

**AT VALENTINE PARTY** — These are some of the couples who had a delightful Valentine dance at the Meadowbrook Country Club Saturday night. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sansom, Mr. and Mrs. George Height, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Whitley and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Batey.

## GOSSIP OF THE MOVIE LOT

BY CALLA SCRIVNER FOR ANP  
AFRICAN FILM FEATURES  
VIVID ANIMAL SCENES  
HOLLYWOOD (ANP) — Twelve year old Pamela Franklin, one of

the most promising youngsters on the screen is featured with William Holden, Trevor Howard and Capucine in "The Lion" a Samuel E. Engle production.

Filmed in Africa, the picture deals with a love triangle. The three adult stars are the principals. Holden, an American businessman and the former husband of Capucine, is urged to come to Africa to help make a decision about their child, Pamela. Howard plays the child's stepfather.

Pamela, who resents her real father, has a change of heart in the

cinematic tape, where Howard has to shoot her pet lion which she has raised from a cub.

The unusual and fascinating scenes of the wild animals are the most thrilling, especially the 'shots' of Pamela rolling on the ground with the lion cub, and the charge of the bull elephants.

All actors give convincing performances. The photography is unique. The film was directed by Jack Cardiff.

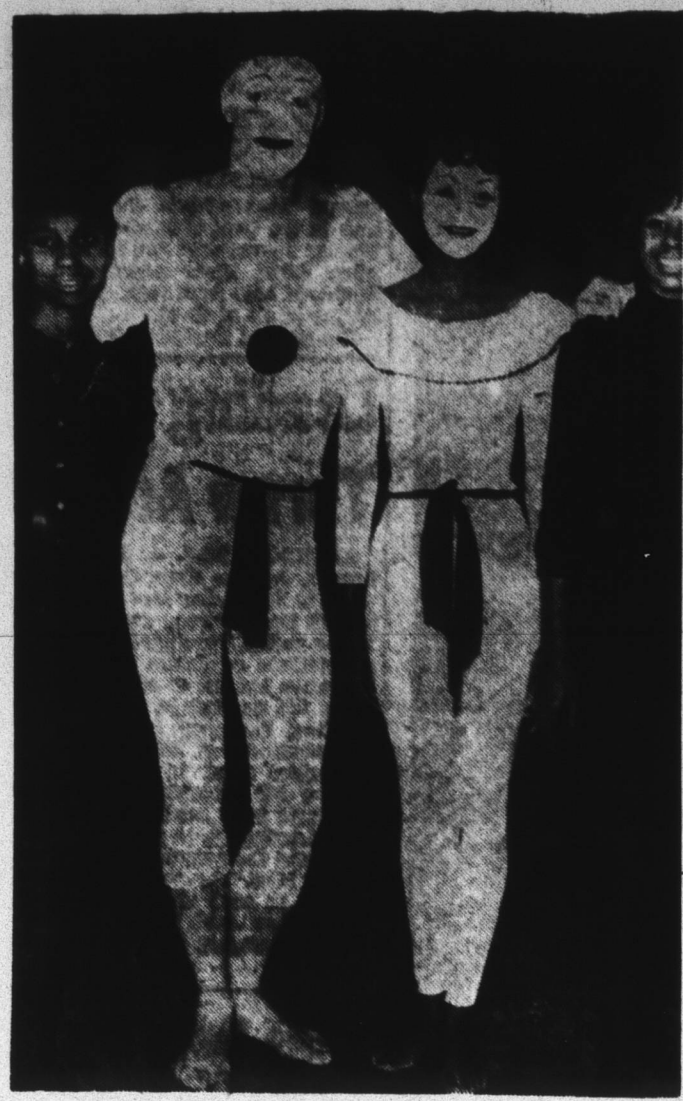
**NELLIE LUTCHER SIGNS EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT**  
That "real gone gal" Nellie Lutcher has signed an exclusive contract with Lee Young of Melle Records. She did her first session in four years last week. Nellie was formerly with Capitol.

**AT BASIN STREET WEST**  
Popular Virgin Islander Charles "Calypso" MacNiles opened with a band at Aland Dixon's Basin Street West recently.

Supported by a native cast, including drummers Congo Conley and Juno, MacNiles enthralled his audience with lilting melodies from the magic islands. Highly amusing are "Woman's Market Day" and "Ugly Woman." Pley dancers liven up the highly entertaining package.

Billy Williams, who closed recently after a mad session of songs and perpetual motion is one of the greatest shows ever to appear at the nitery has moved to the new Copacabana at Wilshire and La Brea.

The most popular 1962 Christmas cards sold in the South African Republic were those carrying the likeness of Albert Luthuli, Nobel Peace Prize winner and president of the banned African National Congress, and five other African leaders. (ANP)



**MIME ARTIST AND AIDES** — When Frans Reynders, Dutch-born pantomime artist, appeared at Bennett College, Greensboro, last week, he was assisted by these three students. Left to right, Miss Andra Mast, of Houston, Texas; Carolyn Sneed and Paulette Grant, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

## NCC Graduate Gets TV Role In 'Premiere'

NEW YORK (ANP)—Actor Ivan Dixon, who plays David, a research scientist in "Chain Reaction" on ABC-TV's "Premiere," presented by Fred Astaire, Thursday, Feb. 21, agrees that work in the acting profession may be limited for those of his race, but he has no complaints, himself.

