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IVY BENSON TELEVISION BAN BOMBSHELL

WITH THE BRIGHT FIELD OF BBC TELE-WITH THE BRIGHT FIELD OF BBC TELE-VISION OPENING BEFORE BRITISH DANCE BANDS ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE WAR-INTERRUPTED SERVICE, THE SCENE WAS SENSATIONALLY CLOUDED ON TUESDAY (11th) BY THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT, WITH FEWER THAN 48 HOURS TO GO, IVY BENSON AND HER GIRLS' BAND WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FULFIL THEIR TELEVISION CON-TRACTS FOR TWO PERFORMANCES TO-DAY (THURSDAY) ON PENALTY OF BEING BANNED FROM THE STAGE.

This ban was imposed by the Stoll Theatres, under whose wgis Ivy is appearing this week at the Wood Green Empire, London.

Ivy Benson told the Melody Maker:

MAKER:

"This is a dreadful blow to my girls and myself. We have gone to enormous trouble and expense to prepare for our television debut, as we believe that a girls' band, glamorously costumed and presenting a bright show as we do is the ideal entertainment for televiewers.
"I have spent nearly £1,000 on new dresses and music stands specially for television.

"I this ruling is part of a policy on the part of theatrical managements to ban artistes from television, then I shall have to decide whether to give up touring on the stage and, as a long-term policy, concentrate on television—a medium through which I believe dance bands can give pleasure to stany people, and, one day, to millions.

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"And, if it isn't part of a suddenly determined policy, why wasn't I told until Tuesday that I could not televise on Thursday? The announcoment of my dates has been in the 'Melody Maker' on more than one occasion, and is in this week's 'Radlo Times.' My contract with the BBC for the date was signed nearly a month ago.
"I do not pronose to televise my Variety act—only a half-hour's dance music—and I am carrying out my rehearsals in the hope that Stoll will relent and let me fulfilmy contract."

Mr. Jack Marshall, booking manager of the Stoll Circuit, interviewed by the Melody MAKER, sald:

"There is at the moment no ban against our artists televising. Miss Benson is, however, under an exclusive contract to us, which contains a barring clause forbidding her from making any personal appearances within two miles of the thetre at which she is per-

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This is one of the Television cameras that Ivy Benson should have faced at Alexandra Palace

DEREK HAWKINS **JOINS AMBROSE**

Tamous Ambrost

Clarinet star. Derek Hawkins,
"M.M." discovery and goldentoned stylist who graduated, in
a few months, from semi-proranks to the heights of professional stardom, takes another
step forward in his career on July
1, when he Joins Ambrose, first at
Ciro's Club, and later accompanying the Maestro on his trip to
Monte Carlo in August.

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Monte Carlo in August.

Derek will take the place of Harry Smith, who is compelled to relinquish his seat in the Ambrose Band because, for urgent family reasons, he finds himself unable to make the forthcoming Continental trip.

For the past 18 months, Derek Hawkins has been featured principally with Frank Weir and his Orchestra, first at the Astor niteric, and more recently at Fischer's Restaurant, plus also, of course, Frank's many broadcasting and recording dates. Derek has also worked with Edmundo Ros, and he has been with the Ted Heath band on film sessions, etc.

B.B.C-HEESEPARING STOPS KOSTELANETZ BROADCAST

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WAYHEN THE INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT WE FAMED U.S. CONDUCTOR ANDRE KOSTELANETZ WOULD BE CONDUCTING THE LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, MILLIONS OF RADIO LISTENERS—TO WHOM KOSTELANETZ IS A KINGPIN OF AMERICAN MUSIC—ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WOULD HEAR HIM ON THE AIR, NOW, AFTER A WEEK OF HAGGLING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN IMPRESARIO HAROLD FIELDING AND THE BBC, A PROJECTED BROADCAST HAS FALLEN THROUGH,

The BBC were prepared to offer only £250 for a two-and-a-quarter hours' broadcast with a 96-piece orchestra, and, furthermore, refused to state that the airing would be by arrangement with Haroid Fielding, who brought Kostelanetz to Britain.

