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THE GREAT SINGERS AT BLACKPOOL

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AS READERS ARE ALREADY AWARE, JANE "OUTLAW" RUSSELL IS DUE IN ENGLAND TO HEAD A VARIETY BILL. THE SHOW WILL COMMENCE AT THE PRINCES THEATRE ON SEPTEMBER 26 FOR TWO WEEKS, BUT IT IS NATURALLY ANTICIPATED THAT THE SHOW MAY RUN LONGER.

The job of accompanying this artist that, no doubt, every member of the profession will wish were his, has fallen to handsome bandleader Frank Weir. He will have a sixteen piece pit orchestra, the nucleus of which will be a twelve piece group that he is in process of forming, suggested with strings.

Weir told Musical Express "I anticipate that there will be no difficulty booking the musicians—the fact that I expect a queue of volunteers."

In addition to accompanying many other acts on the bill which we understand are to include Douglas Blyth, it is anticipated that Weir will lead a small accompanying group on stage for Miss Russell. It will be recalled that Jane Russell, apart from her looks and acting ability, is also a fine singer having appeared with that fine exponent of music in the sweet manner, Kay Kayser on his U.S. broadcast programme. We anticipate that all shows will be a sell-out!



Jane Russell

DEEPS, LIPTON AND STEELE FOR THE JAZZ JAMBOREE

WE understand that two further bands have confirmed they will appear at the Jazz Jamboree. These are George Steele and his Orchestra, who will play the overture and Sidney Lipton and his Orchestra. A grand surprise attraction will be the famous Deep River Boys who have already offered their services. As no confirmation has been received from Tommy Tyndler and the fact that time is so short, the Council have sent invitations to Al Burnett and Jack Jackson who have both accepted.

All five and ten shilling tickets have been sold and applications are being received by every post. Fifteen shilling and pound tickets.

REGGIE GOFF'S NEW GROUP Series of four broadcasts

NOT VERY MUCH IN THE NEWS LATELY, REGGIE GOFF JUMPS BACK INTO THE LIMELIGHT THIS WEEK WITH DETAILS OF A BRAND NEW VOCAL AND MUSICAL ACT THAT IS LIKELY TO CAUSE A SENSATION ON ITS FIRST BROADCAST.

For the last four weeks, Reggie Goff has been quietly rehearsing a new combination consisting of himself, four girl singers who will sing with Joyce Berry, Helen Mack, Linda Russell, and Sylvia Lorraine, and a rhythm section of celeste, guitar, drums and bass.

This was auditioned by the B.B.C. last week, and met with the immediate response of a series of four broadcasts, at the peak time of 11.30 to 12 p.m. on Fridays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28. The session to be shared with the Central Children's Orchestra.

In addition to the radio break, Harry Barton of Decca heard the new act this week, and has immediately given them a Decca recording session on the afternoon of Thursday, September 22. This new group will be titled "Reg Goff and His Glee Girls," and will be exclusively handled and represented by Elliott Direction.

Old Time Dances NOW READY! PRINCE CHARMING VALSE COTILLON FRANCIS, DAY & HUNTER LTD. 15-16 CHANCERY CROSS RD., W.C.2

BENSON ALL SET FOR NEW SERIES

IVY BENSON IS CURRENTLY BUSY GETTING ARRANGEMENTS SET FOR THE NEW SERIES "GOODNIGHT LADIES" WHICH WILL FEATURE HER AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA OF THREE TRUMPETS, TWO Trombones, Five Saxes, Flute, Oboe, Eight Violins, Two Violas, Cello, Bass, Harp, Piano and Drums. THE SHOW WILL BE PRE-RECORDED ON OCTOBER 9 AND WILL FIRST BE HEARD ON OCTOBER 15. IVY TELLS US THAT ALL MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DONE BY ALAN TAYES AND THERE WILL BE COMPLETE MUSICAL CONTINUITY THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME.

