Philadelphia Orchestra Well Received in Town Hall Concert

Music lovers from all along the Eastern seaboard were present Sunday afternoon for the Town Hall concert of the Philadelphia Concert Orchestra with Raymond L. Smith conducting and Edward Hutchinson, guest pianist.

The concert was one of the most successful presented by the orchestra in recent years. His skillful interpretation of phony group showed skill in the Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue", presentation of the opening overture, "Coriolan," by Beethoven.

The audience also showed high appreciation of the Second Suite from the Opera "Carmen," and David Rose's "Holiday for Strings."

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Share 'Men of the Year' Honors

Vernon Hutchins, Baltimore's top emcee, is shown awarding gold watches to E. B. Rea (left), as "Man of the Year," and Blue Top Wynn, as runner-up, last Friday night from the stage of the Royal Theatre, at the conclusion of a voters contest sponsored by the R.V. Wine and Liquor Co. and promoted by Dunbar U. Young, representative. Other contestants received gold awards.

Pennsylvania Avenue

By E. B. REA

PINNED DOWN for the past four weeks has left your columnist muscle-bound between the ears, which will necessitate a little skull practice before getting back into touchdown form.

AMONG SOME OF THE THINGS called to my attention are that Kenny Bass is trying to outCantor Eddie Cantor in the girls department. Cantor has five Kenny running a close second with three. Sue Williams, Casino barmaid, is recovering from a recent operation . . . Some of the protestors against the transfer of license for the Wagon Wheel have black marks against their places on the Liquor Board ledger . . . case in point . . . Bill Bailey is casting the first stones.

IT WAS REVEALED that the Stadium Loan was defeated by about 4,000 voters. Here's the prediction that any other soil suffer unless the Stadium is opened to athletic events of all races . . . Morgan State College and all local high schools. And, it was evidenced that colored aspirants for exalted jobs in Baltimore and Maryland won't get them until somebody gets out of the political parsuadow.

WENDELL WILSON Villmproop, went out on the limb with Dewey and Truman, came along and saved it off . . . The Theatre was demolished in a crash, but came out better than the Bison eydrjpqwf . . . With like Dixon giving us an elaborate musical burlesque and the Avenue Cafe topnotch floor shows. Change, sweet entertainment and the Spotlight Club exclusive features, the Avenue is taking on the air of a real Swing Street.

DET. LLOYD (FAT MAN) JOHNSON, recently commended along with Det. Sgt. Hiram (Thin Man) Bullet, feeding a suspected offender fingerburger . . . Capt. Emerson on a Saltidente's roundup along the Avenue . . . Davis's barbershop in Laurens St. boasting a "new look" neon sign . . . Lawyers for the operators of an Avenue business may soon be talking with outside lawyers over slander and defamation of character charges, which won't do the business any good when the public learns the facts.

ORCHIDS TO THE ROYAL management for taking a firm stand against the rapidos who make it uncomfortable for people who want to enjoy themselves in peace . . . Dave Jones's "Cat" taking the lock (unlock) jaw in the center of a trolley track. Just imagine calling Big Bill to move a "Cat."

THROUGH BIFOCAL GLASSES — Askew Gatewood sitting in a barbershop window getting a manicure. (Oh, my dear mon!) Naked manikin in a shoe window drawing a crowd of kiddies . . . Some of the Avenue spots (dogged by Health Department investigators), doing a clean-up job—having fronts painted . . . Television in the Royal Music Store window drawing stand-up audiences.

THOUSAND EYES AND EARS—Ninety-five per cent of the "bootleg" cabs — those gorgeous dream boats — tagged for traffic violations along the Avenue are registered under women's names: court records show . . . A Northwest Baltimore poolroom gang laying plans for pre-holiday "snatches." Unsecorted females will be the victims of the "big snatch."

Teen-age wine buyers are switching from the Avenue to a nearby spot, where the buyword is: "Cal says it's O.K."

THINGS UNNOTICED — The J. Edward Harrisses, 2183 Druid Hill Ave. (the known as the Prince of Waiters), observed their forty-third wedding anniversary . . . Tom Brown, former hipsinger, now operating a new numbers joint . . . Increasing number of "stool pigeons" being planted on the Avenue to steer an "opposed" in the same coop—a case of not letting the right hand know what the left hand is doing.

