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CLIMBED STAIRWAY TO STARDOM



When this picture was taken The Melody Masters were singin' their latest Apollo recording, "Subway Cutie." Riding high among recording artists their Apollo contract has gained for the Melody Masters consistent record hits. From the sensational "Wig Blues," "My Baby," and "Don't Ever Mind Them" to their latest novelty tune "Subway Cutie" the Melody Masters have climbed their stairway to stardom.

On last Thursday the quintet (pictured above) moved into the Cafe Zanzibar in New York, following the famous Mills Brothers. At the time when the boys temporarily "halted" their climb, contracts were being inked at the Gale Agency for a series of stellar appearances beginning with the Broadway nite club booking.

Meet the Melody Masters: Beginning at the top is James Watson, the Baltimore lad who is noted for his early start in the musical world. Next to Watson is Danny Owens, lead tenor. Formerly a member of the Southern Sons and solo vocalist with the Coleman Brothers, Danny, they would have you believe, is the Beau Brummel of the group. (Well, he's handsome-and-then-some, girls!) To the left and rear of Danny is Cliff Givens who was the "original" bass to take the place of the late Orville (Hoppy) Jones with the celebrated Ink Spots. An erstwhile member of the Southern Sons, Coleman Brothers and the Golden Gate Quartet, Cliff possesses plenty of sparkle and a brilliant deep bass voice. In front of Givens is the young man with the comedy touch—the personality boy himself—Simon "Pico" Payne. Then there's the arranger for the quintet, Eric Miller, who was formerly with the Lionel Hampton, and Count Basie Orchestras.

Ted Yates Photo

—Deby Coombs

Railway Electric Signal  
Thomas Edison invented the battery cell which powered the first electric semaphore signal ever used on an American railroad. He worked 10 years on what is sometimes called his greatest invention—a battery designed especially for railroad purposes, the prototype of modern batteries whose use by railroads ranges all the way from air conditioning to the propulsion of locomotives.

Chesterfield of Birds  
The great blue heron is considered the Chesterfield of birds. To his middle claw is attached a small comb, with which to preen his feathers. All herons fly with their necks drawn in, and their feet extended. About 25 species are found in the Western hemisphere, 24 in North America. Young herons are awkward, staddy birds, comical in their expressions and attitudes.

Add Years to Life  
Proper oiling of electric motors will add years to their lives. Now is a good time to make a check on the alignment of the bolts and to clean dirt and dust away from the ventilation holes of the motor. If you don't have a delayed-action fuse to protect the motor against overloads, it might be a good idea to install one. All in all, a motor checkup right now may save you hours of time and trouble later on.

Injection Without Needles  
Using the principle of oil cylinder sprays, which inject a needlelike spray, University of Maryland school of medicine has found it is possible to inject fluids into the body without use of needles of any kind. Medicinal preparations, by this new method, inject the dose in deeper than the conventional needle method, and it hurts less, specialists claim.

Millions of Maps  
When the United Nations invaded occupied Europe they took with them 125 million maps, the result of a "combined operations" job by the corps of engineers, the army air forces and the best brains of military intelligence and thousands of enlisted personnel in the army. Aerial photographs have completely taken away the "mystery" of the Pacific islands, and the location of every hut and palm tree. More original maps of France were produced by the Allies in 2 years than by France herself in 2,000 years.

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A DELIGHTFUL DISH OF SWING!



Lovely and exotic Alberta Pryme (pictured above), who headlines the tuneful, fast-stepping revue staged by Addison Carey at Small's Paradise, is this season's nite club treat. Miss Pryme does her singing in character and, yes, you guessed it—she's a riot.

Featured at the 1-2-3 Club, Villipigue's, Weider's, Toppin's, the Cobra Club, and having also appeared at Duffy's Tavern, this charming chanteuse is making her first appearance in the Harlem nite sector in many years. Such a favorite is Miss Pryme that her admirers who flocked to the Palm Room in the Park Central Hotel to see her when she appeared there recently, have got together on several occasions to witness and made the trip to Small's. Such popularity must be deserved.

Shoes of Tomorrow  
Air conditioned shoes are now available for industrial footwear for workers who have athlete's feet or blisters. The insole is made of fine plastic meshlike material. Every step pumps air into the shoes. An Austrian shoemaker has announced electrically warmed shoes. A small battery fits into a cavity in the heel and keeps the shoe constantly warm. Eighty-five per cent of all the 20 million cattle hides consumed annually in the United States are used in the manufacture of shoes.

Forestry in Europe  
The Zurich municipal forest, the Sihlwald, has been producing wood crops for nearly a thousand years, and in 1422 the city council decided that the cut of that forest should not exceed 20,000 pieces of timber per year. This order constituted the first recorded forest regulation that is known. Led by Germany, Sweden and France, all the principal European countries now have government forest agencies in many cases have laws to regulate the cutting of timber on private lands.

Nature of Wool  
What is wool? It is the hair of the sheep, an animal fiber, a protein substance. It ranks topmost in its field and its varied utilization in the wearing apparel industry is so great as to assure its pre-eminence in the manufacture of both smart and utility clothing, especially where protection from cold is essential. There are substitutes for wool, one of the most successful being Lanital, an artificial fiber made in Italy in 1936. Another, produced in the United States in 1940, is called Aralac. Both substitutes are made from casein, a product of skimmed milk.

