Pennsylvania Avenue

By E. R. REA

ALONG THE STREET OF GLITTERING MARQUEES AND NEON SIGNS—Louis Jordan, Lena Horne, Cab Calloway and a million dollars worth of talent are being featured at the Royal Theatre—but, wait—they are on the screen—Jordan in "Look Out Sister" and the others in "Stormy Weather."

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CAPT. ALEXANDER (EAGLE EYE) Emerson was on the proud last Saturday night. It's uncanny —and almost unbelievable—how he can strut through a crowded night club and spot a minor.

WHILE THIS COLUMN is not interested in the legal or illegal aspect of his raids—the LAW IS ALL POWERFUL—it is concerned over the intimidations and uncouth methods he uses. Even Captain Emerson should respect all citizens. We are not just "boy" and "girl" and "that woman" anymore.

IT HAS REACHED THE POINT, almost, that females (to prove their age), must show him everything from their "vaccination scars" down. Offtimes, he takes "suspected male minors" into the lavatory. This column hasn't learned yet, what kind of an examination he gives them—in his search for the truth.

WHY PUZZLES THIS COLUMN IS how minors (spending their own money) happen to be in night clubs when the law comes; and holiday men (who take the operators' money at gun-point) happen to be "Long Gone" when the law comes. But, who wants to face an armed gunman just for picking up a few loose dollars laying around doing nothing?

THERE ARE NO TWO THINGS about it, Ike Dixon, who has been scuffling all these years with Comedy Clubs, finally has come up with the "talk of the town" in his new Musical Revue, designed by one of his sons, Howard D., with Al Moore and Sheldon Colas doing the contracting work, a dream job.

ASSISTING WITH THE MANAGEMENT, in addition to Ike and Howard, are Ike Jr., Mrs. Esther Ball and Ollie Wise. Barmaids are Viola (Dukie) Robledo, Katherine (Kitty) Robinson and Bernice Robinson front; Barman Bernard (The Rover) Johns, barmaids Hallie Cook, Sue Johnson, Freida Kyle, Salena Cook, music bar; waitresses Maybelle Walters, Charlotte Taylor, Billie Brooks and Evelyn Lindsay. Julia Hall and daughter-in-law, Shirley Evelyn, cloak room; Sterling Phillips, floor man.

GHENT ARE GROAN DEPT. — Little Bubbie and Stanley Warren (familiar faces at the Avenue Cafe), indulging in a wrestling match with Little Bubbie coming out with a two-way armbreak . . . That jam session and dance, a week ago affair at the Pythian Hall, Pa. near Mosher, drawing attention . . . Ditto for that suburban midnight teasers hangout . . . Virginia Gray, Gamby's barmaid, celebrated her birthday on Monday.

MACK CROCKETT'S DUKES of Rhythm, formerly at Gamby's, approaching their third year at the Miami Club, downtown . . . An old landmark, The Ritz, is bowing out to progress — a chain drug store. The Ritz moved up in the 1300 block . . . Oliver Travis, baritone and emcee, bows into Gamby's tonight (Friday), with Maude Thomas bowing out. The rest of the show remains as is, except Johnny Osborne's Dukes of Rhythm will give Reuben Wood's outfit a week's vacation.

MEMBERS OF THE PARK BOARD, those who raised the stink about interracial tennis games in Druid Hill Park, are being made to look rather small by the interracial football game to be played Sunday at Bugle Field when the Citrona team, city champs of Wilmington, Del., plays the Harlem Bears, Balto. city champs. What's the difference. Park Board members? Tish, tish, tish, and a lot of sich mental gymnastics.

AN EAR TO THE GROUND—Headlines say "Local GOP Girding for 1950." Already, some Democratic voters along the Avenue are planning to switch from the donkey to the elephant. They are tired of a "do-nothing - for - us-but-promise-peanuts" machine . . . The Wagon Wheel is fast being rended for business, her entertainment and all . . . Tom Johnson's flower shop, 1400 block, as pretty as the scented bouquets and wreaths he sends out.

HELEN KELLAM, the Bond (singer), recuperating from a recent illness . . . Cab Calloway and wife paying the AFRO a visit on Tuesday. Now fronting seven pieces, he'll pick up 11 more after the first of the year . . . Tiki Carlyle, under J. Roger Ross and Walter Dow, still keeping up its quick-and-open appearance, and drawing larger crowds . . . East Ball, the city's champion gambler-hunter . . . Betty Hughes has regained that healthy complexion behind the Moonglow bar.

