

# Eckstine In Command Performance For "Ladybird"



**PARTNERS IN SOUL** — Clara Ward and Elvis Presley, long-time admirers of each other's singing styles, finally met when Elvis showed up at the New Frontier Hotel Lounge in Las Vegas to appear in his next movie, "Roustabout".

**Includes Solomon Burke, Mary Wells, Others:**

## Jackie "Moms" Mabley Headlines Big Show At Dorton Arena, Friday Mar. 13

Come Friday night, March 13th Jackie "Moms" Mabley will headline the cast of a Big-Show-Package at the J. S. Dorton Arena. Billed as The Jackie "Moms" Show, "Moms" will co-star with Martha and The Vandellas, Mary Wells, Solomon Burke and Chuck Jackson. Other top stars to appear include Rufus Thomas, of "Can Your Monkey Do The Dog" fame; Tommy Tucker with "Hi-Heel Sneakers"; plus Leo Price and his magnificent recording orchestra.

This date at the J. S. Dorton Arena on Friday night, March 13th, is the only date to be played by this show in eastern North Carolina. Doors of the arena will open at 7 p.m. with the show set to hit at 8:15 sharp. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at Thom's Record Shop and Hamlin Drug in Raleigh.

The story of Jackie "Moms" Mabley is, in large measure, the story of the Negro's contribution to the world of entertainment during the last three decades. She is one of America's outstanding comedienne and by far the best known, the most talented, of a group of Americans who have helped the entire world to laugh and to sing.

Born in North Carolina Jackie was born in North Carolina as Loretta Mary Aiken, and attended high school in the city of Brevard. Her career in show business started at the tender age of 14 when she joined a troupe with Henry Bowman and Tim Moore. She appeared in a sketch entitled "The Sick Aunt from Utah" which toured the old TOBA circuit.

Her first New York engagement began at the famous Connie's Inn in 1923, where she appeared for three successive years. Her next important engagement was in "Swinging the Dream" at the Cen-

Maxine Sullivan, Benny Goodman, and the Don Vothies band. She

was both comedienne and acrobatic dancer. Then followed engagements with Drake and Walker and the Whitman Sisters.

Her theater and night club engagements included sketches with many of the most famous Negro comedians of a bygone era—John Mason, Dusty Fletcher, and Marshall Rogers. Her good-natured, philosophical bantering was unique and original. Louis Prima, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Count Basie, Jimmie Lunceford, and other noted bandleaders made dialogues



JACKIE "MOMS" MABLEY

with her important parts of their presentations. She struck up close personal relationships with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Sophie Tucker, and other celebrities.

Jackie credits the best part of her professional training to Butterbeans and Susie and to the late Bunny Bell Drew. On the records of Harlem's famed Apollo Theater

she made more appearances than any other artist. Her comedy is homespun, down to earth, and contains a great deal of wholesome advice and comment which has endeared her to countless thousands.

So come Friday night, March 13th, and Jackie "Moms" Mabley will thrill you at the J. S. Dorton Arena along with Martha and The Vandellas, of "Live Wire" and "Heat Wave" fame; Mary Wells singing "What's Easy for Two is So Hard for One"; Solomon Burke with "He'll Have to Go" and "If

You Need Me"; Chuck Jackson with "Any Day Now"; Rufus Thomas singing "Can Your Monkey Do the Dog" and "Walking the Dog"; Tommy Tucker with those "Hi-Heel Sneakers"; plus Leo Price and his magnificent orchestra.

**OUR MAN IN PARIS**—Blue Note LP (4146) featuring the Dexter Gordon quartet. Tunes: "Scraple from the Apple," "Willow, Weep for Me," "Broadway," "Stairway to the Stars," "A Night in Tunisia." Personnel: Gordon, tenor saxophone; Bud Powell, piano; Pierre Michelot, bass; Kenny Clarke, drums.

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## "Great Mr. B." Invited

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Singer Billy Eckstine has been invited by the wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson to appear in a March 6 benefit in New York for the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation.

The program is set for Lincoln Center and also featured will be the 100-piece New York Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Leonard Bernstein.

for 25 minutes, and is expected to sing a medley of Duke Ellington tunes along with a work from West Side Story and some Eckstine standards.

The singer will interrupt his current engagement at Harkness Club in Reno, Nev., in order to make the appearance on the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation Concert which will benefit retarded children.

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**"GLASS MENAGERIE" AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S** — Pictured is a scene from "The Glass Menagerie," presented by the Saint Augustine's College Players recently. This presentation compared favorably with the New York production, according to critics who have had the privilege of seeing both presentations. The two characters pictured are: Herbert Silas and Miss Dianne Harris.

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