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This, the BBC pedantically avowed, would set a precedent to which they could not concede. Fielding, believing that listeners should not be denied the opportunity of hearing such a famous conductor, was prepared to waive his rights in this direction, provided the BBC granted him a financial addustment and stepped up its broadcast fee to an adequate figure.

E60 PER HOUR REHEARSAL

Again the BBC baulked. They were Again the BBC balliced. They were not even prepared to grant a fee commensurate with the £500 Fielding is paying Kostelanetz himself for each concert appearance. Neither would they bear the additional costs of the 96 musicians employed under his baton.

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Sonie Idea of the inadequacy of the BBO's £250 offer is given by the fact that the Livernool Philharmonic retearsals cost £00 per hour. Prior to rehearsals cost £00 per hour. Prior to rehearsals would have been called, and expenditure on this count alone would have cost over £2,3001

Mr. Fielding told the "M.M." that, in his opinion, there is a decorrentive behind the BBC's refusal to offer an adequate fee. "In the past," he said, "they've not objected to paying artists £45 or £50 for a few minutes' performance in Varlety programmes. One famous Scots comic was paid £500 for a broadcast."

He alleges that eertain musical highbrows in the BBC hierarchy are known to be opposed to Kostelanetz's popular brand of music. According to Mr. Fielding, they have, in fact, refused to let Kostelanetz conduct the BBC Symphony Orohestra on the ground's that his musical qualifications are more suffed to less distinguished orchestras.

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If this astounding contention is true, it is not only a flagrant insult to such an established American musician, but is easily refuted when it is known that Kostelanetz has conducted such famous orchestras as the New York Philibarmonic-Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The BBC, however, refused to budge and the Kostelanetz performances at the Albert Hall on June 16 and 23, and at the Croydon Davis Theatre on June 19 and 22, will be enjoyed by only a few thousands—instead of by millions.

WINNICK'S LINE-UP FOR DEAUVILLE

TARD at work fixing the final and details for his forthcoming visit to the Casino. Deauville, Maurice Winnick, Just before making a holiday visit to Parls for Whitsuntide, was able to give the "Melody Maker" further narticulars of the band which he is building up specially for his hig Continental date.

Maurice will be leading Harry Hines, Harry Turoff, Manny Marron and Alec Heard (reeds); Harry Fields (plano); Vio Filmer, Jun, (bass); Alam Ferguson (guitart); Stanley Fraser idrums); Bill Shakespeare (trumpet); Jack Quinn (trombone), etc. Complete band will be four brass, four saxes, four rhythm and one vecalist. At the time of writing, one trumpet and one trombone were not fixed.

Vocal spot will go to regular glamour girl of the Winnick organisation, the ever-popular Helen Ward.

After the conclusion of the Deauvillo season, Maurice Winnick plans to make a personal visit, on holiday, to the United States.

BELGIUM BOOKS MARINO BARETTO

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YET another of our name bands
to be snapped up for the
Continent is rumba celebrity
Don Marino Baretto and his
Cuban Orchestra, who will be
headed for Belgium this Summer.
They will appear as feature attraction at the Casino, Ostende, opening
there on August 1, and later at the
Casino, Knocke.
In mid-September, the band will return to the Embassy Glub, Bond
Street, where Don has been in residence for the past seven years.
For the Belgian visit, he will be
augmenting to a line-up of three
clarinets, two trumpets, flute, bass,
guitar, and the usual percussion instruments. Singing and dancing, and
also featured on accordion, will be
glamorous Karma Romiro, who recently concluded a highly successful
tour of Canadian Service Camps.
On the Belgian side, negotiations
are in the hands of Jack Kluser, wellknown Continental bandleader who
recently retired from active musicianship to open his own agency. Don's
personal representative is, of course,
Leon Cassel-Gerrard.

