

# Singer Leslie Uggams To Wed Son Of Billy Eckstine

## ★ Theatricals ★



**'QUEENS' HONORED** — Four coeds, chosen as "queens" of their respective dormitories at North Carolina College, were honored at an entertainment Monday at the Durham institution. They are shown posing with Dr. Cecil L. Patterson, acting director of the summer school. From left are Miss Faye Robinson of Goldboro, representing McLean Dormitory; Miss Margie S. Wilson, Clinton, New Residence Hall; Dr. Patterson, Miss Elsie A. Griffin, Rocky Mount, Old Senior Dormitory; and Doris P. Jones, Salisbury, Annie Day Shepard Dormitory.

## GOSSIP of the MOVIE LOTS

### LONG SHIPS OPENS MULTIPLE RUN

**HOLLYWOOD (ANP)** — "The Long Ships," starring academy award-winning actor Sidney Poitier as a Moorish sheik, opened a multiple run in Los Angeles theatres last week.

The plot pits two rivals in a dramatic adventure seeking possession of a prized treasure known as the Golden Bell. Star Richard Widmark (as the lead-

er of the Vikings) seeks to invade the realm of the sheik, and thereby hangs a tale.

Also starred are Russ Tamblyn, Rosanna Schiaffino and Oscar Hommelka.

"The Quick Gun," starring Audie Murphy and Merry Anders, is the second feature.

"Zulu," an adventure film dealing with the 1870 clash between 14 British soldiers in a mission and 4,000 Zulu warriors, also opened a

citywide run last week.

"Zulu" was filmed in Natal, South Africa, near the site of the historical event. The film stars Jack Hawkins and Stanley Baker.

Beautiful and talented Barbara McNair, one of America's favorite songstresses, is currently thrilling crowds at Shelley Davis' Crescendo on the strip.

Included on the all-star bill of fare are entertainer Mel Torme and the very funny Lenny Kent. Bob Armstrong's orchestra furnishes the background music.

Internationally famous Nat "King" Cole and his "Merry Young Souls" are currently appearing at the famous open air Greek Theatre in Griffith Park. Cole's sensational new "Sights and Sounds of 1964" is bigger and better than ever.

Famous folk singer Odetta is being featured on the Hollywood Bowl's special "Evening of Folk Songs" this week. Her rhythmic guitar is really a thing to hear.

Other artists on the special attraction are Theodore Bikel, Judy Collins, Bud and Travis, folk singers.

too-old to learn or return to school. Our congrats to the fine gentleman.

**MARIA SARDO** ... we were glad to hear that the wonderful receptionist at Cosmo's of Hollywood came out of her operation with flying colors. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**GUS NAIRNS** ... the veteran photographer told us a little known secret. His biggest ambition is to become a top film actor. Upon arriving here from his homeland in the West Indies, he planned to pursue an acting career, but got de-toured and has become one of the foremost camera men on the West Coast. Am sure you will still make it, Gus.

**HAY-MONEY** ... Horses in tv Westerns earn \$10-a-day. Not bad for hay, eh.

**NANCY WILSON** ... the lovely songstress at Coconut Grove. This girl is out of sight. Just the greatest. When she belts my favorite "Mr. Wonderful" I go into orbit along with the throng.

**THEY SAY** ... The nomination of Barry Goldwater by the Republicans is a clear indication the party doesn't need or want the Negro vote. Wallace was the feeler for pro-segregationist in the North and Midwest. The Negro voter must be awake as never before in the coming election. Believe it or not, this Goldwater CAN beat Johnson.

**NATHANIEL CARTER** ... the personable fellow has the only interracial licensed Introductory Social Club in California. Understand his business is booming.

**JESSE WILLIAMS** ... the enterprising young man has completed his studies in the field of Humanology. What is this? Very simple, you come to him with personal problems, he counsels you. Should be a good service in L. A. where everyone seems to have big personal problems.

**DICK BASS** ... The Rams superstar is also a successful Ball Bondsman. Another name you probably will remember if you were a fight fan a few years ago is Art (Golden Boy) Aragon, he is also making big money as a bondsman.

**HARRY JONES** ... The popular man-about town is rated one of the top beer salesmen in Angel City. He represents Olympia.

**THE CLOWNS** ... at the new name of the Blue Bar Club on Wilson Avenue. Waiting to greet you with big smiles and good service are Myron Collins and Pete



**A FIGHTING DUO** — Ernie Terrell, the 25-year-old third-ranking heavyweight boxer, sings as guitar enthusiast Merrill Shepard accompanies him July 9th. Merrill, 14, is a patient at the New York Hospital for Joint Diseases. (UPI PHOTO).

