

HAMPTON TO PLAY FOR RALEIGH DANCE

Nitelite In New York

BY ALVIN MOSES

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CLIFF JACKSON, a name that figures in the headline ad-copy of Cafe (Downtown) Society nightclub offerings, hasn't changed much in the 20 years I have known him. When any comparison of top pianologists crops up and the Jackson name is left out of consideration, it should fall into two categories only: (a) an oversight,

Excipients from the unforgettable PORGY and BESS were rendered acceptably by GENEVIEVE ROWE, soprano, and LEONARD STOKES, baritone, at an all-GEORGE GERSHWIN-sponsored program by the Jewish society of B'nai B'rith Victory Lodge 1431 since our last call of the night-life agenda before a packed Carnegie hall audience.

Basie Makes Hit In Swing Concert At Carnegie Hall

NEW YORK — Count Basie, the "Jump King of Swing" secured the most spectacular triumph of his illustrious career as he and his powerhouse musical aggregation made their concert debut at Carnegie Hall, last Saturday midnight, and rocked a rapturous, excited audience with more than two hours of pure unadulterated jazz.

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Meet With No Jim Crow 20 Negroes In Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (ANP) — Out of Sweden's seven and a quarter millions of people, there are about 18 or 20 Negroes, to be exact. It is said that all 20 Negro subjects of this small Kingdom are musicians and artists and are married to Swedes. The kingdom has one Negro film actress named Lolita, who plays a variety of roles in different films due to the fact that she can't be typed.

Sweden has one Negro film actor, but if one is grounded in Swedishness beginning from childhood, they will be able to see very much of a young American Negro from Chicago named "Kootie Kilroy," singer-dancer on the Swedish screens. Mr. Kilroy has made at least three films since his arrival in this country last December.

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SARAH VAUGHAN READY TO OPEN STRAND BOOKING

The Vaughan Who Came Up Like Thunder has finally come a long way since she left the choir of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Newark two years ago to embark upon a professional singing career.

In that brief span of less than five years the girl who was christened Sarah Vaughan has ascended to the top heights of the musical world via triumphs in the nation's leading theaters, cafes and concert halls, and has turned out a consistent stream of hit records.

Tagged "The New Sound" by the nation's disc-jockeys because of her refreshingly new and different vocal style, Miss Vaughan will be supported in a two-week engagement at the Strand Theatre stage on Broadway by four of New York's leading disc-jockeys, Paul Bremer of WAAT's "Request-Your-Record," Jack Rigen of "Meat Me At The Copia" fame, and the popular Joe And Max Music team, WMCA's "Sea Wain and Andy Baruch."

It was just a little more than two years ago that Sarah was an obscure vocalist with only a few small-time record labels, which led to her being signed to a major recording contract.

Miss Vaughan comes to the Strand Theatre direct from a record-breaking concert tour in which she sang to sell-out houses in such cities as Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Buffalo, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

"Creep Pastures" To Be Presented At Dillard U

The Dillard University Players Guild, assisted by the University Choir under the direction of Orin Clayton Sutherland II, will present "The Green Pastures," Marc Connelly's modern fable of religious simplicity on May 14-15. The entire production is being staged by John McLean Ross.

Directed on a unit stage which has been designed by Mr. Ross, the action and continuity of the eighteen scenes of the play are made to flow swiftly in spite of the absence of the mechanical appliances which were used in the Broadway production.

Mr. Ross has displayed rare imagination, skillful ingenuity in both his direction and design. He has used a technique of singing heretofore unseen in New Orleans, in order to facilitate the dramatic movement of the play.

The spirituals, sung by the University Choir, show the excellence of Mr. Sutherland's training and direction.

A cast of fifty students, headed by Richard Hicks in the role of De Lawd, John Pitts as Gabriel, Henry Williams as Moses, and Clarence Hames as Noah, make up the total acting ensemble.

Sweetheart Of Rhythm Seeking New Talent

The International Sweethearts of Rhythm, currently headlining the Paradise Theatre, Detroit, Michigan show, will commence their annual eastern tour of ballrooms and theatres, to be followed by 30 consecutive one-night engagements in northwestern territory.

Harlem Mayor Arrested

NEW YORK (CNS) — Sherman Hibbit, Harlem's newly elected official Mayor, was arrested Friday for parking his Cadillac in front of the Apollo Theatre on 125th Street, a restricted zone area.

