

Theatre Notes

NEW YORK—With show biz on the low ebb, it is great to have such celebs as Lena Horne and Billie Holiday on Broadway . . . And "Set My People Free" in rehearsal for an early opening.

Those Ebony Tones did a great job out there with the hospital unit, "Jive Jamboree," so now they are on the list for something new over NBC. George Dozier does a grand piece of work as director for them, and in fact, each comes in for his bit of praise—LaCosta Brown, Herb Richardson, Barren Hardy and Jimmy Highsmith. During their 10 months on the road touring the 48 States, they left that "come back" stamp.

With Art (Red) Harris doing the sports for Global News Syndicate, you will chance to know what is really happening on Broadway as well as from coast-to-coast. Harris is a new addition to the staff.

More Talent For Teddy

Teddy McCrae welcomes talented Alethia Robinson, arranger, into



BILLIE HOLIDAY

his Broadway office. By the way, Teddy is keeping that little organist, Barbara Wells, busy with her sophisticated and much-craved-for organ music, and also Manhattan Paul.

From the looks of things, Mrytle O. Douglass, out Los Angeles way, likes that nursery work better than anything else . . . Miami La Cheerios have launched that drive for their playground in a big way, and there's nothing but success for them.

Baron Smith and his sis from Nassau enjoyed the New York sun long enough to make some desired contacts in the field of entertainment . . . Charlie Banks plans sailing with a tip-top show very soon . . . Noble Sissle's "Concert Varieties" is on the mentioning list . . . David Wiles hasn't been seen lately because he and S. H. Dudley are trying to put that road show over . . . Chick Finney of Blue Notes in the St. Louis Argus makes his own contacts and his column is worth reading to know what's in the bag in entertainment in those parts . . .

Club Riviera and several other nite spots stay on the "go" list.

It's Mean Magic

Norce De La Roache is preparing for a tour which might include some of the colleges and you know that magic of his will be most entertaining for any group . . . Mattye Jean Johnson's concert at the Convent Avenue Baptist Church must be added to your "go" list . . . Friend Lylian Ford has been on the not-too-well list, and 'tis wonderful to know she's feeling better.

OES Grand Worthy Matron Mary Ayers of Savannah, Ga., is planning another big program for the year . . . And the continuation of that Sol Johnson Scholarship Fund makes the OES so worthwhile in these parts.

In L.A. for a while, Lillian Cumber turns out copy for several of those in the theatrical know . . . Leading in entertainment out there, Central Avenue has the "Last Word" and the "Down Beat," while Ciro's draws 'em because of Herb Jeffries, and the Delta Rhythm Boys did a fine job out at Slapsie Maxie's . . . Denver is boasting of Matron Elizabeth Beasley, whose glamour party gave many an urge to follow suit.

Ken Murray's "Blackouts"

Hadda Brooks is taking her bows at the Kona in El Cerrita, Calif. . . . Worth anybody's money out West is still Ken Murray's "Blackouts" in which you see the best of the best—Peg Leg Bates. . . . An evening with Peg and his wife is what any real trouper will enjoy.

FLORIDA—Miami is learning much about La Cheerios through Bertie Thomas and a wide-awake group of young women who enjoy cheering others. JACKSONVILLE—Leonard F. Morse is making things turn at Edward Waters College.

Langston Hughes will do the dramatization of the Jacques Roumain book, "Masters of the Dew." Hughes and Mercer Cook, son of the late Will Marion Cook, translated the book from the French and William R. Katzell holds the stage rights . . . Willie Bryant of WHOM's "After Hour Swing Session," was a recent guest star on Mutual's "Luncheon at Sardie's" show.

Jacquet Rides Hard

ON THE RECORDS—Illinois Jacquet rides hard down Swing Lane with "Mutton Leg," a Basie jump special. Jacquet's tenor is fantastic on this hopped up killer with trombone and baritone sax getting good plays. Other side is "Symphony in Sid," a riffy medium tempo bounce.

Little Toni Haryer, the 11-year-old singing find, goes her breathy way with "Tabby the Cat" on Columbia. It has a nice, easy rhy-



LENA HORN

them and Toni warbles it as if she had been in the game 20 years. On the reverse side, she turns to an old pop tune, "You're My Everything," which she dresses up in a slightly off key fashion.

THE BANDS—Roy Milton and his crew are scheduled for successive theatre performances beginning Oct. 8 in Baltimore, then Washington and New York City. Milton is the only threat to Louis Jordan's crown as Juke Box King among small combos.

Noted Star Entertainers

Along with Camille Howard, first lady of piano and song, the band boosts such noted star entertainers as Bill Gaither, exciting sax-blowing young man; Hosea Sapp, former Louis Armstrong

trumpet man; the sweet alto of Jack Kelson, and Dallas Bartley, formerly with the Jordan group on the bass.

Boyd Raeburn played his first theatre date at the Apollo in Harlem . . . Lurlean Harris, a Chicago chirper, replaced Lorena Carter as vocalist in the Lionel Hampton band . . . Hampton drew 7,000 paid admissions to an Oakland, Calif., dance. He did a \$30,000 gross his first week at the Million Dollar Theatre in Los Angeles—THE JOTTER.

ANSWERS TO WORD PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

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| 1. (b) expound | 6. (ab) vociferous |
| 2. (b) missile | 7. (b) precedent |
| 3. (a) expatiate | 8. (a) volitive |
| 4. (a) anemia | 9. (b) writhe |
| 5. (b) sedentary | 10. (b) ascetic |

Beauty of The Week



Miss Ernestine Page, formerly of High Point, North Carolina, is now living in Washington, D. C., where she is a popular as well as very beautiful photographer's model. She was chosen at one time as queen of the "Capital Classic," the annual football event which is held in Washington each November.

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