# Pennsylvania Avenue

By E. R. REA

THE CHAMP—That's Joe Louis took in the Royal show Monday evening just before fight time.

Champ sat in the balcony with his party, after walking across the stage to chat with the performers.

*Louis's showing against Maricious wasn't anything one might call impressive—of course, Maricious couldn't be "impressed" as to be the one to test Louis step up.*

YOU CAN GET an argument any minute on the merits or demerits of a return Louis-Walcott fight. The Champ is still king in the book of the average fistic fan.

You can find 10 bets against one on the Avenue that Walcott won answer the final bell in his next go with Joe.

Since Joe took a back seat at the Royal, we hope that he is not trying to get accustomed to that role before June rolls around.

WHILE ON FUGS—Lee Q. Murray, a former Avenue favorite, definitely has bowed out of the fight picture. Only recently, he was floored 11 times in six rounds before the fight was stopped.

*Monday night in Washington, Lee Q. was on the road to the same thing when the referee stopped the slaughter in the first round (2:30) after Murray had kissed the canvas three times.*

LEE Q. NEVER has been serious threat, except as a club fighter. He like hundreds of others, has had his brains scrambled doing tumbling acts for fight promoters, without getting anywhere.

Take Cleveland's Jimmy Bivins, Philadelphia's Hatchman Sheppard, Detroit's Big Boy Brown, Buddy Walker, Eddie, and now Archie Moore — all pretty good prospects — have disappeared as club-drawing cards.

*Only Jersey Joe Walcott reached the spot that few others stepped in—as champion-challenger. The others got their brains beat out fighting for peanuts.*

MRS. LILLIE JACKSON, local NAACP president, expressed surprise, bordering on alarm, when informed that Avenue theatres, safes and night clubs respected white patronage.

One can readily understand her astonishment because of the relentless anti-discrimination fight she and her association and other co-operative organizations are waging for a better community. BUT, THERE ARE TWO FACTORS that make uptown establishments practice—what she and others are seeking to erase—discrimination.

*First, the consensus of the Avenue—justifiable or not—is that many of those who would protronize and fraternize on the Avenue do so because they are encouraged by unscrupulous traffickers in womanhood for a few pieces of silver.*

Secondly, condemnation of and threats against mixed groups, or all-white groups, observed in colored places by some members of the police department.

MANY PEOPLE would be surprised to know that whiskey and beer salesmen (white) are not allowed to take a drink of their own products in some of the places along the Avenue.

Many people would be surprised to know that people are not required to remove their hats in the corridor of any police station while waiting to enter the magistrate's court room—it's just an obsolete, Southern custom. Sub.

*But, have you noticed that—the diverse insurance collectors will enter private homes, sit in living rooms and won't remove his hat, while taking premiums from people who can't be collectors for his company?*

NOW FOR ANOTHER LOOK:

BENNIE JOHNSON, barman at the Dreamland Cafe, was made a double uncle on the 12th, when twin boys were born to the James Johnsons of 1134 Druid Hill Ave. he Bennie's brother, she the former Miss Jessie M. Younger. The boys have been christened Donald and Ronald.

TELEVISION FANS—Taking in the recent television fight night at the Proto Cafe were: Odessa Wright, Rosie Edmonds, Ann Cheatham, Evelyn Hunter and George Newkirk in one party; Catherine Brown, Calvin Wilson Jr., and the Jeff Cobys of the Pimlico Hotel in another.

*NAT (KING) COLE, just closed at the Royal and Marie Ellington, ex-vocalist with Duke but no relation, will open on March 1 at the Abyssinia Baptist Church, NYC, with the Rev. A. Cleveland Powell officiating. The wedding was originally scheduled for March 21. He's 27, she's 25. She's accompanying Nat on his current tour, which takes him to Terre Haute, Ind., from where he will broadcast tomorrow (Saturday), 5:45 p.m. over NBC-WBAL.*

The Sphinx Club turned in another grand surprise Thursday night of last week when its membership joined in an entertainment feat. The club is holding a four-day Mardi Gras from Feb. 19 to 22, inclusive, which will bring Madame Josephine from Armenistan and Dirty Gertie from Bizerti.