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BELGIAN BAND

TIRST British musician to accept a contract with a Continental band since before the war, good-looking bassist and vocalist Ken Lyon leaves London at the end of June to work for at least three months for the Belgian trumpet-leader Robert de Kers.



Belgian trumpet-leader Robert de Kers.

Singing and compèring in English and French, besides playing bass. Ken will open with de Kers at Le Pingouin Restaurant, at the seaside resort Knocke on July 5, proceeding to the Chez Pan, in Ostende, on August 1, and remaining there until September 15.

Thereafter, de Kers is scheduled to make a film in Brussels, and might be visiting Switzerland. engagements which Ken Lyon will have the ontion of accepting if he wishes. He will no doubt be recording with de Kers on Beigian Decca while under contract.

Ken tried a single act for a while, but persistent letters from de Kers persuaded him to accept the offer. He takes with him, on a contract similar to his own, a youne British girl vocalist named Biane Copeland, an eighteen-year-old Leeds girl, who has sung with Teddy Foster, Ivor Kirchin, and Tim Clayton.

MILLWARD'S NEW AIR SHOW

MUSICAL jester Sid Miliward, whose band's can-and-bells antics stopped the recent big "Stars in Battledress" show at the Albert Hall, has been signed up for a new ten-weeks' air series, commencing July 22.

This under the title "Ignorance Is Bliss," is being presented on successive Mondays at the neak listening period of 9.30 p.m. (Light), produced by Gordon Crier.

The BBO show is built around a burlesque of "Quiz" programmes, and Sid's band was selected as being the ideal outfit to back up the comedy cast.

cast.
Enthusiasts can catch an earlier broadcast of the Millward band, which, on July 2, plays out the last airing in the successful radio series. "They're Out" (8.45 p.m., Light).

BRITISH BASSIST JOINS NO DANCES FOR VENTURA: Ministry of Labour Decree

THOUSANDS of Britain's dance music fans will be disappointed to hear that, due to a pre-war Ministry of Labour edict, the big programme scheduled for Ray Yentura's 25-piece orchestra has been drastically revised.
Under a long-term policy, no imported orchestras are permitted to play for dances or in hotels, and this factor has entailed the last-minute cancellation of several of the dates announced in last week's "MM."

These are the dances that were to take place at Leicester on Wednesday, June 26; the Assembly Rooms, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, 27th; the Winter Gardens, Eastbourne, on Friday, 28th; and at the Pavilion. Bath, on Saturday, 29th.

Ray's full itinerary will now be: Two concerts at the South Parade Pier, Southsea, June 23; a broadcast on the 24th (10.15-10.45 p.m. Home); television dates, 26th and 28th (8.30-9 p.m. and 3.30-4 p.m., respectively; and finally, alternoon and evening concerts at the Adelphi Theatre, London, on Sunday, June 30, with a broadcast the same afternoon (4.15-5 p.m.).

GERRY HOEY IN THE LIMELIGHT

PRESENTING his biggest venture to date in the field of musical and variety entertainment, bandleader Gerry Hoey commences a long tour of his new show, "Happily Ever L'After," at the Bristol Hippodrome on June 24.

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Now recovered after a serious operation which has kept him away from professional activities for the past six months. Gerry is presenting a compilet road-show, starring such Varlety top-liners as Freddy Bamberger and Pam. Leon "Sherkot," and the Betty Hobbs' famous troupe of dancers.

In a big spot on the bill is his own planist Tommy Hinsby, who will be seen in a number of sketches. And in young June Adair, an outstanding vocalist at present appearing at the Rotunda Theatre, Dublin, Gerry is convinced that he has made yet another discovery to add to the growing list of talent that he has helped on the way to the top.

Gerry is still in need of a tenor saxist doubling clarinet to complete his line-up. Musicians interested in a long tour under this famous leader should contact Gerry's agents at REGent 2617.

