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FOREFRONT OF NATION'S VICTORY REJOICING

DANCE BANDS IN

FREQUENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD, AND OCCA-SIONALLY EVEN UNJUSTLY ABUSED, DURING THE WAR YEARS. THE DANCE BAND PROFESSION OF BRITAIN CAME MAJESTI-CALLY INTO ITS OWN ON VE-DAY. From one end of the country to the other, people, relaxing after nearly six years of the most

terrible anxieties, wanted to dance. Everywhere-from the smallest village hall to the sumptuous EVERY THURSDAY Vol. XXI No. 617 restaurants of Mayfair-musicians glady worked double, and even treble, hours to bring to the

in treble, hours to bring to the War-weary populace their chance of relaxing with dancing on this gladdest of all days. Not only did the boys work valiantly and unstintingly to bring enjoyment to the victory-excited populace: they put up with all kinds of discomfort themselves-being unable to buy uny food all day in most of the big cities was only one of these-but, after playing, in almost every case, until the wee small hours of the morning, they had, more frequently than not. They deserve the greatest praise for their endeavours. Yes, the country's dancers cer-tainly relaxed- and how they relaxed on this momentous day is well worth a little description.

ORDERLY CROWDS

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Wallace Kicks **Off in Variety**

JACK WALLAGE and his Band, from the London Embassy Elub, are planning a season in Variety. For their first date—which will be largely in the nature of a try-out, and to provide London agents and bookers with an opportunity to see the act-the boys are playing a week's engace-ment commencing next Monday (May 21) at the Camberwell Palace. London. Band-is a thoroughly versatile out-it which should be capable of sus-taining a varied stase production, and Jack Wallace himself has had pastic stare experience in the production with the act will be

extensive stage experience in the past. Vocalising with the act will be popular Julie Davan, just back from her E.N.S.A. Continental tour with Eric Winstone, and the regular Jack Wallace male vocal heart-throb Bobby Young, Jack will also be singing himself.

PARRY SAXIST IN **BROADCAST DRAMA**

WHILE making a late-night broad-cast with Harry Parry's Radio Dance Orchestra from the B.B.C. Edinburgh studio last Thursday night (May 3), first allo Kingsley Stockwell collapsed while the band was on the alr

toliansed while the band was on the air intried switch-over moved second alto up to place of Stockwell, and Party himself änjshed the broadcast on second alto up been feeling off-clour the whole week but had con-tinued to carr yon with Parry's band at the local Theatre Royal. He is now detained in an Ediaburgi nursing home, suffering from double pacu-monia. His place in the band for the Priday and Saurday night's theatre shows was taken by local boy Harry Surgestul

TOR the B.B.C.'s very successful Wednesday "Eand Shor "Series, Erlo Winstone, tresh from Conlinental triumphs, was heard yesterday (16th): and next Wednesday (23rd) the R.A.F. "Skyrockeis" are appearing. Jack Jackson will be heard the week after that (30th): whilst for Wednesday. June 6, Ted Heath is booked. Origin-ally expected to appear. Nat Temple will not, after all, be featured.

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Stan Atkins told the MELODY MAKER:-"We feel very proud of what we have done, but we could not let our dancers down. They are nearly all munition workers, and they cheefully journeyed through tombs and shrapned to dance to us, after a very hard day's work. "I know of cases of people dug out of the bomb damage during the alter-meon when have been dancing to our music in the evening, soon after getting their injuries dressed. "How could we let such fine people down?"

CONTINENTAL TOUR RIC WINSTONE and his Orchestra returned to London at the begin-ning of this week after a six-weeks? E.N.S.A. tour of the Continent that, from the history point of view, must rank as one of the most exciting fournoys ever undertaken by a dance and ... While the fighting was still going on, Eric and his bays and ctris crossed the Rhine and had the distinction of being the first British orchestra of its kind to play inside Germany. They were at Nijnnegen when Holland was liberated, and spont VE-Day in Parial With such wild rejoicings in which to partake, it can hardly be vondered at thet they all still looked a little tired when they reached London!

