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Ruby Dee, Poitier's wife in movie 'Ten Feet Tall'

NEW YORK—Ruby Dee, with a wealth of experience in playing all types of TV, movie and radio roles, is acknowledged to be one of the nation's top actresses.

When the Jonathan Production of "A Man Is Ten Feet Tall" is shown in theatres sometime in September, the lovely Miss Dee will be seen in the role of Sidney Poitier's wife.

The play, which was adapted from a TV script, was shot in New York City and several of the scenes are laid in Harlem.

COMMUTING DAILY from her Mount Vernon home to the set of the movie, Ruby won the part over a dozen others who had auditioned for it. Producer David Suskin said he was impressed with the manner in which she enacted the role and would surely use her in many of his future plans

Miss Dee grew up in show business, having been a member of the old American Negro Theatre group which spawned many top stars, including Sidney Poitier. She has the knack of adding reality to whatever role she's chosen for.

THE WIFE of actor Ossie Davis, she has two kids, Nora and Guy. Though her work required her to be on the set of "Ten Feet Tall" daily, she always found time to give them the proper attention and care that growing children need.

When they showed up on the set with her one day they were pressed into service as extras in a crowd scene.

MISS RUBY DEE

Local dancer slated for TV encore

Baltimore's newest young interpretive dancer, LaFaithia Elliott, this week was engaged for a return date on the June 24 "Fourth Man" show. The program is a 4 p.m. performance.

Miss Elliott, a native Baltimorean who received her schooling at Carver High, made her first appearance on the show on May 28, and was a big hit.

Recently closed at the Spa Club here, she is now commencing the third week of a month's engagement at the Cotton Club in Washington, D.C.

LaFaithia is under the personal supervision of Clara B. Coates, also Baltimore.

TOWN AND COUNTRY —The Guild met on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Versie Raines, 2301 Bryant Avenue.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Martha Diamond.

Luncheon followed the business session.

Strictly Jazz

By MARIAN M. COLE

The season for taking vacations is just about here. Everyone likes a rest, including the musicians. But have no regrets along that line, there will be enough happening all summer long to quench your jazz hunger.

Teddie King's new release, "I'm Not Supposed To Be Blue," got the following comment from Jeri Southern. "... The whole song is pretty contrive and pretentious, and I think Teddi has sung a lot better than that."...

"Ella Fitzgerald Sings Cole Porter" is a new release label with 24 artistically-done songs. Here is an album with two twelve inch LP's in the same. Ella is at her best on this one as she sings:

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"I LOVE PARIS In the Spring Time," "You Do Something To Me," "Riding High," "You'd Be So Easy To Love," "It's All Right With Me," and others.

"The Shearing Spell" is another recent side that features the George Shearing Quintet. On this LP Shearing's moods range from the Cuban beat to the melancholy spell. Sides include "Cuban Fantasy," "Moonray," "Midnight In The Air," "The Man I Love," "Autumn In New York" and "Yesterdays."

"Dancing Cheek to Cheek" is Erroll Garner's newest claim. Dizzy Gillespie, who was seen recently on the Steve Allen Show and at the Howard commented that he had better give the titles of his renditions because you might not catch the tune.

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CHET BAKER returned to the local jazz scene last week as he made a week-long run of "that's - the - stuff - that - made-me performances. Chet does a lot more singing than trumpet-blowing since he has been bothered with a mouth-ailing condition. He is still great, and the very attentative crowd let him know it.

Seldom does any musician maintain top standings in two separate categories. But now and then one like Sarah Vaughan can be found.

Sarah's capacities of singing offers appeal to nearly everyone with some discriminating taste. In the popular field she excels as an outstanding vocalist. Most of her recordings reach the top hit tunes.

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CONSIDERING THE other capacity, jazz, Sarah has mastered the art of interpreting in the jazz idiom. Her relaxed masterful control in getting a song's story across accounts for her wide audience of admirers.

Sarah's professional background extends back to early post war days weeks after she won an amateur contest in New York. There she was starred with the Earl Hines Band. Her singing then was mostly, poorly picked and over-sung ballads that did little to call attention to the then latent quality of her voice.

During this time, while being in the shadow of a great singer, Sarah experienced some lean days. It was at this point that she attracted the interest of George Treadwell whom she later married and took on as manager. This was the turning event in her career.