TUST returned to Town after its successful one-night and Variety tour. Free Baker and his Band are inviting bookers to attend rehearsals at Mac's Dancing Academy. Windmill Street. W. this Saturday (15th) between 12.30 and 1 p.m.

Demobilised last March, Fred is fronting a nine-piece aggregation composed entirely of ex-Servicemen.

THE Skyrockets, under Paul Fenouthet, are commencing a series of het, are commencing a series of het, are commencing a series of weekly broadcasts this Saturday (12-12-30 p.m.), from the Eclian Hall, London. Fans who would like to be present at these airings, may obtain tickets through the Secretary of the Styrockets. Fan Club. Miss Hilary Styrockets. James' Court, Grove Crescent, Kingston-on-Thames.

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Monte REY.
Empire. Leeds.
Charles SHADWELL and Orchestra.
Palace, Plymouth.
Reub SILVER and Marion Day.
Palace, Huddersfield.

CHELSEA SWING CONCERTS

HYTHM fans who thronged the Chelsea Palace on Sunday (2nd) to hear George Evans and his Tun-Sax Orchestra in the first of the fortnightly series of swing concerts being held there by promoter Bill Sensier are assured of future attractions well up to their tastes.

This Sunday (16th) oills Duncan Whyto and his Rudio Rhythm Club Sextet, when a personal "Request Stssion" will be featured. Send your requests in advance to Duncan at the Chelsea Palace.

Also featured will be the international accordion champion Lorna Martin, and, as "unknown stars," the phenomenal West African Rhythm Brothers from the Negro Ballet. The compère will be Gerry Wilmot.

U.S. HIT PARADE

HERE is the latest available list of the HERE is the latest available list of the nine most popular songs in America, as assessed by the weekly nation-wide ballot conducted by the American Tobacco Co., and broadcast in their "Your Hit Parade" programme over the C.B.S. network:—

1. THE GIPSY
2. ALL THROUGH THE DAY
3. LAUGHING ON THE OUTSIDE
4. SHOO FLY PIE AND APPLE FLAN DOWDY
5. PRISONER OF LOVE
6. SIOUX CITY SUE
7. THEY SAY IT'S WONDERFUL
8. FULL MOON AND EMPTY ARMS
9. OIL, WHAT IT SEEMED TO BE

AT the Pier Pavilion, Teignmouth, Midlands bandleader David Price and his seven-piece have commenced their summer season.

David leads from drums, with Harold Hulme (pno.); Geoff. Howard (bass, gtr., pno.); Roy Taylor (alto, clar., ctc.); Charlie Smethums (alto, clar., ctn.); Lon Prince (ten., clar., vln.); and George Jobbings (tpt.).

David is in urgent need of a lead alto player. 'Phone him at Teignmouth 375.

OWING to the calling-up of his 18j-year-old tenor sax player, Eddie Ward, bandicader Harry Leader requires a replacement. Any player with a modern style should ring Harry at the Astoria (Ger. 1711).

FOR his Hot Shots on tour, drummer-leader Joe Daniels requires a lead trumpet, preferably an arranger, but not essential. Ring Joe at Arnold 4643 up to 11.30 a.m., or at Gerrard 1604 from noon onwards.

A BRANCH of the M.U. has been formed in Norwich, and all musicians interested in improving conditions in that area should contact the branch secretary. Charles Gowins, at 50, Christchurch Road, Norwich.

BILLY MUNN FOR ISLE OF WIGHT SEASON

A FTER ten successful months and the Mayfair "Orchid Room," Billy Munn, broadcasting and recording planist-bandleader, plans a complete breakaway from his usual haunts in August, when—by special permission of the "Orchid Room" management—he will take his outfit from this resort of London's society to the Occan Hotel, Sandown, LO.W., for a month.

Personnel of Billy's outfit nowadays includes the following players, all of whose names are household words in Town: Freddy Gardner, Joe Jean ette, George Baylon and George Pallatt (reeds); Billy Riddick; trumptel Ourgie Lees (bass); Harold Schofield (drums); and Tom Henry and his "Tomboys," will be accompanying Billy Munn on the Sandown date.

