TO BE AMONG JURORS

HENDERSON, Ky.—For the first time in history, a colored citizen will serve in a Circuit Court trial here for the second trial of a youth charged with the murder of a Henderson patrolman.

He is **George A. Reeder**, a hardware store employee, who was among 106 respective veniremen questioned by defense and state attorneys before the jury was accepted.

Rich get richer

PIMLICO, Md. — Calumet Farm must have felt like it owned the finish line in the 80th running of the $100,000 Preakness this spring. The winner, Fabius, races in the Calumet colors, and the second horse, Needles, is a son of Ponder, one of Calumet's leading sires.

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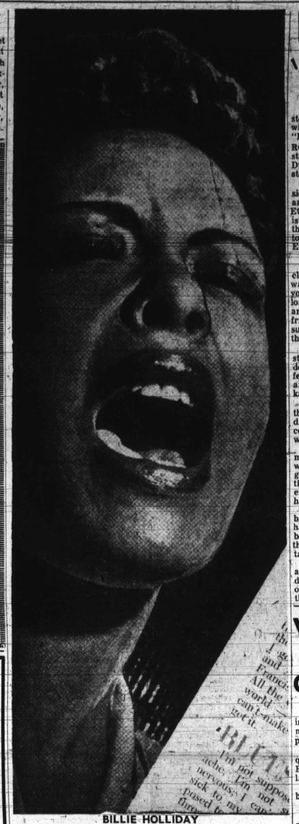

BILLIE HOLLIDAY

Billie Holliday reveals all in her life story

The new Billie Holliday life story is almost identical in form with that of Ethel Waters, "HER EYE IS ON THE SPARROW." But the Billie Holliday story was written by William Dufty, and the Ethel Waters story by Charles Samuels.

The use of pictures on the inside book covers and first pages are in the same style as the Ethel Waters book, but since it is a Doubleday publication, they may have requested him to do the Holliday story in the Ethel format.

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MISS HOLLIDAY was a night club singer and Billy Daniels was running around with a rich young blond starlet. Daniels had loaned her his Cadillac to drive around in with a few of her friends. While driving along, suddenly the car stopped, and they couldn't get it to start.

They thought they were stranded until they saw a car down the road. There was a fellow lying under it, tinkering around, and he looked like he knew what he was doing.

So Billie said, "Hey man, there's a couple of chicks in distress over here. How about coming over and seeing what's wrong?"

It only took him about two minutes to find out what was wrong and to fix it. Then he got behind the wheel and drove the car a little to make sure everything was all right before he left them.

He invited them to lunch at a big country club nearby. While having some drinks, a southern boy came in and leered at the three of them sitting at the table.

He said, "You seem to have all the chicks." Billy said she did not recognize the champion until he got up and knocked the man down. "I recognized him by his fist," she said, "He was Clark Gable."

ON ANOTHER occasion, Orson Wells wanted to look over the town in a Harlem section of Los Angeles. It was old stuff to Billie but new to Orson.

After they'd been seen together a few times, she started getting phone calls that she was ruining Orson's career by being seen with him and that she'd never get to work in pictures.

Billie comments that whenever an interracial couple is seen more than once in public, the evil minds of the observers are suggesting that they are getting ready to go to bed or just getting out of bed.

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THERE WAS the time when she was about to give up her job in a Los Angeles night club when a southern boy literally started rattling glasses and called her a n--r every time she got up to sing.

A gentleman came to her aid and said, "You go out there and sing. Let him see something to you and I'll take care of him."

So she did, and he did. When the southern boy started, she stopped singing, and her champion took the floor. He traded insults with the Southerner for about five minutes, so much that the southern boy left.

Her champion this time was Bob Hope.

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THERE IS ALL this and more in Billie Holliday's life story, titled, "Lady Sings The Blues."

Furthermore, if you liked Ethel Waters' autobiography, you will probably like Billie Holliday's life story, too.

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Winding-Johnson act to split up

NEW YORK—The Kai Winding-J. J. Johnson relationship is nearing the end of the road as a partnership.

The two partners will call it quits at the conclusion of their Basin Street engagement, their last dual contract, on July 29.

Both insist the parting will be an amicable one.

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ACCORDING TO present plans, Winding will head a unit of four trombones and rhythm with much of the writing to be done by himself.

Johnson plans a quintet, also using his own arrangements. Both are expected to continue with Columbia Records under separate contracts. Johnson will remain with Pete Kameron and Monte Kay and will be booked by Joe Glaser.

