Old Friends Talk Turkey

Willie Diggs, prominent local sportsman (left), and Clinton Jenkins get together for a brief pre-Christmas chat at Gamby's tavern. The boys seem happy over it all.

Calloway Hurt in Fracas; Citizens Protest to Gov.

KANSAS CITY — Charges against Cab Calloway, bandleader, and Felix H. Payne Jr., on intoxication and resisting an officer following their forcible ejection from a Kansas City ballroom here Saturday night were postponed Monday to Wednesday when call for hearing in Municipal Court here.

The couple had gone to the ballroom to visit Bandleader Lionel Hampton, but not to dance. They were invited to leave after having their ticket money refunded since the management discriminated against colored.

Both were roughly handled by the doorman, William Todd, a regular policeman who was off duty and serving as a special officer at the ballroom. Mr. Payne told the FBI Tuesday morning. He denied that either struck the officer as well as charges of being intoxicated.

Calloway suffered the brunt of the attack by the officer who struck him over the head several times with his 45 service revolver which necessitated eight stitches at General Hospital.

The Hampton band walked out at intermission after learning of the incident and "many of the white spectators congratulated them," Mr. Payne said. The management had to refund admissions to the 1,500 spectators.

Naturally we resented the rough tactics of the doorman," Mr. Payne said, adding that "colored citizens and organizations had rallied to their aid and are sending a protest to the governor."

Calloway was here to play a date at the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday night and another date at Topeka on Monday night.

Mr. Payne, a native of Kansas City, but now living in Washington, D.C., was here visiting relatives.

Beethoven Becoming Familiar as Boogie to Youth—Pankey

NEW YORK — "Beethoven is becoming as familiar as boogie-woogie to the young people of America," declared Aubrey Pankey, baritone, in an interview after his return here from Wilmington, N. C., where he recently gave a recital under auspices of the Williston Industrial School.

The size and enthusiasm of the student audiences for whom he has given recitals in the South as well as the Middle West, greatly impressed Mr. Pankey who was the first American ever to make a concert tour of Palestine.

"Why these young people are every bit as appreciative as audiences I have sung for at Town Hall and Carnegie Hall," said Mr. Pankey. "The fact that they're eager to hear good music is one of the reasons why America is coming of age musically.

"They're developing a real understanding of music, and while popular music has its own special appeal for them, they want their classics 'straight' not swung.

"Many bridges are needed to make this 'One World.' Music is one of them. That's why the musician can play a helpful role in bringing about better understanding between the young people of different nationalities and races who will run tomorrow's world."

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United Theatres Award employees

Forty-six employees of the United Theatres (Lenox, Regent, Diane, Harlem), and a few invited guests witnessed a premiere of "This Love of Ours" held at the Lenox Theatre on Friday night.

Following the showing, H. B. Hornstein, director, presented bonuses and gifts to merited employees, who in return gave him a glass desk top with his monogrammed initials in the center, a pen holder and desk set.

"This Love of Ours," will open at the Harlem Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 3.

It's the story of a Paris actress, played by Merle Oberon, deserted by her doctor husband when he believes her unfaithful. Their reunion a decade later, and the problem of their daughter, who believes her mother is dead, are main keys of the powerful drama.

Dances Performed by Jones Pupils

Pupils of Miss Marie Jones gave a dancing exhibition during a Christmas party at 2432 Madison Ave., last Friday.

Younger pupils took part in dances, depicting nursery rhymes and holiday activities, while the older group participated in more intricate dances such as ballet and round dances.

The final number, given by Miss Jones was a folk dance based on the novel, "Strange Fruit."

Drama Group to Show at Bennett

GREENSBORO, N.C.—The Negro Drama Group will present "Night Must Fall," which has been enthusiastically received in Southern cities and colleges, in a matinee and evening performance at Bennett College, Jan. 5.

Powell Lindsay, noted playwright, is directing Emlyn Williams' psychological melodrama which will feature many seasoned Broadway players.

