

NOTES OF THE WEEK

Ebony Etchings, Etc. Hollywood

by Warren Lanier

Our last weekly column informed you that GARY HUNT, a dedicated young man who was spearheading a fund raising drive for Partners For Progress, a non-profit drug rehabilitation program, was killed by two unknown assailants who attempted to rob him while he was working to finalize plans for a major fund raiser for Partners For Progress.

His tragic death was indeed a shock to all who knew and loved him, in particular those who really knew of his dedication to rehabilitate all ex-drug users through the training programs and facilities being set up by Partners For Progress.

Unfortunately, GARY HUNT is no longer with us, but the project he started is; so it's been decided by Partners For Progress to memorialize his undertakings. The organizations first fund raising program is set to come off at The Gilmore Drive-In Theater November 28 through December 4 as THE GARY HUNT MEMORIAL DRIVE-IN THEATER FILM FESTIVAL for the benefit of Partners For Progress, a tax exempt non-profit organization.

Over the six day period of the upcoming film festival, there will be the



The Temptations

FILM FESTIVAL, with a one-hour live concert appearance of several name recording acts preceding the evenings film showings, in addition to having a number of the stars appearing in the various films on hand to meet the attending audiences supporting their program.

Partners For Progress needs your help and support in this undertaking that will enable them to continue rehabilitating and training ex-drug abusers. You can help (PFP), by attending THE GARY HUNT MEMORIAL DRIVE-IN FILM FESTIVAL at The Gilmore Drive-In Theater, November 28 through December 4. For additional information and ticket purchases, call Partners For Progress at (213) 731-4367... thank you.

Twentieth Century Records has been hit with a 2-million dollar law suit, stemming from the firing of HOSEA WILSON, former Vice President in charge of the record company's R&B department. This is indeed a very interesting Hollywood

news item, and the results of the same will be very interesting, very interesting.

BILL CHERRY, former PR executive for RICHARD PRYOR'S operation is now the Director Of the West Coast Development Office for Operation PUSH; and in his new position, he's busier than a bee lining up celebrities and stars to visit the schools and talk to the students when REV. JESSIE JACKSON does his next school tour November (14-15-16) in Angel-town. If you're interested in helping Bill with this project, call him at (213) 291-1106.

If you're interested in the history of drums and live in Los Angeles, tune into LARRY McCORMICK'S "Pacesetters TVviewer Saturday November 19, when DR. JOE HOWARD, one of the foremost authorities on drums will give a description of the history and development of drums in the new world from the pre-columbian era to modern times.

"Mr. Mean" is the title of the new FRED WIL-

LIAMSON motion picture that'll be premiering in Atlanta, Georgia, December 23. The soundtrack album for this flick was recorded by THE OHIO PLAYERS, and Mercury Records is rush releasing a single plus the album that ironically enough is entitled "Mr. Mean" too. Speaking of FRED WILLIAMSON, he was one of the first film makers to consent to the use of any of his films for the upcoming "Gary Hunt Memorial Drive-In Film Festival", a benefit fund raiser for Partners For Progress a non-profit tax exempt organization for the rehabilitation of ex-drug abusers that'll be coming off at The Gilmore Drive-In Theater in Angel-town November 28 through December 4.

The good news from Las Vegas is the newly formed chapter of The Urban League, and the great news in association with the formation of this new chapter is their forthcoming Dinner and Breakfast set coming off December 9-10 at both Caesars and The Hilton Hotels in the desert playland... wow, whatta' weekend this promises to be.

Newly formed Magic Disc Records not only has a hit album going for them with The Most Requested Rhythm Band's smash LP "Got To Give It Up", they've also got the sound-track album of RUDY RAY MOORE'S latest motion picture "Pete Wheatstraw, The Devils Son-In-Law," which premiered in New Orleans November 11... and that's Hollywood.

MAKE MINE MUSIC.

Melvin Franklin, Richard Street, Glen Leonard, Otis Williams, and Louis Price are more than one of today's most acclaimed recording groups, together they are like an institution in the business of hit records for they are The Temptations!

