Howard Players In 2nd Triumph

"Beautiful People" Enacted on Campus

WASHINGTON

THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE, a comedy in two acts and four scenes, by William Saroyan. Produced by the Howard Players, directed by James W. Butcher Jr., with settings by Owen Dodson. At the Little Theatre of Spaulding Hall on the Howard University campus.

CAST

Oryen Webster, a poet and scientist ..... William Brown
Harmony Bluebloomm, a little old lady ..... Carol Foster
Agnes Webster, a saint ..... Gertrude Garnes
Jonah Webster, a religious man ..... Ernest Jackson
William Prim, a vice president ..... Robert Brown
Dan Hillboy, a good companion ..... George Johnson
Father Hogan, a Catholic ..... Joseph Catbright
Harold Webster, a sorrowful brother ..... Robert Hopkins
Slave, a homeless young man ..... Gerald Brown

The Howard Players, it seems, are following Ralph Waldo Emerson very closely this season: they're doting on the unconventional, and believe it or not, getting away with it!

In what was distinctively a bold move for amateurs, they opened the season two months ago with Henrik Ibsen's "The Wild Duck," which is as wild an animal to tame for audiences that any playwright ever corralled.

Now the players are back for their second presentation and their second triumph with William Saroyan's "The Beautiful People," a mystical, whimsical, magical little comedy.

Devoid of Plot

As a play, "The Beautiful People" is almost shapeless: there is hardly any plot, and little action and scarcely any of the situations that produce the surprises on which comedy breeds.

It's just a brief glimpse into the lives of a group of beautiful people, who somehow or other with their philosophy of all embracing love and their disregard for material things manage to entertain.

Unperturbed by the many sided Saroyan characters they have to portray, the Howard Players for four fun-filled scenes become the beautiful people, transporting their audience into another world. And the first night audience — the drama will close Saturday—expressed approval in quiet twitters, occasional outbursts of laughter and resounding handclaps.

Entire Cast Laudable

The whole cast puts in a bid for top honors and it is difficult to say who starred. Owen Webster, as the youngest child of Jonah Webster who has reared his family on a doctrine of faith in man's goodness, is almost a steal. He gambols and cavorts over the stage to the delight of his audience and manages to interpret the frivolous, serious and philosophic Saroyan boy.

Ernest Jackson, cast in a difficult role as the paradoxical father, stumbles in his first on-stage appearance, muffing his important lines a little. But as the play progresses, he relaxes and emerges with a good performance.

Gertrude Garnes seems to be a little uncertain at times about the role she's playing, that of Agnes, sister of Owen, but on the whole she's good, too. Then to round out the stellar cast are Carol Foster, who would have put over the little old lady on her facial expressions alone, Robert Brown, a scream as the humanitarian businessman, and George Johnson, a real jolly old fellow.

The cast gets over the music and poetry of Saroyan that is the charm of the play. Saroyan, too, is the setting, a quaint living room, the front porch and the yard of an old house on Red Rockhill in San Francisco. The setting, done by Owen Dodson, has a Bohemian look that is delightfully magical.

Ella, Bojangles, Cab on Dimes Drive Show

MIAMI—A benefit show for the local March of Dimes campaign, featuring over a dozen top stars of the stage and screen including Ella Fitzgerald, Bill Robinson and Cab Calloway, will be presented Jan. 31 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Harlem Square Club.

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Baltimore's Newest Orchestra to Make Debut Thursday

Members of Harry Rustin's all-veterans orchestra which gives its initial performance Thursday evening at the Elks Home, are Director Rustin, front. Left to right, first row: Jimmy Detha, John Wise, Hiram Quinn, James Kenney, Jimmy Harrell, saxes; Joe Blair, piano. Second row, Walter Randall, Billy Ford, Charlie Keene, trumpets; Samuel Blackwell, Robert Woods, trombones; Elwood Adams, bass. Back row, Robert Taylor, drums. Fletcher Russell, arranger and assistant director, and Lydia Gray, vocalist, are not shown.—(Floyd Adams photo)

All-Veterans Orchestra Formed by Harry Rustin

Group in Initial Appearance at Elks Home on Thursday Night for Hi-Hatters Dance

Baltimore's first all-veterans orchestra, a 14-piecer, will make its debut next Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Elks Home, Madison Ave. and McMechen St., by playing a dance engagement for the 'Hi-Hatters Social Club.

