Gateway to Gayway

By GEORGE D. TYLER

When the city suddenly becomes dark, strollers crowd the niteries to see what's new.

Currently, at the AVENUE they are looking with amusement at Gordon and Gordon, hilarious punsters, and thoughtfully at Myrtle Wilson's greeting torch. Myrtle is no stranger here, having worked at the original Astoria and just last season vocaled at Gamby's. The songs are handled and the show expertly emceed by Otis Moseley.

Jimmie (who now smiles) Greene, young comic emcee and fiddler, has joined the parade of stars at the ORLEANS. Jimmie is of local origin like the torrid blues singer "Wee" Bee Booze, Church's Three Strikes and the musical background that goes great with the fans.

New Comedy Tops

The COMEDY CLUB'S musical bar excels all local undertakings in picturesqueness. With a no minimum, no cover, continuous entertainment policy, its beauty has drawn capacity crowds since the Thanksgiving Day opening. The jamming Jolly Jacks a new combo, are destined to go places and seldom does one get a chance to hear the Solovox treated in the manner that Flink Johnson manipulates the ivories.

Week end guests here included Frank Reddish, Sara Lou Harris (Mrs. Bowser to you), Askew Gatewood, "Good Cake" Gamby, "Mouse" Dorsey, Thelma Bell, Nesdier Nash and John Young, served by such well-known mixers as Bernard Johns, Hallie Cook, Sue and Binnelle.

Jones Presents

JONES'S Cocktail Lounge has booked in Dick (Good Cake) Gamby, singing emcee, the lad who lives and believes you can't keep a good man down. A few years back Dick was vocalizing with Preston Dunean's band at the now defunct Bird's Nest. Augmented by such lovely canaries as Cecelia Cox and Kitty Warren, music by Speer's Mallow Men and the Bill Swindell combo, the place really rocks.

The cocktail lounge at ED'S throws open its door at 3 p.m. each Sunday. You can enjoy famous television events here nitely . . .

Swinging With King

King Draper, formerly of California, Boston and New York, whose all-star band is currently playing at Bertie's Road House and doubling at Berry' Tavern. Draper also is playing dance dates in and out of the city. When you're in the mood for swing, "dig" the King!

In Sunday Broadcast

Oliver Travis, baritone and voice student at the Baltimore Institute of Music Arts, who will be heard in a 15-minute student's recital Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock over station WFBR. His numbers will include Mozart's "Oisis and Osiris" and "Se Vuol Ballare," "Hea-Ye Winds and Waves" from "Julius Caesar," and "Mother Machree."

Harry Gibbs, Satchel Paige of Nite Life, Back at Avenue Cafe

Familiar figures will grace the floor at the Avenue Cafe for another week, after a pleased public clamored for more of the top entertainment it has witnessed during the past week.

Manager Bill Lindsay has announced that the entire floorshow will be held over another week with the return of Harry Gibbs, the Satchel Paige of night life.

Gibbs take-off on the antics of the pitching star keeps the nightly crowds in stitches, which has made him a prime favorite here.

The Nature Boys

In addition, there are Gordon and Gordon, twinsome comedy team, billed as the "Nature Boys" and who are natural-born comedians, and Myrtle Wilson, a former vocalist, who now cavorts in the torso-twisting realm.

Jean Austin, who boasts one of the best filled out soprano voices in club circles, and Peaches Webb, petite sweet singer, take care of the femme vocal department, while Otis Mosely, who serves as emcee, is one of the pleasanter of the tenor-voiced gentry who is able to sell any tune he sings.

The Avenue Playboys, featuring tenor saxist William Ross, still rule the local be-bop front. Here's a type of entertainment that really catches the customer's fancy.

Jazz Lovers Can Help Cancer Fund

By FRANK M. DAVIS for ANP

Here is a marvelous opportunity to contribute painlessly to the Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research. All you have to do is buy the new Capitol album, "Giants of Jazz," featuring stars and tunes in "A Song Is Born," and you not only get six sides of excellent jazz but you help out an institution which will reap profits from the sale.

Artists include Mel Powell, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Lionel Hampton, Charlie Barnett, the Golden Gaters, Page Cavanaugh trio and a flock of others playing out only "A Song Is Born," but "Muskrat Ramble," "Daddy-O," "Redskin Rumba" and "Stealin Apples." Styles range from Dixieland through bop, with Goodman tasting the latter. You'll like this.

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Newark Beauty Queen to Be Picked Dec. 12

NEWARK.

The second annual "Miss Sepia Newark" beauty contest will be held on Dec. 12 under auspices of the Penguin Canteen, a youth recreation group, it was announced on Monday by Miss Anne Baxter, general chairman.

The Newark winners will compete in the national contest here on Dec. 17.

of Ray Shoates, continue to enliven the ZANZIBAR'S week end festivities.

Go on walking in circles but I bet you'll finally wind up at BERRY'S, being serenaded by King Draper and his Drapes, and enjoying the fine, courteous service by charming Juanita . . . Remember, Helen Lynn is back at La Avenue and Bill Swindell's combo romps at the KNOTTY PINE on week ends.

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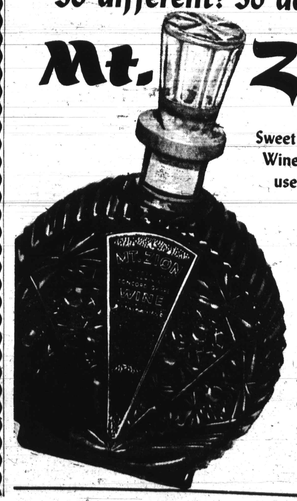

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HONORED LEADER AT HOWARD:

Lionel Hampton Given Citizen of Year Award

Branner Smith, publisher and editor of the Flash-Lodge-Herald, Knoxville, Tennessee's pioneer weekly, presented Lionel Hampton the publication's "Distinguished Citizen of Year" for 1948 for his outstanding contribution to American music and culture.