SOME FRANTIC BUSINESSMEN are crying "hard times" just because Avenue is fewer political lights, who not their skimpy "mess of porridge" during the last election, will be having "Plenty o' Nuttin" until the next campaign rolls around . . . Stewart's Luncheonette, 1800 block, eliminates the necessity of buying food at certain spots and eating it on the sidewalk because of the color of one's skin.

UNTOLD STORY TOLD — An excel. girl telling how he sent his overseas pay home to his parents to keep. How they spent it and "booted" him out of the house when he returned and demanded it. Of all things he said, my father joined a gambling syndicate and hit the jackpot for the last week has been on two stats. Sofa Lou Harris and Una Mae Carlisle singer and pianist, respectively, and both endowed with nature's crowning handiwork—looks.

THE R.W.L. WINE and Liquor Co. deserves commendation for its Dunbar U. Young, outstanding young its representative. Dunbar U. Young, an equal break as a bonafide staff member. That's a far cry from some of the local companies, serving colored businesses, which don't even allow colored bettors to ride their ducks — But, we keep on buying their wines and liquors. Why? Well!

HAPPY CELEBRATION—The William (Batt) Grays, 606 Smithson St., had a double celebration on Tuesday: his birthday and their (she the former Addie Washington), twenty - second wedding anniversary . . . A new Uptown Democratic club of young bloods is being talked for the purpose of helping young people with problems in service and rackets along the Avenue . . . Critical eyes are watching a local photographer who specializes in "shooting" girls in the nude—bare facts.

VILE PREPARATIONS—A number of AFRO advertisers along the Avenue are dressing their establishments for the holiday trade. Budd's Wine Shop, 1600 block, among the first. Budd's wearing a beautiful Santa Claus for the ladies . . . Thomas Hazelle Grille keeps an eye on the appearance. Walter Jones, on the line, is a young businessman. The Regent Theatre (Budd Newton manager) getting ready for a parade of Three-Star pictures, featuring top stars. All Regent affiliated houses are staffed with colored managers.

Say readers, what are some of the improvements you would similarly see inaugurated here? . . . Well, I'd like to see Pennsylvania Avenue, from Druid Hill Ave. to Gustav St. Sign full name and address. Anyone who has 3 things would improve conditions along Pennsylvania Avenue.

FOUR NIGHT SPOTS (in the Avenue are still on the bargain counter with no takers. FLASH! FLASH! Gail Base has gotten the go ahead sign for the Wagon Wheel. There will be no transfer. Gail will open Christmas Day with Lionel Hampton, manager. Mrs. Sarah Preston, daughter of the late master Edward Preston, is working on her music master's at New York University. Sheil return home next Friday for a guest appearance with the Bethel A.M.E. Church.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW except a few comments on reasons to be thankful. To praise for many friends and acquaintances who remembered to send cards, flowers and get well cards and other tokens while your columnist was pinned down — And to each and every one who cast a vote in the "Man of the Year" contest—Thanks again.

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June Eckstine Injured in Crash, Companion Killed

DECATUR, Ill.—June Eckstine, wife of singer Billy Eckstine, narrowly averted death as her car was driven off the road by a trailer truck on the outskirts of this city last week. She was on route to join her husband, who was appearing in an engagement at the Blue Note Night club in Chicago.

Mrs. Eckstine suffered a broken arm, cuts and bruises. Traveling with her was Stan Hasselgard, prominent jazz musician, who was thrown from the car and instantly killed, and Bob Kenmore, chauffeur, who emerged with only minor injuries. Mrs. Eckstine was detained for two days at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur where her husband immediately joined her.

Following her release from the hospital Mrs. Eckstine left for Chicago with her husband. The Pittsburgh Courier persistent reports in Harlem say she was en route to Reno (also stated by Walter Winchell on Sunday night) to get a divorce from Billy. This was denied by Jim McCarthy, Billy Eckstine's publicity agent for Eckstine.

Hasselgard, a protege of band leader Benny Goodman, who was considered one of the most promising young jazz musicians, was en route to Mexico to renew his immigration papers, having entered the United States through that country earlier this year. He was being given a ride to Chicago in the Eckstine car as part of a vacation trip from there to Mexico by train.