Riley (Pat Man) Hooks, well-known night-club host, suffered minor burns about his hands on Tuesday in a cafe's blaze in the 400 block McKeldin Plaza.

REPORTS OUT OF THE BAG—A high school student missing from her classes a few days after the wife of a Prof. wanted to question her about who dates whom? . . . Some oil-dealers having preferred customers who get all of the "stuff" they want, cutting others . . . That druggist-to-doctor rebate being explored—later exclusive.

*LITTLETON B. GAMBY, (not Mohandas Gandhi), former night club owner, whom Dame Rumor got mixed up with the dead Gandhi (which many thought Gamby) is up and about his Madison Ave. home after a siege of pneumonia and well on his way to recovery.*

THE HORN BLOWERS — Musicians' Union, 543, to serve a buffet collation at the Pythian Hall on Sunday . . . The Baltimore Music Guild of the NAM will toast its members on Feb. 28, honoring A. Jack Thomas.

THE THREE CHARMETERS together at the same time in the York dining room — Sarah Lou Harris, Savannah Churchill and Nickie (Mrs. Lloyd Randolph) O'Daniel.

THE FIVE KINGS (instrumentalists)—just closed at the Astoria, had Cole song on Wednesday night. The King rates the 3 B's and a Honey over the Kings, five, that is (musically), but says, "they need to turn on more personality" and pleasant faces, that is. That's a big, buzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzt.

THEATRICAL HIGHLIGHTS — "I Walk Alone," coming to the Regent next Thursday, is strictly "good stuff."

The "Burning Cross" coming to the Harlem will make your blood boil over the traitorious tactics of the KKK, whose brand, the three K's, has been smeared on Lafayette Ave. homes.

"Y-Men," slated later for the New Albert, is rated the top "racket-busting" picture of the year—it should be a must for youngsters pining to become hoodlums.

YOUTHFUL SENSATION—That's Jimmy Scot, vocalist, who recently made his debut in Baltimore night club circles at Gamby's, and whose baritone voice is proving a show stopper. Others in the cast are Sarah Lou Harris, sweet singer; Estelle Young, exotic dancer; Redd Foxx, comic emcee, and Reuben Woods's orchestra. Jimmy went in for one week, but has been held over for four.

## WHAT DID THEY SAY?

## Friday the 13th No Jinx to Charioteers -- They Love It

NEW YORK — The Charioteers, singing favorites of the Bing Crosby airshow and numerous other network radio programs, will make their first Manhattan appearance in several years when they open a four-week engagement at the Onyx Club on 52nd Street Friday.

The fact that their opening falls on Friday the 13th doesn't worry the boys in the least. In fact, they consider that usually dreaded day as something of a good luck charm for them.

According to Wilfred Williams, lead tenor singer of the group, the Charioteers made their first appearance on the radio networks on a Friday the 13th as well as their first recording session.

During their local sojourn, the Charioteers are slated to do a series of guest star appearances on several radio shows, the first of which will take place on Monday, Feb. 23, when they visit the Jack Smith Show via CBS at 7:15 p.m. (EST).

Currently riding high on all best-seller lists is the Charioteers' Columbia recording of "What Did He Say?," also known as "The Mumbles Song," paired with the novelty hit, "Ooch Looka There, Ain't She Pretty?" The boys have just recorded the current ballad hit, "Now is the Hour," which is due to hit the market next week.

The agency representing the boys, is lining them up for a European tour, come Spring, and already has set several engagements in England, including a date at the Music Hall in London.

# Artists Forum to Present Hayward-Taylor Recital

Robert Hayward, baritone and protege of Kurtis Hurtle, will appear in a joint concert with Purcell Taylor, student of Mrs. Veola Coleman, in the second of the Artists' Forum concerts which will be held at the Chamber Hall of the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts, 811 W. Lanvale St., Sunday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Hayward, with W. Sherman Smith as accompanist, will sing songs from the world's great composers, including Handel, Greig, O'Connor-Morris and others, while Taylor will offer selections by Chopin, Wallerhaupt and Durrant.

