

Theatricals

Grace Bumbry, Mezzo-Soprano, Signs 5-Year Pact For 250 G's

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Grace Bumbry, St. Louis mezzo-soprano, received what is believed to be one of the highest contracts ever given a Negro concert singer when she signed a \$250,000, five-year pact with Sol Hurok, American enter-

tainment agent, recently. The object of attacks by race bigots when she was given the singing role in "Tannhauser" at the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Germany recently, Miss Bumbry went out when officials of the festival

staunchly supported her. She is still appearing in the "Tannhauser" festival. Under the terms of the five-year contract, Miss Bumbry will make opera, concert, recording and television engagements in the United States and Canada. She will begin a North American tour in October, 1962. Next September she will tour Japan with the Paris Opera Company. Miss Bumbry attended Boston and Northwestern universities. She also studied with Mme. Lotte Lehmann at the Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara, California. Her big chance came when she won the John Hay Whitney Foundation fellowship and the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air in 1958.



APPLAUDS MARTIN L. KING'S 'DON'T SLOW UP NOW' TALK—When the Reverend Martin Luther King addressed an overflow crowd at Philadelphia's Bright Hope Baptist Church recently, and urged Negroes not to slow up in the integration fight, gospel singer Clara Ward, a long-time admirer of the famous leader, was among those on hand to applaud his stirring speech. Standing in the office of the Bright Hope Baptist Church (left to right) Dr. Martin Luther King, Clara Ward and Dr. William H. Gray, pastor of church, discuss the young leader's fiery speech.

Weekly Television Listings Complete From Thursday, August 24, Through Wednesday, August 30.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Program Name. Includes 'Farm Show', 'Today', 'Romper Room', 'Doug Re Mi', 'Play Your Hunch', 'Price is Right', 'Concentration', 'Ladies Only', 'Secret Storm', 'Edge of Night', 'December Bride', 'Love Lucy', 'Burns and Allen', 'Queen for a Day'.

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GOSSIP OF THE MOVIE LOTS

SOCIATED NEGRO PRESS HOLLYWOOD — Perennial glamour girl and comedian Pearl Bailey is proving a lucky replacement for the Kingston Trio at the popular Coconut Grove in Los Angeles. The Trio swore that they would be unable to keep their August date, and Miss Bailey was rushed here to replace them. It seems they are being plagued with internal frictions and legal complications. Among celebrities attending the opening show was actress Rita Hayworth accompanied by Bette Davis' ex, Gary Merrill, and her children. Miss Bailey was preceded by husband, Louis Bellson, in a sensational drum specialty, "Diplomat Speaks." Dick Stable and his orchestra accompanied the famous singer.

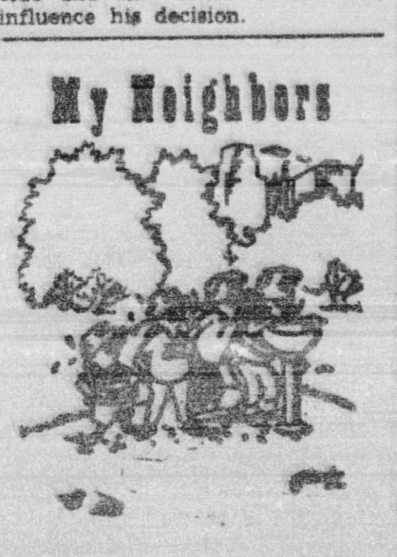
Among her selection of songs were "Fifteen Years," "Light Shoes," "Row, Row, Row," "Two to Tango" and "Poor Butterfly." Well received was a sentimental number, "I'm Glad There's You." Miss Bailey invited the audience on stage to participate in her ever-popular "Bill Bailey" closing song. According to Hollywood reports, popular columnist, Louella Parsons, will have her story, "Tell it to Louella," published in McCall's magazine starting in November, 1961.

The book in serial form, will be published by Putnam. Herbert Mays is editor of the magazine. ORSON WELLES FILMING TRAVELOGUE Actor, writer, producer, director Orson Welles is in Spain completing a segment of his TV film travelogue and additional episodes of "Don Quixote." His play, "Moby Dick Rehearsed," will be done on Broadway next season. TAHITIEN BEAUTIES TO VISIT HOLLYWOOD Ten of the most beautiful girls on the island of Tahiti will be selected by MGM to visit Hollywood soon to furnish interior scenes for Marlon Brando's "Mutiny on the Bounty." The girls have never been farther than the neighboring island of Moorea, but have learned about Hollywood from Tarita, native star of the picture.