The orchestra was organized by Harry P. Rustin of 2540 Druid Hill Avenue, who along with its members are students at the Larry Lendon School of Popular Music, Inc., 2435 East Monument St.

Mr. Rustin, the director, is a former band leader, having organized a Special Services band while with the 315th Engineers at Fort Bragg, N. C. The band later became the 366th ASF band, which was directed by CWO Rutherford H. Strider, now of Morgan State College.

Director Rustin, who served three years in the service, was honorably discharged in Feb. 1946 at Ft. Meade. He plays both bass fiddle and trumpet.

The personnel of the group includes:

Jimmy Detha, John Wise, Hiram Quinn, James Kenny and Jimmy Harrell, saxophonists; Walter Randall, Billy Ford and Charlie Keene, trumpeters; Samuel Blackwell and Robert Woods, trombonists; Elwood Adams, bass; Robert Taylor, drums; John Blair, piano, and Fletcher Russell, arranger, pianist and assistant director, and Lydia Gray, vocalist.

Arranger Russell, also a composer, wrote the orchestra's theme song, "Exultant," which has been copyrighted and published, and another orchestral piece, yet untitled.

The orchestra will feature as its initial numbers "Apple Honey," "Disc Jockey's Jump," "The King," "Look Out Sister," Feb. 4 at the Lincoln, will be the social and theatrical event of the season.

Louise Daniels, first cousin and near counterpart of Little Miss Cornbucks, is slated for motion picture interview next week. She is as good an entertainer as her famous relative.

Muse's Wife Passes Up Ranch, Wants Home in Triple Payoff

By HARRY LEVETTE

HOLLYWOOD (ANP) — Clarence Muse has asked for another postponement of his divorce trial until Jan. 31. His wife of 23 years, Willa Mae, says that she does not want the 55-acre ranch but is determined to have the home in East Hollywood, however. She is staying with her father.

With partial results of the coast ANP poll on sepians in the movies and on the stage during 1948 are:

Best dramatic actress, Ethel Waters; best actor, Leigh Whipper; best musical comedy, Lena Horne; best comedienne, Ruby Dandridge; best comedian, Eddie (Rochester) Anderson; best vaudeville entertainer, Nellie Lutcher;

Most versatile and most beautiful actress, Louise Franklin; rumbaner and still champ of dancers, Bill Robinson; special award to Theresa Harris for dramatic scene in "The Velvet Touch", Jessie Cole for "One Woman", Marian Moreland in "Murder in the Air", and Jester Hairston for musical backgrounds in "Duel in the Sun"

Notes on Hattie McDaniel, Lillian Randolph, Louise Beavers, Jeni LeGon, Robert Davis and a number of others will come in next week.

Premiere of Louis Jordan's

Dropped as Inspector

J. Eugene (Gene) Payne, who was dropped from the Inspector's list of the Baltimore Board of Liquor License Commission this week, F. A. Michael, chairman, told the AFRO on Thursday. Mr. Payne has served for the past six years. The order went into effect on Tuesday.

Theatre Manager Wife Given Shower

WASHINGTON

Vernon Offutt, manager of the Plymouth Theatre, 1365 H St. N.E., and his wife were tendered a shower by the management and employees of the Carver and Plymouth theatres recently.

The party was held at the Carver Theatre and was featured by the presentation to the couple of a complete bedroom suite, complete with sheets, pillows cases and spread.

Co-Owner Lauds Honoree

Ike Weiner, co-owner of the two theatres, in making the presentation, lauded Mr. Offut for his service. Other remarks were made by Ray Garvin, general manager of the Washington AFRO AMERICAN, Lloyd Genus and Clifton Cabell.

Among the guests were:

James Offutt, Mrs. Sallie Bell, Mrs. Irene Black, Teddy Burton, Miss Corrine Semms, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, Miss Annie Rowland, Miss Adell Bennett, Mrs. Bee Waters, Mrs. Julia Davis, Mrs. Ethel Cole, Hugh Thomas, Warren Fisher, Luther Simms, Charles McCoy, Roland Smith, Charles Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Hunt, Joe Thomas, William Tatum, Thomas Holland and Mrs. Roy. Garvin.