Mabel Willis-Brown will lead the string section. It will be recalled that prior to forming her own group, Miss Willis-Brown was featured with the Benson Band.

On completion of her Butlin engagement on September 24, Ivy will commence a fully booked season of variety engagements. The first of these will be at the New Theatre, Oxford, week commencing October 8.

Leslie Bridgmont, who will produce this mammoth all-girl broadcast series, informs us that in addition to the Benson orchestra, he will have many famous artists. So far booked are Dorothy Squires, Joyce Golding, Hennie Houston, The Mitchell Maids (from the George Mitchell Choir) and Jeanne de Casalis who will play the mother in a weekly mother and daughter skit. It is not yet confirmed who will play the daughter. Comments of the show will be Shirley Stewart who was the B.B.C.'s first woman announcer.

VAUGHAN ARRIVES AND GOES TO ITALY

POPULAR vocalist Denny Vaughan arrived in England from Canada last Saturday morning to find a cable awaiting him. This was from a wealthy Italian family he had met in New York and they were offering him a week's engagement at a private function in Italy. Needless to say, Denny had no time to get settled in London before he flew to Belgium on the first leg of his journey last Monday. Full details were not available at the time of going to Press, but, no doubt, Vaughan will advise us of them on his return to town some time next week.

Prior to leaving he managed to find a few minutes to pick up Robert Farnon on the new series commencing October 2.



Denny Vaughan singing in the famous Club Norman, Toronto

VIC LEWIS PACKS THE WIMBLEDON PALAIS

NOT OFFICIALLY due to open until Monday night, September 13, the Vic Lewis Orchestra began their European season at the Wimbledon Palais on Saturday night, September 10, owing to the fact that they were to be featured in the broadcast session from there "Saturday Night Dance". Doubt has previously been expressed as to whether Vic Lewis and his orchestra were a wise choice for a Palais, in view of their known strong association with "progressive jazz," yet on this opening night the crowd exceeded all previous capacity attendances, and the orchestra was given a tumultuous reception. Vic Lewis and his Orchestra will be making further Saturday night broadcasts from the Palais on September 17 and 24.

STAPLETON BAND FOR WIMBLEDON PALAIS

CURRENTLY enjoying a very successful visit to Greens Playhouse Ballroom, Glasgow, where they have increased the takings by over fifty per cent, Cyril Stapleton and His Orchestra have some interesting plans for the future.

Archie Sheburn, proprietor of the Wimbledon Palais de Danse, is to be congratulated on engaging Cyril Stapleton and His Orchestra for a fortnight at that hall commencing Monday, November 7. While at Wimbledon Palais, Cyril Stapleton is scheduled for two "Saturday Night Dance Date" broadcasts and the orchestra has been specially released by Sheburn to fulfil an engagement booked by the B.B.C. at Grosvenor House on Friday, November 11, when they have the honour of playing for the Electrical Industries Ball.

We have been asked to make it quite clear by Maurice Kinn of Kinloss Entertainments Limited, that he is the sole and exclusive booking agent for this Orchestra, and we publish this information to clarify any possible misunderstanding. The Orchestra in fact is signed to Maurice Kinn for a period of six years.

Last Sunday at the Adam Smith Hall, Kirkcaldy, Stapleton and His Orchestra was the first dance band ever to present a concert at this venue, and more people were turned away than were able to gain admission. This is a decided feather in their cap as previously only entertainments of classical nature was presented.

At the end of their present season at Greens on Saturday, September 24, the Stapleton Orchestra have a "Saturday Night Dance Date" broadcast, and will then immediately take a fortnight's vacation, which will be their first holiday since the inception of the band over three years ago. Cyril and his wife—famous stage and radio star, Beryl Orde, are spending their two weeks' holiday touring Italy, and the band resumes on Sunday, October 9 with a concert at the Embassy Theatre, Bristol, and is fully booked well into 1950.

We are able to contradict the many rumours that a number of players are leaving this combination, and are able to reveal that there has not been a change in the Stapleton personnel for nearly six months, and the present aggregation are continuing into the winter season.