Mr. Taylor is organist of the Fulton Baptist Church, a graduate of Douglass High School, and plans to attend the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts and the Eastman School of Music for further preparation in his career as a concert pianist.

Both performers were heard last season in the concert sponsored by the Baltimore Music Guild at the Douglass High School, while Hayward has been heard both in solo concerts and in joint recitals, as part of the Hurtle-Hayward vocal duo.

# Texas Woman Inaugurates Good Will Radio Program

By LENORA C. ROLLA

FORT WORTH, Tex. (ANP)—As a result of an idea by Mrs. Alandie S. Robinson, Forth Worth for the first time last Saturday, Feb. 7, heard a new type of radio program, "The Negro Hour," at 6:45 p.m. over station WBAP.

This program, sponsored as a public service service by a local daily, tells of the achievements and contributions to American culture and economy.

The featured choir on the program is the Zion singers of Zion Baptist Church, directed by Mrs. Willie Burton Alamore.

**Four-Year Dream Realized**

According to Mrs. Robinson, the idea for this program came to her four years ago while she was in California. While in Berkley to meet her husband upon his return from the service she was impressed by a local radio program called "Negroes in the News."

She was so impressed of this idea as an instrument of understanding and good will, the moment it became. At conferences with Amon G. Carter Jr. and station officials and employees, she outlined her plan and the group overcame the barriers of such a venture. Saturday, the first broadcast climaxed Mrs. Robinson's four year old dream.

Mrs. Robinson is well known here for her social work and journalism. She founded the Fort Worth Urban League, the only one of its kind in Texas, in 1941. She is a graduate of Benedict College and the Atlanta University School of Social Work; a correspondent of the ANP; a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; associate editor of the Fort Worth Defender and southwestern contributing editor for the Kappa Alpha Program of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

# La Baker Secretive on St. Louis Visit

ST. LOUIS (NNPA) — Miss Josephine Baker, St. Louis-born actress, who has been an entertainer in Parisian and European night clubs for the past 19 years, left St. Louis Monday night after a quiet week-long visit with her mother.

Miss Baker, who has been the center of several controversies in Europe concerning her theatrical activities, returned to the United States recently with her fourth husband, Jo Bouillon, a French orchestra leader.

She was reluctant to discuss her career, but said she was going to New York to sing and dance in a night club. Her husband, who remained in New York, will direct the orchestra that will accompany her, she said.

# Musicians' Local to Fete Members

The Musicians' Protective Union, Local 543 (AFM) will hold its seventh annual buffet collation on Sunday at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Pennsylvania Ave. at Mosher St.

Emerson A. Simpson is president of the group; James (Bubby) Johnson, vice-president; Squire T. Williams, secretary; and Bernard Mason, treasurer.

SEE ON MYSTERY THEATRE

Canada Lee will portray a champion prizefighter in "The Long Journey," the Mystery Theatre presentation for Friday (NBC, 9 p.m. EST).

# Music Guild Sets Feb. Banquet Date

The Baltimore Music Guild of the National Association of Musicians is for the finishing touches for its annual banquet on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The committees are working feverishly to make the affair a success, under the efficient guidance of their president, Margaret R. Franklin.

The guild is planning this year to honor the notable A. Jack


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# Motorists Get Safety Rules to Reduce Icy Road Mishaps

In an effort to help motorists reduce the number of traffic accidents, especially during this icy weather, mid-winter, the State branch of the American Automobile Association has issued a set of safety rules. The rules advise:

1. Get the "feel" of the road when starting out by trying the brakes while driving slowly and, when no other vehicles are near, see how easily the wheels slide in stopping or accelerating.
2. Adjust speed to conditions.
3. Slow down well in advance of curves or intersections.

**Chains Helpful**

4. Use tire chains, especially on heavy vehicles, when driving icy and snowy surfaces.
5. Keep windshields and windows clear of outside ice and snow and inside frost and fog.
6. Follow other vehicles at distances which will permit a stop or allow room for maneuvering out of danger.
7. Use an intermittent application of brakes. For an ordinary stop on icy roads, brakes should be applied with a light pressure until the point of skidding is impending then released and applied in like manner.
8. Signal intentions by turning or stopping, especially when visibility is limited and when ability to stop or maneuver is restricted.