Prominent roles in the play are shared by Alma Forrest, highly acclaimed for her vivid portrayal in "Big White Fog," Jimmy Wright, who appeared in "Macbeth" and "Mamba's Daughters;" Fanny Peele, who played in "Sweet Land" and "Horseplay;" Tommie Moore, who has been featured in motion picture shorts and Mr. Lindsay himself, who will enact the role of Inspector Belsize.

Avenue Contestant Wins Week Confract

A large crowd Wednesday witnessed the Wednesday night talent contest at the Avenue Cafe with one of the contestants earning a week's work in the entertainment room in addition to the first prize. Cherry of 932 Pennsylvania Avenue, won first honors, with Walter Carter, 1118 W. Mulberry St., getting second honors nad Maybel Waters of 1356 N. Fremont Ave in third place.

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Pennsylvania Avenue

By E. B. REA

The trains came — and did it rain! Christmas Day celebrants were pinned down as closely as the Yanks when the Germans laid down a sweeping barrage. Brother, it really rained.

The guy who penned "It isn't raining rain today, it's raining daffodils" was born after the 40-day flood and died before Christmas Day, 1945.

There was many a slip in the drip for those who dared venture out. Unless one happened to be a good or medium acrobat, it was just too bad. I, among many others, was not in either of the above classes—if you know what I mean.

The Avenue was jam-packed with last-minute shoppers on Monday night, and all seemed to manuever along okay except one guy who had too much of a load in one hand and in his arms. It was really the show of the evening.

The rocking chair had this guy in a big way as he attempted to cross the street at Laurens and the Avenue carrying a broom, a shopping bag, a beheaded turkey under one arm and a cackling hen, peeping out of a paper bag, under the other.

In some manner, as they usually do, the broom and his wobbly legs sort of came into contact and, of course, he fell down. The only thing he held onto was the hen.

The crowd got a kick out of seeing him try to pick up the other articles. Finally, somebody gave him some assistance. He staggered up the street with the undressed turkey by the feet, dragging the broom and cursing everytime the hen squawked.

Old Santa brought some married couples their freedom. He bestowed gifts upon some that merged, but threw snowballs on the wedding date of a certain recently discharged GI (from a swanky family) and a recent divorcee, with blessings from the GIs next of kin.

Herman Alfred Smith, Gettysburg, Pa., and Benjamin Franklin Lee, Middlesex Co., Va., renewed old time acquaintances with J. Roger Ross, Casino manager, after 27 years.

Jesse Dellarciprete (your pronunciation is as good as mine) just reminded his Avenue Cafe employees that he had a birthday on Dec. 5.

Kenneth (Kenny) Moore, boss of the Polka Dot Club, Richmond, Va., and Johnny Osborne, whose orchestra jives the patrons, were guests of the Jack Harmons (the Happy Jack), of 1414 Pennsylvania Ave. They were n a talent hunt and gave Mabel Smith, a chirper at Gamby's, an okay on her warbling.

Bernard Jones of 1426 Druid Hill, now at Fort Bragg, N.C., spent his first Christmas at home in three years. Due back for good in February.

Kenneth (Kenny) Bass, gentleman farmer and businessman, has released his interest in the newly established Club Barbecue to Shirley Diggs.

Cpl. Alfred Chaney Jr., (no relation to horror man Lon), of NYC, gandering the spots with George Gilbert on their first meeting in nearly three years, and ribbing Craig (Prophylactic) Whitlock.

S/Sgt. Albert E. Merritt visiting from Edgewood Arsenal. Gentleman is in China and Harry in Japan. Also back on the stroll is Cpl. Geo. Tilghman of 728 Penn. Ave., after a drag in the Army. He's hubby of Loraine Tilghman.

A certain Avenue barman shudders everytime he thinks of how close death came to being his folk's Santa Claus when a disturbed GI called his lady friend aside and fatally wounded her.