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Hosts of Service personnel will be sorry to know that Billy Munn be sorry to know that Billy Munn's recordings for the Forces with his "Empire Jazz Octet" have come to an end, at least for the time being. Billy—always with an all-star personnel—has been putting over some grand Jazz in this series. He has also made innumerable friends through his respect should have news of some further dates shortly.

Meanwhile, Billy Munn has burst into the commercial recording field, He has waxed several titles for "Regal" with his "Orchid Room" Band, two of which are being issued immediately. On these, Billy band has been augmented by Hatchetts guitarist, twor Daniels, who, incidentally, will also be accompanying the band to Sandown.



SAM BROWNE AIRING AGAIN

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A NEW air-show, startling on
June 28, will feature the
mellow voice of veteran star
vocalist Sam Browne in a series
of at least eight broadcasts over
the Light Programme between
10.10 and 10.20 p.m.

To be called "The Music Box," the
programme will also include Low
Stone and his Novatones, a five-voice
choir known as the "Song Spinners,"
and will be compèred by Roy Rich.
His 18 months' partnership with
Judy Shirley now at an end, Sam has
ideas for a new kind of stage act.

STILL HIT No. ONE

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Dixieland ISN'T Dated!

A reply to Segment Wyse's Article by the Famous American Pianist

RECEIVED the May 11 issue of the Melcory Maker to-day (May 31), and your article by Seymour Wyse—"Dixieland is Dated: Hall Be-Bop! "—startled me, and caused me to dash on these remarks.

Anyone reading Mr. Wyse's article could easily get the feeling that Mr. S. W. is qualified to speak of Jazz in the USA: Barry Ulanov is a Jazz authority; there are four schools of Jazz: Art Hodes plays Dixieland or Chicago style of Jazz: and Bunk Johnson and his Band have no right to be earning a livelihood playing music as they are incompetent musicians.

Really, I don't know if I'll be able to answer all Seymour's assertions in this one missive; he's made so many statements that, to say the least, are in extremely bad taste. But here goes.

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FIRST, let's wash away the first paragraph. Hope you have a copy of the Melooy Make handy. Spending eight years in the USA doesn't qualify a listener as a jazz authority. Eight years in a cell wouldn't stamp me as an authority on, let's say, English penal institutions. And because Mr. S. discussed jazz with Barry Ulanov doesn't mean that his stand is now impregnable. In a review of Barry Ulanov's book, "Duke Ellington," in the Hollywood "Note" mag., Dave Dexter says "If Ulanov's scribblings in 'Metronome' were as objectively presented, his stature as a critic would be hypoed immeasurably." April, 1946, Issue, in case you'd like to check it.

And speaking of "finding yourself in agreement with those musiclans whom I considered the tops" and then rattling off four name musikers—well, that's a bad practice.

In the August, 1945, issue of my own mag. "Jazz Record." appeared an article by Sgt. John Broome titled "On the Feather in 'Esquire's Bonnet." and I quote: "There are some jazz experts to wifose everlasting credit let it be said that they will never accept anything short of mediocrity in the art. For example, if you happen to write about jazz for a living. . . this embrace of the unexceptional enables you to

ART. HODES

reap valuable good will throughout the musical confraternity merely by mentioning with impartial approval the names of scores of musicinas in your columns each month. It believe that par. for Feather's monthly stint is about 247 names per page, though I lay no claim to mathematical accuracy on this point).

And Speaking of Mr. Leenard Feather. I want to say that that was a slick piece of reverse lend-lease you fellows pulled off on us; we're just now beginning to recuperate.

No. Seymour, please don't go in for finding musicians in complete agreement with you. The boys have found out that it's a painful experience telling jazz authorities what their innermost thoughts are and then reading in some mag, what they were supposed to have said.