THE AVENUE CAFE has brought back the exotic team of Tony and Tanya to share the bill with The Graphites, two acrobatic boys; Harry Gibbs, comedian; Cora Moseley, singing emcee; Peaches Webb and Jean Austin, two personable chirpers, all backed by the rhythmic Avenue Playboys.

ONE WAY TO GET AROUND SERVING all people—A drug store in the vicinity of Monroe St. and Edmondson Ave., removed its lunch counter after the population of the neighborhood became three-fourths colored. Shoppers downtown must suffer the pangs of hunger and the inconvenience of comfort stations. Yet, these places accept their money.

BEST IRONICAL JOKE OF THE YEAR—A cashier in a downtown store puts on gloves when handling money paid by colored shoppers . . . The London Men's Shop, 1700 block, a riot of gay, holiday colors . . . Jule's Gift Shop, 1500 block, glittering with knick-knacks . . . Christmas trees on sale as early as last Saturday . . . An Avenue store making all sales "final."

HARVEY HILL, SINGING EMCEE, and his charming wife, Lorraine, also a chirper, scheduled to hit the boards at Jones's, out Lanvale St. way, for holiday entertainment . . . "Bootleg" cabs due for a blast, and not through this column . . . A new Avenue club soon to be holding up traffic—all except the patrol wagon . . . A minor "stoolie" walking from tavern to tavern trying to make a buy —What, with members of the vice squad "tailing" him. The "grape vine" had him covered—so it was no dice. Learning of his lowdown inclinations, his father shipped him out of town—a sort of Gray's Bad Boy.

VERNON HUTCHINS, the emcee, waiting on the opening of a D.C. spot, which is waiting for its liquor license . . . Regent Theatre patrons don't get their clothes soiled by the next-seat "send-hops." They must come dressed, too. Manager Buddy Newton has a "money-on-back-their-money policy . . . A certain amusement center on the Lower Stroll always reeks with "reefer" scent.

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AROUND THE DIALS:
D.C. JIM CROW TO TAKE DAY OFF FOR HEIDT SHOW

Discrimination, which prevented local colored talent from competing on the Horace Heidt Youth Opportunity program when it emanated from Washington some eight months ago, from the stage of the Capitol Theatre, will hang its head in defeat Sunday when the 1948 grand finals are broadcast from Uline Arena. (WFBR, NBC Baltimore outlet, 10:30 p.m.)

Among the contestants who will vie for the $5,000 cash award plus stage, screen and radio contracts, will be Stanley Morse, 16-year-old trombonist from Zanesville, Ohio.

D.C. Pattern to Blame

From the time the program was introduced on the air out in California, Dec. 1947, until it reached Washington about three months later, colored talent never had been afforded the opportunity to appear on this show.

The exclusion of colored in Washington was not due to the sponsors of the program, Philip Morris Cigarette Co., and neither was it because non could measure up to the requirements.

Barred From Capitol Stage

In fact, Allen Toda, advance agent for Horace Heidt, told the AFRO that he had auditioned colored talent, and two were "outstanding." But, the management of the Capitol, complying with Washington tradition, refused to allow a colored artist on the stage.

Because the social patterns that exists in the Nation's Capital does not exist everywhere, young Stanley, who less than a year ago was delivering newspapers in his hometown, has been given an equal opportunity to demonstrate to the nation on NBC Sunday night that talent is ascribed to no respective group because of race, creed or color.

A nationwide NBC audience will be listening to Stanley's remarkable tone quality and technique on the sliphorn. Competing against him will be accordion kick Constantino, French, Calif.; Irish tenor, John Mungall, Flint, Mich.; and Pierce Knox, 12-year-old xylophonist from Oakland, Calif.

Doing Stint at Gamby's

Johnny Osbourne, whose rhythm sextet is doing a week's engagement at Gamby's, backing an entertainment unit consisting of Oliver Travis, baritone; Marie Sayles, sweet singer; Rastus Murray, comedian, and Helen Penn's Pennettes. Osburne plays bass, Bill Wilson, tenor sax; Asbury Middlebrook, drums; Sam Boyer, trumpet, and Vernon Scott, trumpet.