"How could we let such fine people "I would also sincerely like to pay tribute to all the pros. and semi-pros. Alley and without whose grand sup-ort we could not have fulfilled every session. "The semi-pros. in particular, have worked very long hours in the war. The semi-pros., in particular, have worked very long hours in the war. Conserved wery long hours in the war. Conserved wery long hours in the war. bath first Pinch and the subgrace that the rever arival's birthday will hever ba forgotten. She was born on hever ba forgotten.

THE DREAMER The melody featured in the Columbia Picture "TOGETHER AGAIN."

starring Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer.



BUT THE BAND PL WITH THE END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE, THE "MELODY MAKER," IS NOW ABLE TO REVEAL IN MORE DETAIL THE TREMENDOUS PART PLAYED BY DANCE BANDS IN KEEPING UP MORALE UNDER CON-DITIONS OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY AND DANGER. This week we pay tribute to a band that has been in the forefront of all the German attacks on Britain, but which has the proud record of never having missed one session threuchout the war.

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DANCERS' SPIRIT

TWO NEW SMASH HIT SONGS !!

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May 19, 1945



CALL SHEET (Week commencing May 21)

(Week commencing May 21) Nat ALLEN and Broadcasting Orchesita. One-night Stands, North-East England. Ivy BENSON and Girls' Band. Empire. Edinburgh. Johnnie GLAES and Claepigeons. Gliderdrome, Boston. Billy COTTON and Band. Empire. Sunderländ. George ELRICK and Band. Opera House. Workington. Gloria GAYE and Band. Palace, Newcastle Phil GREEN and Radio Dance Band. Empire. Chiswiok. Adelaide HALL. Palace: Blackpool. Joe LOSS'S Band. One-night Stands, Midlands. Vera LYNN. Metropolitan. Edgware Road. Fellx MeNDELSSOHN and Hawallan Serenaders. Empire. Finsbury Park. Ronnie-MUNRO and Orchestra. Theatre Royal. Edinburgh. Harry PARRY and Radio Dance Orchestra. Green's Playhouse. Glasgow. Oscar RABIN and Band. Mutropolitan. Edgware. Mane Shellton. Billy TERNENT and Orchestra. Empire. Sheffield. Harry ROY and Band. Mutropoliton. Billy TERNENT and Orchestra. Dire. Sheffield. Mane SHELTON. Billy TERNENT and Orchestra. Empire. Sheffield. Mane SHELTON. Mido. Bolton. Billy TERNENT and Orchestra. Empire. Sheffield. Marty HOR Billy TERNENT and Orchestra. Mutro. Soulders Green. Anne SHELTON. Mido. Bolton. Billy TERNENT and Orchestra. Empire. Shepherd's Bush. Billy THORBURN. Tivoli. New Brighton. Trivoli. New Brighton. TROISE and Mandoliers. Billy Dedrome. Dudley. **14 Yac My Darling**



Lauderic Caton, whose Caribbean Club Trio is making a big name for itself these days, is hero seen working with Denis Preston on a forthcoming Radio Rhythm Club programme. The current R.R.C. series, "Foundations of Jazz," which has introduced Spencer Williams, Billy Jones, Dick Katz and Pat Dodd to the air, is coming to an end with a boogie-woogie programme on June 8. Enterprising Denis Preston, now in charge of R.R.C., has lined up a new series entitled "Masters of Jazz," of which "Ellingtonia"—spotlighting Caton's Trio, who are renowned for their brilliant interpretations of Ducal compositions—is to be the first. Denis is to be congratulated for giving fans their first opportunity of hearing this star outfit over the air.