It's so much easier for them to say "Sure, you're right," and it keeps them from making enemies. That last is very important nowadays. A "jazz authority" can do a lot for a man.

Among other things that irked me

"Jazz authority" can do a lot for a man.
Among other things that irked me in your article were such sentences as "the theory that Jazz had outgrown its original awkwardness and inconsistency" and "bringing Jazz out of its cruder stages." Oh well, I suppose that could be so. After all, Shakespeare lived several' hundred years ago; we've grown since then, or have we? And, by the way, tell me are Bach and Chopin considered crude or awkward? We've passed them, too, you know.

COING on, I read that I am Dixicland or Chicago style musician. Seymour, you've been reading "Metronome"! I play "Negro style" if you must pick a title. My present group is a mixed band; four coloured and two 'white. Ceell Scott is with me; the same C. S. whom Duke Ellington wanted in his band. Pops Foster is on bass, a Louis Armstrong alumni. Kaiser Marshall, drums, was with Fletcher Henderson for twelve years and can call Coleman Hawkins "buddy," but there I go mentioning names.

No. my boy, you really didn't get

PIANIST KNIGHT JOINS LIPTON

JOINS LIPTON

SINCE Les Ayling discovered
pianist Peter Knight at the
Gig Glub before the war, Peter
has been considerably sought
after by other bandleaders, due
to his fine playing, orchestrating
and composing, but has preferred
to remain with Les.
Last week-end, however. Sydney
Lipton made Peter an offer he felt it
impossible to refuse, as a result of
which Peter has become a member of
syd's new and polished band at
Grosvenor House, departing from Les
on perfect terms, Les naturally feeling
proud that his protege should do so
extremely well.
It means, nevertheless, that Les is
in urgent need of a planist, and also
a tenor saxophonist who can double
fiddle. His home 'phone number is
Mountview 6319.
Les made a good capture recently
when he encased tenor-star Ken
Beckett for his band at the Lyceum.

Parry's Illness

Art Hodes, Chleagoborn planists, played around the Toddling Town for more than ten years before his talents won him the recognition he so richly deserved. Known to record enthusiasts only for his work on a 1930 Wingy Mannone session, Hodes rapidly hit the limelight when he came East in 1938. In New York he played such spois as Ross's Tavern and, later, Nick's and the Village Vanguard as solo planist, and the Midland Beach Casino and Child's Restaurant with small jarz groups. His first solo planist, and the Midland Beach Casino and Child's Restaurant with small jarz groups. His first solo planist, and the Midland Beach Casino and Child's Restaurant with small jarz groups. His first solo planist, and the Midland Beach Casino and Child's Restaurant with small jarz groups. His first solo for lowed by a further session for Signature. Jarz Record, Session, Decca, and Blue Note; more solos for Black and White and Jazz Record, the latter being Art's own label. In 1942 Art took over the hot-record programme on Station WNYC, and the same year saw the birth of his "Jazz Record" magazine, edited by Art himself and Dale Curran. Early this year he realised a life-stimo's ambition by taking a full Disteland combination into a resident dance-hall job. The band rated fine invested suring its three months' (stay at New York's Stuyesant, conference of the string of the return of Bank Johnson's New Orleans Juramen.

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around the hearing all types of hot
music. You were attracted to the
people who believed as you did. Why
didn't you spare me one hour out of
those eight years you spent over here?
I'm afraid you're not a good reporter.
You only covered the scene that
appealed to you.
Your paragraph on Bunk Johnson
is really a pay-off. Here it is that you
give yourself completely away.
Now I know where I read it before;
in "Metronome." Tell me the truth:
Did Feather and Ulanov ever let you
out of their sight for a moment?
Who else ever told you that lovers
of New Orleans music believe that
their idols shouldn't be famous or
making a decent living, and be technically incompetent and the oldest
available?
Honestly, Scymour, did you ever
hear the Bunk Johnson band in person' Did you ever talk to George
Avakian, Carleton Brown, Fred Ramsey or Gene Williams? They write
for some very large American mags.;

I hat is, all three but Williams, who
is Decca's jazz authority.