ERIC TANN

TWO NEW SERIES FOR D'AMATO

POPULAR CHAFFIE D'AMATO HAS TWO NEW BROADCASTING SERIES LINED UP. THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE HEARD EACH FRIDAY COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 13 AT 4.30 IN THE HOME SERVICE. THIS WILL BE A RECORDED PROGRAMME THAT D'AMATO WILL CONDUCT AND WILL BE TITLED CHAFFIE D'AMATO MIXED GUILD—A HALF-HOUR OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

The second will feature D'Amato's orchestra augmented with strings in a series called "Quiet Rhythm." The show, it will be recalled was originally a popular record programme presented by Neil Ardun. Ardun will once again present the show which will now feature D'Amato instead of discs. The show will be recorded as usual on the evening September 25 at 11-11.30 p.m. in the Light Programme.

TWO MORE BANDS FOR TIN PAN ALLEY BALL

THE M.P.C.P.A. inform us that further bands for the Tin Pan Alley Ball. These are Tito Brown and his Orchestra, and the new band of Danes.



Vic Lewis at Wimbledon

THE KOPPERNOBS



(From M.E. Critic Joe Kandy)

THIS is a story of three young but in some very hard work. Not ladies of whom, I feel sure, only did they cause themselves as a team, but they all have something good in each individual.

Monday night saw them on a stage for the first time as a team. Their arrangements and choice of material must be the work of an extremely clever musical mind, and should be heard to be appreciated. The girls are at Chelsea, next week, and we anticipate they will have further success. This audience on mass shouting for more.

It seems that these girls have heard them in the near future.

NEW BAND FOR THE "QUEEN MARY"

HAVING concluded a very successful season at the Northumberland Hotel, Cliffsideville, Frank Abbott and his Orchestra have been booked by Gerald to play on the "Queen Mary" for a period of six months.

Frank leads an Alto Sax, Clarinet and Vocals, his six-piece comprising Keith Barr, Tenor Sax; Michael Ross, Trumpet; Ivor Raymond, Accordion; Billie Sage, Piano; Peter Ince, Bass and Sammy Prager, Drums.

Prior to their season at Cliffsideville the orchestra appeared at the "Capeana Club," Bond Street and "Brag House Club." Friendly and also very successful resident engagements at the Grand Hotel, Cliffsideville, and the Grand Casino, Birmingham. Also the "New Yorker" and "Wishing Well" clubs, London.

Frank Abbott features a new style of music which he hopes to make very popular. Outstanding among the features of the orchestra is the vocal trio: Frank, Sammy Prager and Peter Ince.

N.D.B.C. GRAND FINAL

Important Announcement THE ORGANISER DESIRES TO ENSURE THAT MEETING BANDS WISHING TO APPEAR IN THE GRAND FINAL AT BLACKPOOL ON OCTOBER 3 SHOULD BE AFFORDED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE EVERY OPPORTUNITY OF QUALIFYING AND TO THIS AIM THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW AS FOLLOWS.

GRAND FINAL and seven small bands comprising winners of the six Area Finals Runners-Up. In the event of there being withstanding the number of bands in the Grand Final would be maintained at fourteen by qualifying further bands from the Area Finals Runners-Up Host. AREA FINALS RUNNERS-UP HEAT (specified in the Winter Guide, Blackpool from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. on the day of the Grand Final) six large and six small bands comprising Runners-Up in the six Area Finals. Qualifying bands will be drawn the number of bands would be maintained at twelve by qualifying further bands from the highest marks placed third in the six Area Finals. SELECTION OF ENTRY: Bands which have already qualified for the Grand Finals and the Area Finals Runners-Up Host should forward entries to the Organiser immediately. Bands placed third in the six Area Finals desiring to fill possible vacancies in the Area Finals Runners-Up Host should advise the Organiser immediately.