SCOTTISH NOTES FIVE "ROCKETS" by Hugh Hinshelicood LAND IN LONDON!

by High Hinshelicood by High Hinshelicood NEXT Glasgow band to broadcast in the "Saturday Night at the Palais "series is Bennie Loban's Band from the Plaza, from 11 till 11.30 on Saturday of this week, May 19. On the foliowing day, Bennie will take his band to Cragburn Pavillon, Gourock, to provide the music at another venture of the Glasgow Musicians' Club. This will take the form of a Variety bill, with Bennie and his band on the stage in their own act and also sup-porting Glasgow favourites in the Harkness Sisters were with Bennie last summer on E.N.S.A. and broadcast in the Scottish Half-hour recently, following this up by an appearance with Bennie in the VE-Night broad-cast from the Plaza. This Club Half-hour recently, following this up by an appearance with Bennie in the VE-Night broad-cast from the Plaza. This Club Harther to Club members -myone compelled to be in town abennie and the boys are also supply. In the scoutish Half-hour recently, following this up by an appearance with Bennie in the VE-Night broad-cast from the Plaza. To this Club Hays and also supply. Ing their services gratis. Market are inder to Club members -myone compelled to be in town advantage of the excellent catering the supplied by Mr. Ferguson, the job being looked after most giving a couple of hours' notice, members can arrange for satisfying tooling on the job. The created manner, the clib ball and the Job send broad-and the Job send stater most giving a couple of hours' notice, members can arrange for satisfying tooling on the job. The created manner, the clib ball and the does unable to get in broad-mark from the Plaza during the even-ment conan and his bend broad-mer, arangements for this having been made at a quilt late hour. At were able to dance to the band in whis strets outside. Indexpearers having been prepared in advance. Harrowing hours at the time, Harry and a short season here at the state of the form. Eddes having the shell of anny the bard to hourse haven. Harowing hours at the time, Harry and a fould to

At the Locarno, Eddie Shaw once again fronted his band, Eddie having had a spell of quinsy trouble, but is now quite fit.

As already announced, guilarist, and A newadays promoter Sid Gross, is running the third of his "Swing Shop " Concerts at Wembley Town Hall on Sunday, June 10 (3.16). Linearup of Dands and stars includes the Paup of Dands and stars for the train visit from the Caribbean Club Tric; appearances by Lehor stars Aubrey Franks and Freddy Grant; trumpet-stylist Kenny Baker (R.A.F. dittes permitting), etc. Tickets are 75. Ed., 58, and 58. 6d. fall reserved), and may be obtained from Sid Gross, at 132. Dollis Hill Lane, N.W.2, or direct from Wembley Town Hall.

VE-DAY DANCING

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(Continued from page 1) managements all over the country. Growds were naturally tremendously of the searce of the searce of the most terrific hilarity every-where, but searcely uny 'horse-play' or conduct to which any exception could really be taken. "Whilst on the subject of VE-Day. I should like to pay tribute to the muscians and staff at the various dunce halls, who loyally honoured their agreements to us and the puble so that the thousands of dancers were able to enjoy the greatest day of dancing in all our history."

The experiences of Meeca Cafés were repeated, broadly speaking, at the other big dance halls all over the country. At Hammersmith, Palais, so great were the erowds that doors had to be closed less than an hour after opening time.

EXCITEMENT AND HILARITY

EXCITEMENT AND HILARITY Determined that those unable to obtain admission should not miss all the fun, however, the manacement had arranged loud-speakers outside the Palats, and the music of Lou preager's and Jack Amloit's bunds were relayed to the crowds, and an impromptu dancing session was carried on with tremendous very in the stret. Sense of great excitement and Hinry wiso went on at the West End restaurants in London. At Hatchet's famous restaurant the vas finished up with many of the main furious, until the evening fast and furious, until the evening fast and furious, until the evening waiters accaring the red coats of the musicians finished one of the most terrife acstions of all time dressed as waiters. A dy or so hefore VE-Day, heidyed a memorable evening when ho accompanied great comic Tommay frinder-with whom he augears as the Bresent on this great occasion here day. Princes. More Jack Hylion; Vera Lynn, with the Board Princes. Also present on this great occasion here day dring the regulation and here printing the fung was found planist the Board Princes. More Jack Hylion; Vera Lynn, with the Board Princes. More fast, Hylion; Vera Lynn, with the Maisties Chappie regarded his life, and when, a day or so later, he found himself, in the carly morn-ing of VE-Day-plas-one, having to wait fin Majestie, Chappie regarded his life, and when, a day or so later, he found himself, in the carly morn-ing of VE-Day-plas-one, having to wait fin the wuburbs, he still felt has the way from Piccadilly to the the of great experience for all west End bandsmen that it had all been well worth while.