CET this: we over here have
had agreat deal of trouble
getting rid of certain jazz authorities
who have caused us no end of
trouble.

Here you go sprouting off the
gospel and no doubt adding more
confusion. And wasting a perfectly
good morning for me.

Dixical stated, son; open
your ears and let some music in.

And, my boy, don't take ny word.

Benny Goodman recently said "I
guess I'm just dated, son; open
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so-called critics mean by progressove music.

So you don't like Dixieland
New Orlans mus



This sketch of Art Hodes, drawn by J. Jenkins, was lent to the "M.M." by Eddie Lancaster, well-known Carlisle collector

that is, all three but Williams, who is Decca's jazz authority.

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received last month—one
from Canada and the other
from Switzerland.

The first is from Arthur Schawlow,
of Ontario, who writes:

I have just received some copies of
the MILTONY MAKER of last summer
and fall and was very pleased to see
your fine "Collectors Corner." I was
especially interested in your Bob
Crosby Discography and in your
reference to the article on the Bob
Cats by Clyde Clark and myself which
was published in the "Record
Changer."

Although the item in question

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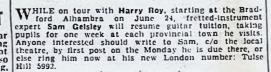
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exact information on some of the Washboard sides. He writes: "Re Swing Gate" The Coming of Hiberton on both sides. The only information I have is the Schleman line-up comprising Shine. Washington, Howell and Smith, etc. Perhaps a reader could supply the changes in personnel of these groups, which have at times produced some very good jazz?"

Norman Evans, of Reading, wants to know who the fine planist is on the later Bluebirds by Washboard Sam's Washboard Band, and the guitarist on "Second Story Man."

Big Bill Broonzy has said that he played guitar on most of Sam's sides, but Norman claims this is not like his playing. Cpl. W. Perry, stationed in Norfolk, asks for a little information about the St. James Dance Ork, which plays can Francisco" on Guardsman 136. Jack Wood, of Sheffield raises the question of "Snag It", "Louislana Bo-Bo" by the Georgia Cotton Plokers on Harmony 1127 H. He inclines to Delaunay's viewpoint that this is an Oliver item, and requests readers' opinions.



June 15, 1946

Since I invited budding songwriters to submit their MSS. to Chick Lee and his Rhythmagleians, Chick has received an avalanche of songs, and has asked me to tell the writers that each one will in due course be carefully considered and answered. Chick will play and Doris Clare will sing as many as possible in the roadshow, "Melody Arcade."

att is one minute to zero hour in the Television studies, and here you see Harry Roy, surrounded by cameras and arc-lamps, waiting to start his first

transmission, which he carried off with flying colours last Monday (10th). Behind Harry you see the Roy brass men, part of the battery of players, rocalists and funsters with whom he put over a smashing show

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THERE was quite an exclusive air about the 1946 Eastern Counties Dance Band Championship held at the Moot Hall, Colchester, last Wednesday week (8th).

In a Leautiful panelled municipal hall, evening dress was conspicuous among the 400 dancers, and efficient organisation by Messrs. L. Parish, S. Wright and S. Lewis made the evening a pleasant and memorable one, while the seal of civic approval was set on the occasion by the appearance of Councillor L. M. Worsnop, who kindly presented the prizes.

The standard of the bands was, frankly, low, nearly all of them attempting to do too much for their capabilities, and, with the exception of the first two bands, the judges had to listen to some of the most out-of-tune playing in their experience.

At the after-the-contest inquests, when each band was given its on-the-spot criticisms by the judges, the musicians erew very hot under the collar at the selection of a somewhat corny five-piece to take the second prize, and tried to point out that the general out-of-tune playing could be excused by what they knew to be the otherwise good musicianship of the offenders.