TORCH SINGERS IN BLACK-OUT AT BUTLIN'S

WHEN lightning seriously damaged the electric light cables in North Wales last week the entire district suddenly plunged into complete darkness. Just ten minutes after the curtains had gone up at the Butlin Holiday Camp for the evening performance of the Torch Singers.

Faced with a packed theatre of campers and with torrential rain beating down outside, Eric was faced with an impossible situation. Feeling his way into the wings he hastily borrowed a torch from guest artist Dick Bentley of the "Take It From Here" Radio show and with the aid of this impromptu lighting proceeded to imperceptibly conduct a terrific chœur throughout the full hour show as if nothing had happened.

Julie Dawn, Leslie Howard and Jimmie Harrison using their songs holding a candle in one hand while the musicians struggled valiantly to see their music. At the end of the show the audience gave the band a terrific ovation for the way they had performed under such nerve racking difficulties.

HAROLD GELLER FOR COLUMBIA

A LONG AWAITED RECORDING BREAK HAS COME THE WAY OF HAROLD GELLER AND HIS ORCHESTRA WHO ARE RESIDENT AT FRASCATI'S RESTAURANT.

Last week he made his first gramophone recordings with a session for Columbia Records, and these will be issued in the October 1 Box.

Two sides were cut by the Geller Orchestra, namely "Confidentially" with a vocal duet by vocalists Ann Lenner and Bob Lenner, and a vocal solo "My Song in My Heart" sung by Bob Harvey. The band then accompanied a new string team consisting of Derek Roy and Eddie Seaman, as announced in this newspaper last week, in two further sides.



Frank Abbott and his Orchestra.

EXTENSION FOR NORMAN

FOLLOWING Joe Norman's successful first broadcast with the augmented Latin American Orchestra, as first mentioned in Musical Express, Bill Elliott informs us that the series has now been extended by four more weeks, which means that the orchestra will now be heard tonight—Friday, September 16, and the following four Fridays.

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RADIO DIARY

THE floor. This samba has something dramatic, it seems... NORMAN C. ALLEN

MUSICAL COMES ON THE AIR

THREE in one programme last Sunday night... NORMAN C. ALLEN

1949 AREA CHAMPIONS

WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BATH

LESLEY CHAPPELL SEXTET JOHNNY STILES AND HIS BAND

MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP AT NOTTINGHAM

ARTHUR SLATER AND HIS ARTHUR BOWERBY AND BERT QUARTET

NORTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP AT DEWSBURY

MODERNAIRES DANCE ORCHESTRA (Bristol)

ALL WALES CHAMPIONSHIP AT FORTHCAWL

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AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

NORTH OF ENGLAND (Eastern Region—small bands)

QUARTETS, YORK SUMMER (Next), September 15th

LONDON & SOUTH OF ENGLAND (Large and small bands)

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ARMADILLO SAMBA... EL CUMBANCHERO

OLLY NOON AT NEWQUAY... OLLY NOON AND HIS ORCHESTRA

GRAND FINALS... EMPRESS BALLROOM, WINTER GARDENS, BLACKPOOL

1949 NATIONAL DANCE BAND CHAMPIONSHIP... Personal Appearance GERALDO AND HIS ORCHESTRA

MUSICAL HOLIDAY... Musical Holiday (Continued from page 3)

NAME BANDS FOR ORANGE GROVE... Arthur Slater Bop Quartet

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BASS COLLAPSES

A COUPLE of minutes before the Jack Simpson outfit were due to go on the stage at the Embassy...

Novello Show Tonight

King's "Hislop" group... Novello Show Tonight

ARTHUR SLATER BOP QUARTET

FOLLOWING their success at the Midland Area Final of the N.D.B.C. at the Astoria Ballroom, Nottingham, on Friday...

TOP TEN

- 1. Riders in the Sky... 2. F.D. & H... 3. Power And Ever, F.D. & H... 4. Wedding of Lili Marlene...

JAZZ IN THE DUMPS

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