Burglars Get $638 From Club Caverns

WASHINGTON

Blanche Calloway, manager of the Club Caverns, 2001 11th St. N.W., reported to police that a closet in the club was jimmied after closing hours, Monday, and $638 stolen from a cash box.

Miss Calloway as the sister of Cab Calloway. Police said, Wednesday, that the thief has not been apprehended.

BUCKEYE SENSATION JOINS JOE MORRIS'S COMBINATION

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SHOW BILL

BIDDLE — Sun., Mon., Spencer Tracy in "STATE OF THE UNION," plus "WHERE THE NORTH BEGINS." Also cartoon, news and shorts.

CARRY — Sun., Mon., Louis Hayward and Janet Blair in "BLACK ARROW," plus Johnny Mack Brown and Raymond Hatton in "RACE TRAIL." Serial and comedy.

DIANE — Sun., thru Tues., Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell in "THE MARK OF ZORRO," plus "GAS HOUSE KIDS IN HOLLYWOOD." Selected shorts and latest news.

DUNBAR — Sun., thru Tues., Rod Cameron and Adrian Booth in "THE DENVER KID," plus "LASH LARUE." Selected shorts and cartoon.

FULTON — Sun., Mon., Richard Widmark in "KISS OF DEATH," plus "CRIME DOCTOR'S GAMBLE." Latest news and selected shorts.

HARLEM — Now showing, Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter and Richard Widmark in "YELLOW SKY," the story of a search for gold and outlaws.

HILL (Cherry Hill)—Sun., Mon., Jane Wyman and Lew Ayers in "BELINDA," plus cartoon and serial, "ADVENTURES OF FRANK AND JESSE JAMES."

LAFAYETTE — Sun., Mon., Canada Lee and John Garfield in "BODY AND SOUL," plus Jeffrey Wright and Dub Taylor in "PARTNERS AT SEA." Also cartoon and comedy.

LEXINGTON — Sun., thru Wed., Edward G. Robinson and Gail Russell in "NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES." Also latest news and selected shorts.

LINCOLN — Sun., thru Tues., Dick Powell in "CUTTY FALL," plus "FIGHTER RANGER," starring Johnny Mack Brown. Also serial, "KONGO."

NEW ALBERT — Now showing, Roy Rogers and Trigger in "EYES OF TEXAS," plus Rocky Lane in "DEVIL'S ROCK." Also Monte Hale and Lynne Roberts in "TIMBER TRAIL."

PARK — Sun., Mon., Randolph Scott in "GUNFIGHTERS," plus Donald Woods, Morgan Conway and William Bendix in "STREET." Also Bill Elliott and Alice Fleming in "RIDERS OF RED WOOD VALLEY," plus news and cartoon.

REGENT — Now showing, Dennis O'Keefe and Jack Carson in "THE GUYS FROM TEXAS," plus Edmond O'Brien and Robert Stack in "FIXER SQUADRON." Also latest news and selected shorts.

RIO — Fri., thru Mon., James Craig and Lynn Bari in "THE MAN FROM TEXAS," plus Kent Taylor and Doris Dowling in "THE CRIMSON KEY."

ROOSEVELT — Sun., Mon., Tues., Charles Bickford and Barton McLane in "MUTINY IN THE BIG HOUSE," plus "DILLINGER," thrill-packed story of the famed gunman.

ROYAL — Now showing, BUDDY JOHNSON'S and BULLMOOSE JACKSON'S orchestra, plus stage revue. On screen, "SHANGHAI CHEST."

SINGS OPERA ROLE

BOSTON—Adele Addison, soprano, sang the role of Micaela in the American premiere of the original "Carmen" here last week at the Boston Opera House, as a member of the Boston Opera Company.

Faces Stiff Schedule

Aubrey Pankey, baritone, who sails next month for Australia and New Zealand for a tour of 20 concerts in eight weeks.