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LONG HOURS of practice and much advise from her manager-husband were the things that molded Sarah into the polished and accomplished singer she is today.

Much more could be said about "Sassy" Sarah (as she is sometimes called) such as: her records are numerous and she enjoys popularity of consistency. But more than that, she has acquired a name of distinction.

After a frustrating youthful career filled with disappointments and heavy competition, Mel Torme is back as a jazz singer.

His decision to re-embark on a musical career after a long period of absence, was not promoted by popular demand. With only the encouragement of his press agent and much determination, Mel has decided to try it again.

His decision was justified triumphantly judging from his dynamic performance at New York's Cameo Nite Spot.

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CHICAGO-BORN, Mel at 30 has more than 25 years of show business experience dating back to the age of three when he was on the bandstand with the Coon-Sanders Orchestra. At the age of 14 he wrote a song entitled "Lament to Love."

In high school, he and Steve Allen played in the same band. Mel was impressed by the Gerry Mulligan band, and decided to have that type of accompaniment to back up his albums. His new LP's cannot help but be memories of wasted years of his career.

Here are some side lines from Bop World. A host of records cut in the Scandinavian countries are due for a soon release by EmArcy and Victor. One of the LP features vocalist Alice Babs with tenor sax Woody Herch.

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ELLA FITZGERALD brightened the middle of the month at Boston's Storyville. Shorty Rogers is back on the west coast again at Jazz City.

Barbara Carroll and her jazz group were heard recently on the radio show "Monitor." Lionesa Hunter and the Pat Moran quartet are continuing their stay at Chicago's Cloister Inn.

Don Shirley is set to follow Marian McPartland's trio now playing at Detroit's Baker's Keyboard Lounge. Billie Holiday made her first appearance in years at Detroit's Flame Showbar. Dinah Washington will follow. Sarah Vaughan is scheduled to appear here soon at that talked-about jazz nite spot.

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The children's program will include active quiet games; clubs; contests; crafts; dramatizations; music nature; outings and picnics; story hours. Red letter days will feature sack twin, fashion, shoe and umbrella shows; marionettes; fairs; concerts.

The program for youth and adults will include athletics; tennis instruction and tournaments; crafts; clubs; community and family gatherings; organized team games such as softball and volleyball; outings; track and field meets; horse shoe tournaments; neighborhood social dances; bicycle rodeos and swimming meets.

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LEARN-TO-SWIM classes at eight pools will be held in the mornings from June through August 17. These classes are for boys and girls under 14 years old. There are 11:30 a.m. Registration at each pool Mondays only—as listed.

Cherry Hill Pool, 2700 Spelman Rd. Open June 25 through August17, Registration — June 25, July 9, 23, and August 6.

Clifton Park Swimming Pool, North Ave. and Washington St. Open July 23 through August 17, Registration—July 23 and August 6.

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Riverside Park Pool, Fort and Riverside Aves. Open June 25 through July 20. Registration— June 25 and July 9.

Roosevelt Park Pool, Falls Rd. and 36th St. Open June 25 through July20. Registration — June 25 and July 9.

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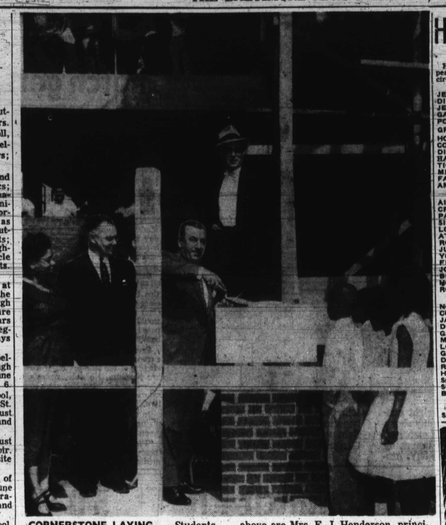

CORNERSTONE LAYING — Students, officials and workmen stand by as Mayor D'Alesandro lays the cornerstone for the new Patapsco School No. 163. The ceremony took place last week. From left above are Mrs. E. J. Henderson, principal; Dr. John Fischer, superintendent of public education, and Mayor D'Alesandro.