Winding couldn't be reached for his complete plans, though he also is likely to remain with Glaser.

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BOTH EMPHASIZED that the parting is friendly and that the team never had been intended as a permanent arrangement.

"As it happened," J. J. explained, "it lasted longer than we had planned since reaction to the unit exceeded our expectations and the venture turned out to be a very profitable one for both of us."

"But now I want to try to make an individual contribution to the music of our time."

"I feel I've made partial contributions in the past through such associations as the one with Kai and the one with the Miles Davis-Symphony Sid unit, but the time has come for me to be on my own."

The Winding - Johnson duo would have been two years old next month.

Jazz festivals crop up all over the country

NEW YORK—The summer of 1956 is producing a record number of jazz festivals throughout the country, Down Beat magazine reveals in a recent survey.

With one production, the Castle Hill Concerts at Ipswitch, Mass., already behind (June 29-30), the coming months are cluttered with the following:

American Jazz festival at Newport, R.I.; see program elsewhere in this issue (July 5, 6, 7).

Berkshire Music Barn, Lenox, Mass.: continuous jazz all summer, starting July 1 with Louis Armstrong and ending Sept. 2 with the Modern Jazz quartet. Among the more than 20 concerts are Count Basie (July 4), Dave Brubeck (8), Duke Ellington (15), Sarah Vaughan (Aug. 5), Modern Jazz quartet and Chris Connor (Aug. 12), and four modern jazz concerts on Thursdays starting July 12. Round-table discussions will be held during the last three weeks of the season, and the Modern Jazz quartet will be in residence at the Music Barn during the same three weeks.

Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Drama and Music, second annual season of music; jazz nights are July 11 and 13 Wilbur DeParis, Willie (The Lion) Smith, Jimmy Rushing); July 18 and 20 (Duke Ellington orchestra); July 25 and 27 (Calvin Jackson with dancer Paul Draper, the Phil Nimmons group); Aug. 1 and 3 (Dave Brubeck quartet, Norm Symonds octet); Aug. 8 and 10 (Art Tatum, Modern Jazz quartet).

Lewisohn Stadium concerts, New York) Jazz night (first in history of the concerts) is July 14 with Louis Armstrong All Stars and Dave Brubeck quartet.

New Haven Pop concert: Duke Ellington (July 10).

Cleveland Summer Orchestra Pop concert: Duke Ellington (July 25).

First Connecticut Jazz Festival, Jazz Under the Stars, Fairfield University stadium, Fairfield, Conn., with Duke Ellington orchestra and probably Willie (The Lion) Smith, Coleman Hawkins, and Billy Taylor trio.

North Shore Music Theater, Beverly, Mass.; Dave Brubeck (Aug. 5), George Shearing (Aug. 26).

Hollywood Bowl Jazz night, Aug. 10.

Sparrow's has Sonny Stitt

Bathing, rides, dining, and dancing—that's the order of things at Sparrow's Beach, where this Sunday the modern music of Sonny Stitt will be the featured attraction.

Stitt is generally regarded as one of the best of the modern saxophone players and several of his records, made with strings in the background, have become collector's items.

"Jumpin" is the word that best describes the work of Stitt and his group—music sure to please the patrons.

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Bill Kenny to M.C. Shriners' beauty pageant show, July 12

WASHINGTON

William ("Bill") Kenney, musician and singer, of the famed "Ink-Spots" will M. C. the annual talent and beauty pageant to be given by the Shriners and Daughters of Isis July 12. Clyde L. Ford, Illustrious Potentate, and Mrs. Olevia M. Amis, Illustrious Commandress, announced Tuesday.

Conducted at Howard Theatre, the project will raise finances for the Prince Hall Masonic Shriners' National Tuberculosis and Cancer Research Foundation.

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AMONG THE entrants in the local 1956 contest at the Howard Theatre July 12, are Miss Gloria J. Terry, dancer and pianist of Dunbar High School; Miss Lucy Jenkins, concert singer of Howard University College of Music; also Miss Della Parker, dancer of District Teachers College; Miss Barbara Davidson, singer, also of Howard University;

Misses Ann Butler, singer; Lois Moore, dancer, Bettye Jane Robinson, pianist; and Geneva Bess, all of Spingarn High School. Entries representing several D. C. sororities, Greek letter fraternities, and civic organizations will also be seen and heard.

