

# New York Showfronts

BY DON DE LEHRER

### COLORED PERFORMERS, THEN AND NOW, WHICH HAVE IT ASIER: CITIES STRUGGLES OF BILL ROBINSON, STUBB WATER, OTHERS

NEW YORK: The other day some people were talking about the difference in today's young performers in the theatre stage and night-life world as compared with those of the older times, and the consensus was that a definite improvement could be seen in the finished product.

The question is open to debate because the younger today who enters the theatre is trained for it in many instances through finishing school of dancing, music, and dancing as well as with a pretty solid background of high school or college education. The younger today also has had, in many instances, the type of home life that produces the so-called "American" type of physical appearance, and by that we mean female performers, such as Hilda Simms, Marnie Smith, Lena Horne, Katherine Dunham, Rosetta LeNoire, and a few others, including Hazel Scott, Savannah Churchill, and Thelma Carpenter. These girls all have either beautiful shape or extremely pretty faces.

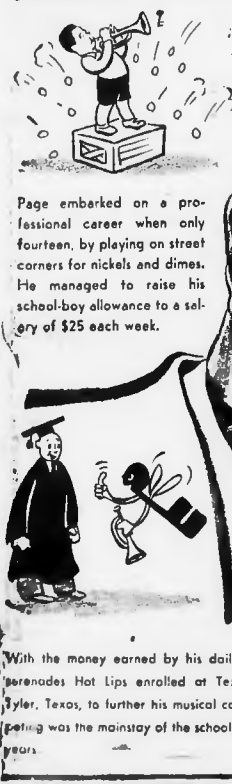
The casting director of a show or play can have a hard day in choosing show girls, dancers, and performers among the many candidates who have to offer nowadays. He can get a variety of colors and types of so-called good hair on the heads of his prospects, beautiful legs and bodies, and extremely pretty faces, whereas in the old days, he had to go along for weeks on end to see the new type like the late Florence Mills, Joe Baker, or Adelaide Hall.

It might have been that in those days our women hadn't learned how to diet properly or in plain words they didn't get the kinds of food that the children are getting today, such as balanced diets along with live liver diet when they are very young, orange juice, and so forth which produce flesh and teeth straight bones, and eliminate such things as rickets, bad skin, and the like.

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## MEET "HOT LIPS" PAGE THE JAZZ EXPONENT



Page embarked on a professional career when only fourteen, by playing on street corners for nickels and dimes. He managed to raise his school-boy allowance to a salary of \$25 each week.

Hot Lips Page, a former student of oratory, is frequently called upon to lecture on jazz. His most recent delivery took place at Hunter College, the success of which prompted the school to institute a regular weekly series of jazz lectures.

## REPUBLIC SIGNS RUBINSTEIN FOR TECHNICOLOR PICTURE, "CONCERTO"



Artur Rubinstein, one of the world's most celebrated pianists, will record the entire piano score of Frank Borzage's technicolor film, "Concerto," the love piano of which is Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. Herbert J. Yates, head of the company, is shown here.

## Billie Holiday Out On Cross-Country Tour

Billie Holiday, whose name is the name of the hour in the music of the Down Beat Club in New York City, packed the room tight last night, where Decca recorded her new album, "Billie Holiday Sings." The album is a collection of her greatest hits, and it is a testament to her talent as a singer.

## TAN TOPICS

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## Gossip Of The Movie Lots

HOLLYWOOD (ANI) — As the motion picture studio hurried to finish series under production, a number of well-known sepians answered work calls last week. Incidentally they like the players of other races continue to ignore the dwindling picture line, especially since they know well that the amount involved has a jim crow policy.

## SEEIN' STARS With Dolores Calvin

NEW YORK (CNS) — MEET GLORIA SHELDON. If you ask Savannah Churchill, rather than Savannah Churchill, why she changed her name to Gloria Sheldon, she refers you to Joe Howard, owner of the Cafe Zanzibar. So not even Savannah knows why her name was changed.

## King Cole Trio Flies To Apollo

NEW YORK CITY (CNS) — The famed King Cole Trio will head the Apollo bill at the Apollo Theatre, New York, on Monday night, Sept. 27.

## Bob Merrell New Vocalist With Cootie Williams Is "Tops"

NEW YORK CITY (CNS) — The new Bob Merrell, who has replaced Cootie Williams as the vocalist of the Cootie Williams Orchestra, is being hailed as "tops" by the critics.

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Above illustrates what to expect of the new combination of rhythm "on the upbeat with the downbeat." Bob Merrell, a good-looking chap and said the first night "I got tired, so I went to bed." He is now continuing to go on around here. The dressing rooms, except replica of some partitions off Southern barn, reminds Louis of an Arabian tent folding it up and silently taking away. Says "they ought to take

## TWO BRIGHT STARS IN THE HEADLINES



"Tap" Miller Thelma Carpenter

Miss Carpenter, the thrill providing thrust, whom Lew Leslie noted B-way producer—hails as the 20th Century Florence Mills has been booked into the Club Copacabana in New York. Eddie Cantor, noted star of radio, stage and screen, selected Thelma for his popular radio show. Both acts are booked by Gale Agency.

## Robeson Dinner Reservations Pour In To NAACP

NEW YORK — Even before invitations had been mailed, reservations for the dinner on Thursday, October 18th, in the Hotel Biltmore, New York, at which the 30th Spingarn Medal will be presented to Paul Robeson began to pour into the offices of the NAACP on the basis of the newspaper announcement of the dinner. It has already been necessary to point out that the seating capacity of the Grand Ballroom of the Biltmore is limited and that all reservations will be filled in the order of their receipt.

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## WACS Win Eisenhower Athletic Towards In Tennis Tourney

PALM BEACH (ANI) — Four members of the United States Women's Army Corps (WACS) have received certificates of appreciation from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for their participation in their performance in the recent five-day tennis tournament here. They are Lt. Col. E. H. Hall, Pfc. Nancy Griffin, Pfc. Edna Jackson and Pfc. Carolyn Poole. Lt. Hall and Pfc. Griffin of Company B, 488th Central Postal Directory, and Pfc. Jackson and Pfc. Poole, both of Company C, failed to reach the final four because of having played superior games.

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