The late musician's personal manager, Milton Ebbins, who also represents Mrs. Eckstine, revealed that he had just signed a contract for Hasselgard with the Capitol Records Company and had him booked to open with Benny Goodman in Boston in December.

Mrs. June Eckstine's chauffeur, Kedrous, the accident occurred on a narrow two-lane highway when a large trailer truck forced the Eckstine car off the highway and into a ditch where it overturned several times.

Orioles' New Hit Soaring

The Orioles, who currently have one of the nation's biggest jukebox hits in their recording of "It's too Soon to Know" on the Natural Label, appear to have come up with one of the top platters for the forthcoming holiday season in their new release of "Lonely Christmas" on the Jubilee label.

According to the latest figures released from the office of Jerry Blaine, president of both record firms, the Orioles already have achieved a sale of more than 250,000 copies with their hit waxing of "It's too Soon to Know", while their disc of "Lonely Christmas" is rapidly approaching the 250,000 mark.

The Orioles are slated to play return engagements at the Royal Theater in Baltimore and the Howard in Washington in January.

Band Routes

BETTI MAYS
Dec. 1-4, Regent, Louisville, Ky.
Dec. 7-12, Somerville, N.J.

JOE MORRIS
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MERRY CHRISTMAS, BABY— Steve Blanes
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS— Spike Jones
HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS— Gene Autry
LONELY CHRISTMAS— The Orioles
LOUIS JORDAN
We Can't Walk Together Anymore
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Jack, You're Dead
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Wish I Was In Walla Walla
Flying Home Part 2
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Now You Tell Me
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King Joseph
How Could I Know
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If It's True
To Make A Mistake Is Human
You're My Everything
What More Can A Woman Do
I Don't Care Who Knows
Fools Rush In
What Have I Done
Always Mine
Bluebird Of Happiness
Midnight Special
Blues After Hours
Love Me Tonight
Pleasing You
It's Too Soon To Know
Be On Your Merry Way
Say It Isn't So
Blue Moonlight Caravan
Ghost Of A Chance
Lonesome
Am I Asking Too Much
I Can't Go On Without You
Roll Mama Jackson
It's Wild
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Gin Long
Workin' In Circles
Cold Hearted Daddy
Gee Baby Ain't I Good To You
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Why Don't You Do Right
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Hop, Skip, And Jump
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I'll Like It
You Sure Look Good To Me
Feeling So Sad
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Ain't Nobody Here
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Jacquet Gets Bid From Home Towners

HOUSTON, Texas—Illinois Jacquet has been offered a guarantee of $5,000 to play a New Year's Eve dance here at the Houston Coliseum in his first appearance in his native State of Texas, it was revealed this week.

Jacquet was born and reared in Houston, contrary to other beliefs aroused by his first name of Illinois. He left Texas while still in his teens.

At Wells' Music Bar

Organist Bob Wyatt, together with pianist Billy Taylor, now heads the show at Wells' Music Bar in Harlem.

Sarah Vaughan to Return to B'way

NEW YORK — Sarah Vaughan will return to Broadway to open an engagement at The Clique, new Ebony Club on Thursday.

The singing star has just recently completed a concert tour with Illinois Jacquet's band on which she and Jacquet rolled up the biggest grosses in the history of the jazz concert field.

Fred Waring to Honor Harry Burleigh on Radio

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Fred Waring and the Pennsylvania's will honor veteran American composer Harry T. Burleigh on their Thursday morning, Dec. 2, program.

The Pennsylvanians will present the Burleigh composition, "Behold the Lord."

The program will originate from Urbana, Ill., and will be beamed over the NBC network at 9 a.m. (CST).

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The basketball clinic sponsored jointly by the Physical Education Department of the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA and the Baltimore Board of Officials will open Monday and continue until Friday.

Outstanding coaches will discuss the various fundamentals and techniques of play throughout the week beginning Monday at 7:30 nightly at the Y gymnasium. The instructions are geared, primarily to meet the needs and interests of junior high and high school players. However, it is assured that coaches, officials and fans will find much material to aid in their understanding and appreciation of the game.

