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Tyson St. open house scheduled

The sixth annual Tyson Street Open House will be held on June 2. The colorful homes and gardens in the pastel painted 900 block of Tyson St. will be opened to all visitors for the benefit of the Children's Guild, a non-profit organization which conducts a nursery school for children with emotional and behavior problems.

The 150-year-old homes on Tyson St. have been opened for tour each year since 1950, shortly after they had been restored by a group of ingenious artists, writers, craftsmen and professional people.

The Tyson Street Association cooperates with the city's outstanding child-care social service agencies by opening their homes for a small admission fee. This year, the $1.50 admission will benefit the Children's Guild.

PERHAPS MOST famed for their pastel painted exteriors, the Tyson Street houses are unique in the treatment of interiors as well.

Differing from the traditional Baltimore row house, the Tyson Street structures are unusual in that each house is a different size from its neighbor, its rooms are on different levels, and each house contains a varying number of rooms.

Maryland Welfare Conf. to be held June 7 and 8

"Social Welfare: A Community Concern," will be the theme of the two-day 52nd Annual Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare to be held at the Gilman School June 7 and 8, it was announced by Monsignor David I. Dorsch, president.

Leaders in social welfare, from all over the state will divide themselves into panel groups, and discuss the relationship of social welfare with education, health and medicine, organized social work, government, labor, business and religion.

Leaders of the seven panel sections will be: Dean Elizabeth Geen, of Goucher College, "Education and Social Welfare;" Dr. Lawrence Finberg, of Baltimore City Hospitals, "Health and Medicine and Social Welfare;"

Miss Lillian Sharpley, of the YWCA, "Organized Social Work and Social Welfare;" Maurice Hunt, of the State Department of Public Welfare, "Legislation and Government and Social Welfare;"

Dr. Eleanor Pancoast, of Goucher College, "Labor and Social Welfare;" Walter Sodheim, of Hoschild Kohn and Company, "Business and Social Welfare."

The conference will open at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 7, with a general meeting. The section meetings will be held Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, with a closing meeting, Friday afternoon.

Sarah Vaughan stumbles backward into hit act

NEW YORK — At rehearsals of the TV Stage Show, Sarah Vaughan was reluctant to sit at the piano and play as she sang, but when the nation-wide CBS show was over and the switchboard was clogged with calls complimenting her on the new act, she was convinced that she should make it a permanent part of her theatre and niteclub routine. Playing the piano is something that modern day Vaughan fans haven't seen Sarah do.

But in the days when she was a choir singer at a Newark, N.J., church it was a common sight to see her on Sunday morning perched on the piano stool banging away.

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AS TIME went on she became famous as a singer and the piano bit faded into the background.

It was by accident that the State Show director learned that Sarah could play the Steinway. While awaiting her turn to run over a few songs, she seated herself at the keyboard, and started caressing the ivories.

Now the billing on the marquees of niteclubs and theatres will read in the future: "Starring Sarah Vaughan, her voice and her piano."

Alma mater to cite NYC commissioner

NEW YORK—Arthur C. Ford, commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, will be awarded an honorary engineering degree from the University of Montana on June 4.

Sports on TV

FRIDAY

BOXING: World middleweight title bout, Ray Robinson-Bobo Olson, from Los Angeles, 10 p.m., EDT.

SATURDAY

BASEBALL: New York Giants vs Chicago Cubs, from Chicago, 2:30 p.m., EDT.

HORSE RACING: $100,000 Preakness from Pimlico Race Track, Balto., 5:30 p.m., EDT.

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LORI-EL — Last a pip
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PAGHITA — Last good
HI SKY — In and outer

Strictly Jazz

By MARIAN M. COLE

"I like your column on jazz," writes Jack Jolly.

"It affords valuable info on the latest in everything." Thanks Jack, for the compliment. And just for you and all the rest, I have it again for this week.

Lucy Reed, the lass who has been charming listeners in various Chicago clubs, has a remarkable collection of tunes in her latest album.

The album, a Fantasy LP, includes such songs as: "Because We're Kids," "Lonesome," "My Time of Year" and "My Love is a Wanderer."

OTHER NEW releases that would go well in your record library are: "Torchy" Carmen McRae's newest claim on Decca. "Jazz and Romantic Places" by Dave Pell Octet, "Jack Monrose with Bob Gordon" and "Nobody Else But Me" songs by Betty Bennett (all on Atlantic).

Art Van Damme has a recording on Columbia called "Manhattan Time." "Generation of Jazz," with Duke Ellington is a Bethlehem release. "The Blue Stars of France" LP sung in French, has the EmArcy label.

An acquaintance and I became involved in quite a discussion the other day. The matter concerned the omission of the Four Freshmen name in my review of the "Jazz Package" that appeared at the Armory recently.

I argued that even though the group gave a splendid performance, I intentionally failed to mention them because their singing style is more or less "pop."