## THE WEEK IN RECORDS

**BY ALBERT ANDERSON**  
**DIZ STITT, "M. J.", FARMER SCORE WITH TOP DISCS**  
**CHICAGO (ANP)** The spotlight this week focuses on three delightful LPs featuring four of the most prominent artists on the jazz scene today—Dizzy Gillespie, Sonny Stitt, Milt Jackson and Art Farmer.

With all four musicians playing at top or near top form, the platters offer fans outstanding entertainment from several standpoints. Details of the LPs follow:

**"THE COOL WORLD":** — Philips LP (200-138) featuring the Dizzy Gillespie quintet, including James Moody, tenor saxophone, flute; Kenny Barron, piano; Chris White, bass; Ruby Collins, drums. Tunes: "The Cool World"; "The Pushers"; "Enter, Priest"; "Duke's Awakening"; "Duke on the Run"; "Street Music"; "Bonnie's Blues"; "Coney Island"; "Duke's Fantasy"; "Coolie"; "Duke's Last Sologny."

The music—scored by Mal Waldron and ably interpreted by the Gillespie group—on this platter is based on the theme of the movie, "The Cool World," except that here more fire, enthusiasm and imagination are put into it.

Typical of the group's enlivening of the theme is the torrid solo Diz plays on Duke's Awakening, and his clever voicings, along with Moody, on "Bonnie and Coney Island." Incidentally, Duke's A-

wakening, a jump tune, is the top number in the set, but all the others are good. ... **CHALK THIS ONE UP AS ANOTHER BIG ENTRY FOR DIZ CO.**

**"IN THE BEGINNING":** — Galaxy (204). Jackson, vibraphone, and Stitt, tenor saxophone

with unidentified backing. Tunes: "Body and Soul"; "Red Song (Silver Slipper)"; "Red Shoes"; "Bo Diddley"; "Royal Wedding"; "Fine and Dandy"; "Stardust"; "Ratle and Proportion"; "Bliss"; "Baggy Eyes"; "In a Beautiful Mood"; "Baggy's Blues."

Taken individually, either Jackson or Stitt is dynamic. Together they are dynamic. Together they are dynamic. They play a fare that is a mixture of old and modern tunes that is very stimulating. ... Moreover, they prove that catalogue material need not be stuffy, since much of the numbers for this session seems to be taken from old masters. ... Stitt is particularly outstanding with his solo on "Red Shoes," while Jackson is lyrical and interpretative on Stardust and Ratle. ... The background music is also outstanding. ... **A FINE ENTRY.**

**"LIVE AT THE HALF-NOTE":** — Atlantic LP (1421) featuring the Farmer quartet. Tunes: "Stompin' at the Savoy"; "Swing Spring"; "What's New?"; "I Want to be Happy"; "I'm Getting Sentimental over You." Personnel: Farmer, Flugelhorn; Jim Hall, guitar; Steve Swallow, bass; Walter Perkins, drums.

## Baseball's Willie Mays Loses To Ronnie Eckstine

**NEW YORK (ANP)**—Recent rumors linking charming and talented singer Leslie Uggams of Mitch Miller's television fame to baseball star Willie Mays and Ronnie Eckstine, were resolved in favor of the latter, when it was disclosed last week that she would wed Eckstine.

Eckstine, 21, is the son of one of the nation's most famous vocalists, Billy Eckstine, who is better known to many simply as "Mr. B."

No date was immediately announced for the wedding of the two young famous entertainers. Ronnie is famous by virtue of his father's prominence.

Miss Uggams is considered the star of the Miller TV show. An outstanding dancer as well as a singer,

she is really the darling of television viewers, and Miller usually reserves a choice spot for her on his program.

Miss Uggams has been a star since she appeared on a program with jazzdom's First Lady of Songs Ella Fitzgerald at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem (N. Y.) when she was six. She appeared on TV programs with Paul Whiteman and Milton Berle before landing the choice spot on the Mitch Miller show.

Leslie came by her boyish name when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Uggams, named her for Leslie Howard. Miss Uggams comes from a family of entertainers. Her mother, Juanita, is a former chorine, and her father, Harold, was a member of the famed Hall Johnson Choir. An aunt, Eloise Uggams, was former member of the cast of "Porgy and Bess."