The story of the group's beginnings as The Distant, (Otis and Melvin), and the Primes, (Paul Williams and Eddie Kendricks) is pretty well known the world over. The Distant became the Temptations in the early six-

ties and the original members of the group were Otis Williams, Paul Williams, Eddie Kendricks, Melvin Franklin and Eldridge Bryant. They became a group of "five lead singers" and began being billed that way. Their recording career began in '62 and their first major hit came in '64 when David Ruffin joined the group and "The Way You

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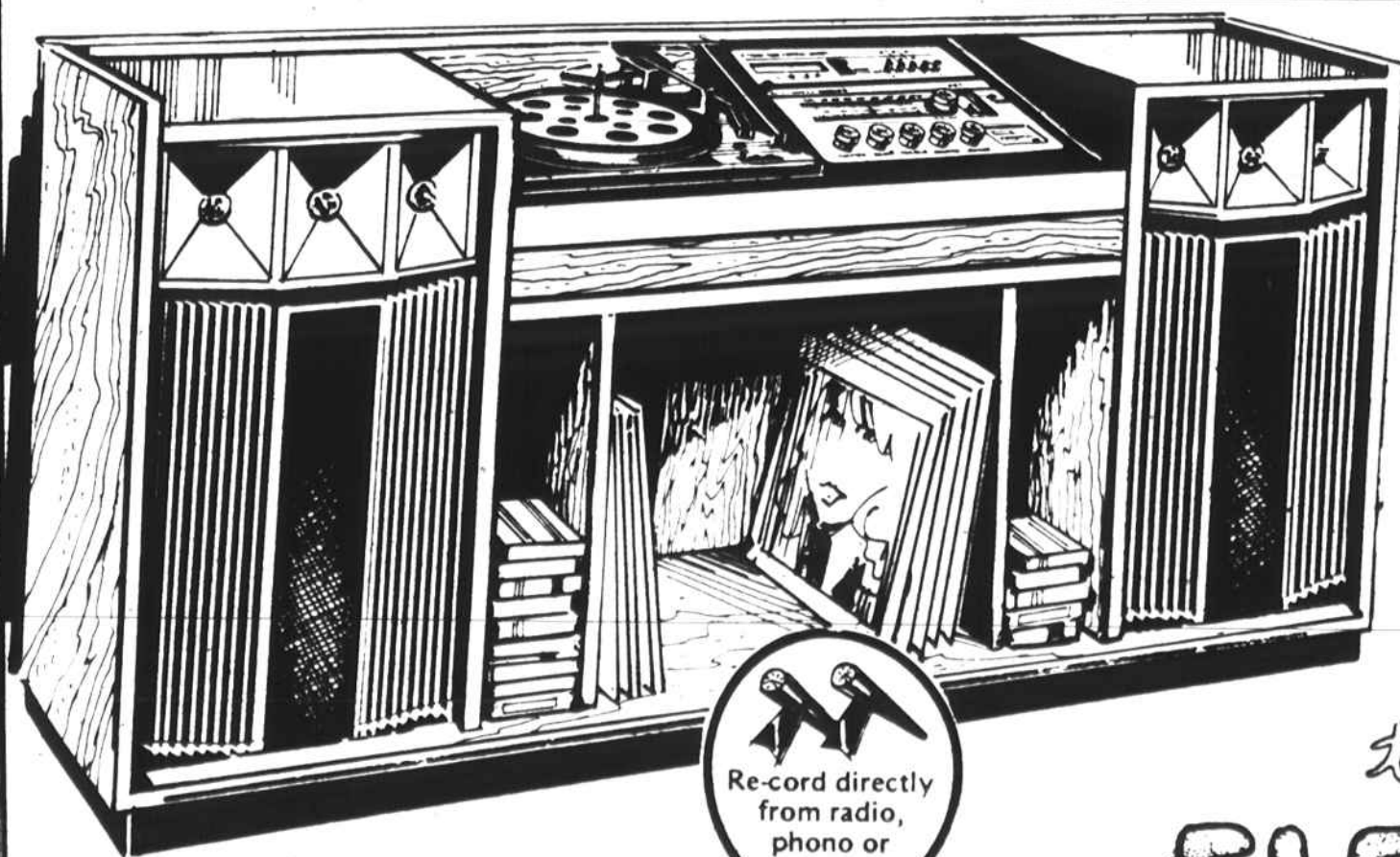
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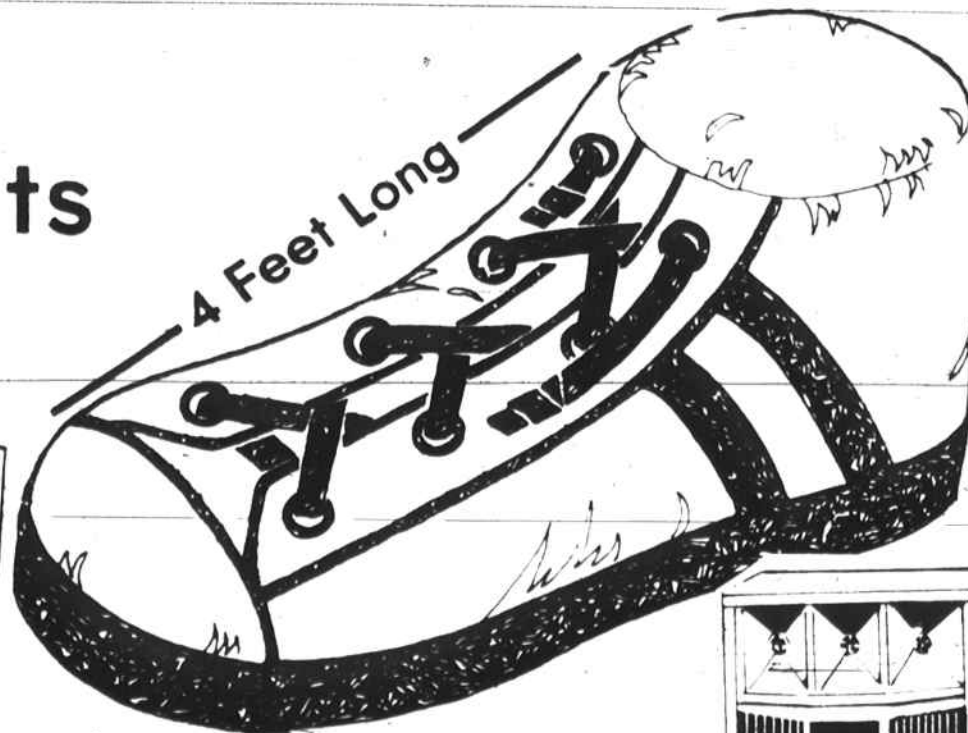
Fred Williamson

