOLDER production that stars our favorite actress ERTHA KITT.

EDDIE KENDRICKS' debut album on Arista Records "Vintage '78", is as they say, "as good as it gets." Believe me, it couldn't happen to or for a nicer fellow in the biz.

BETTY LOMAX the wife of the late TV Talk Show Host and author LOUIE LOMAX, just might be getting her own syndicated radio talk show in the very near future. Seems that there is quite a bit of interest being expressed by a manufacturer of consumer goods to underwrite the idea as a PR vehicle for the company's product.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has been set by JACK GIBSON to benefit from a Super Star Show that'll be the kick off event for his Second Annual Family Affair (radio and record industry convention), when it comes off at The Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, June 14 through June 18, 1978. Additionally, he's picking up the tab to fly a number of Hollywood's top TV celebs into Atlanta, to present some of the awards to outstanding members of the industry during the "Rappers Family Affair Awards Dinner" that's being spon-

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sored by CBS Records.

LaBARON TAYLOR, Vice-President of Columbia Records is planning one big kick off affair for JOHNNIE TAYLOR's new album "Ever Ready" that will be released March 31. Johnnie is booked into Phelps Lounge in Detroit March 31st through April 2nd 1978 and that's when the CBS executive will spring the kick-off affair. Johnnie has also been signed to perform for the Kool Jazz Festival again this year.

Betcha didn't know that NORMAN CONNERS produced the PHAROAH SANDERS album "Love Will Find A Way" that features PHYLLIS HYMAN singing "As You Are," that's such a smash.

HOLLYWOOD HOT-LINE...

SCATMAN CROTHERS has been signed by executive producers AARON SPELLING and DOUGLAS KRAMER for a guest star role in the ABC-TV movie of the week "Vegas."

Trans World Films is stepping up their publicity promotional campaign on "Blind Rage," an action-film starring D'URVILLE MARTIN with a special guest appearance by FRED WILLIAMSON, to make sure it's a smash-ing success at the box offices of Boston, New York, Baltimore, Detroit, Cleveland, and various other major cities.

SAM LAWS who's also quite an accomplished vocalist and entertainer in addition to being a fine actor, just completed filming a role in 20th Cen-

tury's soon to be released film "The Fury."

New York record producer BUDDY SCOTT recently in town for confabs with United Artists and Casablanca record execs in addition to several meetings with film producers for sound track deals. In the meantime his latest production on J.R. BAILEY "Love and Con-

Belated birthday greetings to our latest staff addition CHARLETTA JOHNSON, who celebrated her ??? natal day.

Any day now two of Hollywood's top writers/directors who've been awfully quiet here of late will be making major announcements. When you hear about the motion

picture deals with OSCAR WILLIAMS and MAX JULIEN, remember we told you so.

Following their two day appearance at Nu Yawks Felt Forum, California's very own THE SYLVERS will embark on an eighteen city tour with TOM JONES beginning April 11. The Capitol Records top family group also taped "The Other Tonight" Show in Philadelphia March 20.

Tours seem to be in season. A recording based recording artists, ABC recording artists RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN started their 26-city tour March 17, and will wind it up June 2-4 at the Circle Star Theatre in San Carlos, California.

PAUL COOPER formerly the publicist with FLIP WILSON, is now the Na-

tional Publicity Director of Atlantic Records west coast office and that's those of producer/arranger Richard Evans, who also arranges for Natalie Cole, and placed the two of them into a Chicago Illinois studio, to come out with REACHING FOR THE SKY.

HOLLYWOOD CHARLIE REPORTS...

The number of the youthful ladies of the evening making Sunset Boulevard their operational grounds is forever increasing; and to offset harassment and arrest by the Los Angeles Police, they make sure they stroll and solicit their trade on the part of Sunset strip that's under Los Angeles County jurisdiction. Which seemingly is the reason the traffic is getting heavier toward the Beverly Hills sector of the strip.