BIDDLE
WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 1949
SUNDAY-MONDAY Jan. 30-31
Spencer Tracy in "STATE OF THE UNION"
also
"WHERE THE NORTH BEGINS"
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY Feb. 1-2
ANN SHERIDAN in "KING'S ROW"
also
"DURANGO VALLEY RAIDERS"
THURSDAY-FRIDAY Feb. 3-4
"SINBAD THE SAILOR"
also
"STREET OF SHADOWS"
SATURDAY Feb. 5
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"THE PLUNDERERS"
Also "DICK TRACY" No. 4 Plus Shorts Cartoon
WED.-THURS. FEB. 2-3
No. 1—LOIS BUTLER — BILL GOODWIN in
"MICKEY"
No. 2—LYNNE ROBERTS - DONALD BARRY - WARREN DOUGLASS in
"LIGHTNING IN THE FOREST"
—PLUS NEWS—
FRI.-SAT. FEB. 4-5
No. 1—ALLAN (ROCKY) LANE - EDDIE WALLER - CAROLE GALLAGHER in
"THE DENVER KID"
No. 2—LASH LaRUE - AL (FUZZY) ST. JOHN JENNIFER JONES in
"FIGHTING VIGILANTES"
Plus: "TEX GRANGER" No. 8 Also: CARTOON

Rio Theatre
WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 1949
FRIDAY-MONDAY Jan. 28-31
No. 1—JAMES CRAIG - LYNN BARI in
"THE MAN FROM TEXAS"
No. 2—Kent Taylor, Doris Dowling, Dennis Hoey in
"THE CRIMSON KEY"
PLUS NEWS
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY Feb. 1-2-3
No. 1—Reddy McDowell, Nita Hunter, Gale Sherwood in
"ROCKY"
No. 2—ALL COLORED CAST in
"STARS ON PARADE"
FRIDAY-MONDAY Feb. 4-7
No. 1—Paul Henried, Joan Bennett, Leslie Brooks in
"HOLLOW TRIUMPH"
No. 2—BUCK JONES in
"ROCKY RHODES"
PLUS NEWS

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—PLUS—
LATEST NEWS COLOR CARTOON
TUES. ONLY FEB. 1
"BRANDED A COWARD" starring Johnny Mack Brown
—ALSO—
"ALIAS JOHN LAW" features Bob Steele
— PLUS —
LATEST NEWS "MARCH OF DIMES"
WED.-THURS. FEB. 2-3
"You Were Meant For Me" starring Jean Crain - Dan Dailey
—ALSO—
"CHEYENNE TAKES OVER" features Eddie Dean
—PLUS—
LATEST NEWS "AMERICA"
FRI.-SAT. FEB. 4-5
"DEADLINE" starring Sunset Carson - Pat Starling
—ALSO—
"SCARED TO DEATH" features Bela Lugosi - Geo. Zucco
—PLUS—
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Pennsylvania Avenue

By E. B. REA

THE MOST TALKED ABOUT THING along the Avenue this week—the weather. The night clubs and other businesses are going through a sort of "Operation Nothing" with most of the employees having plenty of time to catch up on their beauty sleep. There hasn't been enough folks out these nights for a round of choice gossip.

A FRUIT DEALER SAID: Da banananna he spoil, da appul he rot, da orangeee she's spot. Da peepul stay home. Alle time rain, rain, rain. I loosee money. I go crazee wid de rain. Ebby da I throw out fruitee. More rain, I throw out more fruitee. Nebber likee dees in da store. Whassa matter wid da rain? Whassa matter wid ebby rain? Pffttch, pffttch.

E. B. Rea

WHIRLEY JOHN (URBANDIT) Williams and Isaac Green, the laundryman, made a week end trip to Whirley's home down in Charles County, Va. Williams (Cotton) Byrd is the dog house for the past week, singing "Baby You Can't Do That To Me," but she is ... Jerry McMaster, water-man at the Sphinx, back on the job after a recent illness.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, the roster showing up again, shouting talent at the Vilma, topping Wendell Wilson's performance. George Williams, the line-reader, finding weak points about like Dizzon Jr. Tu Sr. turning into a real Beau Brummell after his 16th birthday.

THE MOST POPULAR name with Damon, of the Damon-Pythias business team, is Damon of successes, and all "Dots" ... Irene Gillespie still slaying em with her singing at the English Supper Club. The Rimsters, Sisters and the Royal have added bare midriff costumes to their wardrobes. ... Harold Bevins and Femme chirper Keer and bushels of drum-mer Sylvia Anderson at Little Willie's, has other assets besides her voice and she really dramatizes 'em in interpreting her numbers for rock results.

