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THE BEST IN BOP! A CHARLIE VENTURA ORIGINAL EUPHORIA

I'LL NEVER SLIP AROUND AGAIN The "Slipping Around" Song WHEN THERE'S LOVE AT HOME

CARROLL GIBBONS' BIG NEW JOB

APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL SAVOY-BERKELEY HOTELS

Band will stay at the Savoy

(Musical Express Staff Reporter)

AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS' ASSOCIATION WITH THE SAVOY HOTEL, NINETEEN OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SPENT LEADING HIS OWN ORCHESTRA FOR THAT CONCERN, A SIGNAL HONOUR HAS BEEN BESTOWED BY THE COMPANY ON BANDLEADER CARROLL GIBBONS...

Although Gibbons' familiar personality and playing with his orchestra will be absent from the Savoy Restaurant as from this Saturday, his orchestra will still remain in residence. We understand that, as happens with many orchestras in America, a leader is to be chosen to front the group...

Although a new leader will front the band at the hotel this does not mean that Gibbons will completely retire from music. He will, of course, conduct the orchestra on all their broadcasts, commercial sessions and recordings and on special occasions at the Savoy may possibly participate in the celebratory style of piano playing...



Carroll Gibbons

HYLTON PRESENTS THE CRAZY GANG

Crazier than ever (M.E. VARIETY CRITIC)

LAST week saw the opening of Jack Hylton's presentation of the Crazy Gang in "Kathleen of Malduona". It's a welcome return to the team that have kept the British public laughing for many years...

★ RED NORVO IN HOLLYWOOD ★



Red Norvo, famous vibraphonist, and his Trio, opened at the intimate Half Cocktail Lounge in Hollywood this month. Crowds are flocking in nightly to hear this wonderful outfit with arrangements penned by Norvo himself...

NEW SUNDAY SERIES

Alternating Broadcast Series for Ronnie Pleydell and Laurie Johnson

COMMENCING APRIL 30 THE B.B.C. WILL GIVE ITS LISTENERS A NEW SERIES OF MUSIC IN THE LIGHTER MANNER AT THE EXCELLENT TIME OF 11-11.30 P.M. THE TWO ORCHESTRAS WHICH WILL BE FEATURED ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS ARE THOSE OF LAURIE JOHNSON AND RONNIE PLEYDELL.

Pleydell will commence his series on April 30 and Johnson's will commence on May 7. We understand that the series is booked for an indefinite period.

Pleydell, who will be doing all his own arrangements, will have an augmented orchestra consisting of six violins, two violas and four cellos. He will be using singer Jimmy Young who can be heard this Sunday in Variety Band Box.

Up and Coming Arranger

Laurie Johnson, who is one of the up and coming new arrangers and composers of light music, will have an orchestra consisting of four French horns (led by John Burdick), flute, oboe, three clarinets, bass clarinet, six violins led by Max Jaffe, two violas, cello, bass, drums, harp and piano played by Alan Ertberg. His singer will be the excellent Canadian vocalist Kathleen Ondaft.



Ronnie Pleydell



Laurie Johnson



Jimmy Young

BAND PARADE FINISHING

"Top Score" follows

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUNDAY'S BAND PARADE, HOWEVER, THE M.A.T. LEADERSHIP WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THIS REPEAL FROM THE B.B.C. SUNDAY REPEAT SHOWS WILL HAVE A NEW PROGRAMME TO TAKE ITS PLACE.

JACK HYLTON GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE BAYON BALL

AT this Sunday's Bayon Ball to be held at "Carnegie" under the Music Director's Association will have as their guest of honour none other than the brilliant show personality, Jack Hylton...

NEW LATIN QUARTER SHOW

Spectacular but lacks comedy (M.E. VARIETY CRITIC)

THIS new Latin Quarter show opened last week in a spectacular production. This show has beautiful girls, exquisite decor, beautiful music, several excellent variety acts but, in spite of the fabulous Vic Oliver, no comedy.

THREE BANDS FOR FELDMAN'S

THREE Pia Beck and Amy Khosler Quintets were booked to appear at the Feldman Club at 8.30 last Sunday night. Owing to the fact that they did not arrive until 10.30 p.m. Feldman's have booked them for a return this Sunday so that the club members may have a longer period. In addition to the Dutch group there will be Kenny Baker and his sextet and the Victor Feldman Quintet.

ALAN DEAN'S FUTURE DATES

ALAN DEAN, who is to be featured in the new Ring II Again series which commences this Sunday, will make a solo appearance at Stockley Empire in the evening. Future dates for this popular artist include a broadcast with Mickey Hensley on March 23, a broadcast with Harry Linder on April 1, followed by a personal appearance at Deal in the evening. On April 3 he will pay a return visit to Woolwich Empire.

MITCHELL TRIO CONCERT

In addition to their recent engagements in London, the Malcolm Mitchell Trio will pay a visit to the Odon, Manchester, for a concert this Sunday at 10-12.15 p.m.

TITO BURNS DATES

FOLLOWING their highly successful appearance in variety this week, Tito Burns and his Sextet with Terry Devon return to town for a concert at Hackney Empire this Sunday. On March 30 the group will be appearing at Chislehurst, and on April 1 Richmond and April 2 Chertsey.

RABIN-DAVIS RETURNING TO LONDON

FOLLOWING a highly successful season in Glasgow and the North, Omer Rabin and Henry Davis will return to London on April 2. The band has done exceedingly business wherever it has appeared, and their first date on arriving in London will be a broadcast in the Light Programme at 10.20-11 p.m.

MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES

Jeanette Labrecque discusses the new song "Adieu Marquise Linder" with Louis Levy and producer Elizabeth Tyne at the Music From the Movies' series.

EASTER AT SOUTHPORT FOR HARRY GOLD BAND

FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION HARRY GOLD AND HIS PIECES OF EIGHT WILL PLAY AT THE FLORAL HALL, SOUTHPORT, ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR AN ENGAGEMENT LASTING UNTIL APRIL 15. THE BAND WILL TOP A VARIETY BILL DOING TWO SHOWS NIGHTLY AND ADDITIONAL MATINEES ON CERTAIN OF THE NINE DAWN STAYS.

MONA BAPTISTE FOR QUAG'S

COMMENCING next Monday Mona Baptiste will be appearing to resident house-keepers in both Quag's Restaurant and their Abrego. Fervid Mackey informs us that this exotic young artiste has been engaged under separate contract by the management.

KIRK DOUGLAS



LAUREN BACALL



DORIS DAY



Young Man of Music HOAGY CARRICHAEL

JUDY SHIRLEY ON THE AIR

JUDY SHIRLEY with her new partner Walter Wade will be broadcasting in "B.B.C. Ballroom" at 10.50 p.m. on Saturday, March 25; they will feature a new ballad "A Month of Sundays" written by Wade. Judy and Walter will be heard on the air again on April 11 in "Workers' Playtime" from Curliote.

Sing It Again returns to air

WIKEN Sing It Again returns to the air this Sunday at 10.30-11 a.m. the instrumental group accompanied by singers Alan Dean, Benny Lee, Terry Dewar, Carolee Gray, Josephine Crossland, Harry Dewar and Harry Kordian, will consist of Denny Vaughan, Harold Stewart, Ivor Matineck and David Burden.

Sharon on Melodisc

The excellent Ralph Sharon Sextet, featuring Sharon, will be on the air with her new group on four sides for the Melodisc label.

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