## Hire Negro As A Pilot, Airline Told

**DENVER (ANP)**—Continental Airlines last week was ordered to hire Marion D. Green, former Negro Air Force pilot, in accordance with a ruling by the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Commission last January.

The order was issued by District Judge Neil Horan. In contests through several courts and over many months, Green has contended that he was denied employment as a pilot by the airline because of his race.

**WHEN BUSINESS** is good, my local paper has 100 pages, the Sunday New York Times has 460, the New York magazine has 220, and Reader's Digest has 340, which is more homework than I want.

**SLOVENLINESS** is a word that is often slovenly spoken.

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## California Notebook

BY BILL ROBERTSON  
(Former Raleighite)

We're different ... if that's the right word—because we seldom join the ranks of Angel City decriers. In fact, we haven't met many, except in print, and we've often wondered how so many of them get printed.

We live here by choice, and we think it's a fine place to live as well as to visit. We love the mountains, beaches, the hills we live on and the lakes we overlook, and most of all the people. The people, not because they live here, but because they are people; they come from everywhere and each of them contribute something to us.

We love the people in other cities, too. We've lived in Raleigh, Atlanta, Memphis, New York, Paris, Chicago, and there were many fine citizens in each place, from pillars of the community to nuts. And in between there were fun-loving, intelligent, world-aware people everywhere, if you look for them.

And we of Angel City are no different except that we are becoming more cosmopolitan due to the many entering into our melting pot culture-in growth and changing state of their Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New York provincialism, and becoming aware of other points of view, and a live and let live way of life.

A case in point is New York and Los Angeles. We and most Angelenos, enjoy visiting New York. We personally spent our young days there, "gone with the wind" flung roses, hung with the throng and still enjoy it. Yet many New Yorkers, jealous of their city, and miffed by the audacious growth and leadership of Greater Los Angeles, presume to find no good among us. Wonder why so many of them jet here for a week-end or vacation so often.

We shall not dwell on the point "There is so much good in the worst of us; and so much bad in the best of us; that it doesn't behoove any of us to talk about the rest of us." If this sounds mellow, forgive us ... it's just such a beautiful smoggy day.

True, on smoggy days, we'd weepingly give the whole area, or at least the invasion to Hades, but when we think of the winter wind sweeping off Lake Michigan, or the perspiring people-lined stoops of New York on a muggy summer's eve, or even the forever rain of Seattle, or catch a glimpse of our brown and healthy children, we are more than content.

And we can smile with pride while thinking of the abundance of talent, writers, architects, painters, musicians, creative people of all kinds who have joined us in making Los Angeles their home. We are glad we are here. We hope the same for you wherever you are.

**DASHING ALONG**  
**WILLIE SMITH** ... the fabulous Los Angeles rockie whose New

Amniston, Alabama, home was burned down by alleged segregationists, will soon have a new one. A swinging baseball tilt was held the other night at Dodger Stadium with the Hollywood Stars and the L. A. Sportswriters; the proceeds contributed towards Willie's new home. The newly-heralded golden boy of the Angeles has a wife and two tiny sons.

**BOBBY GRAVES** ... his new get rich scheme is to bet against the Dodgers and the Mets. Tells me, he is way ahead.

**AT SCHWAB'S** ... Two starlings comparing jewelry. "Funny," giggled one, "how generous husbands can be when they ain't yours" ... At Tiki Islander ... "She made him what he is today." Destitute.

**NEW LOOK-NEWSSTANDS** ... The first production model of a newsstand designed for Los Angeles Beautiful by Henry Dreyfus, noted industrial designer, was unveiled the other day downtown. They are turnouts in color, simple in design and will cost only \$500 each. Present to celebrate the first installation were: Mrs. Virginia Baldwin, acting President of Los Angeles Beautiful; Melvin A. Tate, vice-president of Home Savings and Loan, Councilman Gilbert W. Lindsay, Public Works Commissioner Robert Joyce.

**JOHNNY MATHIS** ... the handsome balladeer is currently playing to SRO crowds nightly at the Greek Theater. Featured as part of his show is the exciting new Young America Singers.

**DIXIE TRIMM** ... the popular westsider recently joined the staff of the Hollywood News Syndicate as a field representative. The chic one is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**BURCEY THIERRY** ... is in the city of angels visiting his cousin, Clifford Collins. The young teenager is the son of Rita Thierry, of Beaumont, Texas.

**HOUSTONIANS PICNIC** ... Over 500 former Houstonians are anxiously awaiting the big day in early August when the L. A. Houstonians will have their annual picnic. Added highlights for the gala event will be the many residents of Houston that will arrive in L. A. on an Excursion Bus for the festivities, August 1. I thought June 19, was the big day for Texans, but humbly I admit my error.