"Between stage and television, I've been busy since 1956. Even before," the handsome actor says, "but I've been lucky too. Anyone would be with a friend-like Sidney Poitier."

Dixon considers Poitier his best friend and has been stand-in, double and stunt man for him in motion pictures and on television. He also worked with Poitier in "Raisin in the Sun" on Broadway and in the motion picture.

In "Chain Reaction," a part he landed as a result of producer Dick Berg's catching him in "Raisin" on Broadway, Dixon envisions the character he plays as an African from Nigeria.

"It seemed to me he studied at Oxford," Dixon says. "It doesn't say that in the script exactly, but

in order to play a part one has to know the background of the character.

"African students are dear to my heart. I was one in 'Raisin,' too." Dixon was well qualified when he took to professional acting. Having graduated from North Carolina College, he took graduate work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the American Theatre Wing and Paul Mann's Actor Workshop in New York. From then on, it's been uphill for the actor.

"I've done 'Twilight Zone,' 'Have Gun, Will Travel,' 'Cain's Hundred,' 'Laramie,' 'Dr. Kildare,' 'Defenders,' and ABC-TV's 'The New Breed,' to name only a few," Ivan says.

"But, what I long for most is a continuing part in a series. Few of us ever reach that plateau," he adds.

## Data 'N' Chatter

BY DARCY DEMILLE FOR ANP  
CHICAGO — From Hollywood to Harlem... Heartell Cassius Clay will retire from the ring shortly and devote his time to emoting before movie cameras. This I've gotta see.

Dinah Washington, who received quite a bit of adverse publicity following the milk toilet seat cover bit, could have silenced many if she cared to reveal how she played Santa to several Chicago and New York City orphanages. This Lady Fountiful role isn't a new one for Miss D. She has been the giver behind tons of lavish gifts to the parent-less at Easter and Christmas for many a moon.

Didn't the Sarah Vaughan-C. B. Atkins hassle really begin before they adopted a child? And isn't it true that Billy Eckstine and his Carol have again made a date with Sir Stork?

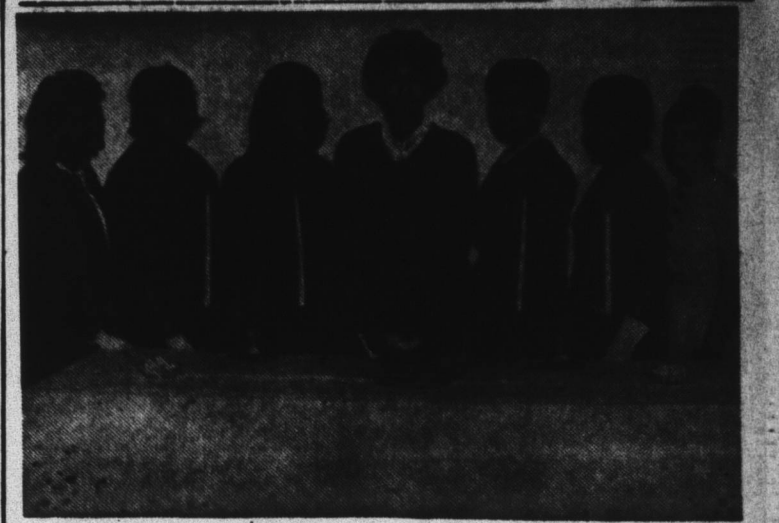
Speaking of babes and babies, both Nancy Wilson and Aretha Franklin got what they wanted, boys. Nancy is receiving tempting offers to tour the European circuit if she can make an April 1 deadline. Aretha, Detroit's contribution to the entertainment world, says she will get back to work as soon as the baby is old enough to travel. Can't stand to have him out of her sight.

I don't know if Lena Horne knows it, but she has a big fan in newspaperman Robert Sylvester Robert can be credited with the 'quote-of-the-week' regarding Miss Horne, he said:

"Lena is probably the only woman in the world who can turn her back squarely to you and still force you to listen to every note she sings. Some singers come and go and I have been watching this one for 20 years and if she has given any evidence of going I haven't noticed it yet."



**TO APPEAR AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S**—Bela Sallagi, pianist, who will be presented in concert at the Emory Health and Fine Arts Center, by the St. Augustine's Lyceum Committee, Thursday, February 21.



**JABBERWOCK CONTESTANTS** — Rocky Mount members of Delta Sigma Theta sorority announce contestants who will take part in the annual Jabberwock, March 19. They are, (left to right): Mattie Edge, Pinetops; Ernestine Gould, Littleton; Nevada Mercer, Carolyn Edge, Gloria Boddie and Eunice Elia, of Rocky Mount; Waltrine Mills, Spring Hope. Not present when photo was made: Jo Frances Smith, Rocky Mount; Gladys Harrell, Tarboro; and Frances Shelly, Battleground. The Jabberwock will be given March 19. (J. B. HARREN FOTO).

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