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Comic Dick Gregory Gets Last Laugh; Signs \$5,000 Contract

TRACT WITH CLUB WHICH FORMERLY PAID HIM \$80 CHICAGO (AP)—Time and fame surely change things. Management gave Gregory the heave-ho. But since then, Gregory, cashing in on satirical jokes on the race question, has made it big. Getting his first big break on the Playhouse Penthouse show here, Gregory moved on to become one most sought-after comedians in the nation. Count Basie, who was headlining the show, objected to Dick's brand of jokes and the club's

salary of \$5,000 a week. He is currently appearing at the Hungry I club in San Francisco with plenty of extra cash on hand. Gregory settled in and out of town for the birth of his second daughter recently. Gregory's last major appearance here was in a two-night concert in conjunction with the Ramsey Lewis trio at the Civic Opera House last May. The show was called "In Concert With Dick Gregory."

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Spokeman Denies Rumors Flamingoes Breaking Up

INGOES ARE BREAKING UP NEW YORK (AP)—The spokesman and singing business manager of the Flamingoes has denied that the famous singing group was breaking up. Jake Carey, who with his cousin, Zeke Carey, own the Flamingoes name and group outright and legally, said the rumors are ridiculous. He said the group is simply making certain changes in its makeup. He added: "We're not the first vocalist group or musicians to radically make a change in membership. Others have done the same thing

many times without reports going out that a break up is taking place." Jake blames designing individuals for "maliciously spreading the false rumors." The breakup talk started after Tommy Hunt was released from the group and started his own career as a single vocalist, and Nate Nelson and Buzzy Johnson also left for careers of their own. Meanwhile, the Flamingoes were reported busy auditioning new singers and musicians, and making plans for a new series of recording sessions.

A&T Prof Honored By Sorority

GRENSBORO—A professor at A&T College was last week honored by a national sorority. Dr. Marie Rivers, professor of psychology, was presented the 1961 plaque for outstanding professional service by the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, a national business and ward was presented on August 2, at the sorority's annual banquet held at the Detroit, Mich., Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel last week. Dr. Rivers, a graduate of A&T College, holds the M. S. degree and the Ph. D. degree from the University of Michigan. She joined the A&T faculty in 1959.

Randall's Island Fest To Use DJ's As Emcees

NEW YORK — The Randall's Island Jazz Festival will use three disk jockeys as Masters of Ceremonies. The following have been selected: Symphony Sid Torrin, of W-

ADO, William B. Williams, of W-NEW, and Sid Mark, of WHAT-FM, in Philadelphia.

The Randall's Island Jazz Festival will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 25, 26, and 27.

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NCC COEDS GO CONTINENTAL — That's a "Continental" line being formed by this quartet of summer school students at North Carolina College, where the popular dance craze has been a favorite all summer. In proper step are Geraldine Watkins, Badin; Marjorie Steele, Winston-Salem; A. Marie Poston, Shelby; Barbara Richardson, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Emma Williamson, Yanceyville.

They're Talking About..

MASCO YOUNG SAMMY DAVIS, JR.'S popular tight-fitting pants style has caused a clothing manufacturer to display interest in having the famous entertainer endorse a complete line of trousers bearing his name on the label.

When V. F. A. private club owner Bobby Mays tosses a birthday party for this columnist at his plush club in Philly on Monday, Aug. 28, Larry "Smart Affairs" Steele, comic Slappy White, singers Little Willie John, James Brown, Hank Ballard, Solomon Burke, Nina Bundy, Peekie and The Spaniels, and musicians Bill Doggett and Doc Bagby will be among the long list of celebrities invited.

HOTTEST conversation piece among eastern seaboard ladies of fashion is the report that top designer Ann Franks of Philly will stage her "C-Note of Fashions" show at the fabulous Latin Casino in Merchantsville, N. J. on Oct. 14, with top Newark, N. J. model Emily Miles as one of the headliners.

THE BRAND NEW swanky international Chatham Town Club in Chicago, which offers bowling, ice skating, swimming and health-building facilities, has ex-middleweight fighter Spider Webb in charge of its "Speed Room."