Reginald Watts, president of the BBO, will function as co-ordinator during the sessions. The clinic will open Monday with an interpretation of rules changes by Joseph Wiles and other members of the BBO. Carver Vocational School will provide players for demonstrations.

On Tuesday evening, Talmadge B. Hill, Morgan State College varsity basketball coach, will discuss individual fundamentals of basketball, and members of the Morgan varsity will be used for demonstrations.

Myers to Talk

Coach Edward Myers, varsity coach at Johns Hopkins University, will discuss the game on Wednesday. Coach Myers is an expert of the man-to-man defense and places considerable emphasis upon it. Members of the Morgan Vocational players will appear in demonstrations.

On Thursday, Coach Edward L. Jackson, Howard University varsity mentor, will be on hand with several of his Bison players to explain and demonstrate techniques and formations of offensive play. Coach Jackson will probably emphasize the fast break which is characteristic of his teams.

Undergoing the most intensive phase of the clinic will wind up Friday when Coach Bud Jeannette, spark plug of the Baltimore Bullets, summarizes the work of the clinic. Coach Jeannette will include some instruction on foul shooting, a phase of the game on which he has devoted considerable time with the Bullets. Several other Bullet players also will be on hand.

On Saturday, the clinic will close with the opening game of the basketball season at the Y between the Y Big Five and Carver Vocational. Lee Jennifer, Y physical education secretary of the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA, is in charge of the clinic.

22 Boxers Train for Bisons' Team

WASHINGTON

Howard University's boxing team, headed by Norvil Lee, 1948 Olympic heavyweight alternate, reported to Coach Sam E. Barnes, 22 strong, this week, as the Hilltoppers launched their training for the coming season.

Along with Lee, some 13 veterans of last year's team, including Monte Hickman, defending CIAA middleweight king, and Harry Cochrane, light-heavyweight runner-up to David White of Morgan in a split decision, will form the nucleus of the Bisons' squad.

Interracial Meets Scheduled

In addition to their regular CIAA schedule, the Bisons have carded meets with Tennessee State College, Midwestern Conference Champions, New York City YMCA, Lincoln University, Intercollegiate Champs, the Brooklyn College and Lock Haven (Pa.) College.

Bolstered by the turnout of several newcomers, Coach Barnes expressed confidence of regaining the CIAA championship lost last season.

Team Members Named

Members of this year's boxing squad report to the pruning which is expected shortly include:

William Williams, 130; Kenneth Leedy, 135; Julius Guess, 165; Calvin Hackey, 155; James Williams, 143; Leon Monroe, 118; Charles Howze, 175; William Lee, 155; Fred Porter, 155; William Lewis, 121; Elmo Caldwell, 121; Leon Bridges; 128; Charles Strickland, 128; Fred Sharpe, 136;

Clarence Roberts, 165; William Walker, 165; Kenneth Dean, 145; Monte Hickman, 155; Harry Cochrane, 175; J. C. Barbee, 155; Norvel Lee and Theodore Wilson, heavyweights.

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AFRO SPORTS

Bobby Lee Fights Bratton to Draw

PHILADELPHIA

Baltimore's Bobby Lee, who always comes up with a substantial fight in Philadelphia rings, held Johnny Bratton, oversized Chicago lightweight, to a 10-round draw at the Arena, Monday night, before some 2,000 onlookers.

Underdog in each of his five local appearances, Lee, a swarthy welterweight, has failed to escape defeat but once. And he gave Welter champion Ray Robinson a rousing battle before losing here three weeks ago.

Previously, Lee had outgunned Lennox Dingle, Billy Nixon and Livio Minelli in local encounters.

One official, Judge Leo Costello from Atlantic City, who scored the bout (5-4-1), thought Lee had bested Bratton. The draw decision was effected by the ballots of Referee Charley Daggert and Dave Howard, both of whom awarded each principal five rounds.

Most of the fans thought Lee merited a split, although the general opinion was that Bratton could have won had he extended himself.

The Chicagoan, a showman who apparently gets a great delight out of his footwork, did more dancing than punching.

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Friday Men
Saturday Men
Sunday Men
Sunday Mixed
Monday Mixed
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