Blue Room Scene Of Bop Concert

"Explanation," a composition showing how bebop is created and a new sounds blues entitled "Saga Of A Square" are two features of the first Adventure In Jazz concert to be held at the York Hotel Blue Room at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 6.

Vibraphonist Walt Dickerson's new quintet and guest soloists Johnny Birks, trumpeter, and Jimmy Goldstein, alto-saxist, will be starred along with other exponents of advanced jazz.

Bop Defined

"Explanation," arranged especially for the concert by Dickerson and his pianist, Freddie Thaxton, will describe what takes place when bop musicians interpret a popular song.

Cole Porter's "Night and Day," will be the melody upon which the score is based. "Saga Of A Square," is a humorous blues story in words and music, telling about characters familiar to the jazz world.

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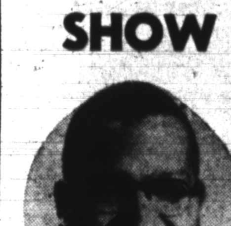

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A Salute To Mr. 1952!

Rose Jones, personality clerk at the Bond liquor store, 1535 Pennsylvania Ave., tips her hat in salute to 1952 as she makes ready to greet New Year's Eve patrons—(V.F. Taylor photo).

MUSIC IS HER FORTE, BUT:

Dorothy Maynor Still Has Yen For Pots And Pans

ST. LOUIS—(NNPA) — Dorothy Maynor, 39-year-old Virginia-born soprano who sang in the Candlelight Christmas Festival here said she felt "blessed to have a chance to work in the medium of music" but that it was only by chance that she took up singing.

Between two rehearsals with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the St. Louis Bach Festival Chorus, with which she appeared in Kiel Auditorium Opera House, Miss Maynor said in an interview that she had wanted to study home economics.

Her teachers at Hampton Institute, at Westminster Choir College at Princeton, N.J., and in New York City insisted that she continue her voice training.

In 1939 they arranged an audition by Serge Koussevitzky, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Since then she has received world-wide acclaim.

Still Holds Enthusiasm

But her enthusiasm for cooking and interior decoration has remained. In private life, she is the wife of Dr. Shelby Rooks, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in New York. In France last year, she bought an array of copper cooking vessels.

Telling about her French purchases with enthusiasm, she recounted that at the customs desk in New York other travelers were declaring lace, jewelry and similar frippery. Asked what she had to declare, she said: "Pots and pans."

"Now that," exclaimed the customs man, "makes sense."

On the AVENUE

By E. B. REA

GOODBYE 1951 — Hello 1952! THAT WILL be the sentimental greeting come midnight Monday when the Old Year pales into insignificance, and the New Year bows in.

HOWEVER, THE YULE season is still with us, mixed with joys and sorrows; laughter and tears and expectancy.

TONIGHT (FRIDAY,) will be a new day in Mickey Johnson's life. At 8:30, he and Margaret Hall, of 1309 Riggs Avenue, will trek to the altar with a reception to follow at 1536 Shields Place.

JACK (HAPPY JACK) HARMON home for the holidays with his very, very attractive wife, Alta, then off on tour with Fats and Slats out Colorado way. What a rhythm team these guys will make! Some time next year, Jack and Alta will be domiciled at 4002 W. Adams Boulevard, North Hollywood, where he has purchased a home.

ALSO BACK on the Stroll were Earl and Julia Morsell taking in the spots in a gay mood.

FLORENCE LEWIS, waitress at the Alhambra, happy over daughter, Helen, of Washington, enjoying home life at 1527 McCulloh St.

CHARLIE HARRIS, bass player with the King Cole outfit, holidaying at home, 2216 W. North Avenue, with Helen and Baby Charlene.

"CHOC," MAN-ABOUT-TOWN, says his New Year wish is to hold all friendships during next year.

THE SWALLOWS' latest recording is "It Ain't the Meat, It's the Motion." Which reminds me that Bert Brown, former lady of affairs at the suburban Hilltop, was out shopping for a gift for her new employer, Irvin Gordon, of the North Avenue seafood harbor.

ALSO GOING through the motion was Marian Tucker, of Little Willie's Inn, picking up some holiday gifts for Manager Al Tilghman.

V. J. TAYLOR, the photographer, will celebrate his birthday and the New Year at the same time.

THE EVAN BROWNS, 557 Presstman St., taking in the spots, while Doc Green, the hornblower, a patient at a nearby hospital, was in for the holidays and looking fine.