Sylvia

THE AVENUE CAFE still in the news with its ups and downs again, on again, off again' sales talk. The only show that's left that an electric sign in the window does not remain dark (Friday) with a new policy ... This column is convinced that Maude Thomas, blues singer, is more than a shoulder-shrugger, rather a show-stopper, and that's an open statement, nevertheless it's true.

JOE DIXON'S Comedy Club is the only Avenue spot with nightly entertainment. The Four Links will go on the musical bar on Monday. ... Clarence Russell, grille proprietor, and William Ambrose, hotel owner, both of Norfolk, Va., recent guests of the Chandler Wynns, 1004 W. Lafayette Ave. The Wagon Wheel has added a TV set to fill in with Re-bop and his Re-boppers taking over on week ends.

MARGARET MOORE, the Ali hambra ... head waitress, a n d Jimmie Bumphas, her heart beat, taking in the sports at Pimlico Thursday night. ... Ruth Redmond, ex-waitress at Gambys, is now Mrs. Albert Bishop. They said it in Philly on Jan. 14. Bishop is a member of the Vocalaires quartet. Stephen E. Morris, ex-employee of the Royal Theatre, now attending a vet school.

Ruth Bishop

Still quoting from the discussion, which this writer thinks is of interest to readers of this column, and a further tribute to one of the 10 prominent honorees recently by the AFRO is somewhat as follows: "Mr. Rea, you did half as much for the community, politically, as she and her group have done, this most certainly would be a better place in which to live."

GEORGE WASHINGTON danced at the Elks Home, but the Monumental Democratic Club is honoring him with a dance there on Feb. 22, for the benefit of the charity fund. But Gray and Bell Henry are laying the plans. So, instead of trying to throw your buck across the Rubicon, Bevins toss it into this pot. Ida James, curator of the Douglas Hotel, is being honored in an all-colored cast film in Hollywood MOVIEMAKERS WITHOUT IN Army language. It's called AWOL. Certain 'bootleg cab drivers are on the 'lam' while police are seeking them for questioning on serious charges. An anonymous 'red letter' writer is worth a bunk of dough, if discovered. Jimmy Earl bob-nobbing at the Wheel with the gang, while Dorothy Johnson, unsuccorted, enjoyed the fun ... Askew Gatewood getting on the fat-man side. What's going on, bub? Walter Dow, genial co-manager of the Casino was asked, "Quote," he said, "today is January 25."

WELL, KICK ME in the pants, said a "digit" player looking in Robinson's drugstore window, 2100 block. The cash award for the lucky digits ticket was $31, but that wasn't his reason for wanting to be kicked. The winning ticket was No. 9382. Putting his hand over the first 9, he said: "Just think, today's play was 382."

THERE'S A CLASS 'A' poolroom over the new Ritz Cafe, 1300 block ... Tom Delaney, the songwriter, called to Charleston, S.C. this week on account of the death of his entire, which has many friends regret hearing.

Edmond Harris, veteran vaudevillian, recuperating at his home, 2100 Druid Hill Ave. ... Harry Rustin's new 14-piece orchestra to make its debut at the Elks Home, Feb. 3, at the Hi-Hatters' Club dance.

LEROY PIERCE, who shipped out recently in the merchant marine, dropped this column a card from Genoa, saying he was then en route to India.

Sky ... starring Gregory Peck at the Harlem, a story of mob laws gold and romance in the Arizona badlands, featuring with action.

Two Guys From Texas, at the Regent which gives weight to wild gags and ship the audience into screams. Two top movie bills of the week ... "Stars Over Bali-more" is what the Royal stage show can be tabbed. It's studded with action.

Gregory Peck

INFORMATION PLEASE. Stop the Music on Sunday nights at 8, features a rousing song, depicting a celebration. Suppose we call it 'At the Gold and Jubilee.' Cecil B. DeMille remains this column's choice as the song, 'I Love You Again.' Phantom Voice' Saturday nights at 10 has sung 'Noah in the Ark' to the 'Hit the Jackpot' Tuesday nights at 10. Total awards of $5,000,000 were given out over radio during 1948, according to Billboard mag.

THAT'S ALL, FOR NOW, except—There are three situations due to rock the old Stroll within the next few weeks — Political, criminal and a 'busted' romance.