Woomey Adams showing Miss Lucile Pindell of Washington the local nite spots on Wednesday night. Snow White and Skippy winning at the Casino. Patrons of the Alhambra have named Margaret Moore the "Personality Girl."

Stanley Stevenson opened his delicatessen at 424 W. Biddle St. on Thursday. He's a Pennsylvania Avenue barber. The wagon wheel is shuttered for 30 days because some mirrors flibbed about their ages.

Mrs. Travers's oldest boy, Oliver, who used to dish out melody around most of the clubs, has returned from the wars. Says his voice is as good as ever. Tom Delaney telling me that the new tune, "Blues Around the Clock," is just a revision of a tune of 30 years ago.

Bernice Sayles of 477 Oxford Ct., breaking in on her first night club job as cashier at J. C. Bailey's Alhambra. The Bartenders' and Waitresses' Social Club is in the midst of a membership drive.

These Baltimore boys now stationed in Naha, Okinawa, (all readers of this column) send in seasons' greetings and sincere wishes for the New Year to their families, relatives and friends:

Pfc. Floyd Gross, 1233 Lafayette Ave.; T/5 William A. Lee, 526 St. Mary St.; Pfc. Nathaniel R. Francis, 1624 E. Madison St.; Pfc. Kenneth Leach, 903 Durham St.; Pfc. Alberte Davis, 519 Gold St.; T/5 Walter Paxton, 836 N. Fulton Ave.; Sgt. Edward K. Fisher, 1323 Myrtle Ave.

Other Marylanders include:

T/5 Henry Wallace, Calvert; James H. Hill, Frederick; Pfcs. Yancey Carrigan and Joe Deshield, Salisbury; T/4 Vernon A. Pollitt, Fruitland.

Bill (Bull) Durham on duty as doorman at the Alhambra. Show places on the Avenue include the Avenue Cafe (Jumpin'est spot in town); Gamby's and Ike Dixon's Comedy Club, where there is always good entertainment.

That's all for now—except this column's wish — A Happy New Year all the year and other years.

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SGT. JOSEPH TWITTY, (right) of Charlotte, N.C., a former member of 3292nd QM Co., who has returned home following four years in Hawaii, Philippines and Okawa. Sgt. Twitty is shown here with Pfc. Harry Lewis (left) putting on a show for the company entitled "Harlem Callin'." He also wrote a book, "Memoirs of a Company," and served as public relations officer for his outfit.

Is Uncle Tom Anti-Colored?

CHICAGO (ANP)—Sharply divergent views separate colored and white opinion in America in the controversy over whether the popular, often-performed play Uncle Tom's Cabin is anti-colored.

Colored people themselves are pretty much on opposite sides of the fence, the January Negro Digest poll reveals. Only by a slight margin does the colored population generally feel that the famous Abolitionist play by Harriet Beecher Stowe is a reflection on their race.

On the other hand, most whites expressed the belief that the play is for the colored person rather than against him.

Results in the poll on the query, "Is Uncle Tom's Cabin anti-colored?" as tabulated among whites showed:

	Yes	No	Undecided
North	8%	81%	11%
West	10%	78%	12%
South	1%	95%	4%

Music Students to Give Studio Party

Students of Mrs. Grace B. Stokes, pianist and singer, will give their first studio party at 5 p.m., New Year's Day, at her home, 3433 Paton Ave.

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Hattie M'Daniel Wins Divorce

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Following the popular Hollywood trend, Hattie McDaniel, film actress and comediene, was granted a divorce here Tuesday from her husband, James Lloyd Crawford. The marriage of Miss McDaniel to Mr. Crawford four years ago, was hailed as a love match and Crawford, who lived in Montana, was reported to be a wealthy rancher with extensive mine holdings.

The romantic story of their match credited Crawford with being the person who persuaded Miss McDaniel to try her fortune in Hollywood. The divorce petition said he was jealous of her film success and that he refused to work.

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