To Head Wagon Wheel

Giasco McCann, one of the city's top mixologists, currently at the Casino, who will assume management of the newly renovated Wagon Wheel, 1838 Pennsylvania Ave., when the spot officially reopens next Friday, Dec. 17.

Dec. 8 to 29, Diverse Vision in New England (gallery exhibit).

Throughout the month, paintings by Edward John Steward will be displayed in the members' room and a doll house exhibit will be shown in the junior museum.

Museum Has Special Holiday Programs

The Baltimore Museum of Art, this month, will present a number of holiday events, highlighted by a Christmas Greens show scheduled for Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

Events' calendar for December include the following:

Dec. 12, at 4 p.m., showing of the full-length feature, "National Velvet," a movie for children.

Dec. 18, 4 p.m., the St. Paul Choir boys singing in the sculpture court.

RAPTISTS URGED TO PUT SAVINGS IN U. S. BONDS
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WASHINGTON

Gloria Hauser, 6222 Banks Pl., N.E., filed suit for a limited divorce on the grounds of cruelty from William James Hauser, 1205 Six-and-One-Half St., N.W., whom she says she married here in 1943.

Here are the major abuses about which Mrs. Hauser complains:

In November, 1945, beaten so severely that she lost the sight of one eye; in May, 1947, three of her ribs were broken and injuries of the head and ear received; on last Oct. 10, hot grease thrown upon her burned her left chest.

Mr. Hauser was reportedly arrested after the last incident and placed under a peace bond. Despite this, however, he is said on Oct. 21, in a fit of temper, to have destroyed all of her wearing apparel.

Because of fear, Mrs. Hauser told the court, she finally was forced to flee from their domicile.

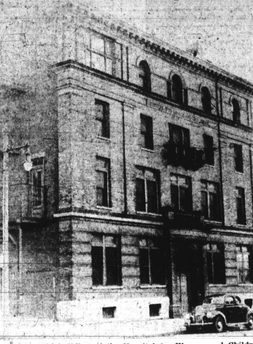
Represented by former Judge James A. Cobb, Mrs. Hauser stated that from the beginning of their marital life, she has been treated with constant cruelties and physical abuses, without just cause or provocation.

She asked the court to issue an order to restrain Mr. Hauser from further molesting her as well as to give her a divorce from the man.

Music Clinic Planned

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — The "Fayetteville-Cumberland In-Service Music Club" recented discussed plans for its annual clinic and festival. Miss Mary Terry, president, presided The clinic will be held Jan. 29, and the festival, May 6, at the College.

Father Divine to Buy Hospital


This is the old building of the Hospital for Women and Children at Central Ave. and S. 10th St., Newark, for which agents of the Rev. Major J. (Father) Divine are expected to close purchase negotiations within 10 days. Building will be used as home for aged and for expansion of the Divine mission on Howard St.

DIVINE EXPANSION:

Details Will Be Given Soon on New Purchase

NEWARK

Details on purchase of the old building of the Hospital for Women and Children at S. 10th St. and Central Ave. for an extension of Father Divine's Peace Center here are expected t obe revealed within 10 days.

Sherman Wright, real estate man who has been conducting negotiations, said that the building is certain to be taken over as part of the vast Divine interests, but added that the whole transaction has not been completed.

Wright indicated that Father Divine might have some interest in other properties here for use by his followers, who recognize him as God.

Bought Philly Hotel

Last week the Divine interests took over the 300-room Lorraine Hotel in Philadelphia at a cost set at $485,000, and were reported holding for the Majestic Hotel there, which has 350 rooms.

The four-story hospital building here, which is vacant, is said to have a floor tag of about $90,000. It is owned by Campus Hall, Inc., a Long Island concern, which bought it and a nurses' home in 1947 for $80,000.

The nurses' home was sold to the New Jersey Fellowship for Aged in July for $80,000.

Father Divine, whose Peace Center here at 126 Howard St., would use the hospital for a home for aged and for other activities, has a 100-room showplace, the former Sunrise Hotel in Pinebrook, which he opened in 1944.

His followers once owned and operated the 10-story Brigantine Hotel near Atlantic City.

Alexander Beats Robbery Charge

A change of heart by the complainant spared Aubrey Alexander, 30, clothes presser of 1014 Argyle Ave., a possible jail term, Tuesday, on a robbery charge.

Alexander was accused of forcing Mrs. Beulah Anderson, Cheltenham laundry worker of 1816 Mulberry St., to accompany him from a tavern to his home where he allegedly took her pocketbook containing approximately $23.