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MEMBERS OF MECCA Court Daughters Of Isis serving as chaperones to the entrants are Alberta Taylor, Eleanor Ethel L. Campbell, Olevia M. Amis, Bussie Nicholson, Ophelia Smith, Ann Ridgely, Nora Henderson, Pearl L. D. Smallwood, Dorothy Gray, Anna Dickerson, Jessie Gamble, and Lillian Pierre.

Assisting Mrs. Ford and Daughter Amis in the arrangements are Robert C. Gray, Eugene Dickerson Jr., William H. Bennett, C. Gaither, Victor J. Tulane, Clarence Reed, Leon S. Calhoun, Rudolph A. Stewart, Robert W. Johnson, Arthur M. Amis, Henry A. Dove, Edward Evans, Arthur E. Smith, Samuel M. Graham, Major O. Culberson, William O. Woodson, John D. Howard Jr., Bert McCoy, Thelma W. Corbin, Wilda E. Coates, Olive L. Handy, Gertrude Cope, and Edna Baington. Miss Johnson, the 1955 winner, will crown the winner of the contest on July 12.

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FUN SEEKERS can find plenty to keep them entertained out in the county where two of the popular spots are DODSON'S Tavern and the CASBAR.

DODSON'S is located on FURNACE Branch Rd. just this side of Glen Burnie. While the CASBAR is near Severna Park. Both of the spots earn a recommendation.

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PURNELL RICE is the featured attraction at the CLUB ASTORIA over on Edmonson Ave. The club has been newly redecorated and is one of the coziest spots in town.

Lovely Ethel Ennis is back again at the RED FOX, which is good news for her legion of fans.

At the CLUB CASINO it's the music of Jimmy Elliott and there's a wonderful floor show at the COMEDY CLUB. That's it for the week. Have fun.

26 to camp from college

INSTITUTE, W. Va. — Twenty-six members of the ROTC at West Virginia State College left recently for six weeks intensive training at the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Those making the trip were: Sanford M. Walker, Petersburg; Leo Ambrose, Huntington; Donald C. Anderson, Dunbar; Eugene Austin, Montgomery; James E. Braxton, Beckley; Lynn R. Carter, Fairmont; Roscoe D. Crawford, Hinton; James L. Hill, Beckley; Herman Keith, Welch; Gene E. Layne, Huntington; William B. Miller, Fairmont.

James W. Morrison, Bluefield; Alvin W. Powell, Winding Gulf; Robert J. Reynolds, Stah Fork; Roy H. Smith, Wheeloe; Winifred O. Stone, Pax; Roscoe A. Swann, Huntington; Theodore H. Taylor, Whitesville.

Jack Vallandingham, Charleston; Gerald L. Williams, Lewisburg; Melvin W. Griffin, Lynchburg and Lennie Milo, Hampton, Va.; Malcolm J. Murphy, Brunswick, Ga.; Carlton B. Reid, Camden, N.J.

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Lovely Dinah Carr's star

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Miss Washington, who has rolled up a score of hits and is currently riding high with her waxing of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," has been voted queen of the juke boxes so often that just her voice on a record is enough to make it a hit.

Not only has Miss Washington topped the rhythm and blues field, she has also made hard some progress in the ballad field, as witness the reception accorded a recent album.

BILL DOGGETT was one of the first musicians to use an organ as the basis for a rhythm combo, and for several years he has ranked as one of the top acts in show business.

Combined, the two artist offer a talent laden show that should please everyone. Remember the date, this Sunday at Carr's.

In other attraction during July, Carr's has lined up the talents of Rusty Bryant, Paul Williams orchestra and the Five Keys, and the jazz master himself, Count Basie.

DINAH WASHINGTON

Pilgrim Travelers rest in Houston

HOUSTON, Texas—The popular Pilgrim Travelers returned home recently following a triumphant concert tour of the Midwest and Atlantic Seaboard cities.

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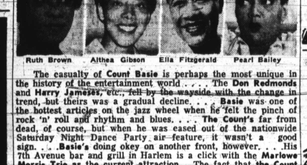

Ruth Brown Althea Gibson Ella Fitzgerald Pearl Bailey

The casualty of **Count Basie** is perhaps the most unique in the history of the entertainment world . . . The **Don Redmonds** and **Harry Jamieson**, etc., fell by the wayside with the change in trend, but theirs was a gradual decline. . . . **Basie** was one of the hottest articles on the jazz wheel when he felt the pinch of rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues. . . . The **Count's** far from dead, of course, but when he was eased out of the nationwide Saturday Night Dance Party air-feature, it wasn't a good sign. . . . **Basie's** doing okey on another front, however. . . His 7th Avenue bar and grill in Harlem is a click with the **Marlowe Morris Trio** as the current attraction. The fact that **the Count** himself does an in-person "jam" whenever he has a spare moment, doesn't hurt business any, either.