HARRY LEADER'S HONOUR

HARRY LEADER'S HONOUR Some of the London niteries re-mained closed. Among those which opened, and functioned to capacity business in an atmosphere of extra-ordinarily good fun and cheer was the Astor, where maestras Edmundo Ros and Frank Wair report a memorable evening, when everyone in London scemed to be there—and half London scemed to be there—and half London scemed to be there—and half London scemed to be among the unlucky people left outside when it became impossible for any more to be squeezed in. From all over the country—and, in fact. from all over Europe—come similar reports of the great part played in the celebrations by the dance bands and musicians. Honour of being the first British dance bands to broadcast to a country he peace, went to maest the Harry he pace, when to maed the pro-grammes included many old numbers and his band broadcast from 9.15-10 a.m. on VE-Day, and the pro-grammes included many old numbers to the occasion.

NEXT Saturday (May 10) Arthur Rowherry and his Orchestra, from Birmingham, open up at the Cambridge Ballroom, Southport. Owing to the sudden call-up of ono member and the illness of another. Arthur finds himself still short of tenor sax and trumpet. Anyone who is interested should apply to Arthur, c/o the Cambridge Ballroom, right away.

HEAR LOU PREAGER ("BAND OF THE WEEK," NEXT WEEK) FLASH! BROADCAST THE NEW WALTZ SENSATION THE LAST WALTZ ORCHESTRATIONS IN THE PRESS TWO POPULAR HITS THE IMAGE OF YOU HES DOWN OUR WAY DOUBLE S.O. 3/-WRIGHT HOUSE, DENMARK ST. LAWRENCE WRIGHT MUSIC COMPANY LTD. LONDON, W.C.2. TEM. 2141

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Next Sunday (20th), Don Macaifer.

FIVE members of the famous R.A.O.C. "Blue Rockets" are now stationed in London and are broadcasting regularly with George Melachrino's British Band of the A.E.P.

WRIGHT HITS

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THE MELODY MAKER AND RHYTHM



MEZZROW-LADNIER QUINTET Westiff You See Me Comin' (Bunn. Mezzrow) (V. by Teddy Bunn) (Am. Bluebird OA030453).

Coval Garden Blues (Spencer ant Clarence Williams) (Am. Bluebird OA030450).
 (H.M.V. B9416-59, 4]d.)

Mezz Mezzrow (clar), Tommy Lad-nier (tpt.), with Teddy Bunn (g'tar); George "Pons" Foster (bass); Manzie Johnson (dms.). Recorded Decem-oer 19, 1938.

Joinson (dms.). Recorded Decem-oer 10, 1938. LIKZ "Wenry Blues" and "When by Jommy Ladner and his Orchestra, issued last February on H.M.V. B9411, likese two sides own their release to the demands of collectors for more records to add to the few available over here featuring Tommy Ladnier, one of the now almost legendary pullars of Fletcher Henderson's famous band of the 1920. As recording companies have more than once discovered to their sorrow, collectors' requests are not always all believe they are. Often these enthusiasts press for records which they have never heard, jurely on the reputations of the artistes or on hearsay from American ertitics, who. Jike themselves, have become such fanatical vorshippers of old-time jazz that they cannot dis-criminate between good aud not so good examples of it, and the results have sometimes been little short of reductors.

THE REAL BLUES

Typical instances were the much-boosted Eddie Condon Quartet re-cordinus of "Indiana" and "Oh. Baby." However, while all this is something which is just as well kept in mind, it is perhaps for the moment a little beside the point, because these two Mezzrow-Ladnier sides are at least worth their place in the supplement on more crounds than those of purely listorical interest. Even if "Roval Garden Blues" is not the equal of eithur of the afore-mentioned Ladnier Ork performances, at jeast it is a fair sample of Lad-nier's trumpet playing. Also it has a good enough short solo by Teddy Bunn's guitar, and these features to some way to com-pensate for the general lack of