**ROY SMITH** ... The motto on his desk reads, Remember this. Don't get swell headed. Even a pair of shoe-trees can fill your shoes.

**BERYL OKELLY BROWN** ... the former Raleighite is now a beloved school teacher in Long Beach, California.

**JOYCE ELMORE** ... the attractive nurse is attending school in Washington, D. C. Big highlight in her life recently took place when her 75-year-old father received his high school diploma. This should prove to many that you are never

## Musicians Open Freedom School In Mississippi

**VICKSBURG, Miss. (ANP)**—Despite the violence being unleashed against Negro citizens by racists, freedom schools are opening in Mississippi in ever increasing numbers.

One such school was opened here last week. Unlike the others, however, this one was opened by singers and not teachers. The objective, though, is the same—to help train Negroes victimized by segregation.

Famous singer Harry Belafonte has thrown his support behind the program. Opening the school here were the Freedom Singers, a group of entertainers from the Mississippi Caravan of Music, which is sponsored by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

The music caravan entertainers are part of a group of 40 folk singers and musicians who are touring the state teaching music workshops during the day and performing at night "to bring music and cultural opportunity to Mississippi Negroes who are denied access to entertainment in Mississippi's segregated way of life," a SNCC spokesman said.

Belafonte is among those slated to take part in the traveling music program.

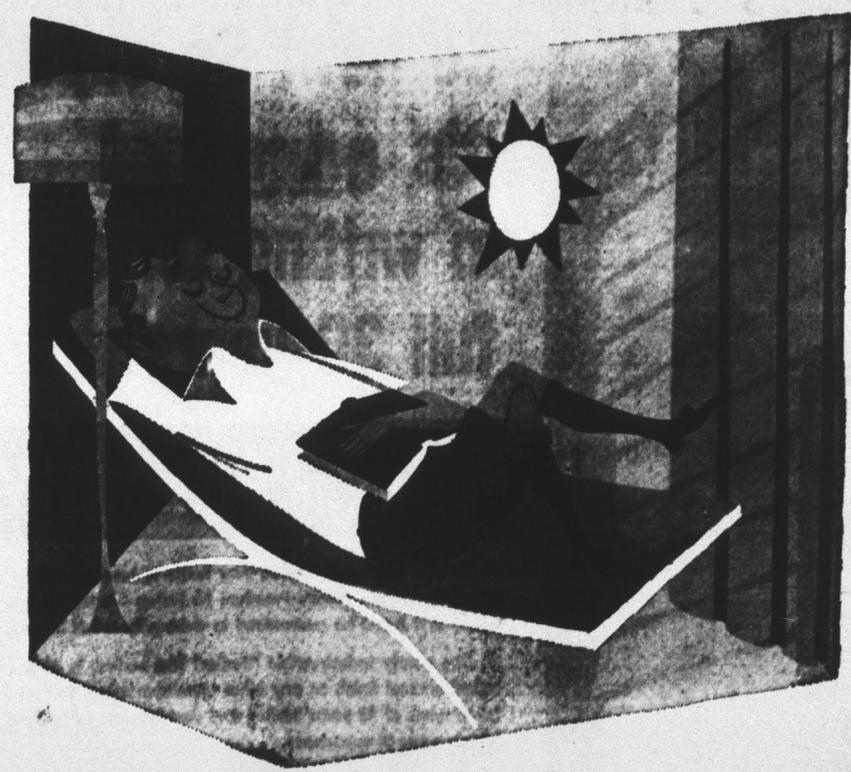
**BURKE** ... **VALERIE SHAW** ... The lovely USC political science major who formerly attended Central State College, has joined the bevy of beauties aspiring for the title of Miss Bronze California 1964. The annual beauty pageant headed by producer Howard Morehead, the noted photographer, is considered one of the foremost pageants in the nation. Miss Bronze will be held in September this year.

**PEE WEE MOORE** ... will someone please let me know where he is. This boy was one of the greatest sax players to come along some years back. He is needed in Hollywood. Tell him to contact me. For now, until next week.

**TELEVISION** has now reached the point where everyone feels free to breathe and smile, talk and be normal as the occasion demands, and yet be credited with enjoying the program.

**IF A MAN** makes an obvious effort to improve his looks, his wife becomes suspicious that he is up to no good.

**HELL HATH** no fury like a stylish-stout woman after she has been on a rapid-reducing diet for three days.



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