HOSTING BEGINS EARLY—Robert Walton, third from left, began his entertaining early as he served as host on his first birthday, in B altimore, last week. Guests are, left to right, Anna Marie Smith, Laverne Tilley, Robert and William Smith.

# Where Is 'Wonderful'? Police Ask

Wonderful, Wonderful, oh where is Wonderful? pondered police, Tuesday, as they vainly sought to clear up a holdup report.

A character identified as "Wonderful" was said to have been one of three men who robbed George Parker of 2905 Garrison Ave. of his wallet and $75 in a lower Pennsylvania Ave. tavern the night before.

Parker told police that while in the rear-most of the tavern, three men entered, and as one of them choked him, the others rifled his pockets.

**Suspect Slips, Soared**

The trio then fled through the backyard. One of the men, said to have been James Sharpe, 45, of 504 Preston St. slipped on the ice and was caught.

Sharpe told police he was accidentally shoved down on the ground as the fleeing men rushed from the premises.

Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick, however, ordered Sharpe held under $1000 bail for the grand jury action as police continued their search for "Wonderful," who was said to have taken the money.

# Women Here Shun Domestic Work

Big Drop Reported in Last 7 Years

There were 3,500 less domestic workers in Baltimore last year than there were in 1940.

Figures released by the State Department of Employment Security reveal that while Baltimore's population jumped from 1,016,000 in 1940 to 1,265,000 last year, the number of domestic workers shrank from 26,500 to 23,000.

**Increase in 2 Brackets**

Within the same period, so-called "white collar workers" increased from 158,000 to 230,000, constituting 41% of the working population.

Skilled workers also increased, namely from 62,000 in 1940 to 90,100 in 1947.

The department report notes that although there was an increase of those persons in less skilled jobs, the increase was "less than their share."

**Jobs Up in 7 Years**

Within seven years, employment in Baltimore has jumped 35% which is higher than the national pattern of 31%.

In 1940 there were 398,000 workers in this city. Today there are 538,000, an increase exceeded only by the District of Columbia and Florida, both of which largely are non-industrial areas.

# Thrown Lye Burns Four, Woman Jailed

Despite a mad scramble for safety, four men were injured Saturday when a woman tossed lye during an altercation in a crowded Orleans St. tavern.

The woman, Mrs. Lillian Sewell of 208 N. Eden St., was sentenced to 90 days in jail when found guilty in Northeastern police court Sunday morning.

At the hearing, the four men, all of whom showed scets of the lye, identified Mrs. Sewell as the person who "turned out" the Orleans St. tavern.

All treated at Hopkins Hospital, the men were: Robert Green, 1313 E. Federal St.; James Mabery, 1618 E. Jeerson St.; Columbus McCoy, 1313 Orleans St., and Hay Porter of 1606 McElderry St.

# Dr. Drew, Jackie Robinson Douglass Grads' Heroes

In their class book, "Survey," mid-year graduates of Douglass High School selected Dr. Charles S. Drew, noted surgeon, and Jackie Robinson star baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, as their favorite characters.

Next in popularity with the seniors were Dr. Ralph Bunche, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, and Gov. William Hastie of the Virgin Islands who garnered considerable votes.

Mrs. Mary Bethune and Booker T. Washington, educators; Frederick Douglass, orator; Langston Hughes, poet and author; Dr. George Washington Carver, scientist; and Charles (Buddy) Young, professional football player, were also high on the list.

**Many Have Hobbies**

The pupils selected 48 leaders of the race ranging from Benjamin Banneker astronomer, to Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the local NAACP.

The most unique hobby is followed by George M. Dorsey Jr., who is fond of studying art and embalming during his leisure hours. Dorsey's idol is Dr. Frank L. Lee collect butterflies.

Alma Jones, senior editorian, is interested in fashion designing, and Camilla Jackson, salutatorian, the term dancing. The top honor student, Maxine Owens, is interested in human magazine as a hobby.