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variety in the way this good ole good iun has been treated and the fact that while Mezzrow is a spirited player with the real jazz style, his tone is not even as good as Bechet's ifor all Bechet's exaggerated ribrator and he lacks both Bechet's imagina-tion and terrific verve.
But 'I You See Me Comm' '' goes a being way to make up for the short-comings of its backing.
This is blues in the most complete and probably not so far from hest sense of the word.
It opens with a vamp by Bunn's mutar and the bass and drums which is notable for both its Swing and unefulness, and follows on with a vocal chorus in which Teddy Bunn shows that he is as good a blues singer as he is a guitarist.
More of the Bunn guitar comes next. In which the ex-Spirits of Rhvtim mastro gives a perfect example of how to play single-string guitar blues, and then after a not too brilliant effort by Mezz Mezzow, the side finishes with two choruses in which handler is trumpet is at its best.

. HARRY JAMES AND HIS ORCHESTRA

ORCHESTRA °CJanos Session (James, Mathias) (Am. Columbia HC0826). °O'Jump Town (James, Mathias) (Am. Columbia HC0865). (Parlophone R2969- 5s. 4jd.)

(Parlophone R2269-5s. 4jd.) 820.-James (tpt.), with Claude Roger Lakey, George Clinton Davis, Sam Morowitz, Gene Patrick Cor-coran (reeds); Claude Malvin Bowen, Dominick Buono, Alexander D. Cuozzo (tpt.s.); Dalton August Rizzotto, Hoyt Hallett Bohanon, Harry Howard Rodgers (tmbs.); Willard Thorp Culley (Prench horm: Leo Zorn, Samuel Canlan, John Peter de Vogdt (vins.); Wiftiam Snear (viola); Elias Al Friede ('cello:) Albert Lerner (pno); Ben Heller (gtar); Thurman Payne Teague (bassi; Michael Vincent Scrima (dms.), Recorded June 5, 1942. 886.-As above, plus Jack Lee, Cyril Towbin (vins.); Abraham Hochstein (viola). Recorded July 23, 1942. T VE heard some nasty recording.

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but "James Session is a to a long inter-masty as any I've heard for a long time. Excessive studio resonance has made the loud parts sound shrill and harsh, but at the same time distant, and three is an unpleasant "boxy" tone throughout the side. But even if the recording had been perfect I don't think I'd have liked the record much better. This is just another of those extra-ble teored much better. This to be the same time distant, is just another of those extra-tor are the same an opportunity to tear it up at fast tempo. I'd be the last to deny that this sort of thing not only calls for, and appropriate atmosphere can be created by can be been be able too mether an appropriate atmosphere can be created by of uncertive for jive dancing, but also plenty of uncertive for jive dancing, but also plenty of superficial excitement for listeners and dancers alike. MODERN SWING MODE

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MODERN SWING MODE But most people listen to records in their homes, where quieter conditions preval and no synthetically produced excitement exists to distract one's attention from the 'ress artificial aspects of the music. Under such circumstances records like this do no more than force one to the realisation that all is not gold-at any rate musi-cally speaking-that jitters. "Jump Town" is not only some-what better recorded, but also more that abiter recorded, but also more palatable. The tempo is slower and the whole thing, being less extrava-gant, is more tasteful. "I opens with a rift melody which is no better than these things so often a trupped solo by Harry James which, while it won't mean much to the dehard paze enthusiasts. Is a more inderen swing mode, and, generally speaking, as awing the record has its points. "P.S.-I have given the personnels as they were sent over by the for all one can hear of the strings behind the rest of the band on either side, they might not have been playing-and probably weren't



Owing to our V-E issue, we were unable to print last week pictures of the Geraldo Swing Blub Concert on April 29. We repair the omission above and on the next page, and here the Geraldo Orchestra is seen in action