"DEEK" WATSON AND HIS BROWN DOTS IN THEIR DEBUT AT CLUB PLANTATION!



The much discussed "world premiere" of "Deek" Watson's Brown Dots ("Deek," you recall, was one of the "original" Ink Spots) comes off on February 1st at the Club Plantation in St. Louis. All we can say for the present—is that the combination consists of four boys and guitar, and they're groovy as a movie. That's the stuff you REALLY got to watch!

THEY'LL NEVER DIE By Elton Fax

BORN AND REARED IN A COMFORTABLE MACON, GA. HOME, JANIE PORTER BARRETT DECLINED TO "PASS" AND LIVE EASILY IN NEW YORK CITY. INSTEAD SHE WAS GRADUATED FROM AND TAUGHT AT HAMP-TON INSTITUTE.

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Importance of Wheat  
Recent studies of the department of agriculture show that wheat is second only to corn in economic importance among the cereal crops of this country and is grown in nearly all of the 48 states. It is the farmers' chief cash crop over very large areas and its culture is mechanized to a larger extent than that of any other major crop.

Alcohol From Bananas  
Alcoholic beverages have been made from bananas. Some years ago banana whisky experiments were conducted in Guatemala. Banana wine from fully ripe fruit allowed to ferment in water was known in the West Indian island of Barbados as early as 1657. Denatured alcohol from bananas is an age-old possibility.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Guard Sugar Supply; Use It Carefully When Doing Canning



Cherries red, cherries ripe yield bright jewel-colored jams and jellies to brighten the table. Make a small quantity this year to save on sugar. Short cooking protects their fresh color.

One of our longest-lasting shortages is still with us this summer when we do our canning. Yes, it's sugar. Those of you who before and during the war learned of the great usefulness of the well-stocked canning cupboard will agree that your plans for canning this summer. And, in spite of sugar difficulties, the canning cupboard can still be filled to the brim to help tide over those days when you have just to reach out and get fruit, jams, pickles or vegetables.

Tomatoes were mighty scarce this past year for folks who did not have their own supply. We don't know yet what the supply picture is for the coming year, but home-canned tomato juice is so delicious it would be well to put up your own. Here's how:

Tomato Juice.  
Use firm, red-ripe, freshly picked tomatoes. Discard any that are bruised or specked with decay and fungus. Wash carefully and leave whole to steam; or, cut into small pieces and cook until soft. Press hot tomatoes through a sieve and re-heat to the simmering point. Pour into hot, sterile jars and process for 20 minutes in a hot-water bath the simmering point, or 10 minutes at the boiling point.

With Grain of Salt  
Not so many years ago salt was used in payment of a fine in central Africa. When a murder was committed, according to custom, the community in which the murderer lived was responsible for paying the blood-money. The chief of the village went around on an appointed day and collected from each of his subjects two cupped handfuls of salt. This was pooled to form payment for the life taken.

Give Plants Milk Bath  
A milk bath will brighten up ivy, philodendrum and snake plants if the look a bit dull. Dip a soft cloth in skimmed milk and lightly rub the surface of the leaves that appear dull, is the advice of Cornell specialists.

Lynn Chambers' Menu  
Broiled Beef Patties  
Lyonnaise Potatoes  
Summer Squash  
Fruit-in-season Salad  
Corn Meal Muffins  
Cantaloupe a la Mode  
Beverage

4 onions  
2 sprigs parsley  
1 1/2 cups water  
1/2 cup butter or substitute  
3/4 cup flour  
1 tablespoon sugar  
Salt and pepper  
Add spices to vegetables and water and simmer until soft. Drain and save juice. Press vegetables through a fine sieve. Melt butter, add flour, stir until blended and add juice. Stir until smooth and thick. Add vegetables, sugar, salt and pepper. Cook until thick. Pour into sterile jars and process 35 minutes at 10 pounds pressure or 2 hours in a hot water bath. Thin with water or soup stock before serving.

Vegetable Soup Mixture.  
5 quarts chopped tomatoes  
2 quarts sliced okra or small green lima beans  
2 quarts corn  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons salt  
Cook tomatoes until soft, then press through sieve, removing skin and seeds. Add other ingredients and cook until done.

Uncooked Four into sterile jars and process at 10 pounds pressure for 90 minutes.

Our jelly recipes are smaller in quantity this season because we know that you want to see sugar for actual jelly canning. A few jars of jelly or jam, however, and some of the pickles are an excellent pick-up per, to be made in a few jars of each.

Each 1/2 n.  
(Mixers & Goggles)  
2 1/2 cups fruit  
2 1/2 cups sugar  
1/2 bottle fruit pectin  
Peel and pit about 2 1/2 pounds fully ripe peaches. Crush or chop very fine. Measure 2 1/2 cups into a large measuring cup. Add sugar & fruit in separate and mix well. Let over heat and bring to a rolling boil and boil for 10 minutes. Stir constantly.

Women Live Longer  
The average length of life for white women in the United States has reached the remarkably high figure of 69.5 years, according to statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. For men the average length of life is 64.5 years, and for the American people as a whole, 66 years. The increase in expectation of life at birth since the beginning of the century results from a better control of infections in the young.

No Paper Shortage Here  
In normal times, railroads of the United States issue and distribute approximately 80 million timetables annually to keep the traveling public informed concerning train schedules. During the war years, with greatly increased travel, the number was much larger.