**Aspiring Writers**

Marian Holsey, Herbert Armstrong, Lillie Mae Mosby, Hunter Freeman, Charles Byrd and Frances Cheeks; do creative writing; Benjamin Holmes takes a shot at song writing, and Rebecca Brooks makes artificial flowers.

The most unique vocations were selected by Constance Hughes, who aspires to be a veterinarian, and Reginald Sheridan, who looks forward to a career as a linguist.

The 80-page spiral bound publication was edited by Maxine Owens, assisted by a faculty committee headed by Mrs. Bertha B. Anderson and James A. B. Callis.

# New Radio Station in Eastern Chain

Baltimore's newest radio station, WMCP-FM, this week, became a member of the Continental Network, a chain of frequency modulation stations.

The network is unique, in that its stations can pick up programs at their source and rebroadcast them over the chain without the aid of telephone wires.

The Continental Network, with headquarters in Washington, is slated to have, included 31 stations in six Eastern States, covering one of the most populous areas in the country.

# Recreation Post Applicants Sought

Applications are now being accepted for the job of writer, supervisor of recreation activities, a job that pays $6350 a year.

The vacancy was made by the death of Leonard J. Wheatley, last July.

Applications and additional information may be obtained at Room 107, City Hall, and must be filed on or before Feb. 20, 1948.

Minimum qualifications are: a degree from an accredited college and extended experience in recreational activity, not less than six years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

The job is open to men between the ages of 30 and 50.

**Shot Held Punishment Enough for Escapee**

On the theory that a bullet in the leg was comparable punishment for his temporary escape from police custody, Walter Robbins won a suspended sentence, Friday, from Judge Herman Moser.

Robinson was being jailed in default of a $25 fine on Nov. 28 when he broke away from officers who were escorting him to the station wagon from Western police court. The policeman's bullet, however, stopped his flight.

# Identify Error Saves Presser

A case of mistaken identity spared Moses A. Lake 30, presser, of 944 Stoddard Ct., the embarrassment of a Criminal Court trial and possible conviction, Wednesday.

Lake was arrested early that morning charged with the larceny of a wallet valued at $8, the property of Miss Lillie Williams of 548 Dolphin St.

The woman said that upon returning to her spot at the bar in a local tavern, she missed her wallet.

**Fluted Description**

Some minutes later, Lake was accosted by a man who said he (Lake) fitted the description of a person seen emptying the contents of a green purse.

The presser, however, convinced Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick that he was not on the scene at the time of the reported theft and that the case was one of mistaken identity.

# 'Iron Curtain' Held War Propaganda

The Rev. W. H. Jernagin of Washington, head of the National Council of Churches, is among 100 prominent Americans who have denounced the movie entitled "The Iron Curtain" as war propaganda.

A release issued by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, NYC, also listed Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Louis E. Burnham of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Prof. E. Franklin Frazier and Prof. Eugene C. Holmes, both of Howard University, and Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill of Cheyney (Pa.) Teachers College, as opponents of the picture.

Their names were included in a letter sent to 20th Century Fox studios which declared that "fear, suspicion and hatred," such as found in this film, "can only increase the atmosphere of hysteria leading us down the road to war."

# Sledding Causes Serious Accidents

WASHINGTON

Two teen-agers were hospitalized here Sunday for serious injuries resulting from sledding.

Junies Young, 14, of 2000 block Savannah Pl. S.E., was admitted to Casualty Hospital for treatment of internal injuries and a brain concussion.

He was injured while coasting in the 1800 block Alabama Ave. S.E., and his sled struck a support cable on a telephone pole.

William Green, 17, of the 300 block Hollywood Pl., N.E., while sledding in the neighborhood of his home, collided with an auto at 57th St. and Linwood Pl. N.E. He was admitted to Casualty Hospital with a spinal fracture.

# Iula Resigns as Head of Bureau of Music

Robert Paul Iula has resigned his position as superintendent of the bureau of music for the Department of Recreation and Parks to return to private business.

As the city's executive secretary of the Department of Municipal Music, Mr. Iula was responsible for the programs presented by the four municipal and parq bands. He also made several nation-wide music surveys and prepared reports and booklets on summer civic concerts.


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