TERRIFIC LINE-UP FOR SWING CELEBRITY SERIES

A LL roads leading to the London Lanc, should be well worn by the convards. On this date theatrical impresario Clifford Webb in conjunction with the senting the large of the tortnichtly terres of Sunday Swing Getebrity Con-tioned to appear. Lacest exciling addition to the pro-gramm is that of tenor acc Buddy Featherstonhaugh and his famous Radio Rhythm Club Sextet. The Senting has had several airings just ans will need no reminder of the cett of innumerable fans from June 3 on and this date theatrical impresario Glifford Webb, in conjunction with the countess Mala de la Marr, is pre-senting the first of the fortnightly series of Sunday Swing Cetebrity Con-certs at which a sensational collec-tion of top-line swing stars are being booked to appear. Latest exciting addition to the pro-gramme for Sunday, June 3 '2.30 p.m., is that of tenor ace Buddy Featherstonhaugh and his famous Radio Rhythm Club Sextet. The Sextet has had several airings fust fants will need no reminder of the really erand way it is playing these days, with Buddy's own stylish tenor. Don Maziter's terrine trombone, and the ultra-modernistle contributions of the Sextet's latest recruits, star plano-man Malcolm Lockyer; and young guitar wizard Alan Metcalle.

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 Sextet has had several airings just from all theatre booking agencies.
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This happy picture of the late Teddy Weatherford was taken on his wedding-day at Calcuta in 1912, by noted jazz-expert F/Licut. Sinclair Traill, a personal friend ot Teddy's

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POINTERS UN PROPERTY One of the things which exercises a collector's mind every so often is the receile problem. Through the graphite dust or a preparation cailed "Beautytone." And the war has brought the think to a head by removing from the market every site needic except the iong-playing variety and a particu-larly loud-tone job which resembles a builder's spike and wears the records visibly. Neither is suited to the enthusiast. Even when fine needles could be had we were inclined to favour the tone produced by thorns properly pointed. As for the wear, no end of respon-sible parties have shown us charts and graphs alleged to prove that it could be true, but our cars and eyes tell another story. Records we've owned, and played and played over the years with thorn needles, still possess that bright look and reproduce the same way. But take a disc that's been steled con-sistently for one year only, under the average pick-up, and reproduc-tion is harsh and distorted. There are exceptions; the combina-tion of a light-weight pick-up and fine point fails to give satisfaction after a relatively few playings. Since war began, the quality of thorps variable has sadly deterior-ated, for even the pore athy distortion-gives one or two sides of distortion-rise playing. Of late, readers have besciged us with queries abut re-liable thorns - what can we advise, which brand do we recommend'. Mat so we have been carrying out the distor on the market, we have three different by all statistication after a relatively few playings. There are our findings: First, there is abelit unsclentifically, with both medies and pointers. Here are our findings: First, there is harpener on the market, we have three different sole and dour decision rost to the '' unders a found. The state the dist of and our decision rost is with the use is still to be abused. For even the pooret, thor states to the '' unders a found. The starper on the market, we have three different sole and carrying out the sole of the wearth and staves worton wood pa <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

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results. Summing-up, the Burmese thorn is in every respect us good as—and in the ways particularised above, superior to—any needles we have come across. Supplies can be obtained from Messrs. Charles Perritt, Ltd. 242, Freeman Street, Grimsby, Lincs, for 25, 6d. a packet, post free.



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THE MELODY MAKER AND RHYTHM

The war in Europe is over. Here—for the especial benefit of those of you who have been out of touch-is the story of those five years in the

DANCE BAND

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WEST END BOOMS

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 Things soon began to setting of the 1014-18 organisation, ENS.A., whose object it was to sumply any entritainment for the troops, steeping into the breach when things locked pretty hopeless.
 Personalities mentioned in this week's instalment: (l. to r.) the late Teddy Joyce; Sam Browne; Elsie Carlisle; Max Bacon.

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 Image: Sam Browne; Elsie Carlisle; Max Bacon.