BASEBALL REGISTRY

Following herewith is a list of major league teams with colored players and the positions in which they are currently being used:

BALTIMORE—Bob Boyd, utility; Connie Johnson, pitcher.

BROOKLYN — Jackie Robinson, third base; Junior Gilliam, second base; Sandy Amoros, left field; Roy Campanella, catcher; Don Newcombe, pitcher; Charley Neal, reserve second baseman.

CINCINNATI—Frank Robinson, left-field; Bob Thurman, utility outfield; Brooks Lawrence, Joe Black, Pat Scantlebury, pitchers; George Crowe, reserve first baseman.

CHICAGO CUBS—Ernie Banks, shortstop; Gene Baker, second base; Sam Jones, pitcher; Monte Irvin, reserve outfielder.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Minnie Minoso, left field; Larry Doby, center field.

CLEVELAND — Al Smith, left fielder.

KANSAS CITY—Harry Simpson, utility; Hector Lopez, utility; Vic Power, first base; Jose Santiago, pitcher.

MILWAUKEE — Billy Bruton, center field; Henry Aaron, right field; Wes Covington, reserve outfielder; Jim Pendleton, utility.

N.Y. GIANTS—Willie Mays, center field; Bill White, first base; Hank Thompson, third base; Ruben Gomez, pitcher.

N.Y. YANKEES — Elston Howard, outfielder-catcher

PITTSBURGH—Curt Roberts, reserve second baseman; Roberto Clemente, center field.

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His topic was 'Toda's Challenge to Men," and he said: "In nearly every area of life, we find men absent, or present in the smallest numbers; leaving it to the women to be the backbone of the church, the real and only guides for their children, the principal workers in PO'TA's and neighborhood organizations and the most active workers in organizations like the NAACP."

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LONE PILOT — Could upset

ATTICA — Good races

ROYAL MONARCH — Fit

JUMBO LIES — Better than rated

Vrenelli — Showed fast

FEDERAL HILL — Good stable

MAGNIFICENT — Improved

SHADOW ADMIRAL — Just missed

GOOT GOOT — Could surprise

ROYAL HONOR — Disappointed

AT NEW YORK

NON STOP — Last good

COMET GLOW — Fit

JAY RAN — Trials good

DEEP RIVER — Likes track

GAY WARRIOR — Just missed

MIGHTY CHIEF — Looks good

LONG STRIDER — Tons out last

DAVAYATION — Speed

DEVASTATION — Closed gap

RING IN — Looks in pink

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To Members and Friends of the Sphinx Club

We wish to inform our members and friends that the Sphinx Club will close on June 18, 1956 for a period of four to six weeks.

This will allow ample time for painting and minor repairs necessary at this time. We will also need this time to work out positive methods for strictly enforcing the rules and regulations governing our return to a "Members Only" policy.

It is very important and extremely gratifying to know in advance that a great majority of our members desire to maintain high standards in the club. They have shown by their continued interest, support, and general attitude. This proves, without a doubt, that these members, the Advisory Board, and the management are in accord on the policy which should be maintained.

Over the years we have attracted and developed an endless roll of outstanding, important and desirable members. Since the operation of the Sphinx Club depends upon the support of its members, we feel that it is only fitting to provide suitable facilities and a pleasant atmosphere by restricting our memberships to persons of established qualifications, meeting the approval of our other members. Therefore, to bring the club up to this standard necessitates that we examine and re-examine all members, up to the present. To be done properly, this step will require a great deal of time, thought, and effort.

When the Sphinx Club reopens (on or about July 23rd) admittance will be by membership card only, with special provisions for admitting guests and friends of members. We fell that there should be no exception to this rule.

Meanwhile, until the closing date, membership card may be obtained by eligible persons by filling out application blanks—obtainable at our office.

Before our official reopening, our office will be open the week of July 9th to 16th, 1956 from 2 to 8 P. M. for the convenience of persons desiring applications or re-registration. Upon approval, your card will be made available to you.

The Sphinx Club is very proud of the success and fine reputation it enjoys locally and across the country. This could not have been possible without the interest and unfailing support of its loyal members.

We are sincerely appreciative of your past support and feel confident of your goodwill in our latest endeavor to improve the operation of your club.

We will appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of adjustment.

Sincerely Yours,

CHARLES P. TILGHMAN