JIMMY ROBINSON, the politico, saying he has transferred his business from the Avenue to the 7-8-900 blocks of Poplar Grove St. He held an Avenue Farewell Party on Monday at the Moonglow surrounded by Robert Hackett, Matthew Townsend, Greenburg Riggs, Munford Satchell and Benny Wade.

THE SONS AND Daughters of Sandtown will hold their annual sermon on Sunday, Jan. 20, at Sharon Baptist Church. Eddie Kelson is still their president.

THE DALLAS Pleasure Club, 926 N. Gay St., will make another bid for liquor license. Turned down twice, they still want to know why?

LUCILLE GREEN is the attractive receptionist at Penn's Optical Co., 2300 block.

along the Avenue, Charles Smith and Jimmy Nugent, suffered heart attacks a week ago. However, Jimmy is back on his regular beat.

ELAINE GILSTRAP, 710 Dolphin St., full of smiles with an armful of Yule gifts at the Comedy Club.

THE WILSON ST. — Pennsy Ave. corner produced a street shooting on Friday night, with the son of Clarence Millard, he brother of the late Louven (Wagon Wheel) Millard, on the receiving end of hot lead as an innocent bystander.

BUSINESS RIDDLE—An Avenue liquor store is being offered for sale. A would-be colored purchaser discovered that the business could be bought, but a clause in the lease restricting it to "of the Caucasian race, only," prevents him from buying. However, colored families occupy upstairs apartments. And, that's right in the heart of Pennsylvania Ave.?

COTTON BYRD, well-known on the Upper Stroll, on the improving side during hospitalization.

MARION HARPER, son of "Happy" Harper, assistant manager at the Diane Theatre, was stabbed to death Saturday night at Mosher St. and Pennsylvania Ave., after refusing to give three hoodlums a quarter.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE merchants made a merrier Yule display along the Avenue than was displayed on most downtown streets.

BOND LIQUOR STORE showing the most amazing line of club room and basement novelties of every description.

JOE MAZER and his happy family at the Olde Mill went all out to make it enjoyable for holiday patrons.

MEAN HOLIDAY thievery. A community project installed a decorated Christmas tree in a playground in the rear of the 2200 block Pennsylvania Ave. on Christmas Eve. It was stolen the same night.

AND, THAT'S AS FAR as we got On and Off the Avenue this week.

Founders Day In Feb.

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Plans have been completed for the official kickoff for the 96th Founders Day at Wilberforce University.

Andy Kirk Here Saturday Night

Andy Kirk and his Clouds of Joy, a new 16-piece organization, will appear in a dance engagement on Saturday night, Dec. 29, at the Star Arena.

This will be the final dance of the year at the popular Pennsylvania Avenue rink and ballroom.

Kirk will feature an assortment of his latest recordings made by his present band which is being regarded as Kirk's best.

They Pushed Through The Resolution

Board members and delegates-at-large to the Television Authority Convention which met at the Park Sheraton Hotel take time out to reflect over the powerful resolution pushed through the convention which will "outlaw" all discrimination in the hiring of performers for TV in the future. Left to right seated: John Bubbles, AGVA delegate; Leon Bibb, Chorus Equity and TVA board member; Muriel Rahn, board member of AGMA, TVA and Associated Artistes and Actors of America; Mary Patton, TVA board and Actors Equity member; Frank Silvera, TVA board and AEA member; Jerry Wayne, AGVA delegate; Standing, rear: Ben Irving, executive secretary Chorus Equity Ass'n; John Marriott, AEA member and delegate-at-large; and Robert Spiro, TVA board member and AEA. Miss Patton, Spiro, Irving and Wayne are white artists.

Asks Tribute To Bojangles In Va.

RICHMOND (ANP) — A Richmond resident last week suggested that the people of Richmond, erect a memorial to the late Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, "lest in years to come, he will be completely forgotten."

The suggestion was made by Robert Lee Royall, who said, "Bill Robinson could easily be said to have been the most popular citizen Richmond produced in a century." He added:

"His humble profession brought happiness, laughter and joy to millions. His money he gave most freely. Our own Community Chest was the recipient of his generosity, as well as any worthwhile cause that was called to his attention."