Play Ga. State

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Lois Towles, concert pianist, will be presented at Georgia State College, Friday evening, Feb. 25, under auspices of the GSC lyceum committee.

The Continental Touch

Washington will get a taste of the Continental atmosphere when charming Kathy Graves makes her debut at the Club Bali in Washington. Miss Graves, a Juilliard scholarship student, headlined a lavish revue at Les Ambassadeurs in Geneva. Her fame spread so rapidly that she was invited to record in Radio Geneva, Bern, Paris, and London. Requested to headline a floor show at the Folies Bergere, she declined, stating that she would rather return to America so that she might not be typed a Continental artist. Miss Graves owes her success to Madam Sascha Avidre, a former resident of Washington.

'Stormy Weather' Movie Plugged From Airplane

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, W.A. (ANP)—The Swiss proprietors of the Odeon Cinema recently had citizens here his month by having leaflets advertising the all-colored film, "Stormy Weather," dropped from a small airplane.

It was the first time in the history of the colony that such a method of advertising was used. Hundreds of people were turned away at the ticket office on opening night, Dec. 21. The movie ran for 10 days.

Touring Players Present Play at Princess Anne

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — The Touring Players presented "The Corn Is Green" at the Maryland State College gymnasium, last Monday. The play was well received by the student body.

Boys' Choir Presented at Inaugural Concert

WASHINGTON

The James F. Walker Unit No. 26 of the American Legion Auxiliary presented the Baltimore Boys' Choir, directed by W. Meredith H. Birche Jr., in an inaugural concert, Sunday at Asbury Methodist Church.

Soloists included Benny Kearse, William L. Hoffman, James L. Williams, Charles and Robert Diggs, Donald Colburn, Emmanuel Franklin and Clarence Clark. Orchestra bells were played by Luther H. Johnson.

Mrs. Mayme C. Mehlinger is president of the sponsoring organization. Mesdames Minnie Banks and Carrie Gant were co-chairman. The Rev. R. M. Williams is pastor of the church.

Taylor School Choir to Be Featured on Video

The mixed choir of Taylor School, No. 122, directed by Mr. Meredith H. Birche Jr., will be featured on a television broadcast at 4 p.m. today (Friday) on Station WBALTV.

Miami 'Boufface a Changing South

Other Club Owners Seeking Tan Talent

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—The already prominent bage under the eyes of rival night club owners grew even more prominent after Ella Fitzgerald made her initial appearance at the Monte Carlo in this resort town last week.

An overcapacity crowd jammed the club on opening night and cheered wildly after each of Ella's songs. And she responded to their enthusiasm by singing five encores.

One indication of the changes taking place in the South was the presence of representatives of five of the most exclusive Southern "white" clubs at the opening. Until recently none would have dared even consider a colored performer for the headline billing in their respective clubs.

Accompanying Ella is her hub by Ray Brown. Esquire award bass fiddler, and his trio Together Ella and Ray presented a variety of song styles ranging from nursery rhymes to be-bop.

Fined $21 on 2 Crash Driver in 3-Car Crash

Facing six charges in traffic court a few hours after the truck he was driving smashed with three vehicles, Earl T. Ford, 25, of 1209 Harlem Ave., was fined $21 on two of the counts by Magistrate Joseph P. Campbell, Tuesday, while four of the charges were dismissed.

According to Officer Anthony Cadden, the truck operated by Ford struck the car owned by Henry Lamb, 615 Brune St. and Edmondson Ave. and Stricker St., shortly after 1 a.m. Wednesday.

The vehicle reportedly continued east on Edmondson Ave. to Carey St., where it struck the parked automobile of George T. Dorsey, 707 Dolphin St., and at Fremont Ave. struck the parked car owned by Gideon J. Jones, 816 Edmondson Avenue.

Triple-Threat in Technicolor

Lillian Fitzgerald, tall, tan and terrific "bombshell of rythtm," who has the knack of combining good comedy and swing with a good voice, which makes her a triple-threat, featured week ends at Red Randolph's Shalimar Cafe in Harlem

SENATE BILL WOULD GIVE ... of Resident Commissioner from **VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSE VOTE** Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and give such Resident Commissioner and the delegates ... WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Sen. Hugh Butler (Rep., Neb.) introduced in the Senate last Monday a bill to establish the position to vote in the House.

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