

JOLTS AND JARS

By John 'Victory' Pollard

Frankly, we're rather dubious about writing this column, not that our secret is out—but we'll try it this time just for the "inches" in it—(note to non-journalists. The Journalism students have to produce a certain amount of material each semester).

However, even if you do discover our secret, we hope you won't stop dropping around to back page every now and then... We'll try to see to it that you don't get like the little boy who said, "But mama, I'm not hungry, I ate all the raisins off the fly paper."

However if you do stop reading the back page then we'll be out of a job—as it is we like our job... work eight hours... sleep eight hours... (ed, note: the same eight hours).

And now for the news

Artie Shaw has disbanded his orchestra and entered a New York hospital. He's laid up with a bad throat condition and may not be able to play or work for six or eight weeks.

The 'Metronome All-Star Band' recently made two recordings, "Royal Flush" and "I Got Rhythm"... the royalties from these records go to the Red Cross and to a fund to aid unemployed musicians.

In a recent interview Blue Barron is quoted as saying these words shattering words: "Corn is a beautiful word".

At it's recent unveiling the new band of Chico Marx, of the famous comedy team, shattered all records for the Flat Bush Theatre in Brooklyn. (U. S. A.)

As was to be expected, after our declaration of war against the little "Yellow Bellies", a host of patriotic songs flowed from the pens of the inmates of "Tin Pan Alley". Here are a few... "Uncle Sammy Here I Am", "We Did It Before and We Can Do It Again", "I'm Proud To Be An American", "You're A Sap Mister Jap", and "We'll Always Remember Pearl Harbor."

The Second Aeronautics Lesson

This year, as in any other year, the last word in airplanes is "Jump".

This Weeks Defense Statement Rubber is something if your feet are dry you haven't walked in the snow without.

Did You Know Stuff

That Glenn Miller's recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo" has already sold over 1,000,000 pressings?

That the late Cha Benny's idea of a great tenor man was one who was a combination of Coleman "The Hawk" Hawkins and Freddy Martin?

That Tommy Dorsey has reportedly resigned with Victor at \$1,250 a side, or that that is higher than the price paid Shaw, J. Dorsey, or Miller?

That Glenn Miller was National Chairman of the Dance Band Leaders' Division in the campaign to celebrate the President's Birthday?

That Dean Hudson is scheduled to enter the army sometime this month?

That Will Bradley and Ray McKinley will split up their band?

That "Fats" Waller recently gave a concert in Carnegie Hall and that the concert laid an egg?

That when Bobby Byrnes was 15 he was playing with Jimmy Dorsey's band?

That after touring the 48 states, Andre Kostelanetz reported that the favorite songs of the soldiers were, "Anchors Aweigh", "The Old Grey Mare", and "Beer Barrel Polka"?

That a woman came up to the band stand and asked for "I Want to Be Like a Bird" and that what she really meant was "I've Got to Be Bad, etc."?

That the three most popular records in the coin machines are: "White Cliffs of Dover", "Everything I Love" and "Any Bonds Today"?

That to hear a really fine record give Jimmie Lunceford's waxing of "Blues In The Night" a spin or two?

Along The Wave Lengths

PROGRAM PREMIERE

"They Live Forever," a new series on the CBS network designed to stimulate Victory-thinking in this country takes to the air Sunday, February 8, (10:30 to 11:00 P.M., EST).

This is Columbia's first series designed to show America on the offensive. Not a defense show, it is, rather, a testimonial from the American people to their heroic dead. It is a promise that the murders at Pearl Harbor, the deaths at Manila and other scenes of action will not only be remembered, but avenged! It is a crystallization, in stirring dramatic form, of the thoughts and feelings and actions of a hundred and thirty-two million Americans at war.

In no sense is it fictionalized. It names people, places, actual events. It tells why and for what the American people are fighting today.

A program of actual happenings, "They Live Forever" presents first hand facts concerning the men who have already given their blood and lives in today's fight for freedom.

In addition, it shows what the American people are doing—now—to repay the debt we owe the Axis powers with the compound interest President Roosevelt promised.

ODDITIES

Fred Allen, who toured all over Australia in the halcyon days of vaudeville, commented recently on the fact that every time that country won the Davis Tennis Cup, a World War followed. It's just an oddity that in 1914 and in 1939 this occurred. However, Fred adds, there are plenty of other curiosities he dug up while traveling "down under." In Australia, Fred says, there are more than 50 different kinds of kangaroos, including some that climb trees. In fact, the "blue flyer" is a kangaroo that can make forty miles an hour and travels in herds much bigger than the famous thunder-herds of our buffalo of the Western Plains. A herd of these kangaroos, Fred comments, would make New York's Times Square traffic seem like a deserted village. There are earthworms in Australia that measure some six feet in length. And there is a 400-pound fish there that drowns if kept under water too long. For a topper, there is a marsupial "teddy-bear" which lives on about 50 different kinds of eucalyptus leaves, never drinks water, catches colds, and is protected from shipment out of Australia by a national law.

HERE AND THERE

This month "Amos 'n' Andy" celebrate their sixteenth anniversary as a broadcasting team. Only once during their partnership did they ever take a vacation. That was in 1933. Amos went fishing. Andy went abroad.

More heirs have been discovered by the "Are You A Missing Heir?" program in the Midwest than in any other section of the country. The reason for this phenomenon, says James Waters, creator of this program, is that more people migrate to the Midwest and West than to the South or East.