Hillside Players To Present 3-Act Comedy

Norman Cannon's three-act comedy, "It Happened One Night" will be presented by the Hillside High School Players at the Crosby-Garfield School on Thursday, May 6, at 8 p.m.



SHAW STUDENTS PICK MAY QUEEN

In a campus election held Friday at Shaw University Miss Viola Bond, pretty senior of Gates, was elected May Queen.

She will preside over the Festival to be held May 15, at Shaw, Miss Bond, who represented Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and who ran against 7 other candidates, polling 32 per cent of the total vote.

Other contestants, all of whom will serve as alternates to the Queen are: Misses Mary Booker, Holly Spring, Non-resident Young Women; Mary Dicie Hymes, Battleboro, Christian Education Society; Mary Lebetter, Rutherfordton; The Shaw Players; Christine Reeves, Goldston, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Daisy Stanel, Middlesex, Spanish Club; and Christine Watson, Clayton, Home Economics Club.

Negro News Program To Broadcast Daily

CHICAGO (ANP) — Announcement has just been made through the Chicago Negro Chamber of Commerce that four of its member corporations will sponsor a daily broadcast of news of the activities, progress and welfare of Negroes. The broadcast will be over Station WJJD, Monday through Saturday from 7:09 to 7:15 A. M., and will include the time, temperature and the weather forecast.

Entertainment Star To Mark Fats Waller Week

The 1945 annual Thomas "Fats" Waller National Memorial Week of Music will be conducted nationally, from May 16 through 22, with all branches of the entertainment and newspaper world again cooperating to perpetuate the memory and immortal music of the life genius.

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New Orleans — "Frederick Douglass," an authoritative biography by Benjamin A. Quarles, professor of history and dean of instruction at Dillard University, is now off the press.

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GOING PLACES — Earl Basie who is really beginning to go places as a band leader. Formerly associated with Lionel Hampton, who started him off on his way as a band leader, Basie closed his first year recently in a concert which really rocked the walls of Carnegie Hall.

GOTHAM CABBIES SEEK FARE HIKE

NEW YORK CITY (G) — If you plan to spend any time in the Big City this summer, you better watch the meters of the cab, or you may find yourself in a state of embarrassment over the fare to Brooklyn or Bronx, or upper St. Nicholas Avenue.

The boys who zoomed about with the Yellow, Checker, Packard, Skyviews, and what nots, want more dough to roll you around the city. And that ain't all. The taxi owners also think they are entitled to a boost in the waiting time of \$1.50 per hour from \$2.00. Don't go yet. Just an added item to complete their proposals, they want all language which cannot be carried inside the cab to be prohibited. A little plug for the spokesman.

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BRINGING BAND AND VIBRAPHONE TO AUDITORIUM

RALEIGH — All North Carolina is waiting for the coming of Monday night when the doors of the beautiful Raleigh Memorial Auditorium will open for Promoter Joe Winters, one-night presentation of Lionel Hampton, King of the Vibraphone, and his all-star band.

Monday's date, the only dance engagement which the Hamp will play in North Carolina, will give music lovers and dance fans of the state their first chance since 1935 to see and hear this combination of stars which has been breaking attendance records consistently in all parts of the country.

Lionel's wizardry on the vibraphone and drums, coupled with his smooth, arranging and flawless execution which has become traditional with his orchestra makes an enjoyable night, a certainly for dancers as well as for promoters and spectators.

DATES AT PREMIUM

The great demand for band dates which has resulted from Hampton's tremendous popularity, made it impossible to secure more than one engagement for this area.

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Lincoln RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA SUN.-MON.—MAY 9-10 EURT LANCASTER AND LIZABETH SCOTT I WALK ALONE TUESDAY, MAY 11 STUART ERWIN AND FRANK ALBERTSON KILLER BILL And Connie Haines—Pied Pipe's Page Cayvaugh Trio In A Special Musical Treat WED.-THUR. MAY 12-13 CLAUDETTE COLBERT AND HENRY FORDA DRUMS ALONG MOHAWK Chapter 7 'SON OF THE GUARDSMAN' FRI.-SAT. MAY 14-15 RICHARD MARTIN WANDERER OF WASTELAND RUSSELL HAYDEN ROLLING HOME Chapter 10 'FEDERAL OPERATOR 99'