MAKE MINE MUSIC

Peabo Bryson is a romantic in the truest sense of the word. His words and music touch the heart and soul of listeners. These tales of love and romantic devotion make up the core of his debut album "REACHING FOR THE SKY", an album whose shades of funk and soul state on record the complicated nature of what love is all about.

Peabo talks openly about REACHING FOR THE SKY's romantic nature and the emotional impact he hopes his songs will make on today's marketplace. "It's emotional, romantic music. It's music to make love by. And, you noticed that I said make love not sex. Sex is important, but too many of todays musicians tend to make a glorification out of sex without love. What I intend with my music is to put some of the romance and emotion back into people's thoughts."

Peabo was signed to Capitol Records in 1977 by V.P. Soul Division A&R,

placed his talents with those of producer/arranger Richard Evans, who also arranges for Natalie Cole, and placed the two of them into a Chicago Illinois studio, to come out with REACHING FOR THE SKY.

"My goal is to play music in front of as many people as possible and to have that music appreciated," he candidly remarks. "I don't feel that I have to be in competition with anyone in order to be a star. I can achieve success without being spoiled or feeling I have to get what I want. But that doesn't mean I'm being passive in reaching for stardom. I won't be deterred in my search for success. I will make it."

Peabo Bryson is taking his own advice and is reaching for the sky. His debut album on Capitol shows that Peabo has only up the sky as his limit in the near and distant future.



Homemade bread, antique furniture, home-grown vegetables. These are some of the elements that make up the current nostalgia craze. The use of natural fibers also plays an important role in this trend and for the coming holidays many dining tables will be decorated with heirloom china and as a final touch - a linen tablecloth.

Linen is one of the oldest fibers of the western world. Its texture, strength and slow-to-soil characteristics make it an ideal fiber for tablecloths. Linen responds best to laundering in hot water and detergent. However, experts advise against the use of chlorine bleach because it can weaken the fibers - thus shortening the useful life of the cloth. Instead they recommend using a bleach substitute like Borateem Plus.

It brightens and whitens washable fabrics and helps remove stains without harming colors, fibers or finishes.



Enchantment

Enchantment Comes To Winston April 7th

Enchantment -- the Detroit quintet whose first three singles all reached the top of the national R&B charts -- will perform in Winston-Salem at the Winston-Salem Mem. Col on April 7th. This will be the group's only appearance in WINSTON-SALEM on their current 35-city tour.

"It's You That I Need", the group's third single, recently reached the number one position on the national R&B charts. Enchantment's chart topping song is from *Once Upon A Dream*, their second album for Roadshow Records (distributed by United Artist Records).

Once Upon A Dream is rapidly becoming a reality on the national pop charts. The LP has jumped over 150 points in only six weeks, outdistancing albums released at the same time by such established artists as Levon Helm, Paul Davis and Johnny Rivers.

The 35-city tour will include major markets in the south, southwest and southeast.

Plants Can Be Rooted

Bedding plants brought inside before frost last fall can be cut and rooted for planting next spring.

Cuttings of bedding begonias and geraniums can be rooted in coarse sand or vermiculite, according to agricultural extension specialists at North Carolina State University.

When the cuttings are well rooted, put them in a soil mixture containing a liberal amount of leaf mold or peat moss. Place in a sunny window.

Keep the cuttings pinched back to induce low branching during the winter period. Next spring, you can set the new plants outdoors in flower beds.



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3. GROVER WASHINGTON	9. FAZE O
4. PARLIMENT	10. EARTH WIND and FIRE
5. ROBERTA FLACK	
6. BOOTSY RUBBER BAND	

Gospel Selections:

Rev. M.L. King -- "I Have A Dream"	Institutional Radio Choir -- "He's Standing By"
Walter Hawkins And The Love Center Choir	James Cleveland -- "Live At Charnegie Hall"
"An Evening With The Supreme Angels"	The Brooklyn Are Stars -- "Our Greatest Hits"

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