Deems Taylor, annotator on the "Family Hour," recently said in discussing Japan that "perhaps her most notable contribution to world culture during the past few years has been the invention of imitation Swedish matches that don't strike."

That that that that that that modifies is a pronoun?

That's enough and now for an item for a certain group—

One minute tragedy "Come forth", cried the King. But Daniel slipped on a banana, came fifth and was disqualified.

This week's invention: A tail wagger for tired dogs. See you all around—maybe,

Classified

Wanted: An average. Half the student body.

Wanted: A hen that will eat tacks to lay a carpet on the dormitory floors.

Wanted: Someone to build me a castle

Forty feet high, So I can see you, As the draft carries you by.

Wanted: First-class used car with cruising range to Kentucky.

Wanted: A V-7 commission for our own "Jimmy" Stewart.

Wanted: One typewriter that can spell wright. Jimmy Elder.

Wanted: One knock-out punch; must have same before the Burlington Golden Gloves Tournament. "Kid Candle" Cubell.

Wanted: If anybody has any new or slightly used semester hours that they don't need I would like to meet them in Professor Hook's office and see if some kind of a deal could be arranged. A Senior.

Wanted by the Dean: Just one original absence alibi.

Wanted: The Elon V-7 men to revenge Pearl Harbor.

Lost: One pink glove, if found, please return or come and get the other one.

Lost: One bubble gum. If found, please return to Joe Tomanchek.

Wanted: One full-view photograph of Robert Pitts with a beaming smile on his face.

Lost: Howard Culbreth's prestige at G. C. in Greensboro. Or didn't you know he "kissed the girls goodby"?

Wanted: Someone who can tell the twins apart. Last night Emily said "Oh! that's very nice, but I bet you tell the same thing to Evelyn every night."

For Sale: One 'T' Model Ford for \$5.00. Tires for only \$160. See Ed Storey.

Ajax Tailoring Company: 'We Give You Fits'.

Music And War

The musical picture is subject to many varied changes during such an emergency as we are now in and will be experiencing for an indefinite time. This emergency, war, necessitates the drafting of millions of men into our armed forces and also the curtailment of products unessential to national defense such as musical instruments. Of the millions of men subject to military service, the lowly musician is steadily being transferred from his horn-blown "Stairway to the Stars" to his home-grown "Star Spangled Banner."

In any branch of the service it is not uncommon to find the Sibert Rowlois and Oscar Bruhenslys (formerly with Dunk Tunksfort's orchestra) doing their bit for Uncle Sam. Being ideal soldier material, musicians are swelling the ranks of our armed forces. When I say musicians are ideal, I refer to the average, not the story-book or movie version of some drunken quack who has one foot in the grave at twenty-five. Contrary to popular belief, musicians as a rule are young, able-bodied, mentally alert, single, and possessors of a coordination between mind and body far superior to the general level of the populace. The transfer of this skill is apparent in aviation where musicians are proving to be worthy pilots and technicians.

The absence of so many performers from the musical world will naturally take its toll in de-

generation but not to any great extent. True, many small bands will be forced to disband due to lack of numbers, and in the big-time the absence of stars is making its mark, but as a whole, the melody and rhythm racket will suffer little if any. There are always young and hitherto unknown musicians around just waiting for a chance to show their talents. Youth is creative, so since youth will dominate the musical picture for the duration (at least), one might well expect new trends and styles in popular music. Right now the public is clamoring for a breakdown of complicated, unmusical compositions in favor of simple unexciting, melodic tunes which ease conflict, not cause it. As soon as this movement really takes hold the greater simplicity should more than counter-balance the loss of old-time musicians, and bands should sound as well as or better than they do at the present time.

Other than the flood of patriotic tunes that every war brings on, the character of music will see little change while simplicity and style should be the keynotes. All in all, the public will get music which is easy to listen to and in which they therefore should find more satisfaction.

Inventor Seeks Financial Partner

Brilliant inventor seeks financial partner to back collapsible music case.

This case offers many advantages not found in present models. When folded, this case is no larger than an ordinary piccolo bag, but when expanded, you find all the advantages musicians have always sought but never found.

In the first place, it is divided into four sections. The first section is a small living room (10x12), the second a kitchen (10x12) third, a bed room (10x12), and fourth, a garage. Now allow me to describe how advantageous this new case will be to the musician at work.

To start from the beginning, the musician will put his horn in the collapsible music case, pack his case, maid, and wife in his auto and drive to the dance. Upon reaching his destination, the musician stops, unfolds the case, and takes out his horn. Now he has expanded the case. It is a simple matter to park his car in compartment four, the garage. Then he proceeds to the bed room where he dresses in his uniform. Capering off to the job, he continues by blowing his brains out by the roots for a couple hours while he prays for intermission to hurry. Finally it comes, so the musician returns to the collapsible music case and enters the living room. Here he is entertained by the French maid

while the wife prepares a mid-night snack. He then goes to the kitchen and eats, and after eating he rests in the bed room. A half hour passes and he returns to the bandstand to play the remainder of the dance.

When he returns to his collapsible music case he has two alternatives. First, he can sleep there for the night, or second, he can pack his horn, drive his car from the garage, fold the case, put it, the maid and wife in the back seat of the car, and drive home.

There are a few small details still incomplete, but I'm sure that with proper financial backing these small details can be cleared up and we'll sell a million cases. Anyone interested should write Orville S. Thomas Edistein, Box 13, Morganton, N. C. Care of Keeper No. 3.

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