But after much debate, I concluded that I might have been a little unfair in not including them. So, to rectify things I'll say "They are a swell bunch of swinging fellows."

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CRIS CONNOR will take some lessons in the interpretation of lyrics from Jo Ann Miller, Betty Bennett, and Lucy Reed. Although Cris is a top-notch songstress, it has been observed that too often she does not get a song's glory across.

High fidelity is the thing these days. It's that added something both to records and record players that affords better listening pleasure.

I might add that it is a necessary asset to obtain the exact likeness of a live performance. Along that line, I have an idea which you might find worthwhile.

Since high fidelity is almost a standard thing in "packaged music" a Hi Fi box should be used. There is no better way of obtaining one than trying-out a "Do-It-Yourself Kit." I am told that building one is not too difficult. So, with a little help, I plan to do just that.

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MORE OFTEN one musician can be nearly compared with another. There are some exceptions to that and Billie Holiday is one. Billie forms her own class. Her style has such strange characteristics that it could not be called even similar to anyone else's.

Lady Day, as she is sometimes called, has enjoyed a successful singing career that dates back quite awhile.

At the very start of her career, Billie jolted the public into accepting a creative type of singing. A new meaning was given to the "Blues" as a result of her singing. Her choice of songs and the way in which she delivered them gave much indication to her troubled state of mind.

Billie's uncultured whine-bounding voice has become the idol of many singing impersonators. Her lazy pronounciation of words seems done deliberately to create a mood far from elated. I believe that Billie would find it quite a feat to do a lively tune. The two just wouldn't go together.

Though many people scoff at the treatment Billie gives a song, there are just as many on more who laud and praise her singing. She can be imitated, but not duplicated.

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THE INSTRUMENTAL category in jazz that is fast becoming a strong competitor to the much-played sax is the guitar.

Many combos and jazz bands are making it a featured instrument. Herb Ellis is one of those who has found new promise in the guitar.

Ellis plays exceedingly able rhythm guitar, using various shades of sounds. He is in short one of the most accomplished of the guitarists to grace today's scene, and he is only now coming into his own.

Without knowing exactly how he drifted into jazz, Ellis believes it was from the influence of an artist he admired, namely, Barney Kessel.

But he does not withhold the fact that there are three other men who did much to shape his musical thinking. They are Charlie Christian, Lester Young, and the late Charlie Parker.

Herb also feel he owes a lot to Oscar Peterson, with whom he made many stateside and overseas tours; also bassist Ray Brown. He is convinced, and so are many musicians, that there is a sound place in the world of jazz for the guitar.

The Rudolph Wurlitzer Company is sponsoring a nationwide college jazz combo contest. A college can enter as many groups as desired. There must be no more than six men to a group. Wurlitzer Music Workshop personnel will select the top six groups to compete in the final judging, which will be done by such musicians as Ellington, the Dorsey Brothers, Ralph Flanagan, Don Elliott, and Dave Brubeck.

The winning groups will get an appearance on Steve Allen's "Tonight" television show and a record company audition.

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I HAVE some incidental notes from The City. Bassist Whitey Mitchell has signed with ABC Paramount. Whitey's first 12" LP will have arrangements by Neal Hefti.

Johnny Grass wants it made clear that all but two of the numbers on his new Decca Jazz-lab album are his very own. The two exceptions belong to Shorty Rogers and Ed Lowe.

Linda Lawson, former dancer, has taken to vocalizing with the Ralph Marterie ork. New York's nite spot, Basin Street, announces the Erroll Garner's Town Hall Concert: "Erroll Garner—The Debussy of Jazz." Jazz."

Charlie Barnet is in the process of reassembling his full-size band for a June opening at the Hollywood Palladium.

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MILES DAVIS has been named co-winner with Dizzy Gillespie of the 1955 Critics Poll Award as jazz's best trumpeter. He records on Prestige.

On his recent opening night at Basin Street, Sonny Stitt received a best wishes cable from Irish signed by all the members of the touring Dizzy Gillespie band.

At the bottom was Dizzy's name with the subheading, The Sheik of Araby.

Billy Taylor's first set for ABC Paramount is titled, Evergreen. Well, that closes shop again for this week. I'll have more of the same for next week's meeting. Address all cards and letters to Strictly Jazz C/O AFRO-AMERICAN.

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Howard begins Commencement Week June 3rd

Howard University will confer degrees on more than 600 seniors during its 88th annual commencement 5:30 p.m. June 8.

Commencement exercises will be held on the upper campus in front of Douglass Hall. 5,000 unreserved seats will be available to the public.

Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, university president will inaugurate commencement week activities when he delivers the baccalaureate sermon at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3.

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BOTH EXERCISES will be held at the same site, weather providing. In the event of inclement weather the exercises will be held at Constitution Hall, 18th and D Sts., NW.

Among the 1956 graduates will be three recipients of honorary degrees.

They are Todd Duncan and Edward C. Finney, both of Washington and Robert L. Brokenburr, of Indianapolis, Ind.