Another unique suggestion by Royall is that next year's classic between Armstrong High School and Maggie Walker High be called the "Bojangles Bowl." The proceeds from the game should go toward the erection of a memorial to the former great dancer.

Robinson was so widely known and admired that a Bonjangles Bowl with two good rival teams would attract a huge crowd. Several sports leaders have already endorsed the idea for a big bowl next year.

Lyric To Present Hansel & Gretel

The three-act ballet, Hansel and Gretel, will be presented here at the Lyric Theatre, tomorrow (Saturday), in a matinee performance beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The characters will be enacted by members of the Washington School of the Ballet, with music by the National Symphony Orchestra, directed by Howard Mitchell.

OKINAWA EXHIBIT

An estimated 35,000 persons a day are viewing an exhibit of props used in Columbia's "Okinawa," set up in Long Beach, Calif., by the Navy.

CHANDLER WRITES SCRIPT

David Chandler will write the screenplay for Columbia's Technicolor film, "Jack McCall, Desperado," based on the life of Wild Bill Hickok.

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Vienna Press Loud In Choir's Praise

VIENNA, AUSTRIA—The Viennese audience had not recognized the selections on the program, but after the concert there was no question about the visiting Hall Johnson Choir's success in this famous music city.

"One of the remarkable things about this choir, which seems to be melted into one single sound body, were the two contraltos, some excellent male voices, one of which was very reminiscent of the wonderful voice of George London," said the Wiener Zeitung, the Austrian Government newspaper.

The independent Die Presse remarked: "Dr. Johnson's wonderful directing hand and supervision were felt most deeply in the spiritual 'Crucifixion.' In this extremely affecting number, with its recurring lament 'And He says no word,' the Crucifixion can almost be seen."

"Pianissimos like a whiff combined with wonderful fortissimos beyond comparison with the size of the group. Pronunciation of the test, discipline of rhythm, as well as intonation, left nothing to be desired," observed the Socialist Weltpresse.

"The choir interpreted the 'blues' magnificently," reported the right-wing People's Party Das Kleine Volksblatt."

The success of the choir's visit, sponsored by the State Department Information and Education Program, however, extended far beyond the concert hall.

Austrians everywhere were enchanted by their informal song recitals, and the choir was always ready to perform. Members of the choir were themselves delighted with Vienna.

During their visit, they called on U.S. High Commissioner for Austria, Walter J. Donnelly, at the American Legation. He gave them an hour-long briefing on Austrian conditions, after which the choir gave a short preview of their concert.

Mrs. Poston Fined In Virgin Islands

NEW YORK—Mrs. Marie Poston well-known New York Clubwoman, ran afoul of the traffic laws in the Virgin Islands on Dec. 10, was charged with violation of several traffic laws and forced to pay a $10 fine while visiting there the Virgin Island press reported.

Mrs. Poston was in the Islands for the purpose of distribution of Christmas gifts to the children of the Islands. The gifts were bought through funds raised by New Yorkers in charity benefits.

She was charged with driving a jeep around a cable office ignoring a one-way sign and colliding with a truck at an intersection near the Selective Service headquarters. adjutant.

Mr. B Plays Santa Claus For S. C. Kids

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Bobby-sox idol Billy Eckstine is on Santa's team this year. He isn't slipping down the chimney with the jolly old gent, but he is helping bring Christmas cheer to lots of youngsters.

Last week, for example, Billy sent a four-figure check to the little kids at the Mission of Blessed Martin de Porres in Columbia. He made the donation to Father Anthony McCabe after hearing of the Mission's work among underprivileged children. It helped the kids to get toys, food and clothing

Aid For 115

"It would be hard to find a better cause than this Catholic mission that cares for kids and adults of all faiths," according to Billy. "It has 115 youngsters in its school which it also feeds and clothes. It even gives things to their parents, too. And less than a third of them are Catholics."

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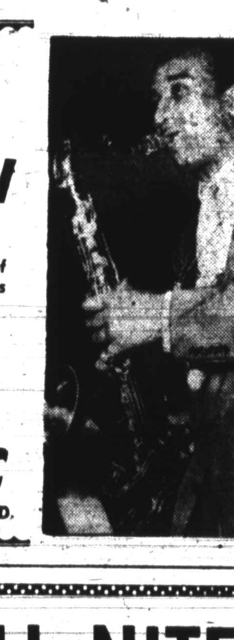

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