Muriel Rahn, ever the versatile one, spun a magnificent "legitimate job (without singing) in a recent off-Broadway production with **Diana Barrymore**. . . . **Pearl Bailey** and **brother, Bill, in the second week of a pair at the Beverly Hills Club, Newport, Ky.** . . . **Nat King Cole opened last Wednesday at the Sands (Las Vegas) for four weeks. . . and Nellie Lutcher took over the spotlight at the swank Canyon Club, Rapid City, South Dakota, on Monday for a two-week stint. . . . Philadelphia's Red Hill Inn to launch the fall season with Duke Ellington and band . . . . Recent Canadian treks were made by Lester Young and the Kai Winding-J. J. Johnson aggregation. . . . Lester was at the Town Tavern and Winding - Johnson at the Colonial, both in Toronto.**

The September 17th "Producer's Showcase" telecast to costar **Louis Armstrong** and Kay Starr, . . . **Lucky Strike** has blazed the trail with a "Brown and Brown Commercial. . . by **Ruth Brown**. . . . The San Francisco Macumba Club was jammed for **Duke Ellington's** opening. . . . Club lined up the rest of the summer like this: **Carmen McRae** and the **Australian Jazz Quartet** July 6, **Louis Jordan** July 27, **Jeri Southern** August 31, and **Louis Armstrong** September 18. . . . Frisco's Black Hawk gets **Dinah Washington** on August 7 for two weeks, and the nearby Fairmont is booked with **Nat King Cole** on August 21. . . . **Ella Fitzgerald** to the Fairmont on Thanksgiving Day to commence a fortnight's stand.

Bill Doggett has a pair of warm new releases: "What A Difference a Day Makes" and "Stella By Starlight" . . . . **Alumni of the Cab Calloway Band are rehearsing for a planned comeback. . . . Al Hibbler leading a rhythm and blues package through Texas. . . . All these would-be semi-writers who have been cramming the theatrical desk with inquiries, can now be notified that the Billy Ward Music firm is now open and housed in the 5th Avenue (NYC) offices of theatrical attorney Jack Pearl. . . . that's 565 Fifth Ave.**

Debina Brooks "spelled" Lurlean Hunter when Lurlean pulled out of the Cloister Inn (Chicago) for stints in Kansas City and points West. . . . Milt Buckner at the Harlem Club (Atlantic City) for the rest of the summer. . . . Chico Hamilton into the brand new Modern Jazz Room (Chicago) on July 18 . . . . The Mills Brothers' newest, "Ninety-Eight Cents" backed by "I'm the Guy" catching on like nothing since "Glow-Worm" . . . . by Oliver's orchestra does the background work. . . . and efficiently. . . . NBC announces it'll do telecasting of the finals of the National tennis championships at Forest Hills, September 8-9 from 2 to 5 pm. . . . maybe you'll see Althea Gibson.

Duke Ellington goes to France in October for a six-week engagement. . . following that, the Duke is guaranteed at least 45 days of bookings on the Continent. . . . Dakota Staton finally getting good reviews on her Crown Propeller (Chicago) throughs. . . . Several Basie sidemen, with Hank Jones sitting on piano, have done a new LP album, titled "No Count". . . . Erroll Garner's doing a concert LP for Columbia, cutting it at Carmel, Cal. . . . Billy Taylor was back to take over at the London House (Chicago) for the Fourth.

Arthur Lee Simpkins, running through his amazing repertoire from folk tunes to pops to opera, is wowing the Navajo Room patrons at the Thunderbird in Las Vegas. . . . In her autobiog, recently off the presses, **Billie Holiday** pays high tribute to Bob Hope for the many gestures of friendship. . . . one in particular is cited by **Lady Day**. . . . that was when Hope squelched a Dixieerat heckler during a club date . . . . **Eartha Kitt** in torrid Glasgow (Scotland) date. . . . **Kitty White** in the midst of her most successful club date at the keyboard, Beverly Hills, Cal.—SAM LACY

YW schedules drama classes

Mrs. Bea Mancuso, instructor of dramatics, will conduct a class for boys and girls between the ages of 6-13 at the Madison Ave. Branch YWCA, beginning July 6.

She has played several roles in Broadway plays. She has studied Children's Theatre Techniques with Mrs. Isabel Burger of the Experimental Theatre.

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