WHEN "PURLIE VICTORIOUS," the new comedy by playwright Oscar Ossa Davis opens at the Cort in New York on Sept. 28, it will star his wife, Ruby Dee. She will last seen as Sidney Poitier's wife in "A Raisin in the Sun" movie.

MAXINE BROWN, the singer, will do as vocalist Sarah Vaughan did several years ago, when she spends a fat sum to have the tiny gap between her teeth eliminated.

HUGH HEFFNER, the 34-year-old publishing industry genius who heads the multi-million dollar "Playboy" magazine and clubs and who's about to launch a showbusiness mag, was cartoonist for the campus magazine and an editor of the Daily Illini newspaper, when he was a student at the University

of Illinois from '46 to '48. THIEVES walked off with a box containing the first 500 copies of the Blumenthal's "Shrimp Boats" recording on Talley-Ho Records, minutes after the tune was released last week.

Sammy Davis, Jr. Meets Royal Couple Of Monaco

MONTE CARLO (AP)—American entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr. lunched with Prince Rainier and his wife, Princess Grace of Monaco recently and came away praising his hosts as "a gay and charming couple."

"I had never met Princess Grace when she was Hollywood's Grace Kelly, so it was a wonderful, wonderful afternoon. They are a gay and charming couple." Meanwhile, it was believed Davis was being considered for a top role in an Italian movie. He flew to Rome after visiting the Rainiers to talk business with Italian film producer Carlo Ponti.

Say Joe Louis' Show Is Attracting Big Offers

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—The Joe Louis Show has offers from Denver and Honolulu, it was made known by Rolo Vest, recently appointed by the former heavy weight champion as his theatrical representative.

at the Flame Show Bar, features veteran showman, Leonard Reed, as Louis' partner and sidekick. The show received good press notices and many people were astounded by Joe's ability to smile, to say the least of his singing and dancing chores.

Unanimous Vote Re-Elects Dr. Katie E. Whickam As National President At Meet

BY LOU LOTOUR Chicago, Illinois — Enthusiasm Chicago, Illinois — Enthusiasm and interest of the 2,000 in attendance at the Annual Convention of the National Beauty Culturists' League, recently proved that it was truly the kind NBL had been striving for—one "Bigger and Better" held on the spacious convention floor of Hotel Sherman here in the City, with President Dr. Katie E. Whickam (re-elected by unanimous vote), presiding at the business sessions.

Other officers elected were: Let Vice President, Maude Gadsden, N. Y.; 2nd Vice President, Mary Clark, Texas; 3rd Vice President, Louise Chapman, Mo.; 4th Vice President, Willie Smith, N. C.; 5th Vice President, Aline Jefferson, Mo.; 6th Vice President, Carolyn Diamond, Pa.; 7th Vice President, Marie Edward, Wash.; 8th Vice President, Georgia M. Brown, Calif.; Corresponding Secretary, Cordelia Jennings, N. J.; Record Secretary, Margaret Mitchell, Md.; Financial Secretary, Ella Martin; Treasurer, Doris Clark, D. C.; Chairman of Finance, Alberta Mayfield, Okla.; Chaplain, Cleo Holmes, Ark.; Historian, Vernice Hardy, Mich.; Trustees: Ruth Valentine, V.; Doris Ford, Va.; Helen Nunnally, Tenn.; Pearl Dewberry, Texas; Florence Ellerbe, N. Y.; Bessie Ransom, Texas; Laura Hughes, Indiana; Wellika Goodman, Ore.; Serena Patterson, Pa.; Ruth Jackson, Ala.; Calmes Russell, Miss. Ruth Matthews, D. C. Elizabeth Chastard, La.; Roxanna Pitts, N. C.; Parthenia Bell, Miss.; Magie Smith, Pa.; Executive Board: Mada P. Edwards, La.; Thelma Parker, Mich.; Willie M. Hooks, Ark.; Lily Franklyn, Pa.; Pauline Humphrey, Iowa; Viola Crossland, N. Y.; Ernestine Flores, Ill.; D. A. Julius, Fla.; Rosa Pointer, Texas; Bertha Ervin, Ohio; Martha Cob, Ky.; Blanche White, Md.; Gladys Rivers, Ill.; Ron Ohio, and Bessie Rivers, Ill.

Dr. Whickam and working for even a "Bigger and Better" Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1962.

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