The presentation was made at

LIONEL HAMPTON

Chilowee Park during the recent appearance there of Hampton and his band.

Mr. Smith stated, "Mr. Hampton was chosen for this signal honor because of his aid to scores of young musicians and for his fight against juvenile delinquency."

Exalted Ruler of Swing

He has been called the "exalted ruler of swing," and by many other names. His enchanting, soulful playing has quieted milling mobs of jazz addicts, whereas a whisper would be sacrilegious offense. His frantic, inspirational music has caused the most sedate clique to shout and dance in the aisles.

During his southern tour, his first in seven years, people came from miles around to witness the antics of "the amazing Mr. Hampton," for his nationwide weekly Lionel Hampton show every Friday night, 9:30 to 9:55 EST, sponsored by the United States Treasury Department, has penetrated the most remote sections of the country, making one of the most sensational records of any aggregation.

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Hampton, who has just concluded a Southern tour of one-nighters, is currently appearing on stage at the Howard Theatre, featuring such stars as Roland Burton, Red Curley, and Shorts Davis, plus numerous instrumentals great.

Hurtte, Hayward Doing Concert Work in Calif.

HOLLYWOOD — Kurtiz Hurtte, lyric tenor and his protege, Robert Hayward, baritone, both of Baltimore, Md., now residing here, appeared as guest artists last Sunday in a musical at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

On this Sunday, Mr. Hayward and pianist Thelma Pearl Brown will be presented in a joint recital at the Crystal Club, under auspices of the Les Jeune Artists.

This will be the first of a series of monthly recitals to be sponsored by the organization which is affiliated with the National Association of Musicians.

Miss Brown presently is a sophomore majoring in music at Los Angeles City College. Mr. Hayward, president of the Musical Youth Division of Musicians, is furthering his musical training here under private instruction.

The two artists will include the works of Saint-Saens, Mendelssohn, Bach, Grieg, Brahms, Gounod, Brown, Burleigh and MacGimsey on their programs.

Mr. Hurtte is radio soloist for the Christ Cosmopolitan Church, soloist for the Belmont Avenue Baptist Church, and has been appointed advisor to the Youth Division of the NAM here.

Maryland's "Woman With a Sword" on Hallmark Playhouse

The story of Anna Carroll of Carrolton, Maryland's "Woman With a Sword," whose persuasiveness saved Maryland for the Union during the Civil War, will be dramatized on the Hallmark Playhouse Thursday, Dec. 9, at 10 p.m. EST over CBS, with Ida Lupino in the leading role.

The Playhouse drama, selected by Author James Hilton, host and narrator, traces the Maryland heroine's adventures as a Northern agent whose activities as a spy and strategist helped turn the tide of victory for the Union in the most critical years of the war.

Jordan Ends Tour

LOS ANGELES — Band leader Louis Jordan arrived here with his band last week, and immediately set about making plans for his next appearance before the cameras early next year.

While no official figures were available it was estimated that he had grossed well over $100,000 on his Southern jaunt that took him into 15 States, 45 cities and saw at least 125,000 Jordan fans applauding his tuneful melodies.

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Morris to Wax When Ban Ends

NEW YORK—Although he has a backlog of Atlantic recordings band that will keep his fans supplied for at least another year, Band-leader Joe Morris is hoping that an early end is put to the ban on records.

His desire is predicated upon 10 new tunes that he had added to his musical library and which many people are writing in asking if they've been waxed.

Two weeks ago the record industry and musicians czar, James C. Petrillo, announced that as soon as Attorney General Tom Clark approved their agreement, bands could start recording again. However, no word has been received from the Government official as yet and the wax firms are sitting tight.

One of the best-sellers on Atlantic label, Morris disced 43 records before the ban went into effect on Jan. 1st of this year. So far only 20 have been released and these have been good sellers across record counters and on juke boxes.

Louisville Student Gets Nod From N.Y. Symphony

LOUISVILLE— (ANP) —An 18-year-old student from Central High School, Malcolm Rucker, was one of three Louisville teen-agers interviewed by Deems Taylor during intermission on the symphony program of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra Sunday.

Rucker appeared on a network program, "Weekend with Music" over Columbia Broadcasting System stations throughout the nation. He was picked from among 18 students selected by their high school principals for the interview.

At local CBS station WHAS, Edward Barret, musical director, and Oliver Daniel, a producer reduced the group to five and sent transcriptions to New York. There the national advisory board of the radio show selected Rucker as one of the lucky three.

Met Leading Artists

While in New York, the teenagers visited the opera, the ballet and concert halls. Backstage they met some of the nation's leading artists.

Although they did not play with the orchestra on the air, they were permitted to "woodshed" with the N. Y. Philharmonic. Woodshedding is the term used for sitting in and playing with the orchestra during rehearsal if they want to.

Rucker plays the French horn, and hopes some day to conduct an orchestra. He plans to study music appreciation at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. At school he is president of the student council and the Hi-Y older boys conference and a member of the band, the chorus and the theatre group.

INSTRUCTOR IN VIRGINIA

PETERSBURG, Va.—M. Sgt. Colbert B. Gales Jr., of Somerset, Pa., has been assigned to the 2004th Area Service Unit, Virginia State College, as an instructor in the Department of Military science and tactics. He is a war veteran.

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