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Instinuation. <u>THE BLITZ</u> Joo Loss and his Band left the Astoria Baliroom on March 23 to undertate a tour of the provinces. His successor was Jack White. Call-up certainly robbed the pro-fession of some of its leading mem-bers. From Ambrose's Band alone weat: George Chisholm, Tommy McGuater, Andy McDevitt, Jock Cum-mings. Sid Colin, Jimmy Miller and Harry Lewis to Join the R.A.P. A gigantic ball was held at the Opera House. Covent Garden, on Monday, March 18, in ald of the dependants of the late Jack Butterworth, who was connected with the Mircov March for so many years. There were 1,500 people in attendance, and many name bands played. Another new Services band sprang up about this time, led by Leslie Hoimes. The band was called the R.A.F. "Squadronaires" and repor-fession's first members to come in the sheld that they were good. (It's all right boys. I'm kiddin'.'') Elsie Garlisio was one of the pro-fession's first members to come in the bard tharris, who left this country for a snort siay in America, formed this own band in the States, and soon started publing in the crows with an all-star' line-up including ex-Ambrose clainettist Danchy Ding. The outilt recorded for Victor. Frankie Trunbauer, one of fazz's great saxphonlists, quit the business to become an inspector for the civit acrimenties authorities of Kansas City. The biggest American news came

acronautics authorities of Kansas City. The bizgest American news came when we heard of the disbanding of Benny Goodman and Paul Whiteman's Bands. The explanations were:

Benny's ill-health, and the fact that ender, dicided to rest on lus laurels.
 Ambrose launched a new band for was called "Cadets of Swing."
 The death of one of jazi's areats, obtained the same time as the bombing of this country began to become a regular affair.
 The profession carried on with undate the misfortune to live in London, the suburbs and anywhere that the the function of the same time as the second bands of the scene of the second bands the first profession. The next of all this was a need to be bond to be and the same the first be before a suitable target. The bands played for shelterers, etc. and theatres were forced to the scend time in 12 months. Due to be the second time in 12 months. The bands played for the second time in the next of the scend time in the same the second time the second second the next of all this was a meeting of the MU, on October 8 to discuss the grave the and roopen, the first bands the difference of the second the second the second the second second the second t

accurred in the latter part of the year. The first was when Hatchetts' macstro Arthur Young was hurt in an air raid. The second was when Ambrose drummer and comedy-ace. Max Bacon, was seriously hurt in a car crash on bits way to an E.N.S.A. concert, and both his lens were broken. Two B.B.C. appointments were made. also at the termination of the year. Harry Parry became leader of the Radio Rhythm Club Sextet, and Konnio Munro, the leader of the B.B.C. Scottish Variety Orchestra. Green's Playbouse, Giasgow, com-menced their name-band policy, with loe Loss playing a season of several weeks.

Jos Loss playing a season of several weeks. Menry Hall and his Band, were un-fortunate crough to be in Sheffield when that city was made the object of the Lutwaffe's attack. Luckiv, nobody in the band was hurt. During 1040 we were singing: "Somewhere In France." "An Apple For The Teacher." "Run. Rabbit. Run," "P.D.R. Jones." "Seventeer Candles." "Let The People Sing." "Indian Summer." "Scatterbrain." "When You Wish Upon a Star." "Walking Through Mocking Bird Lane." "Faithful Porever." "Over The Rainbow," etc. 19.41

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even included excerpts from some of James P.'s more ambilious works. Besides all that, the planist introduced two entirely new pleces of his own: a tone poem emittled "Reflec-tions," and a choral number, "Ode To Dorrie Miller." Miller was one of the first American Negro soldiers to fall at Pearl Harbour, and he is widely feted by the coloured section of America's population. Johnson's was not the first musical tribute to have been paid to him.



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U.S. JIVE JOTTINGS

ATEST recruit to the ranks of the bandleaders is asaman Dave Matthews, once a sideman of Benny Goodman's ork and later with Harry James. Matthews fronts what has been described as "a high-powered crew," including Les Robinson on alto. Neal Hetti (late of Woody Herman) on trumpet, and Jerry Foster en trombone. Arrangements are by Matthews himself and Temmy Todd. Matthews organised his own group once before, patterned on the Ellington orchestra with Dave's alto featured a la Hodges. This was, however, a relatively short-lived venture. Now, Dave has powerful backing and an enterprising manager in Dave "Ace" Hudkins, late right-hand man to Artle Shaw. Vocalist with the band is Kat Starr-the outfit is boing handied by the William Morris Agency.

On April 15, Lionel Hampton took his band into Carnegie Hall for its first concert there. The usual Hampton highspots were present—Dizzy Gillespie, scream-up trumpeter, and Herbie Fields on tenor sax-and visit-ing celebrities included guitarist Remo Palmieri and clarinetist Agron Sachs. A special feature of the concert was Hamp's 32-piece string section imported for the occasion. This mammoth team went into action under the leadership of Eddie South.