showing of a number of great motion pictures including "Black Girl", and hopefully the first showing of the life story of the late great MAHALIA JACKSON, in a film entitled "Mahalia." Additionally Partners For Progress hopes to augment the final three days of THE GARY HUNT MEMORIAL DRIVE-IN

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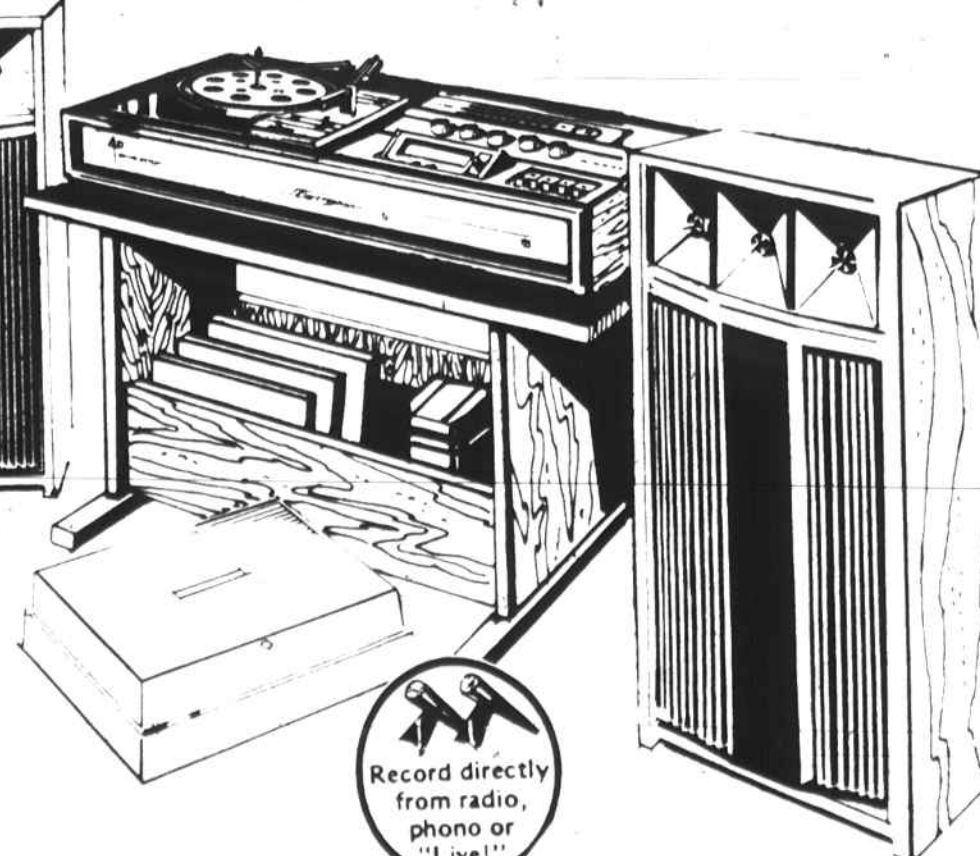
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