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MR. DUNCAN will receive the Doctor of Music degree while Mr. Finney and Mr. Brokenbur will receive Doctor of Laws degrees.

Mr. Duncan is considered one of the world's outstanding baritones. A former member of the school of music faculty at Howard, he has been seen in several motion pictures and Broadway productions.

One of his most notable theatrical performances was in the role of "Porgy" in the original cast of "Porgy and Bess." Mr. Duncan is also a frequent performer on radio and television.

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MR. FINNEY, who formerly served as first assistant secretary of the department of interior recently retired after 40 years of service with the U.S. government.

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Finny was instrumental in securing passage of the Congressional bill which legalized the Fedeal appropriation to Howard.

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MR. BROKENBURR, a 1909 graduate of the School of Law at Howard, is an alternate delegate to the United Nations. A practicing attorney in Indianapolis, he formerly served as deputy prosecuting attorney for Marion County (Ind). and a member of the Indiana State Senate.

In the latter position Mr. Brokenburr introduced an helped secure passage of the Indiana FEPC bill.

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THE THREE recipients of honorary degrees will be honored guests at the annual trustees' dinner following commencement exercises.

According to Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr., secretary of Howard, approximately 3,000 seats will be reserved for alumni at Commencement exercises.

Tickets for these seats are available now at the office of the registrar in Douglass hall. No seats will be reserved after 5 p.m. on commencemnta day, he said.

BASEBALL REGISTRY

Following are the major league teams with colored players:

BROOKLYN — Jackie Robinson, utility; Junior Gilliam, utility; Charley Neal, infielder; Sandy Amoros, outfielder; Roy Campanella, catcher; Don Newcombe, pitcher.

MILWAUKEE — Bill Bruton, Henry Aaron *Wes Covington, outfielders; Jim Pendleton utility; Humberto Robinson pitcher.

CINCINNATI—Charley Harmon, utility; Frank Robinson, *Bob Thurman, outfielders; Brooks Lawrence Joe Black, Pat Scantlebury, pitchers; George Crowe, infielder.

CHICAGO CUBS—Ernie Banks, Gene Baker infielder; Monte Irvin, Solly Drake, outfielders; Sam Jones, pitcher.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Minnie Minoso, Larry Doby, outfielders; Earl Battey, catcher; Connie Johnson, pitcher.

KANSAS CITY—Vic Power, infielder; Harry Simpson. Hector Lopez, outfielders.

CLEVELAND — Al Smith, outfielder; *Jose Santiago pitcher.

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N.Y. GIANTS—Willie Mays, outfielder; Hank Thompson, infielder; Ruben Gomez, pitcher; Bill White, infielder.

PITTSBURGH — Roberto Clemente, outfielder; Curt Roberts, infielder.

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N.Y. YANKS — Elston Howard, utility.

ST. LOUIS—None
BOSTON—None
DETROIT—None
PHILADELPHIA—None
*May be farmed out.

High School grid clinic at Hopkins

The Baltimore Public High School Coaches' Association will hold its first annual football clinic at the Johns Hopkins University gym Saturday night, May 26.

Two sessions are slated, one from 10 a.m., to 11:30, and another from 1:45 p.m. to 4:30 o'clock.

Speakers will include Tommy Mont, head coach at the University of Maryland, and Vernon (Skip) McCain, of Maryland State College's CIAA champions.

Defensive star inks Card pact

CHICAGO (ANP) — Dick "Night Train" Lane, one of the National Football League's top defensive backs and holder of the pass interception record, signed for the 1956 gridiron season, managing director Walter Wolfner of the Chicago Cardinals announced last week.

In 1952, while a member of the Los Angeles Rams, Lane intercepted 14 passes (present league record) which he returned for 298 yards and two touchdowns. In 1954, his first year with the Cards, Dick led the league with 10 interceptions which he returned for 181 yards, both high marks for that year.

Last year he and Tom Keane each had six interceptions to lead the Cards in that department.

Last year Lane teamed with rookie quarterback Ogden Compton and caught a touchdown pass good for a 98-yard overall gain, longest completed pass during the 1955 season in the National Football League.

Gavilan booed in Marseille draw

MARSEILLE, France — A crowd of approximately 3,000 Frenchmen mixed boos with cheers here Sunday as Kid Gavilan was given a draw verdict at the end of 10 rounds with Louis Trochon, a French middleweight.

The former world welterweight titleholder, in at 151 pounds, was hurt in the second round when Trochon landed a left hook. He weathered the storm, however, and went on to get a shade the better of the beat.

The Kid rallied in the second half of the bout, and was granted a split on the basis of his steadiness. He appeared somewhat slow and wild with his punches. The Frenchman kept attacking with left-right series to the face and moving away from Gavilan's hard blows. The fight became sloppy at the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds.

Gavilan rallied in the eighth and ninth, but Trochon gave back every blow.

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