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UTON AND 1045 BEDFORDSHIRE CHAM-PIONSHIP, Monday, May 7, 1045, George Hotel, Luton.

THIS event, presented by Fred Beavill in association with the noted pre-war organisers Lyn Morgan and Chirlie Cooper, took place on Monday of last week, when everybody was expecting the announcement that the war in Europe was over. Whether the anticipation by the public of the great news tended to lessen or increase the attendance it is difficult to say. But in every way the evening was an outstanding success. Against last year's ontry list of seven bands which had dwindied by the night to a mere three, this time the entry list carried oight bands, of which seven actually appeared, and at just on 500 the attendance was 200 up on last year. Medices to say, the gathering was for the context, received a terrilic and well-deserved ovation. But the greatst reception was into the erry Hayes, who, after help-ing to judge the contest, joined up with the rhythm section individualist prize winners in another of those impromptu jam sessions which never the stand as Harry treated it to a atong of his own special brand of ating to reade a sensation. The create a sensation. But the greatest reception was ing to judge the contest joined up with the rhythm section individualist prize winners in another of those ing to judge the contest is those ing to judge the contest is the announce the stand as Harry treated it to a sample of his own special brand of atong to his own special brand of ato swing, and so insistent were the demands tor encores that it was only with difficulty that Harry was able contaily to pack up his instrument to go home.

JUDGES' REPORT Adjudicators: Harry Hayos, Lieut. John M. McLachlan, Edgar Jackson (President). Winners: LEN BOLTON AND HIS DRCHESTRA (Jour saxes, two trum-pets, trombone, piano, bass, drums). All cems: Denais Custance, 31. New-combe Road, Luton, Beds. ('Phone: Luton 3468.) Individualists' awards for: Alto (Harry Kane): Tenor (Frank Plain); Trumpet (Lon Bolton); Trombone (George Wikkinson); Bass (Frank Bolton); Drums (Jerry Blain). Hon. mention for: Plano (Davo Wildman). ONHERE is little but praise to be said

mention for: Plane (Dave Wildman). **JUHERE** is little but praise to be said ingly good band. It will be remembered that it tied third at the South-West London Championship at Tooling on April 15 last. But on referring to the judges sheets for that event we find that that placing hardly gives a correct impression of the band's ability, for not only was the standard of the first four bands unusually high, but the markings for all four were unusually close.

markings for all four were discussed The only adverse criticisms that the Totoling judges made of the band vere that the vibratos as set by the leaders of the brass and sax teams were so fast that they made the whole front line sound a little tense and jerky, and that the saxes might have shown a more inclsive attack in the waltz.

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player is quite up to that of the other members of the band, added to which he did not seem to fit in very well. But there have been great improve-ments in this small swing group, which again showed that it knows how to use its instrumentation in the The guitarist, who was compli-enter the switch of the swing group, which again showed that it knows how to use its instrumentation in the The guitarist, who was compli-enter the switch of the swing group, which again showed that it knows how to use its instrumentation in the secolicat Hawaiian solos (again con-spicuous on this occasion), but criti-cised for lack of repose when playing rhythm on Spanish guitar, has acquired an ease which made him a pillar of strength in the all-round first-class traythm section—a section that is none the worse because it has a new drummer or because the bass tone seemed so much better. More than adequate plano solos also scored for the band. The alto/clarinet was not quite so his alto solo in the guickstep, but rather surprisingly showed neither such good siyle nor technique in the casiler slow foxitot and whitz, and his clarinet bechnique was at no time really up to the necessary standard. Fred Janes's Band, of Dunstable led by George Ashby, were placed third and secured an hon. mention for: Trumpet (George Ashby. Morman Cardall and his Dixieland Band (Luton) come fourth and won individualists' awards for: Baritone (Norman Cardall) and Plano (Lloyu connett). Erich Gross of the "Aristocrats" of knebworth (fifth) secured an hon.

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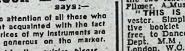
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