The original complaint, lodged on Thanksgiving, was investigated by Sgt. Leslie H. Kummer.

It alleged, that while in one tavern, the young woman was joined by Alexander and another man, who placed a hard object in her side and forced her to accompany them to a tavern one block away.

From this spot, it was charged, the trio walked past Northwestern police station to Alexander's home.

At an opportune time, the matron reported, she fled from the house after Alexander had taken her purse.

A defense attorney argued that the trio are friends; the men had no ulterior motives and that Alexander was willing to make restitution.

On the request of Mrs. Anderson, who during the hearing changed her mind regarding prosecution, Magistrate Fitzpatrick dismissed the case.

"Prostitute" to Tour

CHICAGO — "The Respectful Prostitute," which gave 352 performances on Broadway, will open its nation-wide tour at the Studebaker Theatre, here on Dec. 27.

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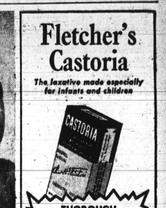
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Just a Gift, Says Mail Man, Held for Taking Bridal Gown

"Somebody gave it to me," Frederick Brown, 23, of 57 West St., said in Third Criminal Court Monday in referring to the fully clothed bridal mannequin he was charged with abducting from a bridal gown shop at 107 Springfield Ave. on Nov. 30.

Arraigned before Judge Nicholas Fernicola on charges of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving, Brown, a mail carrier for the Newark post office, was held in $250 bail for the grand jury.

Brown told the court that he had been drinking and decided to "get out and get some fresh air" on the night before he was arrested. He was hurrying toward his home with the mannequin under his arm at 2:48 a.m. when intercepted.

As he traveled along Springfield Ave. someone gave him the dummy, he said.

Brown had admitted upon his arrest, police said, that he had expected to get married soon and the gown he saw in the show window was just the type for his bride-to-be.

He suffered lacerations of the hand and face, police contended, when he broke the show case glass to get the bridal figure.

Lottery Costs $250

Found with lottery slips in his possession, Lynell Robinson of 206 Charlton St., was fined $175. Mrs. Lacy Montgomery of 99 Howard St., was assessed $75 on a similar charge.

Pleading not guilty to the charge of atrocious assault and battery, Haywood Randolph, 42, of 16 Bedford St., was held in $1500 bail for the grand jury. Forest Greene of the same address, the complainant, was held as material witness.

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Forgets Brother's Age, Goes to Jail

Henry Banks claimed in Criminal Court, Tuesday, that he thought his 19-year-old brother was 21 when he purchased beer for him in a Maryland Ave. tavern.

Captain Alexander Emerson told Judge Herman Moser that when he came upon Banks, 30, and the youth in the tavern, Banks said he had not known his young companion very long.

"But when I found out it was his brother, I told Banks 'well you've been knowing him for a long time,'" Captain Emerson went on.

He said that Banks then said his brother told him he was 22. On the witness stand, Banks of 103 W. 20th St., insited that he thought the brother, James, was of age because he had not seen him in several years.

Judge Moser imposed a 10-day jail sentence—the time Banks spent in jail awaiting—which resulted in his immediate release. Judge Moser warned, however, "Next time, check up on your relatives' ages."

Mail Gifts Early, Postmaster Urges

"There is hardly anything so disappointing as failure to receive an expected Christmas parcel," said Postmaster Neal Sibley, who is urging citizens of Baltimore to mail all Christmas cards and packages as early as possible.

To prevent delay, Mr. Sibley suggests that Christmas parcels and greeting cards for out of town, except nearby points, be mailed not later than Dec. 10, for nearby points, not later than Dec. 15, and for out-more City, not later than Dec. 20.

The correct delivery zone number should be included in the address.

Man Faces Second Petty Theft Rap

One week after he was released from jail for stealing a newspaper vendor's pennies, Norman J. Andrews, 47, 1229 Madison Ave., was again arrested on a similar charge.

Arraigned before the same magistrate, in the same police court, Wednesday, Andrews drew the same penalty—a $50 fine, or 51 days in jail.

On Nov. 23, Andrews was arrested for the theft of 44 cents from a newsstand and was sent to jail in default of payment of the cash fine.

On Dec. 2, the balance of the money was paid and Andrews was released. On Thursday, police said they caught him taking 50 pennies from another newsstand. Off to jail he went.

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