To this the judges were quite adamant in their view that bands win contests because of what they do on the stand—not because of what they are capable of doing on such occasions as they manage to get their instruments in tune.

The second band had done what it set out to do reasonably well; the other bands, while aiming higher, failed by a much wider margin in reaching anything near their musical objective.

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Adjudicators: E. O. Pogson, Ray Sonin.

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Winners: ALF WOOD'S LEGIONNAIRES
(two allos, two tenors, plano, bass,
cultur, drums). All coms.: All Wood.
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Individualists' awards for: Alto (Alf
Wood), Tenor (George Tarcant), plano
(Dicky Harris). Bass (Norman Hill).
Guitar (Archio Coverdale).
In a contest which was not conspicuous
for a high standard of playing, this band
won on confidence, competence, and good
rehearsal. The four-piece sax section
blended well, and dynamics were outstanding.

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A fault of the band was the stodgy drumming which did not help the highest was the best individual musician in the whole contest, and imparted a good lift to the band.

The baritone sax should watch his intonation. The baritone sax should watch his intonation. FAT'S (Grums, plano, accordion, guitar, tenor). All coms: P. I. McLoughlin, "Pendeen." 107, Moulisham Street, Chelmsford, Esser Cartens, plano, accordion and the same for the same fatter was the same fatter. There were more modern bands in the contest than Pat's Rhythm Aces, but they did not play as well for what they tried to do, and the judges' job is to award points for what they hear—not for what they believe, or are told, the other bands are capable of on their cay. This is an uppretentious group of a commercial kind, with a nice planist and a smattering of the right idea. It needs a get more relaxed, and the lead tenor player must get a better idea of jazz impe " and appreciation. Next to the winning band, it was the only band in the contest that did not play out of time.

We would stress this point to all Essex bands—however good your individual musicians, and however good your arrangements, you stand or fail by the tone of the band; that is to say, what

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it sounds like to the people who are listening. If this is out of tune, all your good musicianship goes by the board.

Alex Christle and bis Band, of Haistead, were placed third. They won the individualist's award for Trumpet (David Ainsworth).

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Ainsworth).
Fred Chapman, of Ken Cumber's Band,
of Brentwood, secured the individualist's
award for Clarinet.
Kenneth Elms, of the Melodians, of
Brentwood, won the individualist's award
for Drums.
Doris Holmes, of the Rhythmics, of
Newmarket, was given the individualist's
award for Vocalist. 8 bands competed.

DICK DAVIS and his Band had what must have been about the easiest task of their lives when, last Monday week (3rd), they won the 1946 North-Yest Kent Championship, presented of the Cattord Town Hall by Ed Waller. for it must be admitted that the general standard was about the lowest heard at any contest this season.

However, the evening went off brightly enough, and the 350-odd guests seemed to find plenty to interest them.

JUDGES' REFORT

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Individualists' awards for: Alto and Clarinct (Jerry Cane), Plano (Henry Faber), Bass (Arthur Sutton). Drums (Dennis Draster).

Such limitations as a band consisting of just a three-piece sax section and rhythm may appear to have, can be overcome to a great extent by suitable arrangements and the sense of character with which they are played.

This band has the right kind of arrangements. It also plays them with more than a modicum of polish. But the character of the saxes is not strong enough. They lack feeling. There is not enough attack or light and shade. Taking the saxes individually, the first alto, for all his rather thin be a good musician and played a more than a modicum of modition will will be a good musician and played a more than averagely good swing solo in the foxtort. Although his tone does not blend iow well will the of the altos, the tenor who have how to fill-in tastefully in a small band, the rhythm section left little to be desired.

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Individualists' awards for: Tenor (Ken Harley), Trumpet (Norman Holliday). The idea and enthusiasm behind this band of swing-minded youngsters would have shown up to better advantage had it been backed with a higher standard of musicianship. Even the best musicasm behind the lead alto, who showed an excellent understanding of swing in both need to improve their tones and technique.

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